

# Baron Funds

## Baron WealthBuilder Fund

### Semi-Annual Financial Report

June 30, 2023

#### Ticker Symbols:

Retail Shares: BWBFX

TA Shares: BWBTX

Institutional Shares: BWBIX

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#### DEAR BARON WEALTHBUILDER FUND SHAREHOLDER:

In this report, you will find unaudited financial statements for Baron WealthBuilder Fund (the Fund) for the six months ended June 30, 2023. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) requires mutual funds to furnish these statements semi-annually to their shareholders. We hope you find these statements informative and useful.

We thank you for choosing to join us as fellow shareholders in Baron Funds. We will continue to work hard to justify your confidence.

Sincerely,



Ronald Baron  
Chief Executive Officer  
August 28, 2023



Linda S. Martinson  
Chairman, President and  
Chief Operating Officer  
August 28, 2023



Peggy Wong  
Chief Financial Officer  
August 28, 2023

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The Funds' Proxy Voting Policy is available without charge and can be found on the Funds' website at [baronfunds.com](http://baronfunds.com), by clicking on the "Regulatory Documents" link at the bottom left corner of the homepage or by calling 1-800-99BARON and on the SEC's website at [sec.gov](http://sec.gov). The Funds' most current proxy voting record, Form N-PX, is also available on the Funds' website and on the SEC's website.

The Funds file their complete Portfolios of Investments with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year as an exhibit to their reports on Form N-PORT. The Funds' Form N-PORT reports are available on the SEC's website at [sec.gov](http://sec.gov). Portfolios of Investments current to the most recent quarter are also available on the Funds' website.

Some of the comments contained in this report are based on current management expectations and are considered "forward-looking statements." Actual future results, however, may prove to be different from our expectations. You can identify forward-looking statements by words such as "estimate," "may," "expect," "should," "could," "believe," "plan", and other similar terms. We cannot promise future returns and our opinions are a reflection of our best judgment at the time this report is compiled.

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**Past performance is no guarantee of future results.** The investment return and principal value of an investment will fluctuate; an investor's shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. For more complete information about Baron Funds, including charges and expenses, call, write or go to [baronfunds.com](http://baronfunds.com) for a prospectus or summary prospectus. Read them carefully before you invest or send money. This report is not authorized for use as an offer of sale or a solicitation of an offer to buy shares of the Fund, unless accompanied or preceded by the Fund's current prospectus or summary prospectus.



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Baron WealthBuilder Fund is an open end, no-load mutual fund that invests only in shares of individual Baron mutual funds (Baron Funds). Long-term capital appreciation is its objective. It is not a target date fund.

1. Baron WealthBuilder Fund's objective is to provide investors with a diversified portfolio of Baron Funds that will outperform its benchmark index over the long term, although we cannot guarantee it will meet its objective.
2. Baron WealthBuilder Fund's minimum initial investment is \$2,000, making it suitable for periodic purchases.
3. Baron WealthBuilder Fund has no management fee, but it will indirectly bear its pro-rata share of the expenses of the Baron Funds in which it invests (acquired fund fees and expenses).
4. Baron WealthBuilder Fund's annual operating expenses are capped at 5 bps per year for TA Shares (available directly through Baron Funds) and Institutional Shares. Retail Shares annual operating expenses are capped at 30 bps per year. Portfolio transaction costs, interest, dividend, acquired fund fees and expenses, and extraordinary expenses are not subject to the operating expense limitation.

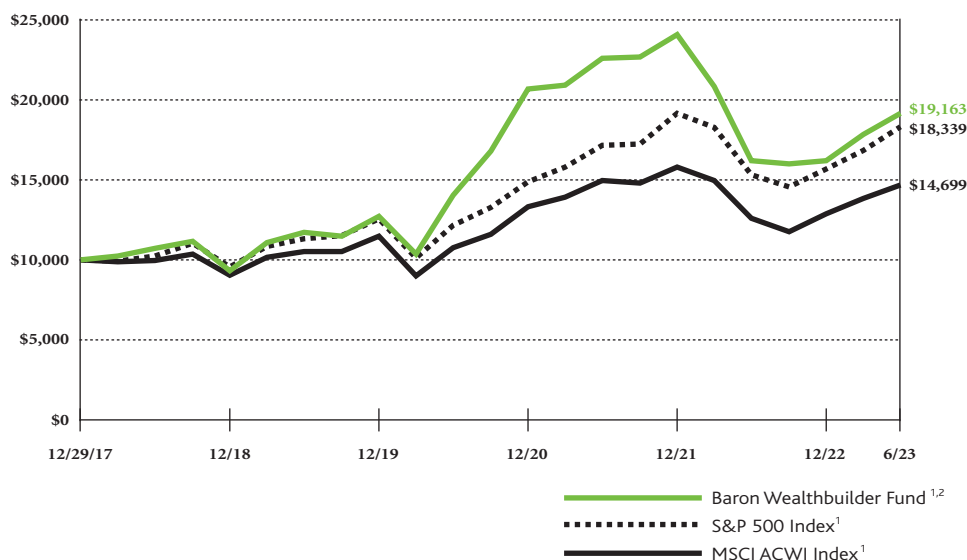
Several criteria, including our qualitative assessments, are used to continually determine Baron WealthBuilder Fund allocations among Baron Funds.

Among the criteria are: (a) absolute performance; (b) excess performance vs. benchmark; (c) performance standard deviation (a measure of risk); (d) Sharpe ratio (a measure of performance per unit of risk); (e) beta (a measure of a fund's sensitivity to market movements); (f) alpha (a measure of excess return given level of risk as measured by beta); (g) portfolio turnover; (h) growth rates of portfolio investments; (i) fund size; and (j) manager tenure.

As of June 30, 2023, the five largest Baron Funds represented 61.4% of Baron WealthBuilder Fund's net assets.

Ronald Baron, CEO of Baron Capital is the lead portfolio manager of Baron WealthBuilder Fund. Michael Baron, Vice President, is the co-portfolio manager.

**COMPARISON OF THE CHANGE IN VALUE OF \$10,000 INVESTMENT IN BARON WEALTHBUILDER FUND (RETAIL SHARES) IN RELATION TO THE S&P 500 INDEX AND THE MSCI ACWI INDEX**



**AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURNS FOR THE PERIODS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Six Months*	One Year	Three Years	Five Years	Since Inception (December 29, 2017)
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — Retail Shares <sup>1,2</sup>	18.38%	18.37%	10.93%	12.28%	12.55%
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — TA Shares <sup>1,2</sup>	18.51%	18.66%	11.17%	12.55%	12.81%
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — Institutional Shares <sup>1,2</sup>	18.58%	18.65%	11.22%	12.57%	12.82%
S&P 500 Index <sup>1</sup>	16.89%	19.59%	14.60%	12.31%	11.66%
MSCI ACWI Index <sup>1</sup>	13.93%	16.53%	10.99%	8.10%	7.25%

\* Not Annualized.

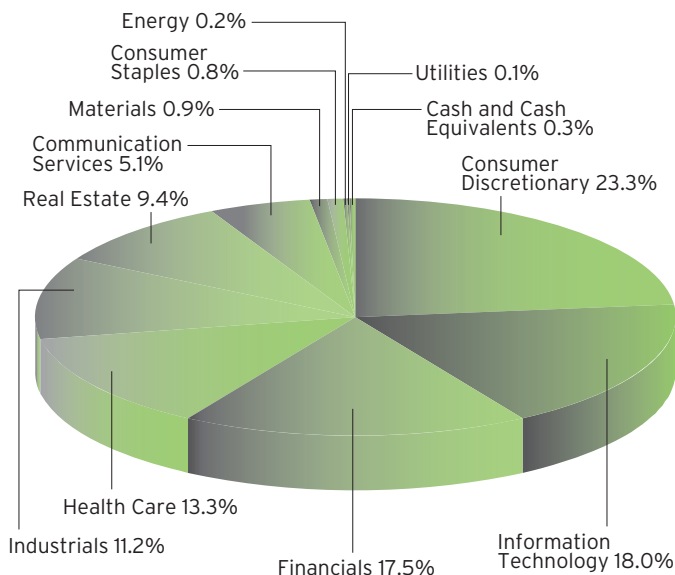
<sup>1</sup> The **S&P 500 Index** measures the performance of 500 widely held large-cap U.S. companies. The **MSCI ACWI Index Net (USD)** measures the equity market performance of large and midcap securities across developed and emerging markets, including the United States. MSCI is the source and owner of the trademarks, service marks and copyrights related to the MSCI Indexes. The indexes and the Fund are with dividends reinvested, net of foreign withholding taxes, as applicable, which positively impact the performance results. The indexes are unmanaged. The index performance is not fund performance; one cannot invest directly into an index.

<sup>2</sup> Past performance is not predictive of future performance. The performance data does not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or redemption of Fund shares. The Adviser has agreed that, pursuant to a contract expiring on August 29, 2033, unless renewed for another 11-year term, it will reimburse certain expenses of the Fund, limiting net annual operating expenses (portfolio transaction costs, interest, dividend, acquired fund fees and expenses and extraordinary expense are not subject to the operating expense limitation) to 0.05% of average daily net assets of TA shares, 0.30% of average daily net assets of Retail Shares, and 0.05% of average daily net assets of Institutional shares, without which performance would have been lower.

**COUNTRY EXPOSURES OF BARON UNDERLYING FUNDS AS OF JUNE 30, 2023**

	Percent of Net Assets*
United States	87.9%
Canada	1.4%
Netherlands	1.4%
China	1.3%
United Kingdom	1.2%
India	1.2%
Ireland	0.7%
Korea	0.6%
Argentina	0.6%
Japan	0.4%
Other	3.1%
Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.3%
	<b>100.0%</b>

**SECTOR EXPOSURES OF BARON UNDERLYING FUNDS AS OF JUNE 30, 2023<sup>†</sup>**  
(as a percentage of net assets)



**MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION OF FUND PERFORMANCE**

For the six months ended June 30, 2023, Baron WealthBuilder Fund<sup>1</sup> increased 18.38%, outperforming the S&P 500 Index, which gained 16.89%.

Baron WealthBuilder Fund is a diversified fund that invests exclusively in other Baron mutual funds. At any given time, it invests in the securities of a select number of Baron mutual funds representing specific investment strategies. The Fund can invest in funds holding U.S. and international stocks; small-cap, small-to mid-cap, mid-cap, large-cap, all-cap stocks; and sector stocks. Baron WealthBuilder Fund normally invests in a variety of domestic and international equity funds. It seeks to invest in businesses it believes have significant opportunities for growth, durable competitive advantages, exceptional management, and an attractive valuation. Of course, there can be no assurance that we will be successful in achieving the Fund’s investment goals.

U.S. equities rallied during the period, supported by easing inflation, a first-time pause in the Federal Reserve’s prolonged interest rate hike campaign, Congress’ successful avoidance of the debt ceiling cliff, earnings optimism, and economic releases bolstering the “soft landing” narrative. One notable aspect of the recovery was the narrow market leadership. Seven mega-cap technology companies accounted for much of the recent gains in the major market indexes, driven by excitement surrounding their potential ability to gain from widespread adoption of artificial intelligence.

Consumer Discretionary, Information Technology, and Industrials contributed the most. No sectors detracted significantly.

The U.S., Canada, and the Netherlands contributed the most. The U.K. detracted the most.

Baron Partners Fund, Baron Small Cap Fund, and Baron Growth Fund contributed the most. No Fund detracted.

We invest for the long term in businesses that we believe will benefit from secular growth trends, durable competitive advantages, and best-in-class management. We remain optimistic that this approach will generate strong long-term performance regardless of the economic climate.

\* Individual weights may not sum to displayed total due to rounding.

† Sector levels are provided from the Global Industry Classification Standard (“GICS”), developed and exclusively owned by MSCI Inc. and Standard & Poor’s Financial Services LLC, unless otherwise stated that they have been reclassified or classified by the Adviser. All GICS data is provided “as is” with no warranties. Individual weights may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

<sup>1</sup> Performance information reflects results of the Retail Shares.

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited)

Shares		Cost	Value
<b>Affiliated Mutual Funds (100.00%)</b>			
<b>Small Cap Funds (32.10%)</b>			
913,221	Baron Discovery Fund — Institutional Shares	\$ 23,414,202	\$ 24,035,965
767,730	Baron Growth Fund — Institutional Shares	73,590,894	76,128,137
2,120,965	Baron Small Cap Fund — Institutional Shares	71,485,387	65,452,980
<b>Total Small Cap Funds</b>		<b>168,490,483</b>	<b>165,617,082</b>
<b>Small to Mid Cap Funds (6.41%)</b>			
902,323	Baron Focused Growth Fund — Institutional Shares	29,949,543	33,070,126
<b>Mid Cap Funds (12.68%)</b>			
653,426	Baron Asset Fund — Institutional Shares	63,623,318	65,407,905
<b>Large Cap Funds (6.97%)</b>			
704,127	Baron Durable Advantage Fund — Institutional Shares	11,085,260	14,033,258
573,579	Baron Fifth Avenue Growth Fund — Institutional Shares	20,727,357	21,904,971
<b>Total Large Cap Funds</b>		<b>31,812,617</b>	<b>35,938,229</b>
<b>All Cap Funds (19.12%)</b>			
645,217	Baron Opportunity Fund — Institutional Shares	16,417,056	22,176,092
462,713	Baron Partners Fund — Institutional Shares	42,282,802	76,435,535
<b>Total All Cap Funds</b>		<b>58,699,858</b>	<b>98,611,627</b>
<b>International Funds (9.38%)</b>			
1,042,343	Baron Emerging Markets Fund — Institutional Shares	15,187,220	14,488,568
612,756	Baron Global Advantage Fund — Institutional Shares	16,589,588	17,892,463
614,513	Baron International Growth Fund — Institutional Shares	16,873,006	16,020,348
<b>Total International Funds</b>		<b>48,649,814</b>	<b>48,401,379</b>
<b>Sector Funds (13.34%)</b>			
1,002,542	Baron FinTech Fund — Institutional Shares	14,007,985	12,361,348
792,480	Baron Health Care Fund — Institutional Shares	14,085,840	14,922,393
922,098	Baron Real Estate Fund — Institutional Shares	31,357,046	30,466,118
806,610	Baron Real Estate Income Fund — Institutional Shares	12,874,126	11,066,694
<b>Total Sector Funds</b>		<b>72,324,997</b>	<b>68,816,553</b>
<b>Total Affiliated Investments (100.00%)</b>		<b>\$473,550,630</b>	<b>515,862,901</b>
<b>Cash and Other Assets Less Liabilities (0.00%)</b>			<b>9,192</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>			<b>\$515,872,093</b>

% Represents percentage of net assets.

All Affiliated Mutual Funds are Level 1.

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (Unaudited)**

<b>Assets:</b>	
Investments in Affiliated Mutual Funds, at value*	\$515,862,901
Receivable for capital shares sold	1,136,920
Prepaid expenses	4,467
	<u>517,004,288</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Due to custodian bank	578,587
Payable for securities purchased	305,258
Payable for capital shares redeemed	182,912
Distribution fees payable (Note 4)	376
Other accrued expenses and other payables	65,062
	<u>1,132,195</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>\$515,872,093</u>
<b>Net Assets consist of:</b>	
Paid-in capital	\$509,404,129
Distributable earnings/(losses)	6,467,964
<b>Net Assets</b>	<u>\$515,872,093</u>
<b>Retail Shares:</b>	
Net Assets	\$ 91,000,691
Shares Outstanding (\$0.01 par value; indefinite shares authorized)	5,474,005
Net Asset Value Per Share	<u>\$ 16.62</u>
<b>TA Shares:</b>	
Net Assets	\$ 46,383,059
Shares Outstanding (\$0.01 par value; indefinite shares authorized)	2,753,945
Net Asset Value Per Share	<u>\$ 16.84</u>
<b>Institutional Shares:</b>	
Net Assets	\$378,488,343
Shares Outstanding (\$0.01 par value; indefinite shares authorized)	22,460,341
Net Asset Value Per Share	<u>\$ 16.85</u>
 *Investments in Affiliated Mutual Funds, at cost	 <u>\$473,550,630</u>

**STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)**

	<b>For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2023</b>
<b>Investment income (loss):</b>	
<b>Income:</b>	
Dividends from Affiliated Mutual Funds	\$ 137,117
<b>Total income</b>	<u>137,117</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Distribution fees — Retail Shares (Note 4)	103,597
Shareholder servicing agent fees and expenses — Retail Shares	2,072
Shareholder servicing agent fees and expenses — TA Shares	1,047
Shareholder servicing agent fees and expenses — Institutional Shares	8,534
Registration and filing fees	39,160
Reports to shareholders	37,930
Custodian and fund accounting fees	22,342
Administration fees	22,082
Professional fees	22,041
Trustee fees and expenses (Note 4)	13,410
Line of credit fees	4,231
Insurance expense	3,704
Miscellaneous expenses	2,458
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<u>282,608</u>
Expenses reimbursed — Retail Shares (Note 4)	(11,145)
Expenses reimbursed — TA Shares (Note 4)	(5,614)
Expenses reimbursed — Institutional Shares (Note 4)	(45,727)
<b>Total net expenses</b>	<u>220,122</u>
<b>Net investment income (loss)</b>	<u>(83,005)</u>
<b>Realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments:</b>	
Net realized gain (loss) on Affiliated Mutual Funds	(2,426,126)
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of Affiliated Mutual Funds	82,043,886
<b>Net gain (loss) on investments</b>	<u>79,617,760</u>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations</b>	<u>\$79,534,755</u>

## STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS (Unaudited)

	For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2023	For the Year Ended December 31, 2022
<b>Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets:</b>		
<b>Operations:</b>		
Net investment income (loss)	\$ (83,005)	\$ (311,787)
Net realized gain (loss)	(2,426,126)	(32,254,139)
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	82,043,886	(165,137,587)
Increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	<u>79,534,755</u>	<u>(197,703,513)</u>
<b>Distributions to shareholders from (Note 7):</b>		
Distributable earnings — Retail Shares	—	(2,459,751)
Distributable earnings — TA Shares	—	(1,168,124)
Distributable earnings — Institutional Shares	—	(9,769,520)
Decrease in net assets from distributions to shareholders	<u>—</u>	<u>(13,397,395)</u>
<b>Capital share transactions:</b>		
Proceeds from the sale of shares — Retail Shares	11,614,795	39,365,696
Proceeds from the sale of shares — TA Shares	2,961,866	10,452,738
Proceeds from the sale of shares — Institutional Shares	26,986,804	89,164,588
Net asset value of shares issued in reinvestment of distributions — Retail Shares	—	2,423,777
Net asset value of shares issued in reinvestment of distributions — TA Shares	—	1,152,024
Net asset value of shares issued in reinvestment of distributions — Institutional Shares	—	9,411,127
Cost of shares redeemed — Retail Shares	(10,565,645)	(42,109,348)
Cost of shares redeemed — TA Shares	(1,648,642)	(3,247,842)
Cost of shares redeemed — Institutional Shares	(19,452,269)	(45,911,410)
Increase (decrease) in net assets derived from capital share transactions	<u>9,896,909</u>	<u>60,701,350</u>
Net increase (decrease) in net assets	<u>89,431,664</u>	<u>(150,399,558)</u>
<b>Net Assets:</b>		
Beginning of period	426,440,429	576,839,987
End of period	<u>\$515,872,093</u>	<u>\$ 426,440,429</u>
<b>Capital share transactions — Retail Shares</b>		
Shares sold	748,314	2,368,462
Shares issued in reinvestment of distributions	—	173,872
Shares redeemed	(689,358)	(2,575,221)
<b>Net increase (decrease)</b>	<u>58,956</u>	<u>(32,887)</u>
<b>Capital share transactions — TA Shares</b>		
Shares sold	190,715	623,662
Shares issued in reinvestment of dividends	—	81,704
Shares redeemed	(107,092)	(203,700)
<b>Net increase (decrease)</b>	<u>83,623</u>	<u>501,666</u>
<b>Capital share transactions — Institutional Shares</b>		
Shares sold	1,726,166	5,184,852
Shares issued in reinvestment of distributions	—	666,983
Shares redeemed	(1,249,321)	(2,808,680)
<b>Net increase (decrease)</b>	<u>476,845</u>	<u>3,043,155</u>



## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. ORGANIZATION

Baron Select Funds (the Trust) is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), as an open-end management investment company established as a Delaware statutory trust on April 30, 2003. The Trust currently offers 12 series. This report covers only the Baron WealthBuilder Fund (the Fund). The Fund's investment objective is capital appreciation. The Fund is a diversified fund that invests, at any given time, in the securities of a select number of Baron mutual funds (the Underlying Funds), representing specific investment strategies. The Fund normally invests in a variety of Baron domestic and international equity funds managed by BAMCO, Inc. (BAMCO or the Adviser). The Fund can invest in Underlying Funds holding U.S. and international stocks; small-cap, small- to mid-cap, large-cap, all-cap stocks; and specialty stocks. The Adviser decides how much of the Fund's assets to allocate to Underlying Funds based on the outlook for, and on the relative valuations of, the Underlying Funds and the various markets in which they invest. For information on the Underlying Funds, please refer to the Prospectuses and Statements of Additional Information of the Underlying Funds. Also, information on the Underlying Funds is available at [baronfunds.com](http://baronfunds.com).

The Fund offers Retail Shares, TA Shares, and Institutional Shares. Each class of shares differs only in its ongoing fees, expenses, and eligibility requirements. Each class of shares has equal rights to earnings and assets, except that each class bears different expenses for distribution and shareholder servicing. The Fund's investment income, realized and unrealized gains or losses on investments, and expenses other than those attributable to a specific class are allocated to each class based on its relative net assets. Each class of shares has exclusive voting rights with respect to matters that affect just that class.

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND INVESTMENT RISKS

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund. The policies are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The Trust is an investment company and therefore follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standard Codification Topic 946 Financial Services — Investment Companies.

**a) Net Asset Value.** The Fund's share price or net asset value (NAV) is calculated as of the scheduled close of the regular trading session (usually 4 p.m. E.T. or such other time as of which the Fund's NAV is calculated (the NAV Calculation Time)) on the New York Stock Exchange (the Exchange) on any day the Exchange is scheduled to be open. Investments in the Underlying Funds are valued at their closing NAV per share on the day of valuation. The NAV per share of a class is determined by dividing the value of the total assets less all liabilities, of the Fund represented by such class, by the total number of Fund shares of such class outstanding.

**b) Security Valuation.** Portfolio securities held by the Underlying Funds traded on any national stock exchange are valued based on the last sale price on the exchange where such shares are principally traded. For securities traded on NASDAQ, the Underlying Funds use the NASDAQ Official Closing Price. If there are no sales on a given day, the value of the security may be the average of the most recent bid and asked quotations on such exchange or the last sale price from a prior day. Where market quotations are not readily available, or, if in the Adviser's judgment, they do not accurately reflect the fair value of a security held by one of the Underlying Funds, or an event occurs after the market close but before the Underlying Funds are priced that materially affects the value of a security, the security will be valued by the Adviser using policies and procedures approved by the Board of Trustees (the Board). The Board has designated the Adviser to perform fair value determinations pursuant to Rule 2a-5 under the 1940 Act. The Adviser has a Fair Valuation Committee (the Committee) comprised of senior management representatives and the Committee reports to the Board every quarter. Accordingly, the Committee may evaluate a variety of factors to determine the fair value of securities for which market quotations are determined not to be readily available or reliable. These factors include, but are not limited to, the type of security, the value of comparable securities, observations from financial institutions and relevant news events. Input from the Adviser's portfolio management team also will be considered. Using a fair value pricing methodology to price securities may result in a value that is different from the most recent closing price of a security and from the prices used by other investment companies to calculate their portfolios' NAVs.

U.S. Government obligations, money market instruments, and other debt instruments held by the Underlying Funds with a remaining maturity of 60 days or less are generally valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value, unless an independent pricing service provides a valuation for such security or in the opinion of the Board or the Committee, the amortized cost method would not represent fair value. Debt instruments having a greater remaining maturity will be valued on the basis of prices obtained from a pricing service approved by the Board or at the mean of the bid and ask prices from the dealer maintaining an active market in that security. The value of the Underlying Funds' investments in convertible bonds/convertible preferred stocks is determined primarily by obtaining valuations from independent pricing services based on readily available bid quotations or, if quotations are not available, by methods which include various considerations such as yields or prices of securities of comparable quality, coupon, maturity and type; indications as to values from dealers; and general market conditions. Other inputs used by an independent pricing service to value convertible bonds/convertible preferred stocks generally include underlying stock data, conversion premiums, listed bond and preferred stock prices and other market information which may include benchmark curves, trade execution data, sensitivity analysis, when available, or an estimated value, calculated based on the price of the underlying common share on the valuation date adjusted for accrued and unpaid dividends. Open-end investment companies, including securities lending collateral invested in registered investment company money market funds, are valued at their NAV each day.

Non-U.S. equity securities held by the Underlying Funds traded on foreign securities exchanges are generally valued using an independent pricing vendor that provides daily fair value adjustment factors based on information such as local closing price, relevant general and sector indexes, currency fluctuations, and depositary receipts, as applicable. Securities valued using such adjustment factors are classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy. The models of the independent pricing vendor generate an adjustment factor for each security, which is applied to the local closing price to adjust it for post-closing market movements up to the time the Underlying Funds are valued and translated into U.S. dollars. If the vendor does not provide an adjustment factor for a security, the security is valued based on its most recent local closing price and translated into U.S. dollars. The Adviser may also fair value securities in other situations, for example, when a particular foreign market is closed but the Underlying Funds are open. Other mutual funds may adjust the prices of their securities by different amounts.

**c) Securities Transactions and Investment Income.** Fund securities transactions are accounted for on trade date. Realized gain and loss from securities transactions are recorded on an identified cost basis for financial reporting and federal income tax purposes. Dividend income and capital gain distributions from the Underlying Funds are recognized on the ex-dividend date and interest income is recognized on an accrual basis. Dividends received from Underlying Funds are reflected as dividend income; capital gain distributions are reflected as realized gains.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND INVESTMENT RISKS (Continued)

**d) Expense Allocation.** The Fund is charged for those expenses directly attributable to the Fund, such as distribution and transfer agency fees. Expenses that are not directly attributable to the Fund are typically allocated among the funds in the Trust and Baron Investment Funds Trust (collectively, the Fund Complex) in proportion to their respective net assets. The Fund accrues distribution and service (12b-1) fees to Retail Shares.

Expenses included in the accompanying financial statements reflect the expenses of the Fund and do not include any expenses associated with the Underlying Funds. Because Underlying Funds have varied expenses and fee levels and the Fund may own different proportion of Underlying Funds at different times, the amount of acquired fund fees and expenses incurred indirectly by the Fund will vary.

**e) Single Issuer.** Single issuer risk is the possibility that factors specific to an issuer to which an Underlying Fund is exposed will affect the market prices of the issuer's securities and therefore the NAV of the Underlying Fund. Due to the size of Baron Partners Fund's and Baron Focused Growth Fund's investments in Tesla, Inc. (Tesla), 46% and 15%, respectively, of these Underlying Funds' net assets as of June 30, 2023, the NAVs of these Underlying Funds will be materially impacted by the price of Tesla stock. The Fund's indirect proportional ownership of Tesla is \$39,576,545, which represents 7.7% of the Fund's net assets as of June 30, 2023. The financial statements of the Underlying Funds are available at [www.BaronFunds.com](http://www.BaronFunds.com).

**f) Non-Diversified Portfolio.** Certain Underlying Funds are non-diversified, which means they will likely have a greater percentage of their 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 Underlying Fund's performance (and consequently 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 Underlying Fund (and consequently the Fund) to a greater risk of loss in any given period than a diversified fund. Additionally, non-diversified funds may encounter difficulty liquidating securities.

**g) Industry Concentration.** From time to time, market fluctuations in the value of an Underlying Fund's investments, combined with an Underlying Fund's non-diversified portfolio, may result in an Underlying Fund being concentrated in the securities of a single issuer or a small number of issuers, in a particular industry. As a result, this Underlying 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, an Underlying Fund will be disproportionately exposed to the market conditions, interest rates, and economic, regulatory, or financial developments that significantly affect that company or industry. For example, due to the size of Baron Partners Fund's and Baron Focused Growth Fund's investments in Tesla, which represent about 46% and 15%, respectively, of these Underlying Funds' net assets as of June 30, 2023, these Underlying Funds will be more adversely impacted by negative developments affecting the automotive and energy industries, as well as governmental environmental regulations.

**h) Use of Estimates.** The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the amounts of income and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**i) Federal Income Taxes.** The Fund intends to meet the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, applicable to regulated investment companies, and to distribute to its shareholders substantially all of its net investment income and any net realized capital gains at least annually. The Fund will not be subject to federal or state income taxes to the extent that it qualifies as regulated investment companies and substantially all of its income is distributed.

**j) Distributions to Shareholders.** Income and capital gain distributions to shareholders are determined in accordance with income tax regulations which may differ from GAAP. These differences are primarily due to differing treatments for net investment loss, short-term capital gain distributions, and wash sale losses deferred. Income dividends are normally declared and paid annually. During any particular year, net realized gains from investment transactions in excess of available capital loss carryforwards would be taxable to the Fund, if not distributed. The Fund intends to declare and distribute these amounts, at least annually, to shareholders, but may be distributed more frequently. Differences in per share distributions, by class, are generally due to differences in class specific expenses.

**k) Commitments and Contingencies.** In the normal course of business, the Fund may enter into contracts and agreements that contain a variety of representations and warranties, which provide general indemnification. The maximum exposure to the Fund under these agreements is unknown, as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred.

**l) Cash and Cash Equivalents.** The Fund considers all short-term liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

**m) Asset Allocation and Risks of Investing in the Underlying Funds.** The Fund's ability to meet its investment objective depends largely upon selecting the best mix of Underlying Funds. The selection of the Underlying Funds and the allocation of the Fund's assets among the various market sectors could cause the Fund to underperform in comparison to other funds with a similar investment objective. In addition, each of the Underlying Funds has its own investment risks, and those risks can affect the value of the Fund's investments. To the extent that the Fund invests more of its assets in one Underlying Fund than in another, it will have greater exposure to the risks of that Underlying Fund.

### 3. PURCHASES AND SALES OF SECURITIES

Purchases and sales of securities, other than short term securities, for the six months ended June 30, 2023 were as follows:

Fund	Purchases	Sales
Baron WealthBuilder Fund	\$24,115,686	\$14,373,588

### 4. INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEES AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

**a) Investment Advisory Fees.** The Adviser, a wholly owned subsidiary of Baron Capital Group, Inc. (BCG), serves as investment adviser to the Fund and the Underlying Funds. The Adviser will not be paid a management fee for performing investment management services for the Fund. However, the Adviser receives management fees for

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)

## 4. INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEES AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES (Continued)

managing the Underlying Funds. See the Underlying Funds' Prospectuses or Statements of Additional Information for specific fees. The Adviser has contractually agreed to reimburse Fund expenses to the extent required to limit the net annual operating expense ratio (excluding acquired fund fees and expenses, portfolio transaction costs, interest, dividend and extraordinary expenses) pursuant to a contract expiring on August 29, 2023, unless renewed for another 11-year term as follows:

Fund	Annual Operating Expense Ratio Cap		
	Retail Shares	TA Shares	Institutional Shares
Baron WealthBuilder Fund	0.30%	0.05%	0.05%

The aforementioned reimbursement is not subject to recoupment by the Adviser.

**b) Distribution Fees.** Baron Capital, Inc. (BCI), a wholly owned subsidiary of BCG, is a registered broker-dealer and the distributor of the Fund's shares. The Fund is authorized to pay BCI a distribution fee payable monthly pursuant to a distribution plan under Rule 12b-1 of the 1940 Act equal to 0.25% per annum of the Retail Shares' average daily net assets.

**c) Trustee Fees.** Certain Trustees of the Trust are officers of the Adviser and received no direct remuneration in such capacity from the Fund Complex. The Fund Complex pays each Independent Trustee (an Independent Trustee is a Trustee who is not an "interested person" (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund Complex) annual compensation in addition to reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses in connection with attendance at meetings of the Board. Specifically, each Independent Trustee receives an annual base compensation of \$172,000 with the lead Independent Trustee receiving an additional \$20,000. An additional \$48,000 per annum is paid to each Independent Trustee for attendance at the quarterly meetings of the Board. Each member of the Audit Committee receives an additional \$10,000 in annual compensation with the Audit Committee Chairperson receiving an additional \$10,000.

**d) Custody, Fund Accounting and Administration Fees.** The Fund has entered into an agreement with State Street Bank and Trust Company (State Street) to perform custody, accounting and certain administrative services.

**e) Ownership Concentration.** As of June 30, 2023 the officers, trustees and portfolio managers owned, directly or indirectly, 14.94% of the Fund. As a result of their ownership, these investors may be able to materially affect the outcome of matters presented to the Fund's shareholders.

**f) Transactions in "Affiliated" Companies.** The Fund invests in the Institutional Shares of the Underlying Funds which are considered to be affiliated with the Fund.

Name of Issuer	Value at December 31, 2022	Purchase Cost	Sales Proceeds/Return of Capital	Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	Realized Gains/(Losses)	Dividend Income	Other Distributions	Shares Held at June 30, 2023	Value at June 30, 2023	% of Net Assets at June 30, 2023
<b>"Affiliated" Company as of June 30, 2023:</b>										
Baron Asset Fund, Institutional Shares	\$ 58,777,134	\$ 2,997,321	\$ 1,796,699	\$ 5,655,420	\$ (225,271)	\$ —	\$ —	653,426	\$ 65,407,905	12.68%
Baron Discovery Fund, Institutional Shares	20,467,271	1,138,982	682,745	3,221,144	(108,687)	—	—	913,221	24,035,965	4.66%
Baron Durable Advantage Fund, Institutional Shares	10,726,089	599,464	359,340	3,108,459	(41,414)	—	—	704,127	14,033,258	2.72%
Baron Emerging Markets Fund, Institutional Shares	13,314,631	719,357	431,208	922,006	(36,218)	—	—	1,042,343	14,488,568	2.81%
Baron Fifth Avenue Growth Fund, Institutional Shares	15,470,963	959,143	574,944	6,154,555	(104,746)	—	—	573,579	21,904,971	4.25%
Baron FinTech Fund, Institutional Shares	10,973,144	599,464	359,339	1,210,498	(62,419)	—	—	1,002,542	12,361,348	2.40%
Baron Focused Growth Fund, Institutional Shares	26,365,450	1,558,607	934,283	6,330,166	(249,814)	—	—	902,323	33,070,126	6.41%
Baron Global Advantage Fund, Institutional Shares	15,022,835	959,143	574,943	2,554,165	(68,737)	—	—	612,756	17,892,463	3.47%
Baron Growth Fund, Institutional Shares	67,472,097	3,357,000	2,012,302	7,521,222	(209,880)	—	—	767,730	76,128,137	14.76%
Baron Health Care Fund, Institutional Shares	13,891,635	719,357	431,207	778,834	(36,226)	—	—	792,480	14,922,393	2.89%
Baron International Growth Fund, Institutional Shares	14,652,318	719,357	431,208	1,144,642	(64,761)	—	—	614,513	16,020,348	3.10%
Baron Opportunity Fund, Institutional Shares	15,849,030	959,143	574,944	6,015,795	(72,932)	—	—	645,217	22,176,092	4.30%
Baron Partners Fund, Institutional Shares	52,479,980	3,596,785	2,156,038	22,999,336	(484,528)	—	—	462,713	76,435,535	14.82%
Baron Real Estate Fund, Institutional Shares	25,969,840	1,438,714	862,415	4,104,795	(184,816)	—	—	922,098	30,466,118	5.91%

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)

## 4. INVESTMENT ADVISORY FEES AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES (Continued)

Name of Issuer	Value at December 31, 2022	Purchase Cost	Sales Proceeds/ Return of Capital	Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation)	Realized Gains/ (Losses)	Dividend Income	Other Distributions	Shares Held at June 30, 2023	Value at June 30, 2023	% of Net Assets at June 20, 2023
Baron Real Estate Income Fund, Institutional Shares	\$ 10,002,678	\$ 736,581	\$ 359,340	\$ 789,380	\$ (102,605)	\$137,117	\$ —	806,610	\$ 11,066,694	2.14%
Baron Small Cap Fund, Institutional Shares	55,067,948	3,057,268	1,832,633	9,533,469	(373,072)	—	—	2,120,965	65,452,980	12.68%
	<u>\$426,503,043</u>	<u>\$24,115,686</u>	<u>\$14,373,588</u>	<u>\$82,043,886</u>	<u>\$(2,426,126)</u>	<u>\$137,117</u>	<u>\$ —</u>		<u>\$515,862,901</u>	

## 5. LINE OF CREDIT

The Fund Complex (except Baron Partners Fund) participates in a committed line of credit agreement with State Street to be used for temporary purposes, primarily for financing redemptions. Each fund may borrow up to the lesser of \$200 million or the maximum amount each fund may borrow under the 1940 Act, the limitations included in each fund's prospectus, or any limit or restriction under any law or regulation to which each fund is subject or any agreement to which each fund is a party; provided that the aggregate outstanding principal amount of all loans to any of the funds may not exceed \$200 million. Interest is charged to each fund, based on its borrowings, at a rate per annum equal to the higher of the Overnight Bank Funding Rate plus 0.10% or the Federal Funds Effective Rate plus 0.10%; plus a margin of 1.00%. An upfront fee of 0.05% is incurred on the commitment amount and a commitment fee of 0.20% per annum is incurred on the unused portion of the line of credit. Both fees are allocated to the participating funds based on their relative net assets.

During the six months ended June 30, 2023, the Fund did not have any borrowings under the line of credit.

The Adviser believes that the fair value of the liabilities under the line of credit agreement is equivalent to the recorded amount based on its short-term maturity and interest rate, which fluctuates over time. The Fund's outstanding balance under the line of credit agreement, if any, would be categorized as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy, which is further discussed in Note 6.

## 6. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value is defined by GAAP as the price that the Fund would receive upon selling an investment in a timely transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market for the investment. GAAP provides a three-tier hierarchy to maximize the use of observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Fund. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the Fund's own assumptions based on the best information available in the circumstances. The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized in the three broad Levels listed below.

- Level 1 — quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 — prices determined using other inputs that are observable either directly, or indirectly through corroboration with observable market data (which could include quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, interest rates, credit risk, etc.);
- Level 3 — prices determined using unobservable inputs when quoted prices or observable inputs are unavailable, such as when there is little or no market activity for an asset or liability (unobservable inputs reflect the Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of assets or liabilities and would be based on the best information available).

Investments in open-end registered investment companies are valued at NAV and are classified in the fair value hierarchy as Level 1.

## 7. INCOME TAXES AND DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS

Federal income tax regulations differ from GAAP. Therefore, distributions determined in accordance with tax regulations may differ in amount or character from net investment income and net realized gain for financial reporting purposes. Net investment income (loss) and net realized and unrealized gain (loss) differ for financial statement and tax purposes due to differing treatments of net investment loss, short-term capital gain distributions, and wash sale losses deferred. Financial reporting records are adjusted for permanent book/tax differences to reflect tax character. Financial records are not adjusted for temporary differences.

**As of June 30, 2023, the aggregate cost, aggregate gross unrealized appreciation, aggregate gross unrealized depreciation, and the net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) for U.S. federal income tax purposes were as follows:**

Cost of investments	\$473,550,630
Aggregate gross unrealized appreciation	54,240,986
Aggregate gross unrealized depreciation	(11,928,715)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	<u>42,312,271</u>

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (Continued)

### 7. INCOME TAXES AND DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS (Continued)

As of December 31, 2022, the Fund had capital loss carryforwards as follows:

Short term	\$18,511,843
Long term	<u>\$ 3,900,971</u>

The estimated tax character of distributions paid during the six months ended June 30, 2023 and for the year ended December 31, 2022 was as follows:

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2023		Year Ended December 31, 2022	
	Ordinary <sup>1</sup>	Long Term Capital Gain	Ordinary <sup>1</sup>	Long Term Capital Gain
	\$—	\$—	\$2,479,054	\$10,918,341

<sup>1</sup> For tax purposes, short-term capital gains are considered ordinary income distributions.

The Fund follows the provisions of FASB Codification Section 740 (ASC Section 740) "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes" which clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in tax positions taken or expected to be taken on a tax return. ASC Section 740 sets forth a threshold for financial statement recognition, measurement and disclosure of tax positions taken or expected to be taken on a tax return. The Fund is required to recognize the tax effects of certain tax positions under a "more likely than not" standard, that based on their technical merits, have more than 50 percent likelihood of being sustained upon examination. Management has analyzed the tax positions taken on the Fund's federal income tax returns for the current year and prior two years, and has concluded that no provision for federal income tax is required in the Fund's financial statements. At June 30, 2023, the Fund did not have any uncertain tax benefits that require recognition, de-recognition or disclosure. The Fund's federal, state and local income and federal excise tax returns for which the applicable statutes of limitations have not expired (current and prior three years) are subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state departments of revenue.

### 8. RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENT

In June 2022, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2022-03 (ASU 2022-03), "Fair Value Measurement of Equity Securities Subject to Contractual Sale Restrictions" (Topic 820). ASU 2022-03 clarifies the guidance in Topic 820, related to the measurement of the fair value of an equity security subject to contractual sale restrictions, where it eliminates the need to apply a discount to fair value of these securities, and introduces disclosure requirements related to such equity securities. The guidance is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2023, and allows for early adoption. The Adviser is currently evaluating the implications, if any, of the additional requirements and their impact on the Funds' financial statements.

### 9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated events occurring subsequent to the date of the Statements of Assets and Liabilities and through the date of issuance of the financial statements and has determined that there were no subsequent events that required adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (Unaudited)

Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period:

	Net asset value, beginning of period (\$)	Income (loss) from investment operations:			Less distributions to shareholders from:			Net asset value, end of period (\$)	Ratios to Average Net Assets:						Supplemental Data:	
		Net investment income (loss) (\$) <sup>1</sup>	Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) (\$)	Total from investment operations (\$)	Net investment income (\$)	Net realized gains (\$)	Total distributions (\$)		Total return (%) <sup>2</sup>	Operating expenses (%)	Interest expense (%)	Total operating expenses (%) <sup>3</sup>	Net operating expenses (%)	Net investment income (loss) (%)	Net assets (in millions), end of period (\$)	Portfolio turnover rate (%)
<b>RETAIL SHARES</b>																
<b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b>																
2023	14.04	(0.02)	2.60	2.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.62	18.38 <sup>4,5</sup>	0.33 <sup>6</sup>	0.00	0.33 <sup>6</sup>	0.30 <sup>6</sup>	(0.24) <sup>6</sup>	91.0	3.05 <sup>4</sup>
<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>																
2022	21.56	(0.04)	(7.02)	(7.06)	(0.08)	(0.38)	(0.46)	14.04	(32.75) <sup>5</sup>	0.34	0.00	0.34	0.30	(0.27)	76.0	20.73
2021	19.57	(0.03)	3.21	3.18	0.00	(1.19)	(1.19)	21.56	16.42 <sup>5</sup>	0.33	0.00 <sup>7</sup>	0.33	0.30	(0.13)	117.4	0.18
2020	12.23	(0.04)	7.62	7.58	0.00	(0.24)	(0.24)	19.57	62.45 <sup>5</sup>	0.41	0.00 <sup>7</sup>	0.41	0.30	(0.29)	44.5	6.65
2019	9.33	(0.03)	3.37	3.34	(0.01)	(0.43)	(0.44)	12.23	36.24 <sup>5</sup>	0.39	0.02	0.41	0.30	(0.26)	5.9	22.48
2018	10.00	(0.01)	(0.65)	(0.66)	0.00	(0.01)	(0.01)	9.33	(6.58) <sup>5</sup>	0.90	0.00	0.90	0.30	(0.13)	2.1	1.24
<b>TA SHARES</b>																
<b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b>																
2023	14.21	0.00	2.63	2.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.84	18.51 <sup>4,5</sup>	0.08 <sup>6</sup>	0.00	0.08 <sup>6</sup>	0.05 <sup>6</sup>	0.01 <sup>6</sup>	46.4	3.05 <sup>4</sup>
<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>																
2022	21.76	(0.00) <sup>8</sup>	(7.09)	(7.09)	(0.08)	(0.38)	(0.46)	14.21	(32.59) <sup>5</sup>	0.08	0.00	0.08	0.05	(0.02)	37.9	20.73
2021	19.70	0.03	3.22	3.25	(0.00) <sup>8</sup>	(1.19)	(1.19)	21.76	16.70 <sup>5</sup>	0.08	0.00 <sup>7</sup>	0.08	0.05	0.12	47.2	0.18
2020	12.28	(0.01)	7.67	7.66	0.00	(0.24)	(0.24)	19.70	62.85 <sup>5</sup>	0.16	0.00 <sup>7</sup>	0.16	0.05	(0.04)	44.0	6.65
2019	9.35	(0.00) <sup>8</sup>	3.37	3.37	(0.01)	(0.43)	(0.44)	12.28	36.49 <sup>5</sup>	0.15	0.02	0.17	0.05	(0.03)	21.4	22.48
2018	10.00	0.01	(0.65)	(0.64)	0.00	(0.01)	(0.01)	9.35	(6.38) <sup>5</sup>	0.59	0.00	0.59	0.05	0.05	9.7	1.24
<b>INSTITUTIONAL SHARES</b>																
<b>Six Months Ended June 30,</b>																
2023	14.21	0.00	2.64	2.64	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.85	18.58 <sup>4,5</sup>	0.08 <sup>6</sup>	0.00	0.08 <sup>6</sup>	0.05 <sup>6</sup>	0.01 <sup>6</sup>	378.5	3.05 <sup>4</sup>
<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>																
2022	21.76	(0.00) <sup>8</sup>	(7.09)	(7.09)	(0.08)	(0.38)	(0.46)	14.21	(32.59) <sup>5</sup>	0.09	0.00	0.09	0.05	(0.02)	312.5	20.73
2021	19.70	0.02	3.23	3.25	(0.00) <sup>8</sup>	(1.19)	(1.19)	21.76	16.70 <sup>5</sup>	0.08	0.00 <sup>7</sup>	0.08	0.05	0.09	412.2	0.18
2020	12.28	(0.01)	7.67	7.66	0.00	(0.24)	(0.24)	19.70	62.85 <sup>5</sup>	0.16	0.00 <sup>7</sup>	0.16	0.05	(0.04)	184.1	6.65
2019	9.35	(0.00) <sup>8</sup>	3.37	3.37	(0.01)	(0.43)	(0.44)	12.28	36.49 <sup>5</sup>	0.15	0.02	0.17	0.05	(0.02)	93.8	22.48
2018	10.00	0.01	(0.65)	(0.64)	0.00	(0.01)	(0.01)	9.35	(6.38) <sup>5</sup>	0.49	0.00	0.49	0.05	0.12	83.0	1.24

<sup>1</sup> Based on average shares outstanding.<sup>2</sup> Total returns reflect reinvestment of all dividends and distributions, if any.<sup>3</sup> Expenses do not include acquired fund fees and expenses of the Underlying Funds.<sup>4</sup> Not annualized.<sup>5</sup> The total returns would have been lower had certain expenses not been reduced during the period shown.<sup>6</sup> Annualized.<sup>7</sup> Interest expense rounds to less than 0.01%.<sup>8</sup> Less than \$0.01 per share.

## FUND EXPENSES (Unaudited)

As a shareholder of the Fund, you may incur ongoing expenses. Ongoing expenses include distribution and service (12b-1) fees and other Fund expenses. The information on this page is intended to help you understand your ongoing costs of investing in the Fund and to compare these costs with the ongoing costs of investing in other mutual funds.

The information in the following table is based on an investment of \$1,000 invested on January 1, 2023 and held for the six months ended June 30, 2023.

### ACTUAL EXPENSES

The table below titled "Based on Actual Total Return" provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use the information provided in this table, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period. To estimate the expenses you paid on your account, divide your ending account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 ending account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number under the heading titled "Expenses Paid During the Period."

#### BASED ON ACTUAL TOTAL RETURN FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023<sup>1</sup>

	Actual Total Return	Beginning Account Value January 1, 2023	Ending Account Value June 30, 2023	Annualized Expense Ratio	Expenses Paid During the Period <sup>2</sup>
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — Retail Shares	18.38%	\$1,000.00	\$1,183.80 <sup>3</sup>	0.30% <sup>4</sup>	\$1.62
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — TA Shares	18.51%	\$1,000.00	\$1,185.10 <sup>3</sup>	0.05% <sup>4</sup>	\$0.27
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — Institutional Shares	18.58%	\$1,000.00	\$1,185.80 <sup>3</sup>	0.05% <sup>4</sup>	\$0.27

### HYPOTHETICAL EXAMPLE FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES

The table below titled "Based on Hypothetical Total Return" provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the actual expense ratio and an assumed rate of return of 5% per year before expenses, which is not the Fund's actual return. The hypothetical account values and expenses may not be used to estimate the actual ending account values and expenses you paid for the period. You may use the information provided in this table to compare the ongoing costs of investing in the Fund and other funds. To do so, compare the 5% hypothetical example relating to the Fund with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in the shareholder reports of other funds.

Please note that expenses shown in the table below are meant to highlight your ongoing costs and do not reflect any transactional costs, such as redemption fees, if any. Therefore, the table is useful in comparing ongoing costs only and will not help you determine your relative total costs of owning different mutual funds. In addition, if these transactional costs were included, your costs would have been higher.

#### BASED ON HYPOTHETICAL TOTAL RETURN FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2023<sup>1</sup>

	Hypothetical Annualized Total Return	Beginning Account Value January 1, 2023	Ending Account Value June 30, 2023	Annualized Expense Ratio	Expenses Paid During the Period <sup>2</sup>
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — Retail Shares	5.00%	\$1,000.00	\$1,023.31 <sup>3</sup>	0.30% <sup>4</sup>	\$1.51
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — TA Shares	5.00%	\$1,000.00	\$1,024.55 <sup>3</sup>	0.05% <sup>4</sup>	\$0.25
Baron WealthBuilder Fund — Institutional Shares	5.00%	\$1,000.00	\$1,024.55 <sup>3</sup>	0.05% <sup>4</sup>	\$0.25

<sup>1</sup> Assumes reinvestment of all dividends and capital gain distributions, if any.

<sup>2</sup> Expenses are equal to each share class' respective annualized expense ratio multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by the number of days in the most recent fiscal half-year, then divided by 365.

<sup>3</sup> Ending account value assumes the return earned after expense reimbursement and would have been lower if a portion of the expenses had not been reimbursed.

<sup>4</sup> Annualized expense ratios are adjusted to reflect expense reimbursement and do not include acquired fund fees and expenses of the Underlying Funds.



## DISCLOSURE REGARDING THE APPROVAL OF THE INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Unaudited)

The Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Baron Select Funds (the "Trust") met on May 16, 2023 to discuss the selection of BAMCO, Inc. (the "Adviser") as the investment adviser and the approval of the investment advisory agreement for Baron WealthBuilder Fund (the "Fund"). The members of the Board who are not "interested persons" (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) of the Trust (the "Independent Trustees") met in a separate session to discuss and consider the renewal of the investment advisory agreement for the Fund. Representatives of Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ("Broadridge"), an independent provider of investment company data, provided reports to the Board. The Trustees received a substantial amount of information from the Adviser and from Broadridge, and were advised by independent legal counsel. Based on its evaluation of this and other information, the Board, including a majority of the Independent Trustees, approved the continuation of the investment advisory agreement for the Fund for an additional one-year period.

In reaching its determination, the Board considered various factors that it deemed relevant, including the factors listed below.

### 1. NATURE, EXTENT AND QUALITY OF SERVICES

The Trustees considered the information provided, including, for many, their experience and knowledge gained from their service as Trustees and their experience generally, including the following, which they had previously considered in connection with approving the investment advisory agreement for the Fund and those of the underlying Baron funds in which it invests and remained, in their thinking, material to their consideration:

- Their confidence in the senior personnel, portfolio management, the financial condition of the Adviser and its affiliates and the Adviser's available resources;
- The nature, extent and quality of the services provided by the Adviser, including: relationships with and supervision of third party service providers, such as the Fund's custodian and transfer agent, the quality of shareholder reports, the ability to monitor adherence to investment guidelines and restrictions, the legal, accounting and compliance services provided to the Fund and the support services provided to the Board;
- The Adviser's investment principles and processes and the historical performance of the Fund as compared to similar funds managed by other advisers over comparable periods;
- The total expense ratio of the Fund and comparisons to similar funds managed by other advisers over comparable periods. They observed that the net operating expenses paid by the Fund (total expense ratio) were within the range of those of the funds in its peer group; and
- Additional services provided by the Adviser.

No advisory fee is payable by the Fund to the Adviser, although the Fund bears indirectly its pro rata share of the expenses of the underlying Baron funds in which it invests, including advisory fees payable by such underlying Baron funds to the Adviser.

The Board concluded that the nature, extent and quality of the services the Adviser provides to the Fund supported approval of the investment advisory agreement for the Fund.

### 2. INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE OF THE FUND AND THE ADVISER

As part of its consideration of the investment performance of the Fund and the Adviser, the Board took into account the analyses performed by representatives of Broadridge. The Board considered, among other information, Broadridge's comparison of the expense ratio with those of peer group funds selected by Broadridge and Morningstar category medians. The Board also considered, among other performance information, Broadridge's comparisons of the Fund's annualized total return and related risk metrics over one- and three-year periods against peer group funds and Morningstar category medians. After considering all the information, the Board concluded that the Adviser continued to invest in accordance with its long-standing principles and that the Fund's performance remained consistent with expectations for the Adviser's investment style, in light of recent market conditions.

### 3. COSTS OF SERVICES PROVIDED AND PROFITS TO BE REALIZED BY THE ADVISER

Since the Fund does not pay advisory fees, the Board did not consider any comparisons to the advisory fees charged and services provided by the Adviser and its investment adviser affiliate to any other funds or separately managed accounts. The Board was provided with a profitability analysis prepared by the Adviser and discussed with the representatives of the Adviser that the Adviser has continued to invest in quality personnel, systems and facilities, and otherwise continued to invest in its business, irrespective of fund flows. However, since the Fund does not pay an advisory fee the Board did not consider the profitability analysis material to its considerations.

The Board also considered benefits that accrue to the Adviser and its affiliates from their relationship with the Fund.

### 4. ECONOMIES OF SCALE AND BENEFITS TO INVESTORS

Since the Fund does not pay an advisory fee, the Board did not consider potential economies of scale. The Board did consider that the Adviser was continuing to grow and upgrade its staff and invest in its business.

After due consideration of the above-enumerated factors and other factors it deemed relevant, the Board, including a majority of the Independent Trustees, approved the continuance of the Fund's investment advisory agreement.



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