

BARON FINTECH FUND®



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Institutional Shares (BFIX)

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Portfolio Manager

Josh Saltman joined Baron Capital in 2011 as a research analyst and was named portfolio manager of Baron FinTech Fund in 2019. He has 18 years of research experience.

Portfolio Facts and Characteristics

Inception Date	December 31, 2019
Net Assets	\$66.46 million
# of Issuers / % of Net Assets	47 / 98.6%
Turnover (3 Year Average)	22.10%
Active Share	85.9%
Median Market Cap ²	\$30.92 billion
Weighted Average Market Cap ²	\$106.72 billion

As of FYE 12/31/2023

Gross Expense Ratio	1.21%
Less: Reimbursement of Expenses by Adviser	(0.26)%
Net Expense Ratio	0.95%

Retail: BFINX
R6: BFUX

Top 10 Holdings⁴

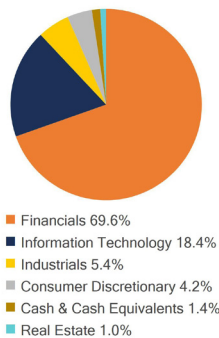
	% of Net Assets
S&P Global Inc.	5.0
Mastercard Incorporated	4.5
The Progressive Corporation	4.4
MercadoLibre, Inc.	4.2
Visa Inc.	4.1
Intuit Inc.	4.1
Fair Isaac Corporation	4.1
Apollo Global Management, Inc.	3.8
Guidewire Software, Inc.	3.7
Fiserv, Inc.	3.6
Total	41.5

Investment Strategy

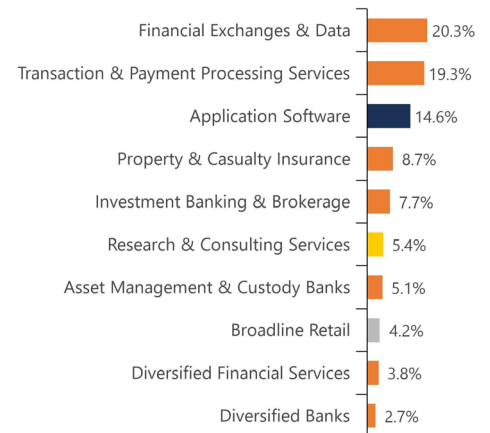
The Fund holds companies of any market capitalization that develop or use innovative technologies related in a significant way to financial services. The Fund principally has exposure to U.S. securities but may have up to 35% in non-U.S. securities. Diversified.

Value	Blend	Growth	
			Large
			Medium
			Small

GICS Sector Breakdown^{1, 4}



Top GICS Sub-Industry Breakdown¹



Colors of Sub-Industry bars correspond to sector chart.

Performance

	Total Return (%)		Annualized Returns (%)				Since Inception 12/31/2019
	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	
BFIX-Institutional Shares	12.52	16.95	33.15	-1.08	-	-	11.63
FactSet Global FinTech Index	12.21	9.53	26.55	-6.12	-	-	3.23
S&P 500 Index	5.89	22.08	36.35	11.91	-	-	14.77
MSCI ACWI Index	6.61	18.66	31.76	8.09	-	-	10.85
Morningstar Technology Category Average	2.42	15.22	34.50	3.08	-	-	13.05

Historical Performance (Calendar Year %)

	2023	2022	2021	2020
BFIX-Institutional Shares	27.31	-33.30	15.35	47.20
FactSet Global FinTech Index	23.34	-33.66	-3.71	34.78
S&P 500 Index	26.29	-18.11	28.71	18.40

The performance data quoted represents past performance. 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. The Adviser waives and/or reimburses certain Fund expenses pursuant to a contract expiring on August 29, 2035, unless renewed for another 11-year term and the Fund's transfer agency expenses may be reduced by expense offsets from an unaffiliated transfer agent, without which performance would have been lower. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data quoted. For performance information current to the most recent month end, visit BaronCapitalGroup.com or call 1-800-99-BARON.

Performance Based Characteristics³

	Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized	Sharpe Ratio	Alpha (%) - Annualized	Beta	R-Squared (%)	Tracking Error (%)	Information Ratio	Upside Capture (%)	Downside Capture (%)
3 Years	21.74	-0.22	4.42	0.85	84.41	9.24	0.55	97.25	83.46
Since Inception	22.82	0.40	8.69	0.81	83.66	10.49	0.80	102.95	79.55

Top Contributors/Detractors to Performance²

BY SUB-INDUSTRIES¹

Top Contributors	Average Weight (%)	Contribution (%)	Top Contributors	Average Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
Financial Exchanges & Data	20.48	2.97	Fair Isaac Corporation	4.20	1.22
Application Software	14.52	2.50	MercadoLibre, Inc.	4.06	1.00
Transaction & Payment Processing Services	19.79	1.90	Guidewire Software, Inc.	3.25	0.99

BY HOLDINGS

Top Detractors	Average Weight (%)	Contribution (%)	Top Detractors	Average Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
Investment Banking & Brokerage	7.83	-0.10	LPL Financial Holdings Inc.	2.10	-0.60
			Intuit Inc.	4.50	-0.26
			The Charles Schwab Corporation	1.27	-0.18

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The Fund may not achieve its objectives. Portfolio holdings may change over time.

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