

# BARON REAL ESTATE FUND<sup>®</sup>



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Institutional Shares (BREIX)

CUSIP 06828M801



## Portfolio Manager

Jeff Kolitch joined Baron Capital in 2005 as a research analyst specializing in real estate and was named portfolio manager of Baron Real Estate Fund in 2009 and Baron Real Estate Income Fund in 2017. He has 33 years of research experience.

## Portfolio Facts and Characteristics

Inception Date	December 31, 2009
Net Assets	\$2.16 billion
# of Issuers / % of Net Assets	32 / 92.8%
Turnover (3 Year Average)	82.44%
Active Share	80.5%
Median Market Cap <sup>2</sup>	\$25.62 billion
Weighted Average Market Cap <sup>2</sup>	\$49.39 billion

## As of FYE 12/31/2023

Expense Ratio	1.06%
Dividend Yield	0.40%

Retail: BREFX  
R6: BREUX

## Top 10 Holdings<sup>4</sup>

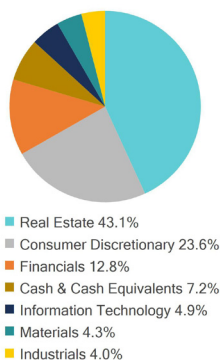
	% of Net Assets
Equinix, Inc.	8.7
Blackstone Inc.	5.0
CBRE Group, Inc.	4.9
GDS Holdings Limited	4.9
Brookfield Corporation	4.9
Jones Lang LaSalle Incorporated	4.9
Welltower Inc.	4.4
Digital Realty Trust, Inc.	4.2
Vornado Realty Trust	3.9
Expedia Group, Inc.	3.7
<b>Total</b>	<b>49.5</b>

## Investment Strategy

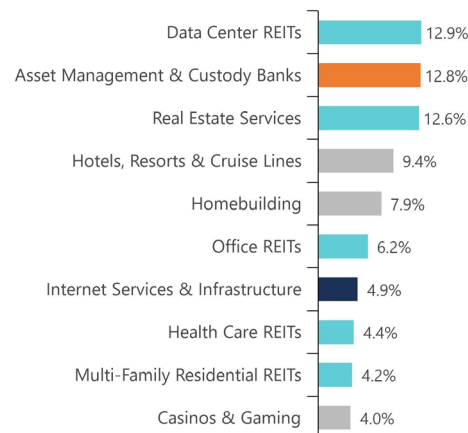
The Fund holds a broad array of real estate businesses with growth potential. Its exposures span across different industries and all capitalization ranges. Diversified.

Value	Blend	Growth	
			Large
			Medium
			Small

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



## Top GICS Sub-Industry Breakdown<sup>1</sup>



Colors of Sub-Industry bars correspond to sector chart.

## Performance

	Total Return (%)		Annualized Returns (%)				Since Inception 12/31/2009
	QTD	YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years	
BREIX-Institutional Shares	-2.98	12.46	12.46	0.21	12.54	9.64	13.68
MSCI USA IMI Extended Real Estate Index	-4.69	12.70	12.70	1.85	8.50	8.61	11.18
MSCI US REIT Index	-6.39	7.49	7.49	-3.43	3.10	4.38	8.03
S&P 500 Index	2.41	25.02	25.02	8.94	14.53	13.10	13.88
Morningstar Real Estate Category Average	-6.99	5.90	5.90	-4.25	2.96	4.96	8.34

## Historical Performance (Calendar Year %)

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
BREIX-Institutional Shares	12.46	25.04	-28.44	24.36	44.28	44.44	-22.04	31.42	-1.75	-4.42
MSCI USA IMI Extended Real Estate Index	12.70	23.09	-23.84	36.55	4.21	30.21	-10.73	18.04	8.24	2.27
MSCI US REIT Index	7.49	12.27	-25.37	41.71	-8.70	24.33	-5.83	3.74	7.14	1.28

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

	Std. Dev. (%) - Annualized	Sharpe Ratio	Alpha (%) - Annualized	Beta	R-Squared (%)	Tracking Error (%)	Information Ratio	Upside Capture (%)	Downside Capture (%)
3 Years	23.85	-0.16	-1.49	1.03	95.84	4.90	-0.34	97.86	102.65
5 Years	23.93	0.42	4.24	0.96	88.18	8.28	0.49	105.56	94.35
10 Years	20.22	0.39	1.16	1.01	86.02	7.56	0.14	104.86	102.03

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

### BY SUB-INDUSTRIES<sup>1</sup>

Top Contributors	Average Weight (%)	Contribution (%)	Top Contributors	Average Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
Asset Management & Custody Banks	11.81	1.11	GDS Holdings Limited	4.05	0.67
Data Center REITs	11.54	0.77	Blackstone Inc.	4.94	0.55
Internet Services & Infrastructure	4.05	0.67	Equinix, Inc.	7.58	0.43

### BY HOLDINGS

Top Detractors	Average Weight (%)	Contribution (%)	Top Detractors	Average Weight (%)	Contribution (%)
Homebuilding	14.75	-3.44	D.R. Horton, Inc.	4.21	-1.22
Casinos & Gaming	6.63	-0.54	Lennar Corporation	4.41	-1.17
Building Products	2.14	-0.37	Toll Brothers, Inc.	5.04	-0.70

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