# **Baird Equity Opportunity Fund**

# Institutional – BSVIX | Investor – BSVSX

As of March 31, 2025

# **CATEGORY**<sup>1</sup>



# INDEX

Russell 2000 Index

#### **EXPENSE RATIO\***

	Net	Gross
Institutional Shares	1.25%	1.73%
Investor Shares	1.50%	1.98%

# **INVESTMENT TEAM<sup>3</sup>**

Joseph Milano, CFA Portfolio Manager Industry Years: 29 | Team Since: 2013

Chip Morris, CFA Analyst Industry Years: 38 | Team Since: 2014

# Scott Barry

Analyst Industry Years: 28 | Team Since: 2014

#### **Ben Landy**

Analyst Industry Years: 16 | Team Since: 2014

#### Scott Mafale

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Analyst Industry Years: 9 | Team Since: 2021

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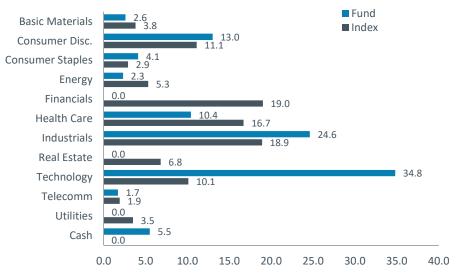
# FUND PERFORMANCE (%)

	Total Return (%)		Average Annual Total Returns (%)				
	QTR	YTD	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception
Equity Opportunity Fund Institutional Class (net)	-11.01	-11.01	6.60	5.05	13.34	5.54	7.44
Equity Opportunity Fund Investor Class (net)	-10.99	-10.99	6.42	4.86	13.10	5.30	7.19
Russell 2000 Index	-9.48	-9.48	-4.01	0.52	13.27	6.30	8.71

Inception Date: 5/01/2012. Returns less than one year are not annualized. *The performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance does not guarantee future results. Investment returns and principal value will fluctuate and shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance data may be lower or higher than the data quoted. Returns include reinvestment of dividends and capital gains. To obtain the most recent month-end performance data available, please visit bairdfunds.com.* 

\*The Net Expense Ratio is the Gross Expense Ratio minus any reimbursement from the advisor. The advisor has contractually agreed to waive its fees and/or reimburse expenses at least through April 30, 2025, to the extent necessary to ensure that the total operating expenses do not exceed 1.50% of the Investor Class's average daily net assets and 1.25% of the Institutional Class's average daily net assets. Investor class expense ratios include a 0.25% 12b-1 fee.

# **SECTOR ALLOCATION (%)<sup>2</sup>**



# FUND CHARACTERISTICS VS. BENCHMARK<sup>2</sup>

Characteristics	Fund	Index
Average Weighted Market Cap (\$B)	\$5.9	\$3.4
P/E Ratio (Forward 12 Mo.)	21.5x	14.7x
Earnings Growth (5 Year Forward)	25.2%	13.4%
Turnover Ratio (Tr. 1 Yr.)	79.9%	N/A
Number of Holdings*	47	1,953

<sup>1</sup>Morningstar Style Box is a proprietary nine-square grid that provides a graphical representation of the "investment style" of stock funds. It classifies securities according to market capitalization (the vertical axis) and growth and value factors (the horizontal axis). By providing an easy-tounderstand visual representation of fund characteristics, the Morningstar Style Box allows for informed comparisons and portfolio construction based on actual holdings, as opposed to assumptions based on a fund's name or how it is marketed. The Style Box also forms the basis for Morningstar's style-based fund categories and market indices.

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<sup>2</sup>Fund Sector Allocation & Characteristics Source: FactSet. P/E Ratio (Forward 12 month) is a valuation of a company's current share price compared to its expended per-share earnings. Earnings Growth (EPS – earnings per share – 3-5 year forward) is the portion of the companies' profits, based on forward consensus earnings estimates, allocated to each share of common stock and serves as an indicator of the companies' estimated profitability over the next 3 to 5 years.

Sector allocation weights are calculated as a percentage of total assets, including cash and cash equivalents.

\*The number of holdings for the Baird Equity Opportunity Fund portfolio includes 12 holdings as of 03/31/2025 that are options-related positions.



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### **CALENDAR-YEAR RETURNS (NET) (%)**

	<b>Fund</b> Institutional Class	<b>Fund</b> Investor Class	Index
2024	24.01	23.72	11.54
2023	13.75	13.56	16.93
2022	-11.56	-11.77	-20.44
2021	19.40	19.16	14.82
2020	2.85	2.54	19.96

# **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

The Baird Equity Opportunity Fund will normally invest at least 80% of its net assets in equity securities. The Fund invests primarily in a select portfolio of equity securities of companies with small- to medium-market capitalizations (those with market capitalizations, at the time of purchase, of less than \$20 billion). The Fund will normally hold a limited number (typically 25 to 50) of companies. However, the Fund may hold fewer or more companies from time to time and invest in companies with larger market capitalizations when the Subadvisor believes doing so will help efforts to achieve the Fund's investment objective. The Fund will hold a mix of both value and growth stocks as part of the Subadvisor's opportunistic approach to investing.

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As a non-diversified fund, the Fund may invest a larger percentage of its assets in a smaller number of companies compared to a diversified fund, which increases risk and volatility because each investment has a greater effect on the overall performance. The Fund focuses on small- and mid-cap stocks and therefore the performance of the fund may be more volatile, less liquid and more likely to be adversely affected by poor economic or market conditions than investment in larger companies. The fund may invest up to 15% of its total assets in the equity securities of foreign companies. Foreign investments involve additional risks such as currency rate fluctuations, the potential for political and economic instability, and different and sometimes less strict financial reporting standards and regulations.

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