

BAIRD FUNDS, INC.

**Baird Small/Mid Cap Value Fund
Investor Class (BMVSX)
Institutional Class (BMVIX)**

**Supplement Dated September 9, 2021 to the Summary Prospectus and Prospectus
dated May 1, 2021, each as supplemented,
and Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”) dated May 1, 2021**

On September 7, 2021, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Baird Funds, Inc. (the “Company”) approved the reorganization of the Baird Small/Mid Cap Value Fund (the “SMID Fund”) with and into the Baird SmallCap Value Fund, each a series of the Company, subject to approval by shareholders of the SMID Fund at a special meeting to be held in the fourth quarter of 2021. The Baird SmallCap Value Fund (the “Acquiring Fund”) is to be renamed the Baird Equity Opportunity Fund as further discussed below. Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated (the “Advisor”) serves as the investment advisor to both Funds and is proposed to continue to serve as investment advisor to the Acquiring Fund.

The Board approved an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (the “Plan”) that provides for the acquisition of the assets and liabilities of the SMID Fund by the Acquiring Fund in exchange for shares of the Acquiring Fund. Shareholders of the SMID Fund would become shareholders of the Acquiring Fund, receiving shares of the Institutional Class of the Acquiring Fund equal in value to their shares of the Investor Class or Institutional Class of the SMID Fund held immediately prior to the reorganization. The reorganization is intended to qualify as a tax-free transaction for federal income tax purposes. The Advisor recommended the reorganization in connection with the proposed retention of a new subadvisor for the combined Fund, as discussed below.

Shareholders of record of the SMID Fund will receive a combined proxy statement/prospectus in the coming weeks, which describes and seeks approval of the proposed reorganization. Assuming shareholders of the SMID Fund approve the Plan, the reorganization is expected to close in December of 2021.

The Board also approved the retention of Greenhouse Funds LLLP (“Greenhouse”) as subadvisor to the Acquiring Fund and a related subadvisory agreement, subject to approval by the shareholders of the Acquiring Fund at a special meeting to be held in the fourth quarter of 2021. Greenhouse is a registered investment advisory firm based in Baltimore, Maryland and an affiliate of the Advisor. The Advisor recommended the retention of Greenhouse because it believes Greenhouse’s management will allow the combined Fund to pursue an investment strategy that could result in enhanced net of fees returns to shareholders while continuing to invest generally in smaller companies.

In connection with the proposed retention of Greenhouse, the Board also approved (1) a new investment advisory agreement authorizing the Advisor to delegate the day-to-day portfolio management to one or more subadvisors such as Greenhouse and (2) the reclassification of the Acquiring Fund from a “diversified” to a “non-diversified” fund within the meaning of the Investment Company Act of 1940, subject to approval of the shareholders of the Acquiring Fund. Subject to shareholder approval of the new advisory and subadvisory agreements, Greenhouse will assume day-to-day management responsibilities of the Acquiring Fund and the Acquiring Fund will be renamed the Baird Equity Opportunity Fund.

Assuming shareholders of the Acquiring Fund approve the appointment of Greenhouse as subadvisor to the Acquiring Fund, the principal strategies of the Acquiring Fund will change to reflect Greenhouse’s investment philosophy and the new name of the Fund, including the following changes:

- The Acquiring Fund will normally invest at least 80% of its net assets in equity securities, including common stocks, ordinary shares, ADRs, ETFs, preferred stocks and options whose reference assets are equity securities and equity indices;
- The Acquiring Fund will invest in companies with small to medium market capitalizations, defined as companies of market capitalizations of less than \$20 billion;
- The Acquiring Fund is expected to hold a more limited number of investments, typically 25-50 holdings;
- The Acquiring Fund would be permitted to purchase and sell options for hedging purposes and to enhance returns; and

- The Acquiring Fund may from time to time experience increased short-term trading, which would increase portfolio turnover.

As a result of the new investment advisory agreement and the retention of Greenhouse, the annual advisory fee rate paid by the Acquiring Fund is proposed to increase to 1.25%. The Advisor has also agreed to limit the Acquiring Fund's annual fund operating expenses for Institutional Class shares and Investor Class shares through at least April 30, 2025, to 1.25% and 1.50%, respectively, subject to certain expense exclusions consistent with the Fund's current expense cap agreement with the Advisor. In addition, the Acquiring Fund's primary benchmark index is proposed to change from the Russell 2000[®] Value Index to the Russell 2000[®] Index and the Acquiring Fund would hold a mix of both value and growth stocks as part of Greenhouse's opportunistic approach to investing.

More information about Greenhouse and its investment strategy for the Acquiring Fund will be provided in the combined proxy statement/prospectus.

The reorganization is contingent upon both the approval of the reorganization by the shareholders of the SMID Fund and the approval of the new investment advisory and subadvisory agreements by shareholders of the Acquiring Fund.

Shares of the SMID Fund are closed to new purchases and incoming exchanges after market close on September 9, 2021. Exceptions may be made for retirement plans, automatic purchase plans and in other limited circumstances when approved by the officers of the Company where it is not operationally possible or otherwise impracticable to prohibit new purchases by an account. Current shareholders may redeem their shares of the SMID Fund in the ordinary course.

*This Supplement should be retained with your Summary Prospectus,
Prospectus and SAI for future reference.
The date of this Supplement is September 9, 2021.*



Baird Small/Mid Cap Value Fund

Trading Symbols:

BMVSX – Investor Class Shares

BMVIX – Institutional Class Shares

Summary Prospectus

May 1, 2021

Before you invest, you may want to review the Baird Small/Mid Cap Value Fund's (the "Fund") prospectus, which contains more information about the Fund and its risks. You can find the Fund's prospectus and other information about the Fund, including the Fund's statement of additional information and shareholder reports, online at <http://www.bairdassetmanagement.com/baird-funds/funds-and-performance#Literature>. You may also obtain this information at no cost by calling 1-866-442-2473 or by sending an e-mail request to prospectus@bairdfunds.com. The Fund's prospectus and statement of additional information, both dated May 1, 2021, are incorporated by reference into this summary prospectus.

As of January 1, 2021, paper copies of the Fund's annual and semi-annual shareholder reports will no longer be sent by mail. Instead, the reports will be made available on the Fund's website. You will be notified and provided with a link each time a report is posted to the website. You may request to receive paper reports from the Fund or from your financial intermediary, free of charge, at any time.

Investment Objective

The investment objective of the Fund is to provide long-term capital appreciation.

Fees and Expenses of the Fund

The table below describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold and sell shares of the Fund. You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the table and example below.

Shareholder Fees

(fees paid directly from your investment)

None

Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment)

	<i>Investor Class Shares</i>	<i>Institutional Class Shares</i>
Management Fees	0.75%	0.75%
Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees	0.25%	None
Other Expenses	<u>0.90%</u>	<u>0.90%</u>
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	1.90%	1.65%
Less: Fee Waiver/Expense Reimbursement ⁽¹⁾	<u>-0.80%</u>	<u>-0.80%</u>
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses After Fee Waiver/ Expense Reimbursement	1.10%	0.85%

⁽¹⁾ Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated (the “Advisor”) has contractually agreed to waive management fees and/or reimburse other expenses in order to limit the Fund’s total annual fund operating expenses to 1.10% of average daily net assets for the Investor Class shares and 0.85% of average daily net assets for the Institutional Class shares. The Advisor’s expense reimbursement agreement includes the fees and expenses incurred by the Fund in connection with the Fund’s investments in other investment companies (to the extent, in the aggregate, such expenses exceed 0.0049% of the Fund’s net assets) and interest expense, but excludes taxes, brokerage commissions and extraordinary expenses. If such excluded expenses were incurred, Fund expenses would be higher. The Advisor is entitled to recoup the fees waived and/or expenses reimbursed within a three-year period from the time the expenses were incurred, provided that the aggregate amount actually paid by the Fund toward the operating expenses in any month (taking into account the recoupment) will not cause the Fund to exceed the lesser of: (1) the expense cap in place at the time of the fee waiver and/or expense reimbursement; or (2) the expense cap in place at the time of the recoupment. The agreement will continue in effect at least through April 30, 2022 and may only be terminated prior to the end of this term by or with the consent of the Board of Directors.

Example

This Example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds.

The Example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The Example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Please note that the one-year numbers below are based on the Fund’s net expenses resulting from the expense reimbursement agreement described above. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
Investor Class Shares	\$112	\$519	\$952	\$2,157
Institutional Class Shares	\$87	\$442	\$822	\$1,887

Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in total annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 84% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund normally invests at least 80% of its net assets, plus any borrowings for investment purposes, in a diversified portfolio of common stocks of companies with small-to-medium market capitalizations. The Advisor defines such companies as those with a maximum market capitalization of \$17 billion at the time of investment. Although the Fund invests principally in U.S. companies, the Fund may invest up to 15% of its total assets in equity securities (consisting of common stocks, ordinary shares and American Depositary Receipts (“ADRs”)) of foreign companies that are traded on U.S. exchanges. The Advisor seeks to identify industries and business models that it believes are priced at a discount to their true value because they are currently out of favor with the market or have earnings or profit potential that may be underestimated by Wall Street analysts. The Advisor seeks to purchase securities of small-to-medium capitalization companies believed to have favorable valuation characteristics and opportunities for increased growth. The Advisor primarily considers the following factors:

- **Valuation** – Low price/earnings, price/book and price/cash flow ratios. These characteristics are evaluated based upon a proprietary analysis of forecasted levels of profitability.
- **Balance Sheet Strength** – Above average projected net margins, returns on equity, returns on assets, free cash flow generation, and revenue and earnings growth rates; trends in balance sheet items, including inventories and accounts receivable and payable, are also scrutinized.
- **Product Offering/Market Position** – The company offers a valuable product or service and has a good market position within a viable industry.
- **Accounting Policies and Management** – The company possesses sound financial and accounting policies and has a high quality management team with a track record of success.

The Advisor also considers environmental, social and governance (ESG) factors in selecting investments for the Fund. As a long-term, buy and hold investor, the Advisor includes ESG considerations as part of its overall investment

decision-making. The Advisor believes ESG factors vary across companies, industries, and sectors and therefore does not apply exclusionary ESG screens in selecting investments for the Fund.

The Advisor will typically sell a security held by the Fund when the investment thesis changes, the company's fundamentals deteriorate, the Advisor identifies portfolio structure or risk management needs and/or the security's valuation relative to its peer group is no longer attractive.

Principal Risks

Please be aware that you may lose money by investing in the Fund. The following is a summary description of certain risks of investing in the Fund.

Stock Market Risks

Stock prices vary and may fall, thus reducing the value of the Fund's investments. Certain stocks selected for the Fund's portfolio may decline in value more than the overall stock market. The U.S. and international markets have recently experienced extreme price volatility and reduced liquidity. Continuing market problems may have adverse effects on the Fund.

Value-Style Investing Risks

Because the Fund focuses on value-style stocks, its performance may at times be worse than the performance of funds that focus on other types of stocks or that have a different investment style. Value-style investing may go out of favor with investors, negatively impacting the Fund's growth and performance. Value stocks may also fail to appreciate as much as anticipated, and their intrinsic value may not be recognized by the broader market.

Management Risks

The Advisor's judgments about the attractiveness, value and potential appreciation of particular companies' stocks may prove to be incorrect. Such errors could result in a negative return to the Fund and a loss to you.

Equity Securities Risks

Equity securities may experience sudden, unpredictable drops in value or long periods of decline in value. This change may occur because of factors that affect securities markets generally or factors affecting specific industries, sectors or companies in which the Fund invests.

Common Stock Risks

Common stocks are susceptible to general stock market fluctuations and to volatile increases and decreases in value as market confidence in and perceptions of their issuers change. Holders of common stocks are generally subject to greater risk than holders of preferred stocks and debt obligations of the same issuer because common stockholders generally have inferior rights to receive payments from issuers in comparison with the rights of preferred stockholders, bondholders and other creditors.

Small-to-Medium Market Capitalization Risks

Stocks of companies with small and medium market capitalizations involve a higher degree of risk than investments in the broad-based equities market. Small- to mid-capitalization stocks are often more volatile and less liquid than investments in larger companies, and are more likely to be adversely affected by poor economic or market conditions. In addition, small- to mid-capitalization companies may lack the management experience, financial resources and product diversification of larger companies, making them more susceptible to market pressures and business failure.

Financial Sector Risks

The Fund may invest a relatively large percentage of its assets in the financial sector given its weighting in the Fund's benchmark and, therefore, the Fund's performance may be adversely affected by volatility in financial and credit markets. Financial services companies (e.g., banks and insurance companies) are subject to extensive government regulation, interest rate risk, credit losses and price competition, among other factors.

Small Fund Risk

There can be no assurance that the Fund will grow to or maintain an economically viable size.

ESG Considerations Risk

Consideration of ESG factors in the investment process may cause the Advisor to forgo opportunities to invest in certain companies or to gain exposure to certain industries or regions and, therefore, carries the risk that, under certain market conditions, the Fund may underperform funds that do not consider such factors. There are not universally accepted ESG factors and the Advisor will consider them in its discretion.

Foreign Securities Risks

Securities of foreign issuers and ADRs are subject to certain inherent risks, such as political or economic instability of the country of issue and government policies, tax rates, withholding of foreign taxes, prevailing interest rates and credit conditions that may differ from those affecting domestic corporations. Securities of foreign issuers and ADRs may also be subject to currency fluctuations and controls and greater fluctuation in price than the securities of domestic corporations. Foreign companies generally are subject to different auditing and financial reporting standards than those applicable to domestic companies.

The United Kingdom (UK) withdrew from the European Union (EU) on January 31, 2020 following a June 2016 referendum referred to as "Brexit." Although the UK and EU agreed to a trade deal in December 2020, certain post-EU arrangements, such as those relating to the offering of cross-border financial services and sharing of cross-border data, have yet to be reached and the EU's willingness to grant equivalency to the UK remains uncertain. There is significant market uncertainty regarding Brexit's ramifications, and the range of possible political, regulatory, economic and market outcomes is difficult to predict. The uncertainty surrounding the UK's economy, and its legal, political, and economic relationship with the remaining member states of the EU, may cause considerable disruption in securities markets, including decreased liquidity and increased volatility, as well as currency fluctuations in the British pound's exchange rate against the U.S. dollar.

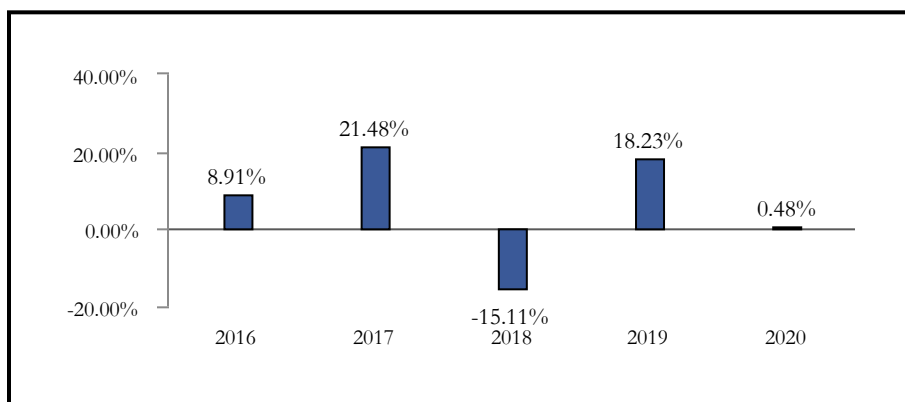
Recent Market Events

U.S. and international markets have experienced significant periods of volatility in recent months and years due to a number of economic, political, social and global macro factors including the impact of the coronavirus (COVID-19) global pandemic, which has resulted in a global health crisis, business interruptions, growth concerns in the U.S. and overseas, layoffs, rising unemployment claims, changed travel and social behaviors, reduced consumer spending, and fiscal, monetary and other government policy responses. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic may last for an extended period of time.

Performance

The performance information provides some indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for one and five years and since inception period compare with those of a broad measure of market performance. Past performance, before and after taxes, is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated performance information is available on the Fund's website at www.bairdfunds.com or by calling the Fund toll-free at 1-866-442-2473.

Calendar Year Returns for Institutional Class Shares



Best quarter: 4th quarter 2020 24.29%

Worst quarter: 1st quarter 2020 -28.00%

Average Annual Total Returns as of December 31, 2020

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>Since Inception</u> <u>(11/30/15)</u>
<i>Institutional Class</i>			
Return Before Taxes	0.48%	5.94%	4.85%
Return After Taxes on Distributions	0.31%	5.77%	4.68%
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	0.41%	4.63%	3.77%
<i>Investor Class</i>			
Return Before Taxes	0.15%	5.64%	4.56%
Russell 2500® Value Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)	4.88%	9.43%	8.26%

After-tax returns are shown only for Institutional Class shares, and the after-tax returns for Investor Class shares will vary. After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Your actual after-tax returns depend on your tax situation and may differ from those shown. After-tax returns are not relevant if you hold your shares through a tax-deferred account, such as a 401(k) plan or an individual retirement account.

The Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares may be higher than other return figures when a capital loss occurs upon the redemption of Fund shares and provides an assumed tax benefit that increases the after-tax return.

Investment Advisor

Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated is the Fund's investment advisor.

Portfolio Manager

<u>Name</u>	Portfolio Manager of the Fund <u>Since</u>	<u>Title</u>
Michelle E. Stevens, CFA	2015	Senior Portfolio Manager for Baird Equity Asset Management and Managing Director of the Advisor

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

You may purchase or redeem shares of the Fund on any day the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") is open by written request via mail (Baird Funds, Inc. c/o U.S. Bank Global Fund Services, P.O. Box 701, Milwaukee, WI 53201-0701) or overnight delivery (Baird Funds, Inc. c/o U.S. Bank Global Fund Services, 615 E. Michigan Street, Third Floor, Milwaukee, WI 53202), by wire transfer, by telephone at 1-866-442-2473, or through a financial intermediary. Purchases and redemptions by telephone are only permitted if you previously established these options on your account.

The minimum initial and subsequent investment amounts are shown below, although the Fund may reduce or waive them in some cases in its discretion.

	<i>Initial Purchase</i>	<i>Subsequent Purchases</i>
Investor Class	\$1,000 – Individual Retirement Accounts (Traditional/Roth/SIMPLE/SEP IRAs) and Coverdell Education Savings Account	\$100
	\$2,500 – All Other Accounts	\$100
Institutional Class	\$10,000 – All Account Types	No minimum

Tax Information

The Fund's distributions may be subject to federal income tax and may be taxed as ordinary income or long-term capital gains unless you are investing through a tax-deferred or other tax-advantaged arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or an individual retirement account ("IRA"). You may be taxed later upon the withdrawal of monies from such tax-deferred or other tax-advantaged arrangements.

Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries

If you purchase Fund shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Fund and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. In addition, some broker-dealers may regard Institutional Class shares of the Fund as “clean” shares and charge you a commission on the purchase of such shares. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.