



## **Baird Mid Cap Growth Fund**

### **Trading Symbols:**

**BMDSX – Investor Class Shares**

**BMDIX – Institutional Class Shares**

## **Summary Prospectus** **May 1, 2023**

Before you invest, you may want to review the Baird Mid Cap Growth 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](mailto:prospectus@bairdfunds.com). The Fund's prospectus and statement of additional information, both dated May 1, 2023, are incorporated by reference into this summary prospectus.

## Investment Objective

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

## 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><u>Investor<br/>Class Shares</u></i> | <i><u>Institutional<br/>Class Shares</u></i> |
|---|---|--|
| Management Fees                                     | 0.75%                                   | 0.75%  |
| Distribution and Service (12b-1) Fees               | 0.25%                                   | None   |
| Other Expenses                                      | <u>0.07%</u>                            | <u>0.07%</u>                                 |
| Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses <sup>(1)</sup> | 1.07%                                   | 0.82%  |

<sup>(1)</sup> Please note that the Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses in the table above do not correlate to the Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets found within the “Financial Highlights” section of this prospectus, which reflects the operating expenses of the Fund and does not include fees and expenses incurred indirectly by the Fund as a result of investments in other investment companies.

## 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. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

|                            | <b>1 Year</b> | <b>3 Years</b> | <b>5 Years</b> | <b>10 Years</b> |
|----------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Investor Class Shares      | \$109         | \$340          | \$590          | \$1,306         |
| Institutional Class Shares | \$84          | \$262          | \$455          | \$1,014         |

## 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 26% 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 the equity securities of U.S. and foreign mid-capitalization companies, principally common stocks, preferred stocks, securities convertible into common stocks and American Depositary Receipts (“ADRs”) that are traded on major U.S. exchanges. Although the Fund principally invests 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 ADRs) of foreign companies. The Fund defines mid-capitalization companies as those companies with a market capitalization within the range of companies in the Russell Midcap<sup>®</sup> Growth Index at the time of investment.

When analyzing equity securities to be purchased by the Fund, Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated (the “Advisor”) emphasizes a company’s growth prospects. The Fund’s investments are selected using a variety of both quantitative techniques and fundamental research in seeking to maximize the Fund’s expected return while controlling risk.

The Fund seeks a portfolio comprised of companies which reflect “PRIME” growth factors. These factors are analyzed as part of the Advisor’s investment process and are represented in the following ways:

- Durable **P**rofitability. Companies with attractive margins and favorable margin trends can drive superior earnings growth.
- Sustainable **R**evenue Growth. Solid barriers to entry, favorable pricing and demonstrated product/service track record can aid top-line prospects.
- Favorable **I**ndustry dynamics.
- **M**anagement strength and integrity is a critical element of a high quality company. Growth, profitability and shareholder returns provide insight into management effectiveness. The Advisor seeks companies with management that position their company’s balance sheet to be a source of strength.
- Understanding market **E**xpectations of a company is important in assessing risk/return opportunities.

The Advisor believes an analysis of these PRIME factors yields insights to the competitive strength of a business model.

The Advisor applies the following strategies when purchasing securities for the Fund’s portfolio:

- Intentionally avoiding short-term trading strategies and rapid shifts in industry positions.
- Setting sector limits at the greater of 30% of the Fund’s total assets or double the weighting of the Russell Midcap<sup>®</sup> Growth Index in any one sector, as defined by such index.
- Typically holding the securities of fewer than 60 companies with exposure to at least 20 industries.
- Seeking securities whose growth prospects, in the Advisor’s opinion, are not reflected in their current stock prices.

- Limiting the size of any one new position. No security will represent more than 5% of the Fund's total assets at the time of purchase.
- Leveraging key tools, such as the Advisor's proprietary tier-board, which provides a visual representation of portfolio positions and enables discussion on relative weights of underlying positions.

The Advisor may sell a security due to achievement of valuation targets, significant change in the initial investment premise or fundamental deterioration.

## 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. U.S. and international markets have experienced price volatility in recent months and years. Continuing market volatility may have adverse effects on the Fund.

### *Growth-Style Investing Risks*

Because the Fund focuses on growth-style stocks, its performance may at times be better or worse than the performance of funds that focus on other types of stocks or that have a different investment style. Growth stocks are often characterized by high price-to-earnings ratios, which may be more volatile than stocks with lower price-to-earnings ratios.

### *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.

### *Mid-Capitalization Risks*

Mid-capitalization stocks are often more volatile and less liquid than investments in larger companies. The frequency and volume of trading in securities of mid-size companies may be substantially less than is typical of larger companies. Therefore, the securities of mid-size companies may be subject to greater and more abrupt price fluctuations. In addition, mid-size companies may lack the management experience, financial resources and product diversification of larger companies, making them more susceptible to market pressures and business failure.

### *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.

### *Cybersecurity Risk*

With the increased use of technologies such as the Internet to conduct business, the Fund is susceptible to operational, information security, and related risks. Cyber incidents affecting the Fund or its service providers may cause disruptions and impact business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses, interference with the Fund's ability to calculate its NAV, impediments to trading, the inability of shareholders to transact business, violations of applicable privacy and other laws, regulatory fines, penalties, reputational damage, reimbursement or other compensation costs, or additional compliance costs.

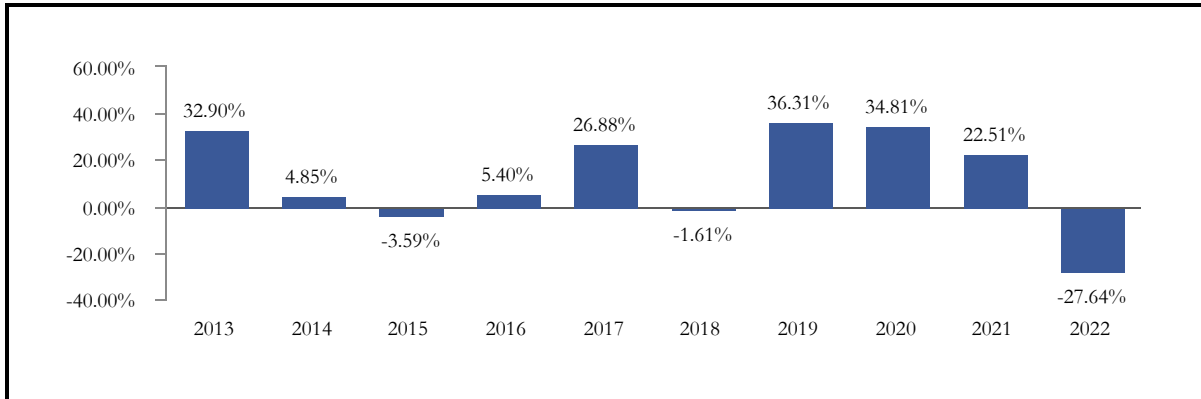
### *Recent Market Events*

Russia's ongoing war with Ukraine has heightened global geopolitical tensions, resulting in an elevated risk environment and increased volatility in asset prices. The uncertain course of the war may have a significant negative impact on the global economy. U.S. relations with China have become increasingly strained, and tension between the U.S. and China may have a significant negative impact on the global economy and asset prices. Measures of inflation reached levels not experienced in several decades, leading the Federal Reserve to raise short-term interest rates significantly over the last year, with the potential for further rate increases in 2023. Uncertainty regarding the ability of the Federal Reserve to successfully control inflation, the potential for incremental rate increases, and the full impact of prior rate increases on the economy and other factors, such as disruption in the banking sector, may negatively impact asset prices and increase market volatility. The possibility of a U.S. or global recession may also contribute to market volatility. The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic caused significant economic disruption in recent years as countries worked to limit the negative health impacts of the virus. While the virus appears to be entering an endemic stage, significant outbreaks or new variants present a continued risk to the global economy. It is possible that these or other geopolitical events could have an adverse effect on the Fund's performance.

## **Performance**

The performance information presented below 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, five and ten years and since inception periods 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](http://www.bairdfunds.com) or by calling the Fund toll-free at 1-866-442-2473.

### Calendar Year Returns for Institutional Class Shares



**Best quarter:** 2nd quarter 2020 29.44%

**Worst quarter:** 1st quarter 2020 -19.30%

### Average Annual Total Returns as of December 31, 2022

|   | <u>1 Year</u> | <u>5 Years</u> | <u>10 Years</u> | <u>Since Inception 12/29/00</u> |
|---|---------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>Institutional Class</i>                                  |               |                |                 |                                 |
| Return Before Taxes   | -27.64%       | 9.89%          | 11.16%          | 7.92%                           |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions                         | -27.91%       | 7.93%          | 9.94%           | 7.03%                           |
| Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares | -16.16%       | 7.87%          | 9.21%           | 6.64%                           |
| <i>Investor Class</i>                                       |               |                |                 |                                 |
| Return Before Taxes   | -27.82%       | 9.60%          | 10.88%          | 7.66%                           |
| <b>Russell MidCap® Growth Index</b>                         | -26.72%       | 7.64%          | 11.41%          | 7.14%                           |
| <b>(reflects no deduction for fees, expenses or taxes)</b>  |               |                |                 |                                 |

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 or other tax-advantaged 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 Managers

| <u>Name</u>              | <u>Portfolio<br/>Manager of<br/>the Fund<br/>Since</u> | <u>Title</u>  |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| Charles F. Severson, CFA | 2000   | Senior Portfolio Manager for Baird Equity Asset Management and Managing Director of the Advisor |
| Kenneth M. Hemauer, CFA  | 2010   | 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) | \$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 arrangements or other tax-advantaged arrangements, 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 will charge you a commission on the purchase of such shares. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.