# Fact Sheet RON'S<mark>400</mark>



The Barron's 400 Index, or B400, seeks to track the performance of the most fundamentally sound companies with the best growth prospects in the U.S. The objective of B400 is to provide a benchmark to investors seeking long-term capital appreciation through diversified exposure to U.S. equities. The Index uses fundamental analysis and a growth at a reasonable price (GARP) methodology to select the top 400 constituents in the U.S. equity universe after filtering for liquidity and diversification over size and sectors. B400 was created jointly by Barron's, MarketGrader, and Dow Jones Indexes, and launched on the cover of Barron's in 2007.

## **Index Rules**

#### **Underlying Universe**

MarketGrader North American coverage universe of approximately 6,000 companies.

#### Objective

Designed to serve as the basis of investment funds providing access to investors to some of the most promising stocks in the U.S.

#### Weighting

The index is equally weighted.

#### **Rebalance Frequency**

Semi-annually on the third Friday of March and September.

#### **Selection Criteria**

Stocks are selected based on their overall MarketGrader fundamental score on a scale of one hundred (100). Score is calculated based on 24 fundamental factors across Growth, Value, Profitability and Cash Flow.

#### **Market Cap Requirements**

All selections must have a minimum floatadjusted market cap of \$250 million. At least 25% of all selections (100 companies) must have a total market cap above \$3 billion.

#### **Liquidity Requirements**

All selections must have a minimum three month average daily traded dollar volume of \$2 million.

#### Sector Limits

The number of selections in a single economic sector cannot exceed 20% of the index (80 companies). REITs are ineligible.

#### Ticker: B400

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# Performance

#### Cumulative Total Return Jan. 1998 - Mar. 2024

All data as of March 29, 2024



#### Calendar Year Returns (%)

|       | B400 TR | DWCF TR | SPX TR |
|-------|---------|---------|--------|
| 2024* | 9.3     | 10.0    | 10.6   |
| 2023  | 18.9    | 26.1    | 26.3   |
| 2022  | -15.0   | -19.5   | -18.1  |
| 2021  | 31.5    | 25.7    | 28.7   |
| 2020  | 18.3    | 20.8    | 18.4   |
| 2019  | 22.1    | 30.9    | 31.5   |
| 2018  | -13.0   | -5.3    | -4.4   |
| 2017  | 19.7    | 21.2    | 21.8   |
| 2016  | 18.3    | 12.6    | 12.0   |
| 2015  | -3.1    | 0.4     | 1.4    |
| 2014  | 7.1     | 12.5    | 13.7   |
| 2013  | 41.6    | 33.5    | 32.4   |
| 2012  | 15.1    | 16.4    | 16.0   |
| 2011  | 0.5     | 1.1     | 2.1    |
| 2010  | 24.0    | 17.5    | 15.1   |
| 2009  | 41.1    | 28.6    | 26.5   |
| 2008  | -39.2   | -37.2   | -37.0  |
| 2007  | 6.2     | 5.6     | 5.5    |
| 2006  | 12.7    | 15.8    | 15.8   |
| 2005  | 12.0    | 6.4     | 4.9    |
| 2004  | 23.5    | 12.5    | 10.9   |
| 2003  | 45.1    | 31.7    | 28.7   |
| 2002  | -9.8    | -20.9   | -22.1  |
| 2001  | -0.6    | -11.0   | -11.9  |
| 2000  | 15.9    | -10.9   | -9.1   |

\*YTD values through 03/29/2024

#### Annualized Returns (%)

|                | B400 TR | DWCF TR | SPX TR |
|----------------|---------|---------|--------|
| 3-Years        | 8.8     | 9.8     | 11.5   |
| 5 -Years       | 13.1    | 14.2    | 15.1   |
| Since 08/31/07 | 9.6     | 10.0    | 10.2   |
| Since 12/31/97 | 11.2    | 8.7     | 8.6    |

#### Cumulative Returns (%)

|                | B400 TR | DWCF TR | SPX TR |
|----------------|---------|---------|--------|
| 3-Years        | 28.8    | 32.4    | 38.7   |
| 5 -Years       | 84.7    | 94.5    | 101.6  |
| Since 08/31/07 | 358.5   | 383.2   | 396.5  |
| Since 12/31/97 | 1528.7  | 788.8   | 779.1  |

#### Standard Deviation (%)

|                                     | B400 TR | DWCF TR | SPX TR |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| 3-Years                             | 19.9    | 17.3    | 17.0   |
| 5 -Years                            | 21.6    | 18.7    | 18.1   |
| Since 08/31/07                      | 19.3    | 16.5    | 16.0   |
| Since 12/31/97<br>Fequency: Monthly | 18.8    | 16.0    | 15.6   |

#### **Sharpe Ratio**

| -                                   | B400 TR | DWCF TR | SPX TR |
|-------------------------------------|---------|---------|--------|
| 3-Years                             | 0.44    | 0.57    | 0.68   |
| 5 -Years                            | 0.60    | 0.76    | 0.83   |
| Since 08/31/07                      | 0.50    | 0.61    | 0.64   |
| Since 12/31/97<br>Fequency: Monthly | 0.60    | 0.54    | 0.55   |

DWCF = Dow Jones U.S. Total Stock Market Index

\*The Barron's 400 index was first published on August 29, 2007. All estimated daily historical closing prices prior to that date are based on back-testing (i.e., calculations of how the index might have performed in the past if it had existed). Backtested perfor-mance information is purely hypothetical and is solely for informational purposes. Backtested performance does not represent actual performance, and should not be interpreted as an indication of actual performance. Past performance is not indicative of future results.

SPX = S&P 500 Index

# Fact Sheet

Index composition data as of March 29, 2024

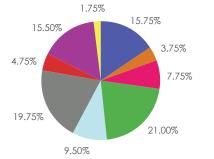
#### **Index Bio**

| Average Market Cap (millions of USD) | \$64,871               |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Median Market Cap (millions of USD)  | \$10,232               |
| Average 3 Mo. Volume (Dollars)       | \$402,703,513          |
| Average 3 Mo. Volume (Shares)        | 2,326,900              |
| Most Recent Rebalance                | 3/18/24                |
| Companies Replaced                   | 162                    |
| Sector with Biggest Increase         | Consumer Discretionary |
| Sector with Biggest Decrease         | Energy                 |
| Companies Overlapping S&P 500        | 151                    |
| Fundamental Attributes               | Median                 |
| Trailing P/E Ratio                   | 18.3                   |
| Forward P/E Ratio                    | 16.1                   |
| Earnings Yield                       | 6.2%                   |
| Price/Tangible Book Ratio            | 4.0                    |
| Revenue Change - 3 Years             | 53.9%                  |

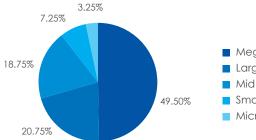
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| Revenue Change - 3 Years               | 53.9% |
| Operating Income Change - 3 Years      | 99.0% |
| Operating Margin                       | 19.9% |
| Earnings per Share (EPS) 3-Year Growth | 24.7% |
| Total Debt to Capital                  | 36.4% |
| Return on Equity                       | 24.3% |
| Dividend Yield                         | 0.75% |
| Beta                                   | 0.87  |

| Median and Average Grades    | Median | Average |
|------------------------------|--------|---------|
| Barron's 400 Index           | 64.8   | 64.6    |
| S&P 500                      | 51.5   | 50.4    |
| Dow Jones Industrial Average | 52.0   | 51.7    |
| NASDAQ Composite             | 54.1   | 53.5    |

#### **Sector Breakdown**



#### Market Cap Breakdown



- Consumer Discretionary
- Consumer Staples
- Energy
- Financials Health Care
- Industrials
- Materials
- Technology
- Utilities
- Mega Large Mid Small Micro

### **Top 20 Stocks by Fundamentals**

| Ticker | Name                                  | Grade  |
|--------|---------------------------------------|--------|
| LNTH   | Lantheus Holdings Inc                 | 89.4   |
| VYGR   | Voyager Therapeutics, Inc.            | 88.2   |
| POWL   | Powell Industries, Inc.               | • 86.1 |
| HALO   | Halozyme Therapeutics, Inc.           | 83.7   |
| CQP    | Cheniere Energy Partners, L.P.        | 82.2   |
| DMLP   | Dorchester Minerals, L.P.             | 82.0   |
| lpg    | Dorian LPG Ltd.                       | • 82.0 |
| GCT    | GigaCloud Technology, Inc. Class      | • 81.3 |
| NVDA   | NVIDIA Corporation                    | • 81.0 |
| FCNCA  | First Citizens BancShares, Inc. Class | 80.9   |
| HRMY   | Harmony Biosciences Holdings, Inc.    | • 80.5 |
| OFG    | OFG Bancorp                           | • 80.5 |
| DECK   | Deckers Outdoor Corporation           | • 79.4 |
| UTHR   | United Therapeutics Corporation       | • 79.3 |
| OZK    | Bank OZK                              | • 78.8 |
| NSSC   | NAPCO Security Technologies, Inc.     | • 78.2 |
| NBHC   | National Bank Holdings Corpora-       | • 78.1 |
| META   | Meta Platforms Inc Class A            | • 77.9 |
| BBW    | BuildABear Workshop, Inc.             | • 77.9 |
| VST    | Vistra Corp.                          | • 77.9 |

#### **Most Selections Since Inception**

| Ticker | Name                            | Times |
|--------|---------------------------------|-------|
| MSFT   | Microsoft Corporation           | 48    |
| NKE    | NIKE, Inc. Class B              | 42    |
| AAPL   | Apple Inc.                      | 41    |
| FDS    | FactSet Research Systems Inc.   | 40    |
| PEP    | PepsiCo, Inc.                   | 39    |
| ROST   | Ross Stores, Inc.               | 39    |
| TJX    | TJX Companies Inc               | 38    |
| NVR    | NVR, Inc.                       | 37    |
| FAST   | Fastenal Company                | 37    |
| CTSH   | Cognizant Technology Solutions  | 37    |
| AMAT   | Applied Materials, Inc.         | 37    |
| TROW   | T. Rowe Price Group             | 35    |
| EWBC   | East West Bancorp, Inc.         | 34    |
| IBM    | International Business Machines | 33    |
| RMD    | ResMed Inc.                     | 33    |
| CPRT   | Copart, Inc.                    | 32    |
| ADBE   | Adobe Inc.                      | 32    |
| APH    | Amphenol Corporation Class A    | 31    |
| GGG    | Graco Inc.                      | 31    |
| GILD   | Gilead Sciences, Inc.           | 31    |

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