## **BARINGS**





Bloomberg Businessweek (Chinese Edition) Top Fund Awards<sup>1</sup>

ASEAN Equity—Best Performer—Mutual Funds (5 years) | 2022, 2024 ASEAN Equity—Best Performer—Mutual Funds (10 years) | 2024



### **AS OF 31 MARCH 2025**

# OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATINGTM2

- 1. The Fund is subject to risks, such as investment, equities and equity-related securities, liquidity, counterparty, currency risks, and the risks of investing in small and mid-capitalisation companies.
- 2. The Fund's investment may be concentrated in the markets in ASEAN and the value of the Fund may be more volatile. Investing in emerging markets may involve increased risks, including liquidity, currency/currency control, political and economic uncertainties, legal and taxation, settlement, custody and volatility risks.
- 3. The Manager integrates environmental, social and governance (ESG) information into the investment process, which may affect the Fund's investment performance and, as such, may perform differently compared to similar collective investment schemes.
- 4. The Fund may have exposure to financial derivative instruments for investment or efficient portfolio management purposes which may involve counterparty/credit, liquidity, valuation, volatility and over-the-counter transaction risks. Exposure to financial derivative investments may lead to a high risk of significant loss by the Fund.
- 5. Dividends may be paid out of unrealised capital gains at the discretion of the Managers which would effectively represent paying dividend out of capital. This amounts to a return or withdrawal of part of an investor's original investment or any capital gains attributable to that original investment. Payment of dividends may result in an immediate reduction of the net asset value of the Fund per unit.
- 6. Investors may suffer substantial loss of their investments in the Fund.

### WHY BARINGS ASEAN FRONTIERS FUND (THE "FUND")?

### 1. OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

The Fund has demonstrated resilience over various market cycles and delivered a strong track record over the longer term, accompanied by a 4-star Morningstar ranking.<sup>2</sup> As of March 2025, the Fund has outperformed both the benchmark and the median of Morningstar's ASEAN equity peer group and ranked 1st quartile over 5 years.<sup>3,5</sup>



### 2. EACH ASEAN ECONOMY OFFERS DIVERSIFIED OPPORTUNITIES

Each ASEAN economy offers unique and interesting investment themes, which presents a ripe market for active managers and investors seeking growth to capture structural opportunities. Some examples are provided on the right.

### Major Investment Opportunities by Market<sup>6</sup>

Indonesia	<ul><li>Rich natural resources</li><li>Domestic consumption</li></ul>
Malaysia	<ul><li>Educated work force</li><li>Technology supply chain</li></ul>
Philippines	Demographic dividend
Singapore	■ Financial center
Thailand	<ul><li>Tourism</li><li>EV and PC supply chains</li></ul>
Vietnam	<ul><li>Low-cost winner</li><li>Smartphone supply chains</li></ul>

## 3. ASEAN'S VALUATION IS ATTRACTIVE RELATIVE TO BROADER EMERGING MARKETS

Despite ASEAN's resilient economic performance and earnings growth during the recent interest-rate hike cycle, valuations are trading only around long-term average levels. Compared to a market with similar expectations, India, ASEAN is attractively valued. As the interest cutting cycle continues, ASEAN central banks may have more flexibility than those in other regions, which is likely a support for the equity markets.

### MSCI AC ASEAN Index's Forward P/E Multiple7





### **FUND OBJECTIVES<sup>4</sup>**

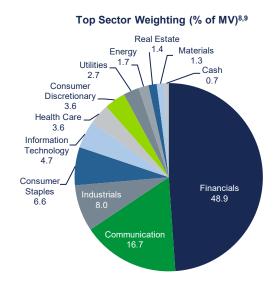
To seek long-term capital growth primarily through investment in a diversified portfolio of ASEAN companies which could include Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia and Vietnam.

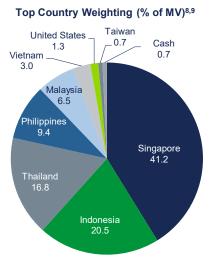
PERFORMANCE <sup>5</sup>					
Cumulative Performance (%)		YTD	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years
		-4.67	+2.02	-7.76	+64.74
Calendar Year Performance (%)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
	+9.83	-1.55	-14.66	+12.46	+12.72

AVAILABLE SHARE CLASS							
	Class A USD Inc	Class A USD Acc	Class A GBP Inc				
ISIN	IE0000830236	IE00B59JG481	IE00B3BC5T90				
	Class A EUR Inc	Class A EUR Acc	Class A AUD Hedged Acc				
ISIN	IE0004868828	IE00B4MTNB49	IE00BFDTF255				

FUND DETAILS8	
Fund Manager	SooHai Lim, Tiebin Liu
Fund Size	US\$318.0Million
Inception Date of Primary Share Class <sup>5</sup>	01 August 2008
Base Currency	USD
NAV Price <sup>5</sup>	US\$236.63
Minimum Investment	US\$5,000, €3,500, £2,500, AU\$6,000
Initial Charge	Up to 5.00%
Management Fee	1.25% p.a.

TOP INVESTMENTS (% OF MV)8	
SEA LTD	10.17
OVERSEA CHINESE BANKING CORPORATION LTD	8.76
DBS GROUP HOLDINGS LTD	7.87
UNITED OVERSEAS BANK LTD	6.41
BANK CENTRAL ASIA TBK PT	6.12





### **Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund**



#### Sources:

- 1. Equity—ASEAN—Best Performer over 5 years in Bloomberg Businessweek (Chinese Edition) Top Fund Awards 2022 and 2024 (Hong Kong) was based on the fund performance (Class A USD Acc) between 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2022 and 1 October 2019 to 30 September 2024 respectively. Equity—ASEAN—Best Performer over 10 years in Bloomberg Businessweek (Chinese Edition) Top Fund Awards 2024 was based on the fund performance (Class I GBP Acc) between 1 October 2014 to 30 September 2024. Class I units are not intended to be offered to the retail public. Annual management fee of Class I Shares, which is currently 0.75%, is significantly lower than that of Class A Shares. Investors should note that the performance of Class I Shares is for reference only and does not represent the performance of Class A Shares.
- 2. Overall Morningstar rating as of 28 February 2025 (ASEAN Equity Category). Rating is for Class A USD Inc Share only, other classes may have different performance characteristics. A rating is not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold a fund.
- 3. Quartile ranking reflects Class A USD Inc Share. Ranking is based on Morningstar Category—ASEAN Equity, Morningstar fractional weighting methodology applied.
- 4. A full copy of the investment objective can be obtained from the Manager. The fund name was changed as of 30 April 2018 from Baring ASEAN Frontiers Fund to Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund. The investment objective of the Fund remains unchanged.
- 5. Barings and Morningstar. Data as of 31 March 2025. Based on Class A USD Inc Share. The benchmark is MSCI All Country ASEAN Total Net Return Index. Please note that the use of a benchmark index is for comparative purpose only. Performance Source—© 2025 Morningstar, Inc. All Rights Reserved. The information contained herein: (i) is proprietary to Morningstar and/or its content providers; (ii) may not be copied or distributed; and (iii) is not warranted to be accurate, complete or timely. Neither Morningstar nor its content providers are responsible for any damages or losses arising from any use of this information. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Performance is shown in USD on a NAV per share basis, with gross income reinvested. If the investment return is denominated in currency other than USD/HKD, USD/HKD based investors are exposed to fluctuations in the exchange rate of the relevant currency against USD/HKD.
- 6. UBS, Barings, as of 31 December 2024.
- 7. Refinitiv, Barings, as of 31 March 2025.
- 8. Barings. As of 31 March 2025.
- 9. Numbers may not add up due to rounding.

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