

**Baring Fund Managers Limited**

- This statement provides you with key information about Barings Eastern Trust (the “Trust”).
- This statement is a part of the Prospectus.
- You should not invest in the Trust based on this statement alone.

| QUICK FACTS                               |  |  |   |
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| <b>Fund Manager</b>                       | Baring Fund Managers Limited (the “Manager”)   |  |   |
| <b>Investment Manager</b>                 | Baring Asset Management Limited (internal delegation, in the United Kingdom)   |  |   |
| <b>Sub-Investment Manager</b>             | Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited (internal delegation, in Hong Kong)   |  |   |
| <b>Delegate of Sub-Investment Manager</b> | Barings Singapore Pte. Ltd. (internal delegation, in Singapore)  |  |   |
| <b>Trustee</b>                            | NatWest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited  |  |   |
| <b>Ongoing charges over a year:</b>       | Distribution Unit Classes (Inc)<br>Class A GBP Inc: 1.77% <sup>#</sup><br>Class A USD Inc: 1.77% <sup>+</sup><br>Class I GBP Inc: 1.02% <sup>#</sup> | Accumulation Unit Classes (Acc)<br>Class A USD Acc: 1.77% <sup>#</sup><br>Class A GBP Acc: 1.77% <sup>#</sup><br>Class I GBP Acc: 1.02% <sup>#</sup> | <p><sup>#</sup> The ongoing charges figure is based on the ongoing expenses chargeable to the respective unit class for the 12-month period ended 31 August 2024 expressed as a percentage of the average net asset value of the respective unit class for the same period and is based on the information in the latest annual financial statements. This figure may vary from year to year.</p> <p><sup>+</sup> As this unit class has been fully redeemed, the ongoing charges figure is an estimate only and is based on ongoing charges figure for a reference unit class which has a similar fee structure. The actual figure may be different upon actual operation of the unit class and the figure may vary from year to year.</p> |
| <b>Dealing frequency</b>                  | Daily  |  |   |
| <b>Base currency</b>                      | GBP  |  |   |
| <b>Dividend policy</b>                    | Distribution Unit Classes (Inc): Dividend, if declared, will be paid.<br>Accumulation Unit Classes (Acc): No dividend will be paid.                  |  |   |
| <b>Financial year end</b>                 | 31 August  |  |   |
| <b>Min. investment:</b>                   |  | <b>Initial min. investment:</b>  | <b>Subsequent min. investment:</b>  |
|   | Distribution Unit Classes (Inc)  |  |   |
|   | Class A GBP Inc  | GBP1,000   | GBP500  |
|   | Class A USD Inc  | USD5,000   | USD2,500  |
|   | Class I GBP Inc  | GBP10,000,000  | GBP500  |
|   | Accumulation Unit Classes (Acc)  |  |   |
|   | Class A USD Acc  | USD5,000   | USD2,500  |
|   | Class A GBP Acc  | GBP1,000   | GBP500  |
|   | Class I GBP Acc  | GBP10,000,000  | GBP500  |

**WHAT IS THIS PRODUCT?**

Barings Eastern Trust is constituted in the form of a unit trust. It is domiciled in the United Kingdom and its home regulator is the

Financial Conduct Authority.

## OBJECTIVES AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY

### Objectives

To provide a total return, including both capital growth and dividend income (after fees have been deducted), in excess of the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan (Total Net Return) Index over a rolling five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities in the Asia region excluding Japan.\*

*\* There is however no guarantee that this objective will be achieved over any time period. The Trust is not constrained by the benchmark and can make investments in securities that are not included in the benchmark.*

### Strategy

The Trust will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its net asset value directly and indirectly in equities and equity-related securities of issuers incorporated in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in the Asia region excluding Japan, or quoted or traded on the stock exchanges in those countries, including developed and emerging markets.

The Trust will invest at least 50% of the Trust's net asset value in equities of issuers that exhibit positive or improving environmental, social and governance ("ESG") characteristics. Furthermore, the Trust may also invest up to 50% of its net asset value in equities and equity related securities of issuers that exhibit less positive ESG characteristics. Such issuers are selected through the use of proprietary research supported with the use of third party data. This analysis is also an important driver behind the Investment Manager's policy of active issuer engagement in which the Investment Manager seeks to influence (or identify the need to influence) ESG practices and to improve disclosure.

The Trust may invest up to 30% of its net asset value directly and indirectly in equities and equity related securities of issuers outside of the Asia region excluding Japan, as well as in fixed income and cash.

In order to implement the investment policy the Trust may gain indirect exposure through American depositary receipts, global depositary receipts and other equity related securities including participation notes, structured notes, equity-linked notes and debt securities convertible into equities. The Trust may also obtain indirect exposure through investments in collective investment schemes (including collective investment schemes managed by the Manager or an associate of the Manager) and other transferable securities.

The Trust's exposure to China A shares via the Shanghai Hong Kong Stock Connect Scheme and Shenzhen Hong Kong Stock Connect Scheme and/or through the qualified foreign investor regulations will be limited to less than 30% of its net asset value.

From time to time and in particular during periods of uncertain or volatile markets, the Manager may choose to hold a substantial proportion of the property of a Trust in money-market instruments and/or cash deposits.

The Trust adheres to the investment restrictions required to qualify as "equity fund" pursuant to section 2 paragraph 6 German Investment Tax Act (GITA) and continuously invests more than 50% of its net asset value in equity participations within the meaning of section 2 paragraph 8 GITA.

Subject to the above, the Trust may invest in any country and in securities issued by issuers of any market size, of any industry or sector (as the case may be) in such proportions as the Investment Manager deems appropriate.

The Trust may use derivatives including futures, options, swaps, warrants and forward contracts for efficient portfolio management (including hedging).

## USE OF DERIVATIVES / INVESTMENT IN DERIVATIVES

The Trust's net derivative exposure may be up to 50% of the Trust's Net Asset Value.

## WHAT ARE THE KEY RISKS?

Investment involves risks. Please refer to the Prospectus for details including the risk factors.

### 1. Investment risk

- The Trust's investment portfolio may fall in value due to any of the key risk factors below and therefore your investment in the Trust may suffer losses. There is no guarantee of the repayment of principal.

### 2. Risks of investment in equities and equity-related securities

- The Trust's investment in equity securities is subject to general market risks, whose value may fluctuate due to various factors, such as changes in investment sentiment, political and economic conditions and issuer-specific factors. When the equity markets are extremely volatile the Trust's net asset value may fluctuate substantially.

- The Trust may invest in equity-related securities. These are usually issued by a broker, an investment bank or a company and are therefore subject to the risk of insolvency or default of the issuer. If there is no active market in these instruments, this may lead to liquidity risk. Further, investment in equity-linked securities may lead to dilution of performance of the Trust when compared to the other funds which invest directly in similar underlying assets due to fees embedded in the notes. The aforesaid circumstances may adversely affect the net asset value per unit of the Trust.
- Securities exchanges typically have the right to suspend or limit trading in any instrument traded on that exchange. The governments or the regulators may also implement policies that may affect the financial markets. A suspension could render it impossible for the Investment Manager or an underlying fund manager to liquidate positions and thereby expose the Trust to losses and may have a negative impact on the Trust.

### **3. Risks of investment in small-capitalisation/mid-capitalisation companies**

- The stock of small-capitalisation and mid-capitalisation companies may have lower liquidity and their prices are more volatile to adverse economic developments than those of larger capitalisation companies in general. Risks include economic risks, such as lack of product depth, limited geographical diversification, increased sensitivity to the business cycle and organisational risk, such as concentration of management and shareholders and key-person dependence. Shares in smaller companies can be more difficult to buy and sell, resulting in less flexibility, and sometimes higher costs, in implementing investment decisions.

### **4. Risks associated with investment in specific regions**

- The Trust's investments may be concentrated in markets in the Asia region excluding Japan. The value of the Trust may be more volatile than that of a fund having a more diverse portfolio of investments. The value of the Trust may be more susceptible to adverse economic, political, policy, foreign exchange, liquidity, tax, legal or regulatory event affecting a market in the Asia region excluding Japan.

### **5. Risks associated with investment in emerging markets**

- The Trust which invests in emerging markets may be subject to increased risks and special considerations not typically associated with investment in more developed markets, such as liquidity risks, currency risks/control, political and economic uncertainties, legal and taxation risks, settlement risks, custody risk and the likelihood of a high degree of volatility. Currency conversion and repatriation of investment income, capital and proceeds of sale by the Trust may be limited or require governmental consents. The Trust could be adversely affected by delays in, or refusal to grant, any such approval for the repatriation of funds or by any official intervention affecting the process of settlement of transactions. Stock exchanges and other such clearing infrastructure may lack liquidity and robust procedures and may be susceptible to interference.
- High market volatility and potential settlement difficulties in the markets may also result in significant fluctuations in the prices of the securities traded on such markets and thereby may adversely affect the value of the Trust.

### **6. Risks of ESG integration and promotion of ESG characteristics**

- The Investment Manager integrates ESG information into the investment process. In addition to ESG integration, the Trust also promotes ESG factors or characteristics within their investment policies. The use of ESG information may affect the Trust's investment performance and, as such, may perform differently compared to similar collective investment schemes.
- The Investment Manager may use third-party resources that provide ESG information. In evaluating an investment, the Investment Manager is dependent upon such information and data, which may be incomplete, inaccurate or unavailable. There is no guarantee that such ESG information or the way in which it is implemented is fair, correct, accurate, reasonable or complete.
- Investor and societal sentiment towards ESG concepts and topics may change over time, which may affect the demand for ESG-based investments and may also affect their (and, in turn, the Trust's) performance.

### **7. Risks of investing in convertible bonds**

- Convertible bonds are a hybrid between debt and equity, permitting holders to convert into shares in the company issuing the bond at a specified future date. As such, convertibles will be exposed to equity movement and greater volatility than straight bond investments. Investments in convertible bonds are subject to the same interest rate risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and prepayment risk associated with comparable straight bond investments.

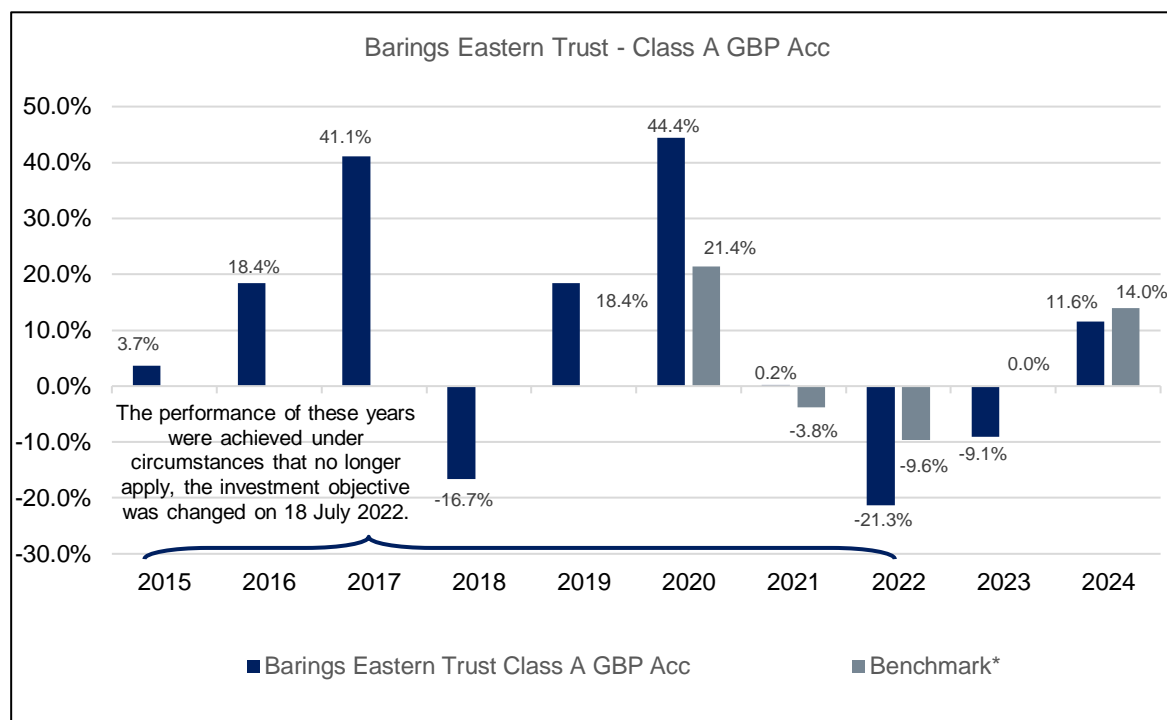
### **8. Currency risks**

- The underlying investments of the Trust may be denominated in currencies other than the base currency of the Trust. Also, a class of units of the Trust may be designated in a currency other than the base currency of the Trust. The net asset value of the Trust may be affected unfavourably by fluctuations in the exchange rates between these currencies and the base currency and by changes in exchange rate controls.

### **9. Risks associated with derivatives**

- In adverse situations, the Trust's use of derivatives for hedging and/or efficient portfolio management may become ineffective and the Trust may suffer significant losses. Risks associated with financial derivative instruments include counterparty/credit risk, liquidity risk, valuation risk, volatility risk and over-the-counter transaction risk. The leverage element/component of a financial derivative instrument can result in a loss significantly greater than the amount invested in the financial derivative instrument by the Trust. Exposure to financial derivative instruments may lead to a high risk of significant loss by the Trust.

## HOW HAS THE TRUST PERFORMED?



Source: Barings

- Past performance information is not indicative of future performance. Investors may not get back the full amount invested.
- The computation basis of the performance is based on the calendar year end, NAV-To-NAV, with dividend reinvested.
- These figures show by how much the Class A GBP Acc increased or decreased in value during the calendar year being shown. Performance data has been calculated in GBP, including taking into account charges and excluding subscription fee and redemption fee you might have to pay.
- Class A GBP Acc is selected as representative unit class as it is a unit class offered to the public in Hong Kong and is denominated in the Trust's base currency.
- \* The Trust formally adopted MSCI AC Asia ex Japan (Total Gross Return) Index as the benchmark (performance comparator) with effect from 5 August 2019. With effect from 31 August 2020, the benchmark of the Trust is changed to MSCI AC Asia ex Japan (Total Net Return) Index as it is considered that a benchmark which is net of tax from dividends is more suitable due to general tax reclamation arrangements and is considered to be more aligned with the industry standard and practice. With effect from 18 July 2022, the Trust is actively managed and targets outperformance of the benchmark over a rolling five year period. The benchmark constituents are not required to exhibit positive/improving ESG characteristics.
- Since the benchmark has been adopted for less than a full calendar year in 2019, the past performance of the benchmark prior to and including 2019 is not provided.
- Trust launch date: 22 April 1985
- Class A GBP Acc launch date: 22 April 1985

## IS THERE ANY GUARANTEE?

The Trust does not have any guarantees. You may not get back the full amount of money you invest.

## WHAT ARE THE FEES AND CHARGES?

### Charges which may be payable by you

You may have to pay the following fees when dealing in the units of the Trust.

| Fee  | What you pay   |
|--|--|
| <b>Subscription fee (Preliminary charge)</b> | Class A Units: Up to 5% of the Dealing Price<br>Class I Units: Nil     |
| <b>Switching fee</b>                         | Up to 3% commission payable to your agent on the purchase of the Trust |
| <b>Redemption fee (Redemption charge)</b>    | Not applicable   |

### Ongoing fees payable by the Trust

The following expenses will be paid out of the Trust. They affect you because they reduce the return you get on your investments.

|   | <b>Annual rate (as a % of the Trust's net asset value ("NAV")), unless otherwise specified</b>   |
|---|--|
| <b>Management fee</b>   | Class A Units: 1.50% of the Trust's NAV attributable to the Class *<br>Class I Units: 0.75% of the Trust's NAV attributable to the Class *   |
| <b>Trustee fee</b>  | The fee is calculated at the following rate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NAV below £200 Million: 0.0175%**</li> <li>• NAV between £200 Million and £400 Million: 0.0150%**</li> <li>• NAV between £400 Million and £1,200 Million: 0.0100%**</li> <li>• NAV over £1,200 Million: 0.0050%**</li> </ul> |
| <b>Performance fee</b>  | Not applicable   |
| <b>Administration fee</b>   | Not applicable   |
| <b>Custody charges</b><br>The Trust pays custody charges to the Trustee         | 0.0035% to 1.0800%**; which vary from country to country depending on the markets.   |
| <b>Transaction charges</b><br>The Trust pays transaction charges to the Trustee | £8.5 to £110 per transaction**, which vary from country to country depending on the type of transaction involved.  |

\* The fees may be increased up to a maximum level as specified in the Hong Kong offering documents by giving at least 60 days' prior notice to investors. Please refer to the Hong Kong offering documents for further details.

\*\* The fees and charges may be increased up to maximum level as specified in the Hong Kong offering documents by giving at least 1 month's prior notice to investors. Please refer to the Hong Kong offering documents for further details.

### Other fees

You may have to pay other fees when dealing in the units of the Trust. The Trust will also bear the costs which are directly attributable to it, as set out in the Prospectus.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- You generally subscribe and redeem units at the Trust's next-determined NAV per unit attributable to the relevant unit class after your request is received in good order by Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited, our Hong Kong

Representative by 5 p.m. Hong Kong time on a Hong Kong Business Day<sup>1</sup> which is also a Dealing Day or 12 noon London time on any Dealing Day. Dealing Days are business days on which The London Stock Exchange is open for business (or such other day as the Manager may determine). Before placing your subscription or redemption orders, please check with your distributor for the distributor's internal dealing deadline (which may be earlier than the Trust's dealing deadline).

- The NAV of the Trust is calculated and the prices of unit of the relevant unit classes are published for each Dealing Day, and are available online at [www.barings.com](http://www.barings.com)<sup>2</sup>.
- You may obtain the past performance information of other unit classes offered to Hong Kong investors from [www.barings.com](http://www.barings.com)<sup>2</sup>.

#### **IMPORTANT**

If you are in doubt, you should seek professional advice.

The SFC takes no responsibility for the contents of this statement and makes no representation as to its accuracy or completeness.

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<sup>1</sup> "Hong Kong Business Day" means a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which banks in Hong Kong are open for business (which includes a day where banks provide their services under severe weather condition), unless the Manager and the Trustee determine otherwise or such other day or days as the Manager and the Trustee may determine. However, investors should note that no request in physical form will be received by the Hong Kong Representative on any Hong Kong Business Day on which any period of the normal business hours have been impacted by severe weather condition(s).

<sup>2</sup> This website has not been reviewed by the SFC and it may contain information of funds which are not authorised by the SFC.