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# **Barings International Umbrella Fund**

(an umbrella fund constituted as an open-ended unit trust established pursuant to the Unit Trusts Act, 1990)

Annual Report & Audited Financial Statements

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#### **Directors and Other Information**

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- \* Julian Swayne resigned as a Director of the Manager with effect from 4 August 2023.
- \*\* Rhian Williams was appointed as a Director of the Manager with effect from 14 August 2023.
- † Non-executive Directors independent of the Investment Manager.

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**Directors and Other Information** (continued)

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#### Introduction

Barings International Umbrella Fund (the "Unit Trust") is a unit trust managed by Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (the "Manager"). The Unit Trust was established pursuant to the Unit Trusts Act, 1990, and a Trust Deed dated 11 February 1992 (as supplemented or amended from time to time) (the "Trust Deed") made between the Manager and Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited (the "Depositary") and authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland (the "CBI"), pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (as amended) (the "UCITS Regulations"). The Unit Trust is also listed on the European Cublin Global Exchange Market.

The Unit Trust is organised in the form of an umbrella fund. The Trust Deed provides that the Unit Trust may offer separate series of units, each representing an interest in a Unit Trust Fund (a "Fund") comprised of a distinct portfolio of investments. A separate Fund is maintained for each series of units and is invested in accordance with the investment objective applicable to such Fund to date. Each Fund may create more than one class of units in relation to a Fund (a "class") and these separate classes of units may be denominated in different currencies. A unit represents a beneficial interest in a Fund (a "unit").

The Unit Trust has ten active Funds as at 30 April 2024 which have been approved by the CBI:

| Fund  | Fund launch date |
|---|------------------|
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund                          | 01/08/2008       |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund                              | 03/02/1987       |
| Barings Australia Fund                                | 04/12/1981       |
| Barings Europa Fund                                   | 24/01/1987       |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund                          | 03/12/1982       |
| Barings Global Bond Fund                              | 07/07/1978       |
| Barings Europe Select Fund                            | 14/10/2022       |
| Barings German Growth Fund                            | 14/10/2022       |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund                | 07/10/2022       |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund (merged on 21 July 2023)* | 21/07/2023       |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Eastern Europe Fund merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund in to the Unit Trust on 21 July 2023.

Each of the Funds had several classes of units on offer at the financial period-end, which are outlined in note 10 to these financial statements. Further details of the Funds are contained in the individual supplements to the full Prospectus.

The following Funds of the Unit Trust are registered for sale in Hong Kong, and are authorised by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission ("SFC") pursuant to the provisions of the Hong Kong Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds, supplemented or consolidated from time to time:

Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund Barings Asia Growth Fund Barings Australia Fund Barings Europa Fund Barings Hong Kong China Fund Barings Global Bond Fund Barings Eastern Europe Fund

Further details of the Funds are contained in the supplement to the Prospectus. The assets of the Funds are invested in accordance with the investment objective and policy.

The financial statements include all the trades received up until 12:00p.m. (Irish time) on 30 April 2024, the valuation point for the Unit Trust. An adjustment has been made to the value of investments in Barings Australia Fund, Barings Europa Fund, Barings German Growth Fund, Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund and Barings Eastern Europe Fund to reflect the close of business prices on 30 April 2024.



#### **Investment Objective and Policy**

#### **Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund**

The investment objective of the Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund (the "Fund") is to achieve long-term capital growth in the value of assets by investing in issuers in Asia which the Manager believes will benefit from the economic growth and development of the region.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its Net Asset Value at any one time in equities and equity-related securities of issuers incorporated in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, countries which are members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations ("ASEAN"), or quoted or traded on the stock exchanges in those countries. The members of ASEAN include Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia and Vietnam.

The Fund will invest at least 50% of the Fund's Net Asset Value in equities of issuers that exhibit positive or improving environmental, social and governance ("ESG") characteristics.

#### **Barings Asia Growth Fund**

The investment objective of Barings Asia Growth Fund (the "Fund") is to achieve long-term capital growth in the value of assets by investing in Asia and the Pacific region excluding Japan.

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

The Fund will invest at least 50% of the Fund's Net Asset Value in equities of issuers that exhibit positive or improving ESG characteristics

#### **Barings Australia Fund**

The investment objective of the Barings Australia Fund (the "Fund") is to achieve long-term capital growth in the value of assets by investing in Australia.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its Net Asset Value at any one time in equities and equity-related securities of issuers incorporated in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity, in Australia, or quoted or traded on the stock exchanges in Australia.

The Fund will invest at least 50% of the Fund's Net Asset Value in equities of issuers that exhibit positive or improving ESG characteristics.

#### **Barings Europa Fund**

The investment objective of the Barings Europa Fund (the "Fund") is to achieve long-term capital growth in the value of assets by investing in issuers in Europe (including the United Kingdom).

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its Net Asset Value at any one time in equities and equity-related securities of issuers incorporated in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, any European country (including the United Kingdom), or quoted or traded on the stock exchanges in such countries.

The Fund will invest at least 50% of the Fund's Net Asset Value in equities of issuers that exhibit positive or improving ESG characteristics.

#### **Barings Hong Kong China Fund**

The investment objective of Barings Hong Kong China Fund (the "Fund") is to achieve long-term capital growth in the value of assets by investing in Hong Kong, China and Taiwan.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its Net Asset Value at any one time either directly in equities or through equity-related securities (including depositary receipts) of issuers (i) incorporated, or (ii) exercising the predominant part of their economic activity, or (iii) quoted or traded on the stock exchanges in markets in Hong Kong or China.



**Investment Objective and Policy (continued)** 

#### Barings Hong Kong China Fund (continued)

The Fund will invest at least 50% of the Fund's Net Asset Value in equities of issuers that exhibit positive or improving ESG characteristics.

#### **Barings Global Bond Fund**

The investment objective of the Barings Global Bond Fund (the "Fund") is to achieve an attractive level of income together with long-term growth in the value of assets by investing in a diversified portfolio of fixed-interest securities.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its Net Asset Value at any one time in an internationally diversified portfolio of both corporate and government fixed-interest securities. The portfolio may also, from time to time, include securities with floating interest rates.

The Fund will invest at least 50% of the Fund's Net Asset Value in fixed income instruments of countries that exhibit positive or improving ESG characteristics. The Fund will also invest at least 75% of the Fund's Net Asset Value in countries that exhibit strong or improving human development conditions, as measured by the United Nations Human Development Index (HDI) and calculated as the average of the five year period as of two years prior to the investment period.

#### **Barings Europe Select Fund**

The investment objective of the Barings Europe Select Fund (the "Fund") is to achieve long term capital growth by investing in Europe excluding the United Kingdom.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 75% of its Net Asset Value directly and indirectly in equities and equity-related securities of smaller issuers incorporated in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity, or quoted or traded on the stock exchanges in Europe excluding the United Kingdom.

The Fund will invest at least 50% of the Fund's Net Asset Value in equities of issuers that exhibit positive or improving ESG characteristics.

#### **Barings German Growth Fund**

The investment objective of the Barings German Growth Fund (the "Fund") is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in Germany.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 75% 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 Germany, or quoted or traded on the stock exchanges in Germany.

## **Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund**

The investment objective of the Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund (the "Fund") is to generate income together with long-term capital growth through investment in the securities of companies worldwide.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its Net Asset Value at any one time in equity and equity related securities (as described further below) of issuers worldwide. For this purpose, total assets exclude cash and ancillary liquidities.

The Fund will invest at least 50% of the Fund's Net Asset Value in equities of issuers that exhibit positive or improving ESG characteristics



**Investment Objective and Policy (continued)** 

#### **Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund (continued)**

In addition, up to 30% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund may be invested in, or provide exposure to:

- debt securities of issuers worldwide. The debt securities in which the Fund may invest may be fixed or floating rate, issued by governments, supranationals, agencies and companies. Debt securities may be rated investment grade or sub-investment grade by Standard & Poor's ("S&P") or another internationally recognised rating agency, or be, in the opinion of the Manager, of similar credit status, or may be unrated. There are no limits or restrictions on credit rating, maturity or duration of any debt or equity related security (such as debt securities convertible into equities) which may be held by the Fund; however, investment in subinvestment grade debt securities and unrated debt securities together will not exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund.
- cash and ancillary liquidities, including deposits, treasury bills, government bonds or short-term Money Market Instruments, including commercial paper and certificates of deposit, in normal market conditions.

#### **Barings Eastern Europe Fund**

The Barings Eastern Europe Fund (the "Fund") merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund in to the Unit Trust on 21 July 2023. Barings Eastern Europe Fund was suspended on 1 March 2022 in light of the exceptional and adverse market conditions relating to the current situation in Russia and Ukraine, and exposure to Russian equities and depositary receipt securities. The merger saw the non-impacted liquid assets of Barings Eastern Europe Fund transferred to the new fund of the Unit Trust.

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term capital appreciation through investment in a diversified portfolio of securities of issuers located in or with a significant exposure to the emerging markets of Europe.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its total assets at any one time in equities and equity-related securities, such as convertible bonds and warrants (which may only be acquired passively through corporate actions and are not expected to exceed 5% of the Fund's Net Asset Value), of companies incorporated in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan (the "Commonwealth of Independent States"), and in other emerging European countries such as Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Slovakia and Turkey, or quoted or traded on the stock exchanges in those countries. There is no limit to the extent of direct investment in Russia and any such securities which are listed or traded in Russia must be listed or traded on the Moscow Exchange. Investment may also be made in securities listed or traded on recognised exchanges or markets in other countries where the issuer is located in or has a significant exposure to emerging European countries and in fixed and floating debt instruments issued by government and corporate issuers, such as bonds.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full investment objective and policy for all the Funds.

#### How the Funds are managed

The Manager of Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund, Barings Asia Growth Fund, Barings Australia Fund and Barings Hong Kong China Fund has appointed Baring Asset Management Limited as the Investment Manager of the Funds. In turn, Baring Asset Management Limited has appointed Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited and Barings LLC as Sub-Investment Managers to the Funds.

At Barings, our equity investment teams share the philosophy of quality Growth at a Reasonable Price ("GARP"). We believe that earnings growth is the principal driver of equity market performance over the medium to long term, and favour high quality issuers for their ability to over perform the market on a risk-adjusted basis. In particular, we believe that structured fundamental research and a disciplined investment process combining quality growth and upside disciplines can allow us to identify attractively priced, long-term growth issuers which will over perform the market. Our approach emphasises quality criteria when looking at issuers and a three- to five-year time horizon when forecasting issuer earnings. In determining upside, we use consistent and transparent methods to place emphasis on discounted earnings models.

The Manager of Barings Europa Fund has appointed Baring Asset Management Limited as the Investment Manager of the Fund.



**Investment Objective and Policy (continued)** 

#### How the Funds are managed (continued)

The Fund is invested in European equity markets (including the United Kingdom), using a "bottom-up" investment approach. This means that we focus more on the individual merits of a specific issuer, rather than taking a stance on a sector of the market or macroeconomic trends such as interest rate rises. Within this, Barings manages the Fund using a GARP approach. This means that when researching candidates for the portfolio, we place just as much emphasis on the likely growth in corporate earnings at an issuer as we do on the unit price valuation before deciding whether to invest or not. We believe this approach combines the best features of both "growth" and "value" investment styles, to the benefit of investors. We invest in issuers which we believe offer potential for delivering better than expected earnings growth. We do this by carefully researching an issuer's corporate strategy and revenue sources. An important part of the investment process involves regular meetings with the management of issuers in which we are considering investment. We then work to put a price on the units of the issuer in the light of our assessment of its earnings prospects and compare this to its peers in the sector and globally. When we are satisfied that an issuer meets our criteria for investing, we purchase an appropriate number of units.

The Manager of Barings Global Bond Fund has appointed Baring Asset Management Limited as the Investment Manager of the Fund. Barings LLC and Barings Japan Limited were appointed as Sub-Investment Managers of the Fund.

Baring Asset Management Limited seeks investment returns by investing in bond markets where we believe yields are likely to fall and avoiding those we think are expensive. The overall duration, or interest rate sensitivity, of the Fund will fluctuate as our expectations for economic developments change, relative to the market. We will also look to add value through foreign exchange management, identifying those markets where currencies are attractive, for example due to sound economic fundamentals or rising interest rates.

The Manager of Barings Europe Select Fund and Barings German Growth Fund has also appointed Baring Asset Management Limited as the Investment Manager of the Funds.

At Barings, our equity investment teams share the philosophy of quality GARP. We believe that earnings growth is the principal driver of equity market performance over the medium to long term, and favour high-quality issuers for their ability to over perform the market on a risk-adjusted basis. In particular, we believe that structured fundamental research and a disciplined investment process combining quality, growth and upside disciplines can allow us to identify attractively priced, longterm growth issuers which will over perform the market. Our approach emphasises quality criteria when looking at issuers and a three-to five-year time horizon when forecasting issuer earnings. In determining upside, we use consistent and transparent methods to place emphasis on discounted earnings models.

The Manager of Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund has appointed Baring Asset Management Limited as the Investment Manager of the Fund.

Our investment process is predominantly "bottom-up". To find the exceptional businesses that make up the strategy, we use a broad range of research inputs: Barings' internal analytical resources, industry experts, issuer meetings, quantitative research and issuer reports, among others. We are natural sceptics – rather than buying into a "story", we seek proof of an issuer's excellence. Only our highest-conviction ideas make it into the strategy, so robust debate and close analysis of fundamentals are key.



**Investment Objective and Policy (continued)** 

#### How the Funds are managed (continued)

We evaluate candidate issuers using the following three-stage process:

- Quality: we scrutinise an issuer's business model, looking for a range of features and competitive advantages, including network
  effects, benefits to incumbency, large installed bases, leading brands or a sustainable research and development ("R&D") edge.
  Upon inspection, issuers must earn attractive returns on capital, possess excellent financial profiles and have a management
  team committed to its role as the steward of shareholder wealth.
- Growth: we assess our candidate issuers' ability to deliver long-term profit growth. Sustained growth of both capital and dividends can only be achieved if the underlying business is flourishing. Our process leads us to firms with stable and visible growth profiles rather than issuers with more speculative growth ambitions, or those businesses whose fortunes are heavily linked to unpredictable external forces. The ideal investment is a growing issuer with meaningful control of its own destiny.
- Valuation and scenario analysis: financial statements are "cleaned" of any accounting distortions (such as off balance-sheet liabilities) which may obscure the true financial position of a business, and issuers are put through a series of business-specific stress tests. The aim is to ascertain the underlying risk that an investment presents, and to gauge the scale of profit and dividend progression we can reasonably expect under various circumstances. Many issuers "fail" this stage of the process businesses are often found to present too much risk once their underlying fundamentals are "tested". If an issuer does pass this stage, we then ascertain the long-term value of the business using a highly consistent and cash-based set of valuation techniques.

The Manager of Barings Eastern Europe Fund has appointed Baring Asset Management Limited as the Investment Manager.

The Fund is managed using a well-defined quality Growth at a Reasonable Price ("GARP") investment style which aims to identify strong businesses with good expansion potential and attractive valuations. The Investment Manager draws on the research conducted by Barings' centralised global equity platform to construct a high conviction, concentrated portfolio.

GARP seeks to identify reasonably priced growth issuers whose qualities are unrecognised by market participants by performing structured fundamental analysis with a disciplined investment process. Based on the region, country or sector bias of the Fund, analysis of potential growth issuers' includes their future financial performance as well as their business model and management style, while focusing on long-term earnings growth of three to five years.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full risk profile of each of the Funds. Investors should read the Prospectus and carefully consider the potential risk factors as well as reward factors before investing.



#### Report of the Manager

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

#### Statement of Manager's responsibilities

Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (the "Manager") is required by the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (as amended) (the "UCITS Regulations") to prepare financial statements for each financial year. The Manager has elected to prepare these financial statements in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 102 ("FRS 102"), the FRS applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Baring International Umbrella Fund (the "Trust") at the financial year-end, and of the results and movements in net assets for the financial year then ended. In preparing these financial statements, the Manager must:

- select and consistently apply suitable accounting policies;
- · make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Unit Trust will continue in operation.

The financial statements must comply with the disclosure requirements of the UCITS Regulations. The Manager is responsible for keeping adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust and enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with the UCITS Regulations. The Manager is also responsible for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Under the Central Bank of Ireland (the "CBI") UCITS Regulations, the assets of the Unit Trust shall be entrusted to Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited (the "Depositary") for safekeeping, and therefore custody of the Fund's assets rests with Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited.

The financial statements are published at <a href="www.barings.com">www.barings.com</a>. The Directors together with the Manager and Investment Manager are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the website as far as it relates to Barings funds. Legislation in the Republic of Ireland governing the presentation and dissemination of the financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

#### Transactions with connected persons

Any transaction carried out with the Trust by a management company or Depositary to the Trust, the delegates or sub-delegates of the management company or Depositary, and any associated or group of such a management company, Depositary, delegate or sub-delegate ("connected persons") must be carried out as if negotiated at arm's length. Transactions must be in the best interests of the unitholders.

The Directors of the Manager are satisfied that there are arrangements (evidenced by written procedures) in place to ensure that the obligations set out in Regulation 43(1) of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations are applied to all transactions with connected persons, and are satisfied that transactions with connected persons entered into during the year complied with the obligations set out in Regulation 43(1) of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations.

#### Remuneration code

The UCITS V provisions require Management Companies to establish and apply remuneration policies and practices that promote sound and effective risk management, and do not encourage risk taking which is inconsistent with the risk profile of the UCITS.

The Manager has a Remuneration Policy in place, details of which are available on the Barings website at <a href="https://www.barings.com/guest/content/remuneration-policies.">www.barings.com/guest/content/remuneration-policies.</a>

The purpose of the Manager's remuneration policy is to seek to ensure that the remuneration arrangements of "Identified Staff":

- (i) are consistent with and promote sound and effective risk management and do not encourage risk-taking which is inconsistent with the risk profile, rules or instruments of incorporation of the Manager or any fund which the Manager is the manager of; and
- (ii) are consistent with the Manager's business strategy, objectives, values and interests and include measures to avoid conflicts of interest.

Please see Appendix 5 for the remuneration disclosure.

The Manager has a business model, policies and procedures which by their nature do not promote excessive risk taking and which take account of the nature, scale and complexity of the Manager and any of the Funds.



Report of the Manager (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

| Managers state | ment |
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| The financial statements were approved by the Directors of the Manager, Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limite | d, on |
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| 21 August 2024 and signed on its behalf by:   |       |
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| Director: | Director: |
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21 August 2024

#### **Annual Depositary Report to Unitholders**

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

We, Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited, appointed Depositary to Barings International Umbrella Fund (the "Unit Trust"), provide this report solely in favour of the unitholders of the Unit Trust for the year ended 30 April 2024, (the "Annual Accounting Period"). This report is provided in accordance with the UCITS Regulations European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (SI No 352 of 2011), which implemented Directive 2009/65/EU into Irish Law (the "Regulations"). We do not, in the provision of this report, accept nor assume responsibility for any other purpose or person to whom this report is shown.

In accordance with our Depositary obligation as provided for under the Regulations, we have enquired into the conduct of the management company of the Unit Trust for this Annual Accounting Period and we hereby report thereon to the unitholders of the Unit Trust as follows:

We are of the opinion that the Unit Trust has been managed during the Annual Accounting Period, in all material respects:

- (i) in accordance with the limitations imposed on the investment and borrowing powers of the Unit Trust by the constitutional documents and by the Regulations; and
- (ii) otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the constitutional document and the Regulations.

For and on behalf of

Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited Georges Court 54-62 Townsend Street Dublin 2 D02 R156 Ireland

21 August 2024



**Independent Auditors' Report** 



Independent Auditors' Report (continued)



Independent Auditors' Report (continued)



Independent Auditors' Report (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

Patricia Johnston for and on behalf of PricewaterhouseCoopers Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm Dublin 23 August 2024



#### **Investment Managers' Report**

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

## **Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund**

#### **Performance**

Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund (the "Fund") generated a gross return of -1.88% on the Class A USD Inc unit class and over performed against the performance comparator which returned -3.47%\* during the reporting year. The Fund generated a net return of -3.55% on the Class A USD Inc unit class.

ASEAN equities went lower in US dollar terms over the past 12 months. Equity performance came in two halves, with markets trending downward in the first half of the review period on the back of heightened geopolitical tensions, US dollar strength, and global liquidity concerns amid higher-for-longer interest rates, while rebounding in the second half of the period supported by increasing expectations for rate cuts by the Federal Reserve in 2024 alongside improving export and manufacturing activities in Asia, which helped offset partial of losses.

Stock selection was a key contributor to relative performance of the Fund over the review period, particularly in Singapore led by selective holdings in Information Technology and Industrials on recovering order momentum. On the other hand, the Fund's higher exposure compared with the performance comparator in Thailand ended as a notable detractor to the Fund, as the market underperformed due to weaker-than-expected economic recovery as well as a delay in fiscal stimulus.

At a company level, the Fund's lack of exposure in Indonesia's super-app operator PT GoTo Gojek Tokopedia ended as the largest contributor to the Fund over the 12-month period, as share price of the company came under pressure amid elevated competitions within ASEAN's e-commerce space. On the flipside, the Fund's zero holding in United Overseas Bank detracted notably from relative performance, as Singapore's banking sector continued to benefit from strong net interest margin amid a high interest rate environment as well as decent loan growth outlook.

#### **Market outlook**

The ASEAN equity market has been resilient in 2023, with reasonable earnings growth achieved and macroeconomic headwinds delayed. However, ASEAN was also one of the few markets where earnings growth has not been rewarded with valuation last year. In 2024, given expectations of a softer rates environment, we could see a reversal of this trend, whereby earnings growth could moderate while some positive re-rating of ASEAN equities.

Across the region, we are maintaining our preferences in Indonesia and the Philippines. The swift election in Indonesia meant higher policy certainty and continuity for business owners. Its strong domestic demand, prudent fiscal and monetary policies are all positive for Indonesia's long-term structural growth. Meanwhile, the moderating global inflation should help support positive earnings growth for companies in the Philippines. We are also leveraging Singapore and Malaysia's respective advantages in the global technology supply chain. Part of the global semiconductor and memory supply chain have expanded to these two countries, and the recovery of the semiconductor cycle should benefit relevant players there. Structurally, there should be ample demand due to AI (Artificial Intelligence) while supply picks up. This should mean attractive order flows for some of these beneficiaries. As for Thailand, while the country faces some structural challenges longer term, we expect economic recovery to gain momentum in the coming quarters with the passage of the delayed fiscal budget and the much-anticipated return of Chinese tourists to the country.



Investment Managers' Report (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

#### **Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund (continued)**

#### Market outlook (continued)

Our ASEAN equity strategy remains positioned in companies exposed to the secular growth themes such as technological ubiquity (the digitalization and connectivity of everything), evolving lifestyle and societal values (sustainability, rising middle class, healthy living) and de-globalization (supply chain diversification and reshoring). The stylistic rotations have detracted from our short-term performance, but we believe our Growth-at-a-Reasonable-Price (GARP) investment approach combined with our proprietary portfolio construction tools will position the portfolio favorably beyond the near-term gyrations.

Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited and Barings LLC, appointed as Sub-Investment Managers by Baring Asset Management Limited May 2024



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#### **Barings Asia Growth Fund**

#### **Performance**

Barings Asia Growth Fund (the "Fund") generated a gross return of 4.23% on the Class A USD Inc unit class and underperformed against the performance comparator which returned 7.52%\* during the reporting year. The Fund generated a net return of 2.45% on the Class A USD Inc unit class.

Asian equities went higher over the past 12 months, as investor confidence picked up since the second half of the review period on the back of a pivot by the US Federal Reserve from higher-for-longer interest rates to potential rate cuts in 2024, which boded well for global liquidity outlook as well as risk appetite recovery. An improving trend in export and manufacturing data in Asia thanks to tech cycle bottoming out, coupled with better-than-expected economic data in China during the Lunar New Year, also supported market momentum.

Stock selection was a key detractor to relative performance of the Fund over the review period, particularly in Consumer Discretionary and Financials with the weakness led by selective Hong Kong China companies in light of soft domestic consumption. On the bright side, stock selection in Information Technology contributed positively to the Fund, notably from a few AI (Artificial Intelligence) beneficiary holdings in Taiwan and Korea.

At a company level, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. ended as the largest contributor to the Fund over the last 12 months, driven by strong earnings prospect as the company enjoys upside potential amid the cyclical upcycle of semiconductor restocking, while its long-term structural growth and fundamentals remain intact as a key AI enabler. On the other hand, Chinese sportswear manufacturer Li Ning was a notable detractor to the Fund, primarily dragged by a slowdown in its sales growth along with downward revision of full-year guidance by management amid a challenging macro backdrop.

#### **Market outlook**

Looking forward, we are constructive on Asian equities and expect recovery in markets that have done poorly last year and also the proliferation of structural growth opportunities. Fiscal stimulus from China so far continued to disappoint market expectations, but we have likely seen the worst behind us with the "National Team" entering to support the market. Roll out of China's consumer "trade-in" programs and a resilient external environment supporting export manufacturers could also be positive catalysts this year, while the drag from property markets on the equity markets should diminish compared to 2023.

The AI-related structural growth would likely benefit relevant beneficiaries in Korea and Taiwan markets. For the time being, we have taken profits in some Taiwanese names, exercising valuation discipline. On the other hand, following Japan's footsteps, Korea's planned implementation of its "Value-Up" program by regulators could help to improve shareholder returns and support positive valuation re-rating.

India's economy has proven to be resilient and is expected to enjoy powerful structural growth in the next few years. Its stock market has held up well largely owing to strong buying from domestic investors. While there is the potential for some consolidation of strong performers, we are looking to add on these opportunities. In ASEAN, we maintain our positive conviction in Indonesia and Philippines. The early conclusion of Indonesia's election should bring forth policy continuity and resumed business activities, while moderating inflation should support earnings growth for the Philippines. In Singapore and Malaysia, we also have identified some beneficiaries of the global technology cycle, especially in hardware technology.



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#### Barings Asia Growth Fund (continued)

## Market outlook (continued)

Our strategy remains positioned in stocks exposed to the secular growth themes such as technological ubiquity (digitalization and connectivity of everything), evolving lifestyle and societal values (sustainability, millennial/Gen Z consumption trends, healthy living) and de-globalization (supply chain diversification). While the stylistic rotations have caused some volatility in recent performance, our Growth-at-a-Reasonable-Price (GARP) investment approach has positioned our portfolios favorably beyond the near-term gyrations.

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#### **Barings Australia Fund**

#### **Performance**

Barings Australia Fund (the "Fund") generated a gross return of 10.38% on the Class A USD Inc unit class and over performed against the performance comparator which returned 8.11%\* during the reporting year. The Fund generated a net return of 8.50% on the Class A USD Inc unit class.

The over performance was driven by stock selection, with the largest positive contributor Goodman Group. Goodman group is a real estate business that specialises in e-commerce logistic warehousing and data centers. It has been a core, long-term holding in the Fund as we like the strong balance sheet, compounding earnings growth potential and high-quality management team. The Founder/CEO was early to identify and position the business for growth in e-commerce logistics demand a decade ago and the company is once again ahead of the curve on Artificial Intelligence and Cloud driven demand for data centers. The key constraint to new data center capacity growth is access to prime locations with secured power, though Goodman does have these sites which should drive attractive future returns.

Sandfire Resources was also a large positive contributor. We look for high quality operators in end-markets where we see a fundamental long-term supply/demand imbalance that can drive attractive returns. Copper miner, Sandfire, is a clear example of this with the outlook for the copper market increasingly positive as a commodity at the heart of the energy transition/decarbonisation thematic.

Meanwhile, Johns Lyng Group detracted from performance. It's a small-cap business that has carved out an attractive niche in doing building services work on damaged property on behalf of insurers. It is a capital light, high returns business model with low economic and interest rate sensitivity. Johns Lyng has a strong domestic market position and is currently in the process of expanding into the US market. US revenue growth slowed over the period which dragged on the valuation, but looking through short-term volatility we are encouraged by the operational and strategic progress being made with significant new partnerships being formed that should underpin long-term growth.

#### Market outlook

The market outlook is attractive in our view. Inflation is moderating in Australia which raises the potential for the Reserve Bank of Australia to begin to cut interest rates. As the Australian mortgage market has a high skew to floating interest rates payment terms, the cash flow benefit felt by households should materialise quickly and support demand growth.

Australia is also now in its second year of a budget surplus, and we expect demand to be further strengthened from an incoming fiscal stimulus with significant income tax cuts. Alongside Australia's rich natural resources, which play critical role in the green energy transition and supply chain security, we believe the market remains well placed to deliver attractive long-term returns.

The Fund strategy remains focused on stock selection and owning high quality, growth companies where the current valuation does not fully reflect their long-term returns potential.



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#### Barings Australia Fund (continued)

## Market outlook (continued)

WiseTech is one such example. It is a leading software solutions provider to the freight forwarder/logistics industry. The end-market is ripe for disruption and there are clear efficiency benefits to using WiseTech's single, fully integrated, global platform for logistics management and tracking, rather than the status quo of multiple local regional players and in-house software. There is also no alternate global software provider, giving WiseTech a unique competitive position it is now leveraging as it expands into adjacent verticals such as On-shoring and Customs. These new verticals significantly increase the market opportunity and should also make Wisetech even more integrated and "mission-critical" to its customers.

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#### **Barings Europa Fund**

#### **Performance**

Barings Europa Fund (the "Fund") generated a gross return of 8.82% on the Class A USD Inc unit class and over performed against the performance comparator which returned 7.48%\* during the reporting year. The Fund generated a net return of 6.96% on the Class A USD Inc unit class.

Danish jewellery retailer Pandora has been a strong performer, as continued high demand for its products, including new ranges and lab-based diamonds, together with a successful store rollout programme, has led to management being able to raise forecasts on several occasions through the year. AB Foods similarly benefited from good retail customer demand via its Primark business, which specialises in discount clothing. Semiconductor manufacturing equipment companies ASML and ASM International were also positive contributors to fund performance, helped by the growth prospects for artificial intelligence and the associated computing infrastructure.

At the other end of the scale, Prudential was a poor performer, hindered by its exposure to a stalling Chinese economy and a perceived lack of capital return plan versus peers. Technology stocks Adyen and Temenos also disappointed, the former on what we would consider to be very extreme investor reactions to results, and the latter on a "short sell" note from an investment group, despite a subsequent independent audit giving little validation to the short seller's issues.

#### Market outlook

At the time of writing, the market appears to be in a rather confident mood, driven mainly by hopes that the ECB will begin to cut interest rates in the summer, and also by a better than expected first quarter corporate results season across Europe. Macroeconomic data has also been generally on an improving trend, whilst the geopolitical situation, whilst far from resolved in Ukraine and Gaza, has not so far led to more widespread global disruptions.

Given this backdrop, we are confident that positive returns can continue to be generated across European equity markets. Nevertheless, we are always mindful that we need to consider these drivers of profit growth and investor sentiment against valuations and the potential for various developments that could help or hinder earnings growth and investor sentiment. At the moment, the foremost potential considerations in our minds from a broader perspective are 1) the possibility that the ECB may not actually begin to cut interest rates in the summer, bearing in mind this improving macroeconomic data, and 2) the potential for an escalation in trade disputes and the resulting actions by major governments and bodies across the world, particularly in light of several major general elections over the next 6-18 months.

As for valuations, despite numerous indices across Europe being at all-time highs, market valuations to us appear reasonable. In part, this is driven by our focus on individual stock metrics. Here we would note that whilst Europe may not have its own specific version of the "Magnificent Seven" stocks that have been a major driving force behind the performance of the US stock market, a handful of the largest stocks in Europe have made a telling contribution to the growth, and valuation, of the overall market. As such, we believe there is the potential for a rotation into some of those stocks that have not fully participated in the market's growth, which we will aim to unearth through the bottom-up approach we use when investing at the individual stock level.

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#### **Barings Hong Kong China Fund**

#### **Performance**

Barings Hong Kong China Fund (the "Fund") generated a gross return of -9.52% on the Class A USD Inc unit class and underperformed against the performance comparator which returned -7.21%\* during the reporting year. The Fund generated a net return of -11.05% on the Class A USD Inc unit class.

Chinese equities carried on a downtrend in most of 2023, as investors remained sceptical about the sustainability of China's economic recovery especially given soft consumption, not helped by lingering pressure in the property market. That said, markets rebounded strongly going into 2024, supported by National Team's A-Share ETFs buying alongside a number of policies to stimulate economic demand such as consumption trade-in programs, coupled with recovering inflows as more international investors adjusted their underweight positions in China on attractive valuations.

Stock selection was the major detractor to relative performance of the Fund over the review period, particularly in Consumer Discretionary as weak consumption momentum pressured near-term sales and earnings outlook for some companies within the sector. On the flipside, stock selection in Materials as well as the Fund's lower exposure versus the performance comparator in Health Care contributed notably to the Fund over the 12-month period.

At a company level, Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. ended the year as the largest contributor to the Fund, driven by strong earnings prospect as the company enjoys decent upside potential amid the cyclical upcycle of semiconductor restocking, while its long-term structural growth and fundamentals remain intact as a key AI (Artificial Intelligence) enabler. On the other hand, the Fund had a lower exposure in Xiaomi compared with the performance comparator, which detracted notably from relative performance of the Fund over the review period. Share price of the company was buoyed by better-than-expected smartphone sales and the launch of its self-developed electric vehicle.

#### Market outlook

Looking forward, we expect the People's Bank of China to maintain a dovish position in monetary policies to ensure ample domestic liquidity for businesses. Although there could be further reduction in Reserve Requirement Ratios (RRR) and/or Loan Prime Rates (LPR), however, the focus is to deploy more fiscal spending to support confidence of private enterprises and consumers, which we have yet to see. Domestic consumption is gradually improving, with the Lunar New Year holidays recording per capita spending and passenger traffic surpassing that of 2019 levels. This year's introduction of "consumption trade-in" programs aim to stimulate domestic consumption spending, especially for household durable items, while a potential launch of a smaller scale "shanty-town" reform should encourage broader economic activities.

Inflation in the US continues to moderate while the labour market remains strong, while the European economy is slowly recovering, and Japan's seeing growth in domestic wages. These signs of marginal improvement in developed markets should pave the way for stronger demand and benefit the export-driven manufacturers in China. Furthermore, the likely pivot of the US Federal Reserve towards interest rate cuts this year should also be supportive for emerging market equities, including Hong Kong China markets.



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#### Barings Hong Kong China Fund (continued)

#### Market outlook (continued)

In terms of valuation, Hong Kong China equities are currently trading at the lower end of its historical range, which could represent attractive levels of entry for longer term investors. As the economy gradually normalizes, we are finding attractively priced, strong structural growth opportunities from a bottom-up perspective, which could positively contribute to our relative performance in the months to come. Structural trends such as sustainable growth, self-sufficiency in the supply chain, scientific and technological innovations, and environmental awareness, would continue to unfold. This should bolster the outlook on sectors and themes such as new infrastructure, domestic consumption, health care, technology localization and sustainability in the medium to longer term.

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#### **Barings Global Bond Fund**

#### **Performance**

Barings Global Bond Fund (the "Fund") generated a gross return of -2.43% on the Class A USD Inc unit class and over performed its performance comparator with a return of -3.81%\* during the reporting year. The Fund generated a net return of -3.60% on the Class A USD Inc unit class.

Global bond markets have remained very volatile, with wholesale underperformance across developed markets. For context, in the last Investment Manager's update, we highlighted how the beginning of quarter 2 and quarter 3 of 2023 had been the worst performance months since major central banks started hiking rates in 2021 as markets attempted to forecast when a recession would eventually hit and central banks forced to pivot. The pivot never came due to ongoing strong US economic growth and rising concerns about the fiscal US trajectory. Duration was most impacted.

That was then.

Quarter 4 of 2023 became a tale of two halves. The 'pivot', which had all but been dashed in September, came in December, telegraphing likely policy easing through 2024. The conviction had come from continued cooling in inflation. This caused a strong developed markets bond market rally, and the Fund closed 2023 ahead of the performance comparator.

Looking back, investors became too bullish on the interest rate outlook. At the beginning of the year, seven 0.25% cuts in US Federal Reserve Bank ("Federal Reserve") benchmark rates had been priced over 2024. A disappointment became inevitable, and for two reasons:

- a) The US economy showed no signs of slowing down, growing above trend, with healthy jobs growth and consumption to match. Fiscal policy has been a major driver of the boom; and
- b) US, and to some extent, global inflation was above expectations through quarter 1 of 2024, adding to central banker's concerns on "sticky inflation".

Both developments forced major central banks (US, UK, Euro-area and Canada) to start leaning against rate cuts in quarter 1 of 2024 causing a significant repricing and subsequent underperformance of developed markets sovereign bonds. Front end US rates sold off nearly 125bps in the aftermath.

At the time of writing, the European Central Bank, the Bank of Canada, and Riksbank are seen as most likely to cut rates by mid-year, and with an uncertain trajectory thereafter. Some market commentators do not believe the Federal Reserve will even cut rates at all this year. Such an uncertain and volatile macro-economic backdrop is not constructive for bonds, let alone duration.

During the reporting period, the Manager added to duration mostly via French and UK Government bonds.

The Fund is overweight in Europe (core and periphery), Australia (including via regional governments), New Zealand, and Canada (including provincials) where inflation and growth are decelerating. It is under-weight in US, for the reasons discussed above. This strategy has worked well thus far, and we do not intend to alter it. On currencies, the Fund is now long AUD and NZD vs underweights in EUR and CNY. This view exploits stretched valuations (EUR is expensive on these crosses) and high correlations (i.e., New Zealand and Australia will benefit from a China rebound, perhaps more than EUR).

#### Market outlook

Despite the Fund over performing its performance comparator, we remain cautious on the overall outlook.

As discussed in the last Investment Manager's update, we remain constructive on developed markets sovereign bonds, and duration. Our reasons have not changed:

- a) We strongly believe the US economy will eventually slow as the impact of higher borrowing rates starts to weigh. Already there are signs, albeit marginal, of cracks in consumer balance sheets.
- b) US fiscal policy is unlikely to stay expansive through 2025. The deficit is too high (at close to 7%) and soon markets will likely impose much needed discipline. If our expectations transpire, the consequent negative fiscal impulse will be a net drag on growth.



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#### Barings Global Bond Fund (continued)

## Market outlook (continued)

- c) Global inflation is falling, despite the quarter 1 hiccups; and
- d) US economic growth may outperform peers, but we see very low probability of persistent decoupling. With Europe slowing and China only stabilising, but on a weaker growth path, we continue to believe US economic growth is set to 'cool' in sympathy with the global economy.

That said, we are being very humble and tactical in risk taking.

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Barings LLC and Barings Japan Limited appointed as Sub-Investment Managers by Baring Asset Management Limited May 2024



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#### **Barings Europe Select Fund**

#### **Performance**

Barings Europe Select Fund (the "Fund") generated a gross return of 9.27% on the Class J EUR Inc unit class and over performed the performance comparator, which returned 7.09%\* during the reporting year. The Fund generated a net of return of 8.39% on the Class J EUR Inc unit class.

In the first 6 months of the year under review European smaller companies fell back, reflecting fears that European economies faced higher interest rate, despite weak economic growth, as rising wage costs and commodity prices drove up inflation rates and pressured companies' profit margins. In the latter part of the year under review, however, European companies performed more strongly as falling inflation increased confidence in falling interest rates.

The Fund performance benefited from good stock selection in Sweden and Holland, although in Denmark and Italy stock selection proved less good. By sector, stock selection in Industrials contributed positively, while in Financials lagged the index return. Among individual holdings strong contributions were made by ASM International, the Dutch technology group, Pandora, the Danish jewellery retailer, and Iveco, the Italian truck maker. Meanwhile Worldline, the French payment processor, HelloFresh, the German meal kits group, and Ariston, the Italian heating equipment group, lagged.

#### Market outlook

Over the last six months, while European equities have benefited from falling inflation rates prompting increased confidence that interest rates have peaked and are likely to be cut during 2024, European larger companies have over performed smaller companies. All-time highs made by large company indices, however, contrast sharply with the more limited progress made by European smaller company indices. European economic growth remains subdued, although most regions have avoided technical recessions, and corporate profits for smaller companies have proved more resilient than had been feared during 2022 and early last year, when energy costs were soaring and business confidence plummeted. In this context, the valuations of smaller companies are increasingly attractive, compared to historical averages and compared to larger companies, and a more positive outlook for smaller companies is increasingly being considered by equity market strategists and investors.

In this context European corporate profits growth in 2024 is likely to be limited by sluggish demand growth, wage costs and commodity price volatility. European companies' first quarter profits, announced in April and May, face more difficult annual comparisons than subsequent quarters but, overall should assuage concerns about corporate earnings prospects. Recent slight improvements in Business Confidence surveys across Europe, and stabilisations in European construction activity and Consumer Confidence, provide support to their full year profits growth forecasts.

Therefore, while equity market volatility is likely to rise, smaller companies, given their valuation attractions, are well-placed for improved relative performance. Smaller companies should also benefit from a continued recovery in take-over, merger and new company listing activity. Although sales growth will be limited by tepid economic growth, balance sheets are generally solid and cash flows should benefit from lower Inventory levels. Our focus is on identifying companies whose opportunities to achieve sustainable growth and improved profitability are over-looked in their share price valuations.

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#### **Barings German Growth Fund**

#### **Performance**

Barings German Growth Fund (the "Fund") generated a gross return of 13.62% on the Class J EUR Acc unit class and over performed its performance comparator which returned 10.88%\* during the reporting year. The Fund generated a net return of 12.69% on the Class J EUR Acc unit class.

At the stock level, Rheinmetall stood out with an extremely strong share price performance due to the high level of demand for the group's military hardware and ammunition, including from Ukraine. Suess MicroTec was also a major contributor to the Fund's performance, again on strong demand for the group's products, this time in the field of semiconductor manufacturing, which in turn was bolstered by the increasing roll-out of artificial intelligence (AI) programmes and their associated computing infrastructure. Commerzbank was also a notable positive contributor, as the bank benefited from rising interest rates due to the uplift this provides to lending margins.

Amongst the stocks that contributed negatively to the Fund's performance over the period were IT service providers GFT Technology and Compugroup Medical, the former mainly on concerns over customers' ongoing willingness to spend in areas such as cloud migration, and the latter on slowing growth in a key division, plus higher than expected restructuring charges relating to AI adoption. Not holding Adidas also proved detrimental to Fund performance as the company's product lineup gained traction with customers, culminating in the period with a positive set of first quarter results in April. Finally, the Fund's underweight position in SAP owing to regulatory rules, proved detrimental to relative performance as demand for the stock remained strong given the company's position within the fields of cloud transition and AI.

#### Market outlook

Despite reports of the "deindustrialisation" of Germany, due largely to higher energy costs making it more difficult for many local companies to compete on a global stage which in turn has led some to relocate facilities to other countries, the German stock market has performed well over the reporting period, outpacing many of its European peers. A material part of this can be attributed to the performance of some of the larger stocks in the index, notably SAP, Siemens and Allianz, which all had company-specific attributes helping drive their share prices higher. More broadly though, it was hopes of an interest rate cut by the ECB at some point during 2024, the start of several it is hoped, that propelled the market higher, even if forecasts of when the first cut would occur were pushed back as economic data across the Eurozone turned more positive.

Looking ahead therefore, we still expect the interest rate cycle to move lower during the summer, and believe this will prove positive for investor sentiment, particularly towards some of the small-cap and mid-cap names that may not have participated as much in the broader market rally as their large-cap peers referred to above. The risk though is thus if the rate cut(s) do not occur as soon, or thereafter as often, as the market is anticipating, balanced with the likelihood that a further pushing out of the down-phase of the cycle will be due to more encouraging economic data. This could delay any market rotation into the small- and mid-cap space which the Fund has a bias to, though our focus on the fundamental strengths of each company we are investing in we believe will give us the platform to deliver a better return than the performance comparator, as it has over the previous twelve months.

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#### **Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund**

#### **Performance**

Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund (the "Fund") generated a gross return of 2.58% on the Class A USD Acc unit class and underperformed against the performance comparator, which returned 18.39%\* during the reporting year. The Fund generated a net return of 0.93% on the Class A USD Acc unit class.

Given the Fund seeks to generate an attractive dividend yield along with sustainable dividend growth, and that a large part of the growth in the performance comparator was generated by stocks that we do not feel exhibited these characteristics to the extent we required, a large part of the relative performance differential was due to stocks which were not held. In this respect, the underperformance of Apple, Pfizer and LVMH during the period benefited the relative performance of the Fund, whilst not owning Nvidia and Amazon in particular, hindered it. In terms of stocks which were held, Danish pharmaceutical group Novo Nordisk once again stood out as demand remained very strong for not only its diabetes treatment Ozempic, but now also for its weight loss drug Wegovy. AB Foods, which has disappointed in prior periods, came to the fore on strong demand for its Primark discount clothing offering, and associated good margin progression.

In terms of the detractors, Nestle and Aon were notable. Nestle was weak amid concerns of a slower organic growth outlook as post-covid pricing tailwinds diminished. Management also mis-executed on implementing a new IT system. Aon, a global leading insurance broker, also detracted over the period as a decline in M&A activity slowed the growth rate of its commercial broking business, while higher IT investment weighed on the rate of margin expansion.

The Directors, in consultation with the Investment Manager, and in the best interests of the of Unitholders as a whole, have resolved to terminate the Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund on 13 May 2024.

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#### **Barings Eastern Europe Fund**

#### **Performance**

Barings Eastern Europe Fund (the "Fund") merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund into the Unit Trust on 21 July 2023. The Fund's previous track record with the inception date as at 30 September 1996 has been continued.

The Fund generated a gross return of 29.55% on the Class I USD Acc unit class and over performed against the performance comparator which returned 16.68%\* during the reporting period. The Fund generated a net return of 28.56% on the Class I USD Acc unit class.

The Fund's investment region, Emerging Europe, benefitted from a robust economic growth backdrop and the cooling of inflationary pressures. Regional politics further supported this positive development as elections favoured market friendly and growth orientated political parties. The stock markets of the Fund's 3 key geographies (Central Europe, Greece and Turkey - with a total of 175 million inhabitants) generated impressive returns between 30-40% in USD over the course of the reporting period.

Stock selection contributed significantly to performance, with the Consumer sector a beneficiary via the Fund's holdings in Turkish hard discount retailer BIM and the Turkish bottler Coca Cola Icecek (CCI). BIM benefitted from market share gains and a solid margin development while CCI managed to substantially improve pricing and delivered a positive growth surprise within its Central Asian operations.

Polish e-commerce infrastructure and parcel locker operator Inpost, also over performed, as it convinced investors it had successfully implemented its European roll-out strategy, growing successfully in markets such as France or the UK. The stock clocked a 50%+ return (USD) over the period as a result.

New holdings in the Fund include Romanian renewable power company Hidroelectrica that we purchased via the company's IPO in July 2023, Polish fast fashion retailer LLP, Piraeus Bank of Greece and Kazakhstan's leading ecommerce and FinTech operator Kaspi. The Fund sold out of its position in the Polish computer game developer CD Project.

The underperformance of the utility sector over the course of the reporting period stems from a substantial fall in European gas prices with electricity following suit. The Fund however maintained a lower weight than the performance comparator, and we continue to monitor the sector's fundamentals, which remain solid, as utilities stand to benefit from a wave of investments in electricity infrastructure, often supported by state / EU grants, and a steady rise in electricity consumption.

#### **Market outlook**

Having surprised positively over the course of the reporting period Emerging European markets are poised to continue on their path of economic performance, supported by strong domestic demand in the larger Central European economies of Romania and Poland, while export-led growth should remain subdued due to the slow industrial recovery of Germany, the region's largest trading partner.

Impressively, the return to orthodox monetary policies in Turkey under the helm of Finance Minister Mehmet Simsek has put the country back on investors' maps, leading to portfolio inflows in fixed income and equity markets alike. The restrictive monetary policy stance will reduce consumption and investment while prompting an increase in household savings. The bitter medicine could soon bear fruits however, as a meaningful reduction in inflationary pressures in the second half of 2024 should pave the way for an easing cycle. The country is brimming with potential, in our view, and a solid institutional framework will help unlock it.



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#### Barings Eastern Europe Fund (continued)

## Market outlook (continued)

Greece's success story continues into 2024 and beyond as the positive reform momentum prevails, best exemplified by the successful unwind of the Hellenic Financial Stability Fund (originally set up by the ECB, IMF and European commission to safeguard the Greek financial sector from collapse) via large-sized stock offerings in the banking sector. Having improved across a set of economic and institutional indicators Greek financial markets might qualify for an inclusion in the "Developed Market" category soon.

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## **Statement of Financial Position**

As at 30 April 2024

|  |       | Barings ASEAN<br>Frontiers Fund<br>30 April 2024 | Barings Asia<br>Growth Fund<br>30 April 2024 | Barings Australia<br>Fund<br>30 April 2024 |
|--|-------|--|--|--|
| Assets   | Notes | US\$   | US\$   | US\$                                       |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss      | 2     | 346,989,492                                      | 97,379,117                                   | 69,061,633                                 |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                  | 3     | 4,478,834  | 804,902                                      | 675,133                                    |
| Securities sold receivable                                 | 2     | 1,398,342  | 670,516                                      | _  |
| Receivable for units sold                                  | 2     | 345,218  | 33,688                                       | 679,013                                    |
| Interest receivable  | 2     | 9,861  | 4,170  | 1,326                                      |
| Dividends receivable                                       | 2     | 389,252  | 62,191                                       | _  |
| Other assets   | _     | 52   | 60   | _  |
| Total assets   | -     | 353,611,051                                      | 98,954,644                                   | 70,417,105                                 |
| Liabilities  |       |  |  |  |
| Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss | 2     | (72,957)   | (9)  | _  |
| Management fee payable                                     | 6     | (315,627)  | (92,654)                                     | (65,040)                                   |
| Administration, depositary & operating fees payable        | 6     | (114,712)  | (33,548)                                     | (23,136)                                   |
| Accrued capital gains tax                                  |       | _  | (632,467)                                    | _  |
| Payable for units redeemed                                 | 2     | (322,623)  | (66,683)                                     | (185,962)                                  |
| Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable       |       |  |  |  |
| to holders of redeemable participating units)              | -     | (825,919)  | (825,361)                                    | (274,138)                                  |
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable           |       |  |  |  |
| participating units  | -     | 352,785,132                                      | 98,129,283                                   | 70,142,967                                 |

## Statement of Financial Position (continued)

As at 30 April 2024

| Assets   | Notes | Barings Europa<br>Fund<br>30 April 2024<br>US\$ | Barings Hong<br>Kong China Fund<br>30 April 2024<br>US\$ | Barings Global<br>Bond Fund<br>30 April 2024<br>US\$ |
|--|-------|---|--|--|
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss                |       | 20,883,746                                      | 1,008,958,645  | 54,198,993   |
| <b>.</b>   | 2     | 433,678   | 4,724,901  | 446,174  |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | 3     | 433,076   | 4,724,901  | ,  |
| Margin cash  | 3     | _   | -  | 95,125   |
| Securities sold receivable   | 2     | _   | 11,919,384   | _  |
| Receivable for units sold  | 2     | 5,881   | 556,642  | 20,485   |
| Interest receivable  | 2     | _   | 6,028  | 601,240  |
| Dividends receivable   | 2     | 99,850  | 241,060  | _  |
| Other assets   |       | 8   | 10,706   | _  |
| Total assets   | -     | 21,423,163                                      | 1,026,417,366  | 55,362,017   |
| Liabilities  |       |   |  |  |
| Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss           | 2     | _   | (12)   | (395,789)  |
| Management fee payable   | 6     | (22,077)  | (992,023)  | (33,744)   |
| Administration, depositary & operating fees payable                  | 6     | (8,132)   | (371,448)  | (20,196)   |
| Securities purchased payable   | 2     | _   | (7,974,088)  | _  |
| Payable for units redeemed   | 2     | (7,526)   | (1,259,851)  | (207,116)  |
| Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable                 | -     |   |  |  |
| to holders of redeemable participating units)                        |       | (37,735)  | (10,597,422)   | (656,845)  |
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units | _     | 21,385,428                                      | 1,015,819,944  | 54,705,172   |

## Statement of Financial Position (continued)

As at 30 April 2024

| Assets   | Notes | Barings Europe<br>Select Fund<br>30 April 2024<br>€ | Barings German<br>Growth Fund<br>30 April 2024<br>€ | Barings Global<br>Dividend<br>Champions<br>Fund*<br>30 April 2024<br>US\$ |
|--|-------|---|---|---|
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss  | 2     | 50,827,146  | 22,648,504  | 23,725,764  |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | 3     | 1,753,329   | 866,883   | 2,039,989   |
| Securities sold receivable   | 2     | 92,741  | 20,227  | _   |
| Receivable for units sold  | 2     | 121   | _   | _   |
| Interest receivable  | 2     | 1,770   | 1,022   | 2,762   |
| Dividends receivable   | 2     | 97,144  | _   | 29,167  |
| Total assets   |       | 52,772,251  | 23,536,636  | 25,797,682  |
| Liabilities  |       |   |   |   |
| Management fee payable   | 6     | (50,499)  | (29,022)  | (1,365)   |
| Administration, depositary & operating fees payable  | 6     | (2,166)   | (1,170)   | (2,156)   |
| Payable for units redeemed   | 2     | (241)   | _   | _   |
| Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units) |       | (52,906)  | (30,192)  | (3,521)   |
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units                               | :     | 52,719,345  | 23,506,444  | 25,794,161  |

<sup>\*</sup> Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund terminated on 13 May 2024. As the result, the financial statements for this Fund has been prepared on a non-going concern basis.



### Statement of Financial Position (continued)

| Assets   |       | Barings Eastern<br>Europe Fund*<br>30 April 2024<br>US\$ |
|--|-------|--|
|  | Notes |  |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss  | 2     | 294,401,189  |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | 3     | 9,942,456  |
| Receivable for units sold  | 2     | 306,176  |
| Interest receivable  | 2     | 22,176   |
| Dividends receivable   | 2     | 1,195,456  |
| Other assets   |       | 5  |
| Total assets   | _     | 305,867,458  |
| Liabilities  |       |  |
| Management fee payable   | 6     | (363,947)  |
| Administration, depositary & operating fees payable  | 6     | (109,284)  |
| Payable for units redeemed   | 2     | (303,611)  |
| Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units) | _     | (776,842)  |
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units                               | =     | 305,090,616  |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Eastern Europe Fund merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund in to the Unit Trust on 21 July 2023.



### Statement of Financial Position (continued)

|  |       | Barings ASEAN<br>Frontiers Fund<br>30 April 2023 | Barings Asia<br>Growth Fund<br>30 April 2023 | Barings Australia<br>Fund<br>30 April 2023 |
|--|-------|--|--|--|
| Assets   | Notes | US\$   | US\$   | US\$                                       |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss                | 2     | 458,282,752                                      | 136,006,264                                  | 63,745,540                                 |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | 3     | 20,853,185                                       | 1,773,108                                    | 2,087,484                                  |
| Securities sold receivable   | 2     | 3,354,626  | 6,438,226                                    | 425,241                                    |
| Receivable for units sold  | 2     | 222,674  | 35,211                                       | 32,053                                     |
| Interest receivable  | 2     | 16,502   | 7,587  | 2,368                                      |
| Dividends receivable   | 2     | 480,675  | 121,287                                      | _  |
| Other assets   |       | 401  | 1,228  | _  |
| Total assets   |       | 483,210,815                                      | 144,382,911                                  | 66,292,686                                 |
| Liabilities  |       |  |  |  |
| Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss           | 2     | (14,505)   | (655)  | _  |
| Management fee payable   | 6     | (789,064)  | (257,705)                                    | (122,882)                                  |
| Administration, depositary & operating fees payable                  | 6     | (278,450)  | (100,842)                                    | (43,839)                                   |
| Securities purchased payable   | 2     | (1,447,606)                                      | (6,069,872)                                  | (208,918)                                  |
| Accrued capital gains tax  |       | _  | (137,050)                                    | _  |
| Payable for units redeemed   | 2     | (3,018,174)                                      | (705,528)                                    | (62,171)                                   |
| Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable                 | •     |  |  |  |
| to holders of redeemable participating units)                        |       | (5,547,799)                                      | (7,271,652)                                  | (437,810)                                  |
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units |       | 477,663,016                                      | 137,111,259                                  | 65,854,876                                 |

### Statement of Financial Position (continued)

|  |       | Barings Europa<br>Fund<br>30 April 2023 | Barings Hong<br>Kong China Fund<br>30 April 2023 | Barings Global<br>Bond Fund<br>30 April 2023 |
|--|-------|---|--|--|
| Assets   | Notes | US\$                                    | US\$   | US\$   |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss      | 2     | 25,056,986                              | 1,250,327,761                                    | 51,813,931                                   |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                  | 3     | 159,223                                 | 29,389,842                                       | 763,231                                      |
| Margin cash  | 3     | _                                       | _  | 151,003                                      |
| Securities sold receivable                                 | 2     | _                                       | 102,803,598                                      | _  |
| Receivable for units sold                                  | 2     | 9,096                                   | 789,659  | 723,027                                      |
| Interest receivable  | 2     | _                                       | 26,943   | 371,173                                      |
| Dividends receivable                                       | 2     | 76,098                                  | _  | _  |
| Other assets   |       | 75                                      | 5,106  | _  |
| Total assets   |       | 25,301,478                              | 1,383,342,909                                    | 53,822,365                                   |
| Liabilities  |       |   |  |  |
| Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss | 2     | _                                       | (112)  | (164,256)                                    |
| Management fee payable                                     | 6     | (49,438)                                | (2,645,745)                                      | (62,958)                                     |
| Administration, depositary & operating fees payable        | 6     | (18,278)                                | (960,962)  | (37,645)                                     |
| Securities purchased payable                               | 2     | _                                       | (111,397,395)                                    | _  |
| Payable for units redeemed                                 | 2     | (39,329)                                | (795,145)  | (20,998)                                     |
| Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable       | •     |   |  |  |
| to holders of redeemable participating units)              |       | (107,045)                               | (115,799,359)                                    | (285,857)                                    |
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable           |       |   |  |  |
| participating units  | :     | 25,194,433                              | 1,267,543,550                                    | 53,536,508                                   |



### Statement of Financial Position (continued)

| Assets   | Notes      | Barings Europe<br>Select Fund*<br>30 April 2023<br>€ | Barings German<br>Growth Fund**<br>30 April 2023<br>€ | Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund*** 30 April 2023 US\$ |
|--|------------|--|---|--|
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss                | Notes<br>2 | 48,892,020   | 22,785,407  | 24,667,112   |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | 3          | 2,312,245  | 86,938  | 984,710  |
| Receivable for units sold  | 2          | 56   | -   | -  |
| Interest receivable  | 2          | 1,057  | 271   | 1,214  |
| Dividends receivable   | 2          | 173,680  | 568   | 29,242   |
| Total assets   | <b>-</b> . | 51,379,058   | 22,873,184  | 25,682,278   |
| Liabilities  |            |  |   |  |
| Management fee payable   | 6          | (98,007)   | (53,659)  | (2,190)  |
| Administration, depositary & operating fees payable                  | 6          | (4,175)  | (2,167)   | (3,882)  |
| Payable for units redeemed   | 2          | _  | (2,520)   | _  |
| Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable                 |            |  |   |  |
| to holders of redeemable participating units)                        |            | (102,182)  | (58,346)  | (6,072)  |
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units |            | 51,276,876   | 22,814,838  | 25,676,206   |
| barracharing arms  | :          | <u> </u>   | ===,014,000   | 25,010,200   |



<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Europe Select Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 14 October 2022.

\*\* The Barings German Growth Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 14 October 2022.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 7 October 2022.

### **Statement of Comprehensive Income**

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

|   |       | Barings ASEAN<br>Frontiers Fund<br>30 April 2024 | Barings Asia<br>Growth Fund<br>30 April 2024 | Barings Australia<br>Fund<br>30 April 2024 |
|---|-------|--|--|--|
| Income  | Notes | US\$   | US\$   | US\$                                       |
| Bank interest income  | 2     | 142,548  | 52,797                                       | 45,194                                     |
| Dividend income   | 2     | 12,999,013                                       | 2,366,059                                    | 2,858,123                                  |
|   | 2     | 12,999,013                                       | 2,300,039                                    | 2,000,120                                  |
| Net fair value (loss)/gain on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss | 2     | (25,553,674)                                     | 2,423,529                                    | 4,444,161                                  |
| Total (expense)/income  | ۷.    | (12,412,113)                                     | 4,842,385                                    | 7,347,478                                  |
| Total (expense)/mcome   | -     | (12,412,113)                                     | 4,042,363                                    | 7,347,470                                  |
| Expenses  |       |  |  |  |
| Management fees   | 6     | (4,347,042)                                      | (1,250,524)                                  | (773,949)                                  |
| Administration, depositary & operating fees   | 6     | (1,536,209)                                      | (449,191)                                    | (275,581)                                  |
| General expenses  | 6     | (3,250)  | (4,449)                                      | (3,250)                                    |
| Total operating expenses  |       | (5,886,501)                                      | (1,704,164)                                  | (1,052,780)                                |
| Net (loss)/profit before finance costs and taxation   |       | (18,298,614)                                     | 3,138,221                                    | 6,294,698                                  |
| Finance costs   |       |  |  |  |
| Distributions   | 5     | (2,322,174)                                      | (100,282)                                    | (1,220,993)                                |
| Bank interest expense   | 2     | (5,046)  | (7,305)                                      | (16,437)                                   |
| Total finance costs   |       | (2,327,220)                                      | (107,587)                                    | (1,237,430)                                |
| (D)   | _     |  |  |  |
| (Decrease)/increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units before taxation   | •     | (20,625,834)                                     | 3,030,634                                    | 5,057,268                                  |
| Taxation  |       |  |  |  |
| Withholding tax on dividends and other investment income  |       | (1,215,205)                                      | (210.152)                                    | (725 706)                                  |
| •   |       | (1,215,205)                                      | (310,152)                                    | (725,796)                                  |
| Capital gains tax   |       | (4.045.005)                                      | (395,078)                                    | (705 700)                                  |
| Total taxation  |       | (1,215,205)                                      | (705,230)                                    | (725,796)                                  |
| (Decrease)/increase in net assets attributable to holders   | :     |  |  |  |
| of redeemable participating units   |       | (21,841,039)                                     | 2,325,404                                    | 4,331,472                                  |
|   | -     |  |  |  |



Statement of Comprehensive Income (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

| Income   | Notes | Barings Europa<br>Fund<br>30 April 2024<br>US\$ | Barings Hong<br>Kong China Fund<br>30 April 2024<br>US\$ | Barings Global<br>Bond Fund<br>30 April 2024<br>US\$ |
|--|-------|---|--|--|
| Income Bank interest income                                  | 2     | 0.444   | 202.050  | E4 904   |
| Interest income  | 2     | 8,441   | 282,050  | 54,804   |
| Dividend income  | 2     | 691,431   | 27,938,200   | 2,319,445  |
| Net fair value gain/(loss) on financial assets and financial | 2     | 091,431   | 27,930,200   | _  |
| liabilities at fair value through profit or loss             | 2     | 643,481   | (149,012,744)  | (4,317,374)  |
| Total income/(expense)                                       |       | 1,343,353                                       | (120,792,494)  | (1,943,125)  |
| Total moomo/(exponer)  | -     | 1,040,000                                       | (120,102,404)  | (1,040,120)  |
| Expenses   |       |   |  |  |
| Management fees  | 6     | (279,735)                                       | (13,646,651)   | (421,292)  |
| Administration, depositary & operating fees                  | 6     | (100,705)                                       | (4,907,953)  | (252,063)  |
| General expenses   | 6     | (5,878)   | (19,051)   | (3,250)  |
| Total operating expenses                                     | •     | (386,318)                                       | (18,573,655)   | (676,605)  |
|  | •     |   |  |  |
| Net profit/(loss) before finance costs and taxation          |       | 957,035   | (139,366,149)  | (2,619,730)  |
|  |       |   |  |  |
| Finance costs  | _     | (000.050)                                       |  | (4.050.000)  |
| Distributions  | 5     | (290,350)                                       | _  | (1,358,683)  |
| Bank interest expense  | 2.    | (63)  | (41,966)   | (985)  |
| Total finance costs  |       | (290,413)                                       | (41,966)   | (1,359,668)  |
| Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to holders    |       |   |  |  |
| of redeemable participating units before taxation            |       | 666,622   | (139,408,115)  | (3,979,398)  |
| 3 · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·                      |       |   | (,, -,   | (=,==,==,  |
| Taxation   |       |   |  |  |
| Withholding tax on dividends and other investment income     |       | (51,900)  | (2,018,005)  | _  |
| Total taxation   | -     | (51,900)  | (2,018,005)  |  |
|  |       |   |  |  |
| Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to holders    | •     |   |  |  |
| of redeemable participating units                            |       | 614,722   | (141,426,120)  | (3,979,398)  |



Statement of Comprehensive Income (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

|   |       | Barings Europe<br>Select Fund | Barings German<br>Growth Fund | Barings Global<br>Dividend<br>Champions<br>Fund* |
|---|-------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
|   |       | 30 April 2024                 | 30 April 2024                 | 30 April 2024                                    |
| Income  | Notes | €                             | €                             | US\$   |
| Income Bank interest income   | 0     | 07.500                        | 0.074                         | 24.040   |
|   | 2     | 27,563                        | 9,374                         | 24,840   |
| Dividend income   | 2     | 1,268,009                     | 743,708                       | 631,959  |
| Net fair value gain/(loss) on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss | 2     | 3,097,680                     | 1,905,547                     | (313,942)  |
| Total income  | ۷.    |                               |                               |  |
| Total income  |       | 4,393,252                     | 2,658,629                     | 342,857  |
| Expenses  |       |                               |                               |  |
| Management fees   | 6     | (593,193)                     | (330,721)                     | (16,712)   |
| Administration, depositary & operating fees   | 6     | (25,377)                      | (13,348)                      | (25,767)   |
| General expenses  | 6     | (3,040)                       | (3,040)                       | (3,250)  |
| Total operating expenses  |       | (621,610)                     | (347,109)                     | (45,729)   |
| Net profit before finance costs and taxation  |       | 3,771,642                     | 2,311,520                     | 297,128  |
| Finance costs   |       |                               |                               |  |
| Distributions   | 5     | (461,715)                     | (55)                          | (155)  |
| Bank interest expense   | 2     | (796)                         | (34)                          | (245)  |
| Total finance costs   |       | (462,511)                     | (89)                          | (400)  |
| Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units before taxation              |       | 3,309,131                     | 2,311,431                     | 296,728  |
|   |       |                               |                               |  |
| <b>Taxation</b> Withholding tax on dividends and other investment income                                      |       | (162,595)                     | (163,600)                     | (68,655)   |
| Total taxation  | -     |                               |                               | ,  |
| iotal taxation  | -     | (162,595)                     | (163,600)                     | (68,655)   |
| Increase in net assets attributable to holders of   |       |                               |                               |  |
| redeemable participating units  | =     | 3,146,536                     | 2,147,831                     | 228,073  |

<sup>\*</sup> Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund terminated on 13 May 2024. As the result, the financial statements for this Fund has been prepared on a non-going concern basis.

Gains and losses for Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund arose solely from discontinuing operations. Gains and losses for Barings Europe Select Fund and Barings German Growth Fund arose solely from continuing operations. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.



Statement of Comprehensive Income (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

|  |       | Barings Eastern<br>Europe Fund*<br>30 April 2024 |
|--|-------|--|
|  | Notes | US\$   |
| Income   |       |  |
| Bank interest income   | 2     | 199,117  |
| Dividend income  | 2     | 6,263,483  |
| Net fair value gain on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss | 2_    | 64,585,566                                       |
| Total income   | _     | 71,048,166                                       |
| Expenses   |       |  |
| Management fees  | 6     | (3,124,994)                                      |
| Administration, depositary & operating fees  | 6     | (937,906)  |
| General expenses   | 6     | (15,210)   |
| •  | 0_    | (4,078,110)                                      |
| Total operating expenses   | _     | (4,076,110)                                      |
| Net profit before finance costs and taxation   |       | 66,970,056                                       |
| Finance costs  |       |  |
| Bank interest expense  | 2     | (19,839)   |
| Total finance costs  | _     | (19,839)   |
| Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units before taxation       |       | 66,950,217                                       |
| Taxation   |       |  |
| Withholding tax on dividends and other investment income   |       | (1,247,974)                                      |
| Total taxation   | _     | (1,247,974)                                      |
| Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units                       | =     | 65,702,243                                       |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Eastern Europe Fund merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund in to the Unit Trust on 21 July 2023.



Statement of Comprehensive Income (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2023

| Notes | Barings ASEAN<br>Frontiers Fund<br>30 April 2023<br>US\$ | Barings Asia<br>Growth Fund<br>30 April 2023<br>US\$ | Barings Australia<br>Fund<br>30 April 2023<br>US\$ |
|-------|--|--|--|
|       |  |  |  |
| 2     | 137,388  | 47,223   | 27,934   |
| 2     | 13,170,313   | 3,088,919  | 3,384,439  |
| S     |  |  |  |
| 2     | (30,300,629)   | (24,074,033)   | (7,177,801)  |
|       | (16,992,928)   | (20,937,891)   | (3,765,428)  |
|       |  |  |  |
| 6     | (4 761 756)  | (1 674 246)  | (747,618)  |
|       | , ,  | , ,  | (267,450)  |
|       | , , ,  | , ,  | (3,250)  |
|       | (6,449,368)  | (2,274,912)  | (1,018,318)  |
| •     | (00, 440, 000)   | (00.040.000)   | (4.700.740)  |
|       | (23,442,296)   | (23,212,803)   | (4,783,746)  |
|       |  |  |  |
| 5     | (1,651,643)  | _  | (1,286,690)  |
| 2     | (5,893)  | (3,593)  | (12,264)   |
|       | (1,657,536)  | (3,593)  | (1,298,954)  |
|       | (25,000,022)   | (22.246.206)   | (0.000.700)  |
|       | (25,099,832)   | (23,216,396)   | (6,082,700)  |
|       |  |  |  |
|       | (1,227,652)  | (352,584)  | (806,602)  |
|       | _  | 327,695  | _  |
|       | (1,227,652)  | (24,889)   | (806,602)  |
|       |  |  |  |
|       | (26,327,484)   | (23,241,285)   | (6,889,302)  |
|       | 2<br>2<br>2<br>3<br>2<br>6<br>6<br>6<br>6                | Notes   Frontiers Fund 30 April 2023   US\$   US\$   | Notes  |



Statement of Comprehensive Income (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2023

|  |       | Barings Europa<br>Fund<br>30 April 2023 | Barings Hong<br>Kong China Fund<br>30 April 2023 | Barings Global<br>Bond Fund<br>30 April 2023 |
|--|-------|---|--|--|
|  | Notes | US\$                                    | US\$   | US\$   |
| Income   |       |   |  |  |
| Bank interest income   | 2     | 655                                     | 305,341  | 26,328                                       |
| Interest income  | 2     | _                                       | _  | 1,477,413                                    |
| Dividend income  | 2     | 814,685                                 | 29,839,520                                       | _  |
| Net fair value gain/(loss) on financial assets and financial |       |   | (0.40 = 00.00)                                   | (0.074.004)                                  |
| liabilities at fair value through profit or loss             | 2 _   | 1,648,889                               | (219,722,280)                                    | (3,351,281)                                  |
| Total income/(expense)                                       | _     | 2,464,229                               | (189,577,419)                                    | (1,847,540)                                  |
| Expenses   |       |   |  |  |
| Management fees  | 6     | (289,055)                               | (17,054,272)                                     | (377,440)                                    |
| Administration, depositary & operating fees                  | 6     | (104,060)                               | (6,132,970)                                      | (225,641)                                    |
| General expenses   | 6     | (6,000)                                 | (18,470)   | (3,250)                                      |
| Total operating expenses                                     | -     | (399,115)                               | (23,205,712)                                     | (606,331)                                    |
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| Net profit/(loss) before finance costs and taxation          |       | 2,065,114                               | (212,783,131)                                    | (2,453,871)                                  |
| Finance costs  |       |   |  |  |
| Distributions  | 5     | (228,571)                               | _  | (160,668)                                    |
| Bank interest expense  | 2     | (1,550)                                 | (19,471)   | (11,619)                                     |
| Total finance costs  |       | (230,121)                               | (19,471)   | (172,287)                                    |
| Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to holders    |       |   |  |  |
| of redeemable participating units before taxation            |       | 1,834,993                               | (212,802,602)                                    | (2,626,158)                                  |
| Taxation   |       |   |  |  |
| Withholding tax on dividends and other investment income     |       | (102,360)                               | (1,469,922)                                      | (13,475)                                     |
| Total taxation   | -     | (102,360)                               | (1,469,922)                                      | (13,475)                                     |
| Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to holders    |       |   |  |  |
| of redeemable participating units                            |       | 1,732,633                               | (214,272,524)                                    | (2,639,633)                                  |



Statement of Comprehensive Income (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2023

|   |       |   |  | Barings Global<br>Dividend            |
|---|-------|---|--|---------------------------------------|
|   |       | Barings Europe<br>Select Fund*<br>30 April 2023 | Barings German<br>Growth Fund**<br>30 April 2023 | Champions<br>Fund***<br>30 April 2023 |
|   | Notes | . €   | . €  | US\$                                  |
| Income  |       |   |  |                                       |
| Bank interest income  | 2     | 12,843  | 2,501  | 5,244                                 |
| Dividend income   | 2     | 594,435   | 113,677  | 356,671                               |
| Net fair value gain on financial assets and financial liabilities |       |   |  |                                       |
| at fair value through profit or loss                              | 2     | 7,270,366                                       | 4,516,599  | 5,250,809                             |
| Total income  |       | 7,877,644                                       | 4,632,777  | 5,612,724                             |
| Expenses  |       |   |  |                                       |
| Management fees   | 6     | (315,002)                                       | (170,062)  | (7,362)                               |
| Administration, depositary & operating fees                       | 6     | (13,316)  | (6,865)  | (12,710)                              |
| General expenses  | 6     | (7,109)   | (2,977)  | (3,706)                               |
| Total operating expenses  |       | (335,427)                                       | (179,904)  | (23,778)                              |
| Net profit before finance costs and taxation                      |       | 7,542,217                                       | 4,452,873  | 5,588,946                             |
| ·   |       | , ,   | , ,  |                                       |
| Finance costs   |       |   |  |                                       |
| Distributions   | 5     | _   | _  | (150)                                 |
| Bank interest expense   | 2     | (4,666)   | (74)   | (217)                                 |
| Total finance costs   |       | (4,666)   | (74)   | (367)                                 |
| Increase in net assets attributable to holders of                 |       |   |  |                                       |
| redeemable participating units before taxation                    |       | 7,537,551                                       | 4,452,799  | 5,588,579                             |
| Taxation  |       |   |  |                                       |
| Withholding tax on dividends and other investment income          |       | (96,583)  | (13,556)   | (53,745)                              |
| Total taxation  |       | (96,583)  | (13,556)   | (53,745)                              |
| Increase in net assets attributable to holders of                 |       |   |  |                                       |
| redeemable participating units                                    | :     | 7,440,968                                       | 4,439,243  | 5,534,834                             |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Europe Select Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 14 October 2022.



<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings German Growth Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 14 October 2022.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 7 October 2022.

### Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Units

|   | Notes | Barings ASEAN<br>Frontiers Fund<br>30 April 2024<br>US\$ | Barings Asia<br>Growth Fund<br>30 April 2024<br>US\$ | Barings Australia<br>Fund<br>30 April 2024<br>US\$ |
|---|-------|--|--|--|
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units at the beginning of the financial year |       | 477,663,016  | 137,111,259  | 65,854,876   |
| (Decrease)/increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units                 |       | (21,841,039)   | 2,325,404  | 4,331,472  |
| Issue of redeemable participating units during the financial year   | 4     | 67.824.302   | 15,299,184   | 15,499,715   |
| Redemption of redeemable participating units during the financial year                                      | 4     | (170,840,804)  | (56,512,966)   | (15,517,304)                                       |
| Income equalisation   | 5     | (20,343)   | (93,598)   | (25,792)   |
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units at the end of the financial year       |       | 352,785,132  | 98,129,283   | 70,142,967   |



Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Units (continued)

|   | Notes | Barings Europa<br>Fund<br>30 April 2024<br>US\$ | Barings Hong<br>Kong China Fund<br>30 April 2024<br>US\$ | Barings Global<br>Bond Fund<br>30 April 2024<br>US\$ |
|---|-------|---|--|--|
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units at the beginning of the financial year |       | 25,194,433                                      | 1,267,543,550  | 53,536,508   |
| Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units                 |       | 614,722   | (141,426,120)  | (3,979,398)  |
| Issue of redeemable participating units during the financial year   | 4     | 1,248,675                                       | 123,303,680  | 15,824,218   |
| Redemption of redeemable participating units during the financial year                                      | 4     | (5,643,361)                                     | (233,597,097)  | (10,669,477)   |
| Income equalisation   | 5     | (29,041)  | (4,069)  | (6,679)  |
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units at the end of the financial year       |       | 21,385,428                                      | 1,015,819,944  | 54,705,172   |

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Units (continued)

|   | Notes | Barings Europe<br>Select Fund<br>30 April 2024<br>€ | Barings German<br>Growth Fund<br>30 April 2024<br>€ | Barings Global<br>Dividend<br>Champions<br>Fund*<br>30 April 2024<br>US\$ |
|---|-------|---|---|---|
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units at the beginning of the financial year |       | 51,276,876  | 22,814,838  | 25,676,206  |
| Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable  |       | 01,270,070  | 22,014,000  | 20,070,200  |
| participating units   |       | 3,146,536   | 2,147,831   | 228,073   |
| Issue of redeemable participating units during the financial  |       |   |   |   |
| year  | 4     | 3,491,044   | 402,705   | 1,059,875   |
| Redemption of redeemable participating units during the   |       |   |   |   |
| financial year  | 4     | (5,202,029)   | (1,858,198)   | (1,169,985)   |
| Income equalisation   | 5     | 6,918   | (732)   | (8)   |
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable  |       |   |   |   |
| participating units at the end of the financial year  |       | 52,719,345  | 23,506,444  | 25,794,161  |

<sup>\*</sup> Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund terminated on 13 May 2024. As the result, the financial statements for this Fund has been prepared on a non-going concern basis.



Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Units (continued)

|   | Notes | Barings Eastern<br>Europe Fund*<br>30 April 2024<br>US\$ |
|---|-------|--|
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units at the beginning of the financial year |       | _  |
| Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units                            |       | 65,702,243   |
| Issue of redeemable participating units during the financial year   | 4     | 299,046,549  |
| Redemption of redeemable participating units during the financial year                                      | 4     | (59,657,677)   |
| Income equalisation   | 5     | (499)  |
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units at the end of the financial year       |       | 305,090,616  |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Eastern Europe Fund merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund in to the Unit Trust on 21 July 2023.



Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Units (continued)

|   | Notes | Barings ASEAN<br>Frontiers Fund<br>30 April 2023<br>US\$ | Barings Asia<br>Growth Fund<br>30 April 2023<br>US\$ | Barings Australia<br>Fund<br>30 April 2023<br>US\$ |
|---|-------|--|--|--|
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units at the beginning of the financial year |       | 532,758,689  | 179,926,284  | 68,762,239   |
| Decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units                            |       | (26,327,484)   | (23,241,285)   | (6,889,302)  |
| Issue of redeemable participating units during the financial year   | 4     | 133,219,981  | 27,895,502   | 16,640,319   |
| Redemption of redeemable participating units during the financial year                                      | 4     | (161,978,626)  | (47,469,248)   | (12,605,103)                                       |
| Income equalisation   | 5     | (9,544)  | 6  | (53,277)   |
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units at the end of the financial year       |       | 477,663,016  | 137,111,259  | 65,854,876   |



Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Units (continued)

|   | Notes | Barings Europa<br>Fund<br>30 April 2023<br>US\$ | Barings Hong<br>Kong China Fund<br>30 April 2023<br>US\$ | Barings Global<br>Bond Fund<br>30 April 2023<br>US\$ |
|---|-------|---|--|--|
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units at the beginning of the financial year |       | 25.539.155                                      | 1,516,303,487  | 57.231.030   |
| Increase/(decrease) in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units                 |       | 1,732,633                                       | (214,272,524)  | (2,639,633)  |
| Issue of redeemable participating units during the financial year   | 4     | 1,087,998                                       | 218,374,111  | 12,468,329   |
| Redemption of redeemable participating units during the financial year                                      | 4     | (3,147,896)                                     | (252,857,686)  | (13,536,193)   |
| Income equalisation   | 5     | (17,457)  | (3,838)  | 12,975   |
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units at the end of the financial year       |       | 25,194,433                                      | 1,267,543,550  | 53,536,508   |

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Units (continued)

|   | Notes | Barings Europe<br>Select Fund*<br>30 April 2023<br>€ | Barings German<br>Growth Fund**<br>30 April 2023<br>€ | Barings Global<br>Dividend<br>Champions<br>Fund***<br>30 April 2023<br>US\$ |
|---|-------|--|---|---|
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units at the beginning of the financial year |       | _  | _   | _   |
| Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable  |       |  |   |   |
| participating units   |       | 7,440,968  | 4,439,243   | 5,534,834   |
| Issue of redeemable participating units during the financial  |       |  |   |   |
| year  | 4     | 47,845,720   | 18,917,562  | 20,476,738  |
| Redemption of redeemable participating units during the   |       |  |   |   |
| financial year  | 4     | (4,009,812)  | (541,967)   | (335,433)   |
| Income equalisation   | 5     | _  | _   | 67  |
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable  | •     |  |   |   |
| participating units at the end of the financial year  |       | 51,276,876   | 22,814,838  | 25,676,206  |



<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Europe Select Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 14 October 2022.

\*\* The Barings German Growth Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 14 October 2022.

\*\*\* The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 7 October 2022.

#### Notes to the financial statements

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

#### 1. Basis of measurement

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Irish Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") as issued by the UK Financial Reporting Council ("FRC"), and Irish law and certain provisions of the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (the "UCITS Regulations"). Accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland in preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view are those issued by the Financial Reporting Council ("FRC").

Barings International Umbrella Fund (the "Unit Trust") has been authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland (the "CBI") pursuant to the Unit Trusts Act, 1990, and the Trust Deed. As the Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund, Barings Asia Growth Fund, Barings Australia Fund, Barings Europa Fund, Barings Hong Kong China Fund and Barings Global Bond Fund (the "Funds") are registered for sale in Hong Kong, the Unit Trust has also been authorised by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission ("SFC") pursuant to the provisions of the Hong Kong Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds, supplemented or consolidated from time to time.

The Unit Trust meets all the conditions set out in FRS 102, section 7 and consequently has availed of the exemption available to certain funds not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the application of policies and the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, income and expenses. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis of the judgements made about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities, including derivative financial instruments held at fair value through profit or loss. The Directors, in consultation with the Investment Manager, and in the best interests of the Unitholders as a whole, have resolved to terminate Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund on 13 May 2024. The decision has been taken in consideration of, amongst other things, the Funds' economic viability and ability to operate in a cost-efficient manner due to their small asset size. As the result, the financial statements for this Fund has been prepared on a non-going concern basis.

### 2. Significant accounting policies

### (a) Fair value measurement

By fully adopting FRS 102, in accounting for its financial instruments, a reporting entity is required to apply either (a) the full requirements of FRS 102 relating to Basic Financial Instruments and Other Financial Instruments, b) the recognition and measurement provisions of IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement and only the disclosure requirements of FRS 102 relating to Basic Financial Instruments and Other Financial Instruments, or c) the recognition and measurement provisions of IFRS 9 Financial Instruments and only the disclosure requirements of FRS 102 relating to Basic Financial Instruments and Other Financial Instruments. The Unit Trust has chosen to implement (b) the recognition and measurement provisions of IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement and only the disclosure requirements of FRS 102 relating to Basic Financial Instruments and Other Financial Instruments.

The use of the IAS 39 recognition and measurement provisions is in line with the pricing policy, which outlines that the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities be valued at the last traded prices. The financial statements include all the trades received up until 12:00p.m. (Irish time) on 30 April 2024, the valuation point for the Unit Trust.

An adjustment has been made to the value of investments in Barings Australia Fund, Barings Eastern Europe Fund, Barings Europa Fund, Barings German Growth Fund and Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund to reflect the close of business prices on 30 April 2024.



#### Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (a) Fair value measurement (continued)

Financial Statements NAV

The tables below detail the reconciliation of NAV adjustments made:

| Dealing NAV per 12.00 pm (Irish Time) Valuation Adjustment to value investment at close of business prices Financial Statements NAV | US\$ 70,547,095 (404,128) 70,142,967 | US\$ 21,594,406 (208,978) 21,385,428 |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Tillaholal otatements NAV   | 70,142,307                           | 21,303,420                           |
|   |                                      | Barings Global                       |
|   | Barings German                       | Dividend                             |
|   | Growth Fund                          | Champions Fund                       |
|   | €                                    | US\$                                 |
| Dealing NAV per 12.00 pm (Irish Time) Valuation   | 23,671,556                           | 25,975,036                           |
| Adjustment to value investment at close of business prices  | (165,112)                            | (180,875)                            |
| Financial Statements NAV  | 23,506,444                           | 25,794,161                           |

**Europe Fund\*** US\$ Dealing NAV per 12.00 pm (Irish Time) Valuation 307,877,258 Adjustment to value investment at close of business prices (2,786,642)305,090,616

**Barings Australia** 

**Fund** 

**Barings Europa** 

**Barings Eastern** 

**Fund** 

An adjustment has been made to the value of investments in Barings Europa Fund, Barings Global Bond Fund, Barings Global Balanced Fund, Barings Europe Select Fund, Barings German Growth Fund and Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund to reflect the close of business prices on 28 April 2023.

The tables below detail the reconciliation of NAV adjustments made:

|  | Barings Europa<br>Fund<br>US\$ | Barings Global<br>Bond Fund<br>US\$ |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Dealing NAV per 12.00 pm (Irish Time) Valuation  | 24,815,927                     | 53,085,502                          |
| Adjustment to value investment at close of business prices   | 378,506                        | 451,006                             |
| Financial Statements NAV   | 25,194,433                     | 53,536,508                          |
|  |                                |                                     |
|  | Barings Europe<br>Select Fund* | Barings German<br>Growth Fund**     |
|  | 0 .                            | •                                   |
| Dealing NAV per 12.00 pm (Irish Time) Valuation  | Select Fund*                   | •                                   |
| Dealing NAV per 12.00 pm (Irish Time) Valuation Adjustment to value investment at close of business prices | Select Fund*<br>€              | Growth Fund**<br>€                  |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Europe Select Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 14 October 2022.



<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Eastern Europe Fund merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund in to the Unit Trust on 21 July 2023.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings German Growth Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 14 October 2022.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (a) Fair value measurement (continued)

#### (b) Foreign exchange transaction

Functional and presentation currency

Items included in the Unit Trust's financial statements are measured using the currency of the primary economic environment in which it operates (the "functional currency"). The functional currency of Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund, Barings Asia Growth Fund, Barings Australia Fund, Barings Europa Fund, Barings Hong Kong China Fund, Barings Global Bond Fund and Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund is the US dollar, as the majority of share classes are subscribed in US dollars. The functional currency of Barings Europe Select Fund and Barings German Growth Fund is the euro based on the same rationale.

#### Transactions and balances

Foreign currency transactions are translated into the functional and presentation currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions. Foreign exchange gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation at year-end exchange rates of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

Proceeds from subscriptions and amounts paid on redemption of redeemable participating units are translated into the functional currency using the exchange rates prevailing at the dates of the transactions.

They represent the difference between an instrument's initial carrying amount and disposal amount, or cash payments or receipts made on derivative contracts (excluding payments or receipts on collateral margin accounts for such instruments).

#### (c) Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

#### Classification

The Funds classify their investments in securities as financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss. These financial assets and financial liabilities are classified as held for trading or designated by the Directors of the Manager at fair value through profit or loss at inception.

Financial assets or financial liabilities held for trading are those acquired or incurred principally for the purposes of selling or repurchasing in the short term. Financial assets and financial liabilities designated at fair value through profit or loss at inception are those that are managed and whose performance is evaluated on a fair value basis in accordance with the Funds' documented investment strategies. The Funds' policy is for Baring Asset Management Limited (the "Investment Manager") and the Directors of the Manager to evaluate the information about these financial assets on a fair value basis together with other related financial information. These financial assets and financial liabilities are expected to be realised within 12 months of the Statement of Financial Position date.



Dealing NAV per 12.00 pm (Irish Time) Valuation Fair Value adjustment removal Financial Statements NAV

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 7 October 2022.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (c) Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (continued)

#### Recognition/derecognition

Purchases and sales of investments are recognised on the trade date – the date on which the Funds commit to purchasing or selling the investment. The financial statements include all the trades received up until the valuation point for each Fund as disclosed on page 3. Any trades received subsequent to these points are not reflected in the financial statements. Investments are de-recognised when the rights to receive cash flows from the investments have expired or the Funds have transferred substantially all risks and rewards of ownership. Realised gains and losses on disposals of financial assets and financial liabilities classified as 'at fair value through profit or loss' are calculated using the First In First Out ("FIFO") method. They represent the difference between an instrument's initial carrying amount and disposal amount, or cash payments or receipts made on derivative contracts (excluding payments or receipts on collateral margin accounts for such instruments).

#### Measurement

Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are initially recognised at fair value. Transaction costs are included in the 'net fair value gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss' in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for each individual Fund. Subsequent to initial recognition, all financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss are measured at fair value at the relevant valuation point for each Fund as disclosed on page 3. Gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the 'Financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss' category are presented in the Statement of Comprehensive Income in the year in which they arise.

#### Fair value estimation

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. As a result of the Unit Trust's decision to implement the recognition and measurement provisions of IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement, the fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives and trading securities) are based on quoted market prices at the Fund's valuation point on the reporting date.

The Unit Trust's fair valuation input utilises the last traded market price for both financial assets and financial liabilities where the last traded price falls within the bid-ask spread. In circumstances where the last traded price is not within the bid-ask spread, management will determine the point within the bid-ask spread that is most representative of fair value.

The fair value of financial instruments that are not traded in an active market (for example, over-the-counter derivatives) is determined by using valuation techniques. The Funds use a variety of methods and make assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at the Statement of Financial Position date. Unquoted investments are valued in accordance with the most recent valuation made by the Manager. In the absence of a price being available for a security, the Directors of the Manager can determine such a valuation where appropriate. Valuation techniques used include the use of comparable recent arm's length transactions, discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models and other valuation techniques commonly used by market participants.

Investment Funds are stated at fair value, which is represented by the unaudited NAV of the underlying investment as reported by the management of these investment funds. The Unit Trust estimates that this valuation method most fairly represents the amount that would have been realised had the investment been sold as at the date of these financial statements.

#### Forward foreign currency transactions

Forward foreign currency transactions "FFCT's" are measured at fair value based on the closing prices of the FFCTs contract rates on the relevant foreign exchange market on a daily basis. Realised and unrealised gains and/or losses are reported in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.



Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (c) Financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (continued)

#### **Futures contracts**

A futures contract is an agreement between two parties to buy and sell a security, index or currency at a specific price or rate at a future date. Upon entering into a futures contract, the Funds are required to deposit with a broker an amount of cash or cash equivalents equal to a certain percentage of the contract amount. This is known as the "initial cash margin". Subsequent payments ("variation margins") are made or received by the Funds each day, depending on the daily fluctuation in the value of the contract.

The daily changes in contract value are recorded as unrealised gains or losses, and the Funds recognise a realised gain or loss when the contract is closed. Unrealised gains and losses on futures contracts are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

#### (d) Income

Interest income and interest expenses

Interest income and interest expenses are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for all debt instruments and cash using the effective interest method. The effective interest method is a method of calculating the amortised cost of a financial asset or financial liability and of allocating the interest income or interest expense over the relevant year. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts throughout the expected life of the financial instrument, or a shorter year where appropriate, to the net carrying amount of the financial asset or financial liability.

Once a financial asset or a group of similar financial assets has been written down as a result of an impairment loss, interest income is recognised using the rate of interest used to discount the future cash flows for the purpose of measuring the impairment loss.

#### Dividend Income

Dividends are credited to the Statement of Comprehensive Income on the dates on which the relevant securities are listed as "ex-dividend". Dividend income is shown gross of any irrecoverable withholding taxes, which are disclosed separately in the Statement of Comprehensive Income, and net of any tax credits.

#### (e) Expenses

All expenses, including management fees, administration fees and depositary fees, are recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income on an accruals basis. The Manager meets all other expenses incurred by the Unit Trust in connection with its services.

#### (f) Receivables

Receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments that are not quoted in an active market. Receivables are initially recognised at fair value plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to their acquisition origination. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment.

#### (g) Payables

Payables are initially recognised at fair value and subsequently stated at amortised cost using the effective interest method. The difference between the proceeds and the amounts payable is recognised over the year of the payable using the effective interest method.

#### (h) Redeemable participating units

Redeemable participating units are redeemable at the unitholder's option and are classified as financial liabilities. The accounting policy for recognition of subscriptions and redemptions is that they were recorded effective from the trade date for financing reporting purposes.



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#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (h) Redeemable participating units (continued)

The redeemable participating unit can be put back into the Unit Trust on any business day of the Fund for cash equal to a proportionate unit of the Fund's Net Asset Value. The redeemable participating unit is carried at the redemption amount that is payable at the Statement of Financial Position date if the unitholder exercised their right to put the unit back into the Unit Trust.

In accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed, listed investments and investments with prices quoted in over-the-counter markets or by market makers are stated at the last traded price on the valuation day for the purpose of determining the Net Asset Value per unit for subscriptions and redemptions and for various fee calculations.

Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units represent a liability in the Statement of Financial Position, carried at the redemption amount that would be payable at the Statement of Financial Position date if the unitholder exercised the right to redeem the unit to the Fund.

#### (i) Transaction costs

Transaction costs are incremental costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition, issue or disposal of a financial asset or financial liability. An incremental cost is one that would not have been incurred if the entity had not acquired, issued or disposed of the financial instrument. When a financial asset or financial liability is recognised initially, an entity shall measure it at its fair value through profit or loss plus transaction costs that are directly attributable to the acquisition or issue of the financial asset or financial liability. They include fees and commissions paid to agents, advisers, brokers or dealers. Transaction costs are included in the 'net fair value gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss' in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for each individual Fund. See note 6, 'Significant agreements and fees', for further information on transaction costs.

#### (j) Distributions

Note 5 discloses all distributions declared and paid during the year.

Distributions in respect of Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund Class A Inc and Class I Inc units, Barings Asia Growth Fund Class A Inc and Class I Inc units, Barings Australia Fund Class A Inc units, Barings Europa Fund Class A Inc and Class C Inc units, Barings Hong Kong China Fund Class A Inc, Class C Inc and Class I Inc units, Barings Global Bond Fund Class I Inc units and Barings German Growth Fund Class B Inc and Class J Inc units are normally paid annually no later than 31 July of each year.

Distributions in respect of Barings Global Bond Fund Class A Inc units and Barings Europe Select Fund Class B Inc, Class I Inc and J Inc units will normally be paid semi-annually and no later than 31 January and 31 July in each year.

Distributions in respect of Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund Class F Inc and Class I Inc will normally be paid quarterly and no later than 31 January, 30 April, 31 July and 31 August in each year.

Distributions in respect of Barings Global Bond Fund Class A RMB Hedged Inc is normally paid monthly no later than the last business day of each month.

Distributions may be declared from net income and net fair value gains on financial assets. Unitholders should note that distributions below US\$100/£50/€100 are automatically reinvested. The distribution on these units is recognised in the Statement of Comprehensive Income as finance costs on an ex-date basis. Distributions in respect of Barings Global Bond Fund distributions may be paid out of capital and/or any surplus net income and/or any capital gains less realised and unrealized capital losses. Accumulating share classes will not pay distributions.



Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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#### 2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

#### (k) Net income equalisation

Net income equalisation is accrued net income included in the price of units purchased and redeemed during the accounting year. The subscription price of units is deemed to include an equalisation payment calculated by reference to the accrued net income of the relevant Fund, and the first distribution in respect of any unit will include a payment of income usually equal to the amount of such equalisation payment. The redemption price of each unit will also include an equalisation payment in respect of the accrued net income of the relevant Fund up to the date of redemption. Income equalisation is detailed on the statement of changes in net assets of each Fund where applicable.

#### 3. Cash and cash equivalents, margin cash and bank overdrafts

Cash, margin cash and cash equivalents is valued at their fair value with interest accrued, where applicable. The Funds held the following cash deposits maintained with The Northern Trust Company ("TNC"), London branch, uninvested cash balances are being swept daily into the Northern Trust Global Funds.

| Fund Name Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund | <b>30 April 2024</b><br>US\$4,478,834 | <b>30 April 2023</b> US\$20,853,185 |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Barings Asia Growth Fund               | US\$804,902                           | US\$1,773,108                       |
| Barings Australia Fund                 | US\$675,133                           | US\$2,087,484                       |
| Barings Europa Fund                    | US\$433,678                           | US\$159,223                         |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund           | US\$4,724,901                         | US\$29,389,842                      |
| Barings Global Bond Fund               | US\$446,174                           | US\$763,231                         |
| Barings Europe Select Fund             | EUR€1,753,329                         | EUR€2,312,245                       |
| Barings German Growth Fund             | EUR€866,883                           | EUR€86,938                          |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund | US\$2,039,989                         | US\$984,710                         |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund*           | US\$9,942,456                         | US\$Nil                             |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Eastern Europe Fund merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund in to the Unit Trust on 21 July 2023.

Any margin cash is held by the broker as this is restricted cash. As at 30 April 2024 and 30 April 2023, the following margin cash was held:

#### **Barings Global Bond Fund**

|                                | 30 April 2024<br>US\$ | 30 April 2023<br>US\$ |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Union Bank Switzerland ("UBS") | 95,125                | 151,003               |
| Total                          | 95,125                | 151,003               |



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### 4. Redeemable units

Financial year ended 30 April 2024

**Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund** 

| No. of Units<br>2,491<br>1,283<br>(1,076)<br><b>2,698</b> | No. of Units<br>54,457<br>-<br>(2,395)<br>52,062 | No. of Units<br>22,451<br>1,381<br>(20,039)<br>3,793   | No. of Units<br>207,972<br>61,829<br>(67,332)<br>202,469   |
|---|--|--|--|
| 1,283<br>(1,076)  | (2,395)  | 1,381<br>(20,039)  | 61,829<br>(67,332)   |
| (1,076)   |  | (20,039)   | (67,332)   |
|   |  |  |  |
| 2,698   | 52,062   | 3,793  | 202.469  |
|   |  |  |  |
| Class A GBP   | Class A RMB                                      | Class A USD  | Class A USD  |
|   |  |  | lnc  |
|   |  |  | No. of Units   |
|   | 38   |  | 832,703  |
| 1,289   | _  | 8,874  | 147,953  |
| (5,568)   | _  | (22,251)   | (179,372)  |
| 18,781  | 38   | 38,594   | 801,284  |
|   |  |  |  |
|   |  |  | Class I USD  |
| •   |  |  | Acc<br>No. of Units  |
|   |  |  | 420,675  |
| •   | ,  | ,  | 35,547   |
|   | ,  | ,  | (256,430)  |
|   |  | , ,  | 199,792  |
|   | (5,568)  | No. of Units 23,060 38 1,289 (5,568) - 18,781  Class I CHF Hedged Acc No. of Units 30,906 95,215 665 6,324 (1,546)  (63,348) | No. of Units         No. of Units         No. of Units           23,060         38         51,971           1,289         —         8,874           (5,568)         —         (22,251)           18,781         38         38,594           Class I CHF<br>Hedged Acc<br>No. of Units         Class I EUR<br>Acc<br>Acc<br>No. of Units         Class I GBP<br>No. of Units           30,906         95,215         177,644           665         6,324         22,034           (1,546)         (63,348)         (76,459) |

| Class I USD  |
|--------------|
| Inc          |
| No. of Units |
| 10           |
| _            |
|              |
| 10           |

Balance as at 1 May 2023 Issued Redeemed Balance as at 30 April 2024

### Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

### 4. Redeemable units (continued)

### Financial year ended 30 April 2024 (continued)

### **Barings Asia Growth Fund**

|                                    | Class A EUR<br>Acc*            | Class A EUR<br>Inc            | Class A GBP<br>Inc         | Class A USD<br>Acc**          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                    | No. of Units                   | No. of Units                  | No. of Units               | No. of Units                  |
| Balance as at 1 May 2023           | _                              | 170,710                       | 20,712                     | _                             |
| Issued                             | 17,138                         | 6,531                         | 1,347                      | 68                            |
| Redeemed                           | (967)                          | (53,386)                      | (4,094)                    | _                             |
| Balance as at 30 April 2024        | 16,171                         | 123,855                       | 17,965                     | 68                            |
|                                    |                                |                               |                            |                               |
|                                    |                                |                               |                            |                               |
|                                    | Class A USD                    | Class I EUR                   | Class I EUR                | Class I GBP                   |
|                                    | Class A USD<br>Inc             | Class I EUR<br>Acc            | Class I EUR<br>Hedged Inc  | Class I GBP<br>Acc            |
|                                    |                                |                               |                            |                               |
| Balance as at 1 May 2023           | Inc                            | Acc                           | Hedged Inc                 | Acc                           |
| Balance as at 1 May 2023<br>Issued | Inc<br>No. of Units            | Acc<br>No. of Units           | Hedged Inc<br>No. of Units | Acc<br>No. of Units           |
| ,                                  | Inc<br>No. of Units<br>775,510 | Acc<br>No. of Units<br>11,836 | Hedged Inc<br>No. of Units | Acc<br>No. of Units<br>41,521 |

Class I USD Acc No. of Units 157,156 9,563 (52,051) 114,668

#### **Barings Australia Fund**

| Class A AUD  | Class A EUR                                       | Class A GBP   | Class A USD  |
|--------------|---|---|--|
| Inc          | Inc   | Inc   | Inc  |
| No. of Units | No. of Units                                      | No. of Units  | No. of Units   |
| 10,068       | 28,648  | 1,803   | 361,236  |
| 3,416        | 3,711   | 5,267   | 68,499   |
| (2,429)      | (5,328)   | (1,277)   | (90,634)   |
| 11,055       | 27,031  | 5,793   | 339,101  |
|              | Inc<br>No. of Units<br>10,068<br>3,416<br>(2,429) | Inc         Inc           No. of Units         No. of Units           10,068         28,648           3,416         3,711           (2,429)         (5,328) | Inc         Inc         Inc           No. of Units         No. of Units         No. of Units           10,068         28,648         1,803           3,416         3,711         5,267           (2,429)         (5,328)         (1,277) |

|                             | Class I GBP<br>Acc<br>No. of Units | Class I USD<br>Acc<br>No. of Units |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Balance as at 1 May 2023    | 74,123                             | 1,381                              |
| Issued                      | 28,962                             | _                                  |
| Redeemed                    | (11,795)                           | (1,299)                            |
| Balance as at 30 April 2024 | 91,290                             | 82                                 |



Balance as at 1 May 2023 Issued Redeemed Balance as at 30 April 2024

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Asia Growth Fund Class A EUR Acc was launched on 23 November 2023.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings Asia Growth Fund Class A USD Acc was launched on 1 June 2023.

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### 4. Redeemable units (continued)

### Financial year ended 30 April 2024 (continued)

### **Barings Europa Fund**

|                             | Class A EUR  | Class A USD  | Class C EUR  | Class C USD  |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                             | Inc          | Inc          | Inc          | Inc          |
|                             | No. of Units | No. of Units | No. of Units | No. of Units |
| Balance as at 1 May 2023    | 103,192      | 291,365      | 2,847        | 2,254        |
| Issued                      | 4,787        | 15,480       | _            | _            |
| Redeemed                    | (18,786)     | (70,573)     | (948)        | (596)        |
| Balance as at 30 April 2024 | 89,193       | 236,272      | 1,899        | 1,658        |

### **Barings Hong Kong China Fund**

|                             | Class A EUR  | Class A GBP  | Class A HKD  | Class A RMB  |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                             | Inc          | Inc          | Inc          | Hedged Acc   |
|                             | No. of Units | No. of Units | No. of Units | No. of Units |
| Balance as at 1 May 2023    | 176,330      | 6,232        | 7,912        | 10           |
| Issued                      | 15,101       | 776          | 442          | _            |
| Redeemed                    | (35,886)     | (1,563)      | (1,038)      | _            |
| Balance as at 30 April 2024 | 155,545      | 5,445        | 7,316        | 10           |

|                             | Class A USD  | Class A USD  | Class C EUR  | Class C USD  |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                             | Acc          | Inc          | Inc          | Inc          |
|                             | No. of Units | No. of Units | No. of Units | No. of Units |
| Balance as at 1 May 2023    | 52,676       | 886,151      | 301          | 389          |
| Issued                      | 12,257       | 89,093       | _            | _            |
| Redeemed                    | (17,626)     | (169,489)    | (270)        | (42)         |
| Balance as at 30 April 2024 | 47,307       | 805,755      | 31           | 347          |

|                             | Class I GBP<br>Acc | Class I GBP<br>Inc | Class I USD<br>Acc |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                             | No. of Units       | No. of Units       | No. of Units       |
| Balance as at 1 May 2023    | 10,804             | 10                 | 13,720             |
| Issued                      | 5,165              | _                  | 168                |
| Redeemed                    | (9,711)            | _                  | (1,520)            |
| Balance as at 30 April 2024 | 6,258              | 10                 | 12,368             |

### **Barings Global Bond Fund**

|                             | Inc No. of Units | Inc No. of Units | Hedged Acc<br>No. of Units | Hedged Inc No. of Units |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Balance as at 1 May 2023    | 191,760          | 13,594           | 65                         | 64                      |
| Issued                      | 21,768           | 54               | _                          | _                       |
| Redeemed                    | (30,902)         | (10,766)         | _                          | _                       |
| Balance as at 30 April 2024 | 182,626          | 2,882            | 65                         | 64                      |



#### Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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### 4. Redeemable units (continued)

### Financial year ended 30 April 2024 (continued)

### **Barings Global Bond Fund (continued)**

|                             | Class A USD<br>Inc | Class F GBP<br>Hedged Acc* | Class F GBP<br>Hedged Inc* | Class F USD<br>Acc* |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|
|                             | No. of Units       | No. of Units               | No. of Units               | No. of Units        |
| Balance as at 1 May 2023    | 2,154,304          | _                          | _                          | _                   |
| Issued                      | 719,521            | 8                          | 8                          | 10                  |
| Redeemed                    | (450,429)          | _                          | _                          | _                   |
| Balance as at 30 April 2024 | 2,423,396          | 8                          | 8                          | 10                  |

|                             | Class F USD<br>Inc*<br>No. of Units | Class I GBP<br>Inc<br>No. of Units | Class I USD<br>Acc<br>No. of Units |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Balance as at 1 May 2023    | _                                   | 12,268                             | 53,276                             |
| Issued                      | 10                                  | 604                                | 6,486                              |
| Redeemed                    | _                                   | (3,427)                            | (15,895)                           |
| Balance as at 30 April 2024 | 10                                  | 9,445                              | 43,867                             |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Global Bond Fund Class F GBP Hedged Acc, Class F GBP Hedged Inc, Class F USD Acc and Class F USD Inc were launched on 13 July 2023.

Class B EUR Class B EUR Class B GBP

Inc

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Acc

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#### **Barings Europe Select Fund**

Balance as at 30 April 2024

|                             | No. of Units                       | No. of Units                       | No. of Units                       | No. of Units                       |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Balance as at 1 May 2023    | 216,423                            | 281,147                            | 43,891                             | 8                                  |
| Issued                      | 2,731                              | 8,946                              | 564                                | _                                  |
| Redeemed                    | (26,724)                           | (9,460)                            | (5,580)                            | _                                  |
| Balance as at 30 April 2024 | 192,430                            | 280,633                            | 38,875                             | 8                                  |
|                             | Class I EUR<br>Inc<br>No. of Units | Class I GBP<br>Inc<br>No. of Units | Class I USD<br>Acc<br>No. of Units | Class J EUR<br>Acc<br>No. of Units |
| Polonos os et 1 May 2022    | No. 01 011115                      | 199                                | 10                                 | 62,950                             |
| Balance as at 1 May 2023    | 0                                  | 199                                | 10                                 | *                                  |
| Issued Redeemed             | _                                  | ı                                  | _                                  | 8,885<br>(9,421)                   |
| Redemed                     |                                    |                                    |                                    |                                    |

| Class J EUR  | Class J GDP                                   |
|--------------|---|
| Inc          | Inc   |
| No. of Units | No. of Units                                  |
| 294,978      | 41,576  |
| 31,944       | 13,458  |
| (36,051)     | (7,433)                                       |
| 290,871      | 47,601  |
|              | No. of Units<br>294,978<br>31,944<br>(36,051) |



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**Class I EUR** 

62,414

### Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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### 4. Redeemable units (continued)

### Financial year ended 30 April 2024 (continued)

### **Barings German Growth Fund**

|                             |              | Class B EUR  | _            | Class I USD  |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                             | Acc          | Inc          | Acc          | Acc          |
|                             | No. of Units | No. of Units | No. of Units | No. of Units |
| Balance as at 1 May 2023    | 1,495,993    | 152,137      | 338,008      | 10           |
| Issued                      | 28,004       | 2,625        | 3,832        | _            |
| Redeemed                    | (125,212)    | (4,059)      | (23,892)     |              |
| Balance as at 30 April 2024 | 1,398,785    | 150,703      | 317,948      | 10           |

|                             | Class J EUR<br>Acc<br>No. of Units | Class J GBP<br>Acc<br>No. of Units | Class J GBP<br>Inc<br>No. of Units |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Balance as at 1 May 2023    | 12,069                             | 14,876                             | 10,251                             |
| Issued                      | _                                  | 951                                | 79                                 |
| Redeemed                    | _                                  | (5,134)                            | (4,129)                            |
| Balance as at 30 April 2024 | 12,069                             | 10,693                             | 6,201                              |

### **Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund**

|                             | Class A USD<br>Acc<br>No. of Units | Class F GBP<br>Acc<br>No. of Units | Class F GBP<br>Inc<br>No. of Units | Class F USD<br>Acc<br>No. of Units |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Balance as at 1 May 2023    | 8,558                              | 403                                | 115                                | 10                                 |
| Issued                      | _                                  | _                                  | 21                                 | _                                  |
| Redeemed                    |                                    | (117)                              | (43)                               | _                                  |
| Balance as at 30 April 2024 | 8,558                              | 286                                | 93                                 | 10                                 |
|                             | -                                  |                                    |                                    |                                    |

|                             | Class F USD<br>Inc | Class I GBP<br>Acc | Class I GBP<br>Inc | Class I USD<br>Inc |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                             | No. of Units       | No. of Units       | No. of Units       | No. of Units       |
| Balance as at 1 May 2023    | 11                 | 82,468             | 10                 | 77                 |
| Issued                      | _                  | 50,849             | 1                  | 2                  |
| Redeemed                    | _                  | (54,942)           | _                  | _                  |
| Balance as at 30 April 2024 | 11                 | 78,375             | 11                 | 79                 |

| Balance as at 1 May 2023    |
|-----------------------------|
| Issued                      |
| Redeemed                    |
| Balance as at 30 April 2024 |



#### Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

### 4. Redeemable units (continued)

### Financial year ended 30 April 2024 (continued)

### **Barings Eastern Europe Fund\***

|                             | Inc                | Inc                | Acc          | Inc                |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------------------|
|                             | No. of Units       | No. of Units       | No. of Units | No. of Units       |
| Balance as at 21 July 2023  | _                  | _                  | _            | _                  |
| Issued                      | 1,519,253          | 15,231             | 482,954      | 6,579,417          |
| Redeemed                    | (135,027)          | (2,833)            | (83,505)     | (1,413,312)        |
| Balance as at 30 April 2024 | 1,384,226          | 12,398             | 399,449      | 5,166,105          |
|                             | Class I EUR<br>Acc | Class I GBP<br>Acc | Class I GBP  | Class I USD<br>Acc |
|                             | No. of Units       | No. of Units       | No. of Units | No. of Units       |
| Balance as at 21 July 2023  | _                  | _                  | _            | _                  |
| Issued                      | 8,945              | 39,020             | 7,386        | 10,967             |
| Redeemed                    |                    | (10,187)           | (1,725)      | _                  |
| Balance as at 30 April 2024 | 8,945              | 28,833             | 5,661        | 10,967             |

Inc No. of Units -2,853 (158)

2,695

**Class I USD** 

Class A EUR Class A GBP Class A USD Class A USD

Class A AUD Class A CHF Class A EUR Class A EUR

### Financial year ended 30 April 2023

### **Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund**

|                             | Hedged Acc<br>No. of Units | Hedged Acc<br>No. of Units | Acc<br>No. of Units           | Inc<br>No. of Units     |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Balance as at 1 May 2022    | 4,764                      | 54,802                     | 27,739                        | 210,906                 |
| Issued                      | 1,470                      | 150                        | 6,607                         | 37,518                  |
| Redeemed                    | (3,743)                    | (495)                      | (11,895)                      | (40,452)                |
| Balance as at 30 April 2023 | 2,491                      | 54,457                     | 22,451                        | 207,972                 |
|                             |                            |                            |                               |                         |
|                             | Class A GBP                | Class A RMB<br>Hedged Acc  | Class A USD<br>Acc            | Class A USD<br>Inc      |
|                             | Inc<br>No. of Units        | Hedged Acc<br>No. of Units | Acc<br>No. of Units           | Inc<br>No. of Units     |
| Balance as at 1 May 2022    | No. of Units<br>21,091     | Hedged Acc                 | Acc<br>No. of Units<br>51,639 | No. of Units<br>823,889 |
| Issued                      | Inc<br>No. of Units        | Hedged Acc<br>No. of Units | Acc<br>No. of Units           | Inc<br>No. of Units     |
| ,                           | No. of Units<br>21,091     | Hedged Acc<br>No. of Units | Acc<br>No. of Units<br>51,639 | No. of Units<br>823,889 |



Balance as at 21 July 2023 Issued Redeemed Balance as at 30 April 2024

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Eastern Europe Fund merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund in to the Unit Trust on 21 July 2023.

### Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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### 4. Redeemable units (continued)

### Financial year ended 30 April 2023 (continued)

### **Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund (continued)**

|                             | Class I CHF  | Class I EUR  | Class I GBP  | Class I USD  |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                             | Hedged Acc   | Acc          | Acc          | Acc          |
|                             | No. of Units | No. of Units | No. of Units | No. of Units |
| Balance as at 1 May 2022    | 36,184       | 87,674       | 166,199      | 560,897      |
| Issued                      | 2,057        | 13,052       | 55,855       | 190,498      |
| Redeemed                    | (7,335)      | (5,511)      | (44,410)     | (330,720)    |
| Balance as at 30 April 2023 | 30,906       | 95,215       | 177,644      | 420,675      |

Balance as at 1 May 2022
Issued
Redeemed
Balance as at 30 April 2023

### **Barings Asia Growth Fund**

|                             | Class A EUR  | Class A GBP  | Class A USD  | Class I EUR  |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                             | Inc          | Inc          | Inc          | Acc          |
|                             | No. of Units | No. of Units | No. of Units | No. of Units |
| Balance as at 1 May 2022    | 181,381      | 22,019       | 906,284      | 16,370       |
| Issued                      | 13,854       | 1,931        | 201,548      | 11,692       |
| Redeemed                    | (24,525)     | (3,238)      | (332,322)    | (16,226)     |
| Balance as at 30 April 2023 | 170,710      | 20,712       | 775,510      | 11,836       |

|                             | Class I EUR<br>Hedged Inc<br>No. of Units | Class I GBP<br>Acc<br>No. of Units | Class I USD<br>Acc<br>No. of Units |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Balance as at 1 May 2022    | 204,000                                   | 48,972                             | 189,236                            |
| Issued                      | 13  | 13,775                             | 17,994                             |
| Redeemed                    |   | (21,226)                           | (50,074)                           |
| Balance as at 30 April 2023 | 204,013                                   | 41,521                             | 157,156                            |

### **Barings Australia Fund**

|                             | Class A AUD  | Class A EUR  | Class A GBP  | Class A USD  |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                             | Inc          | Inc          | Inc          | Inc          |
|                             | No. of Units | No. of Units | No. of Units | No. of Units |
| Balance as at 1 May 2022    | 10,315       | 31,658       | 2,181        | 375,911      |
| Issued                      | 4,013        | 7,725        | 938          | 53,832       |
| Redeemed                    | (4,260)      | (10,735)     | (1,316)      | (68,507)     |
| Balance as at 30 April 2023 | 10,068       | 28,648       | 1,803        | 361,236      |



**Class I USD** 

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### 4. Redeemable units (continued)

### Financial year ended 30 April 2023 (continued)

**Barings Australia Fund (continued)** 

|                             | Class I GBP  | Class I USD  |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                             | Acc          | Acc          |
|                             | No. of Units | No. of Units |
| Balance as at 1 May 2022    | 37,382       | 1,381        |
| Issued                      | 46,388       | _            |
| Redeemed                    | (9,647)      | _            |
| Balance as at 30 April 2023 | 74,123       | 1,381        |

### **Barings Europa Fund**

|                             | Class A EUR<br>Inc | Class A USD<br>Inc | Class C EUR Inc | Class C USD<br>Inc |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
|                             | No. of Units       | No. of Units       | No. of Units    | No. of Units       |
| Balance as at 1 May 2022    | 116,725            | 313,607            | 2,847           | 2,614              |
| Issued                      | 4,156              | 15,731             | _               | 17                 |
| Redeemed                    | (17,689)           | (37,973)           | _               | (377)              |
| Balance as at 30 April 2023 | 103,192            | 291,365            | 2,847           | 2,254              |

### **Barings Hong Kong China Fund**

|                             | Class A EUR  | Class A GBP  | Class A HKD  | Class A RMB  |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                             | Inc          | Inc          | Inc          | Hedged Acc   |
|                             | No. of Units | No. of Units | No. of Units | No. of Units |
| Balance as at 1 May 2022    | 174,477      | 6,005        | 6,725        | 10           |
| Issued                      | 26,367       | 1,436        | 6,955        | _            |
| Redeemed                    | (24,514)_    | (1,209)      | (5,768)      | _            |
| Balance as at 30 April 2023 | 176,330      | 6,232        | 7,912        | 10           |
|                             |              |              |              |              |

|                             | Class A USD<br>Acc | Class A USD<br>Inc | Class C EUR  | Class C USD Inc |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|
|                             | No. of Units       | No. of Units       | No. of Units | No. of Units    |
| Balance as at 1 May 2022    | 67,306             | 896,092            | 537          | 391             |
| Issued                      | 8,314              | 131,848            | 95           | _               |
| Redeemed                    | (22,944)           | (141,789)          | (331)        | (2)             |
| Balance as at 30 April 2023 | 52,676             | 886,151            | 301          | 389             |

|                             | Class I GBP<br>Acc<br>No. of Units | Class I GBP<br>Inc*<br>No. of Units | Class I USD<br>Acc<br>No. of Units |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Balance as at 1 May 2022    | 9,344                              | _                                   | 23,986                             |
| Issued                      | 8,700                              | 10                                  | 327                                |
| Redeemed                    | (7,240)                            | _                                   | (10,593)                           |
| Balance as at 30 April 2023 | 10,804                             | 10                                  | 13,720                             |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Hong Kong China Fund Class I GBP Inc was launched on 12 October 2022.



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### 4. Redeemable units (continued)

### Financial year ended 30 April 2023 (continued)

### **Barings Global Bond Fund**

| Balance as at 1 May 2022<br>Issued<br>Redeemed                                | Class A EUR<br>Inc<br>No. of Units<br>211,583<br>19,768<br>(39,591) | Class A GBP<br>Inc<br>No. of Units<br>14,496<br>3,485<br>(4,387)                     | Class A RMB<br>Hedged Acc<br>No. of Units<br>65<br>-                        | Class A RMB<br>Hedged Inc<br>No. of Units<br>64<br>-                         |
|---|---|--|---|--|
| Balance as at 30 April 2023   | 191,760   | 13,594   | 65  | 64   |
| Balance as at 1 May 2022<br>Issued<br>Redeemed<br>Balance as at 30 April 2023 | -<br>-  | Class A USD<br>Inc<br>No. of Units<br>2,172,498<br>533,827<br>(552,021)<br>2,154,304 | Class I GBP<br>Inc<br>No. of Units<br>20,778<br>2,475<br>(10,985)<br>12,268 | Class I USD<br>Acc<br>No. of Units<br>53,308<br>12,145<br>(12,177)<br>53,276 |

### **Barings Europe Select Fund\***

|                               | Class B EUR<br>Acc<br>No. of Units | Class B EUR<br>Inc<br>No. of Units | Class B GBP<br>Inc<br>No. of Units | Class I EUR<br>Acc<br>No. of Units |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Balance as at 14 October 2022 | _                                  | _                                  | _                                  | _                                  |
| Issued                        | 232,091                            | 283,048                            | 49,401                             | 8                                  |
| Redeemed                      | (15,668)                           | (1,901)                            | (5,510)                            | _                                  |
| Balance as at 30 April 2023   | 216,423                            | 281,147                            | 43,891                             | 8                                  |
|                               | Class I EUR<br>Inc<br>No. of Units | Class I GBP<br>Inc<br>No. of Units | Class I USD<br>Acc<br>No. of Units | Class J EUR<br>Acc<br>No. of Units |
| Balance as at 14 October 2022 | _                                  | _                                  | _                                  | _                                  |
| Issued                        | 8                                  | 199                                | 10                                 | 64,729                             |
| Redeemed                      |                                    | _                                  | _                                  | (1,779)                            |
| Balance as at 30 April 2023   | 8                                  | 199                                | 10                                 | 62,950                             |

|                               | Class J EUR<br>Inc<br>No. of Units | Class J GBP<br>Inc<br>No. of Units |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Balance as at 14 October 2022 | _                                  | _                                  |
| Issued                        | 339,884                            | 48,657                             |
| Redeemed                      | (44,906)                           | (7,081)                            |
| Balance as at 30 April 2023   | 294,978                            | 41,576                             |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Europe Select Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 14 October 2022.



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#### 5. Distributions

The following distributions were declared by the below Funds during the financial year ended 30 April 2024 and 30 April 2023:

|   | Distribution frequency | Distributed amount paid*   | Income<br>equalisation** |
|---|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A EUR Inc  | Annually               | <b>€</b><br>(413,546)      | <b>€</b> 20,142          |
| Burnings / GE/IIV From IGTS Fund - Glass / Colvino  | 7 tillidally           | £                          | £                        |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A GBP Inc  | Annually               | (40,508)                   | (4,867)                  |
| Parings ASEAN Frontiers Fund, Class A USD Inc.  | Appually               | <b>US\$</b><br>(1,817,413) | US\$                     |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A USD Inc Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class I USD Inc | Annually<br>Annually   | (1,617,413)                | (35,312)                 |
|   | ,                      | US\$                       | US\$                     |
| Total distributions for the Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund                                      |                        | (2,322,174)                | (20,343)                 |
|   |                        | US\$                       | US\$                     |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class A USD Inc  | Annually               | -                          | (8)                      |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class A EUR Inc  | Annually               | €                          | <b>€</b> (35)            |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class I EUR Hedged Inc   | Annually               | (91,294)                   | (85,558)                 |
| g   | ·,                     | US\$                       | US\$                     |
| Total distributions for the Barings Asia Growth Fund  |                        | (100,282)                  | (93,598)                 |
|   |                        | AU\$                       | AU\$                     |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class A AUD Inc  | Annually               | (46,713)                   | 2,719                    |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class A EUR Inc  | Annually               | <b>€</b><br>(79,544)       | <b>€</b> (1,028)         |
| Ballings Australia Fullu - Glass A EON IIIC   | Aillidally             | (19,544)<br><b>£</b>       | (1,028)<br>£             |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class A GBP Inc  | Annually               | -                          | (99)                     |
| Design on Assatuatia Francis Oleran A HOD In-   | A II.                  | US\$                       | US\$                     |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class A USD Inc  | Annually               | (1,102,862)<br><b>US\$</b> | (26,352)<br><b>US</b> \$ |
| Total distributions for the Barings Australia Fund  |                        | (1,220,993)                | (25,792)                 |
|   |                        | €                          | €                        |
| Barings Europa Fund - Class A EUR Inc   | Annually               | (69,108)                   | (4,896)                  |
|   | ,                      | US\$                       | US\$                     |
| Barings Europa Fund - Class A USD Inc   | Annually               | (214,439)                  | (23,651)                 |
| Barings Europa Fund - Class C USD Inc   | Annually               | US\$                       | (52)<br><b>US</b> \$     |
| Total distributions for the Barings Europa Fund   |                        | (290,350)                  | (29,041)                 |
|   |                        | €                          | €                        |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A EUR Inc  | Annually               | -                          | 1,216                    |
|   | •                      | £                          | £                        |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A GBP Inc  | Annually               | -                          | (1,395)                  |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A HKD Inc  | Annually               | HK\$                       | <b>HK</b> \$ (18,468)    |
|   | , anidany              | US\$                       | US\$                     |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A USD Inc  | Annually               | -                          | (1,320)                  |
| Total distributions for the Barings Hong Kong China Fund                                      |                        | US\$                       | US\$<br>(4,069)          |
| Total distributions for the barnigs nong Kong China Fund                                      |                        | <u>-</u>                   | (4,069)                  |

<sup>\*</sup> Includes distributions with an ex-date of 3 May 2023 which were paid during the current financial year. These distributions with an ex-date of 9 May 2023 reflect the undistributed income on the Fund as at 28 April 2023.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Income equalisation relates to the dealing activity of distributing classes for the period from 1 May 2023 to 30 April 2024. The income equalisation of the distributing classes is disclosed separately in the statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares for the financial year ended 30 April 2024.



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### 5. **Distributions** (continued)

|  | Distribution frequency                          | Distributed amount paid*           | Income<br>equalisation** |
|--|---|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A EUR Inc   | Semi Annually                                   | €<br>(92,274)                      | €<br>(2,505)<br>£        |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A GBP Inc<br>Barings Global Bond Fund - Class I GBP Inc   | Semi Annually<br>Annually                       | (3,957)<br>(6,026)                 | (1,471)<br>(450)         |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A RMB Hedged Inc  | Monthly   | CNH<br>(130)<br>US\$               | CNH<br>-<br>US\$         |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A USD Inc   | Semi Annually                                   | (1,246,541)<br>US\$                | (1,558)<br><b>US</b> \$  |
| Total distributions for the Barings Global Bond Fund   |   | (1,358,683)                        | (6,679)                  |
| Barings Global Balanced Fund - Class A USD Inc   | Monthly   | US\$<br>(38,143)<br>US\$           | US\$<br>(543)<br>US\$    |
| Total distributions for the Barings Global Balanced Fund   |   | (38,143)                           | (543)                    |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class B EUR Inc<br>Barings Europe Select Fund - Class I EUR Inc<br>Barings Europe Select Fund - Class J EUR Inc | Semi Annually<br>Semi Annually<br>Semi Annually | €<br>(135,262)<br>(3)<br>(273,096) | €<br>(98)<br>-<br>10,693 |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class B GBP Inc<br>Barings Europe Select Fund - Class I GBP Inc<br>Barings Europe Select Fund - Class J GBP Inc | Semi Annually<br>Semi Annually<br>Semi Annually | £ (17,013) (76) (29,695)           | £ (1,086)<br>- (2,105)   |
| Total distributions for Barings Europe Select Fund   |   | €<br>(461,715)                     | €<br>6,918               |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class B EUR Inc   | Annually  | €<br>-<br>£                        | €<br>(121)<br>£          |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class J GBP Inc   | Annually  | (49)<br>€                          | (524)<br>€               |
| Total distributions for Barings German Growth Fund   |   | (55)                               | (732)                    |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F GBP Inc<br>Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I GBP Inc                         | Quarterly<br>Quarterly                          | £ (104) (11)                       | £ (7)                    |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F USD Inc<br>Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I USD Inc                         | Quarterly<br>Quarterly                          | US\$<br>(11)<br>(10)<br>US\$       | US\$<br>-<br>-<br>US\$   |
| Total distributions for Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund   |   | (155)                              | (8)                      |

<sup>\*</sup> Includes distributions with an ex-date of 2 May 2022 which were paid during the current financial year. These distributions with an ex-date of 9 May 2023 reflect the undistributed income on the Fund as at 28 April 2023.



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## 5. **Distributions** (continued)

#### Comparative 30 April 2023

|  | Distribution frequency | Distributed amount paid*   | Income<br>equalisation** |
|--|------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
|  |                        | €                          | €                        |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A EUR Inc           | Annually               | (312,285)<br><b>£</b>      | 11,416<br>£              |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A GBP Inc           | Annually               | (26,211)                   | 875                      |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A USD Inc           | Annually               | <b>US\$</b><br>(1,288,752) | <b>US</b> \$ (23,748)    |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class I USD Inc           | Annually               | (10)                       | (20,740)                 |
| Total distributions for the Devices ACCAN Frontiers Fund |                        | US\$                       | US\$                     |
| Total distributions for the Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund |                        | (1,651,643)                | (9,544)                  |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class I EUR Hedged Inc        | Annually               | €                          | <b>€</b> 5               |
| Dailings Asia Growth Tund - Glass i Edit Fledged inc     | Aillidally             | US\$                       | US\$                     |
| Total distributions for the Barings Asia Growth Fund     |                        |                            | 6                        |
|  |                        | US\$                       | US\$                     |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class A USD Inc                 | Annually               | (1,151,455)<br><b>AU\$</b> | (46,191)<br><b>AU\$</b>  |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class A AUD Inc                 | Annually               | (44,051)                   | (907)                    |
| B : A ! ! E ! O! A EUD!                                  | A !!                   | € (04.704)                 | €                        |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class A EUR Inc                 | Annually               | (91,791)<br><b>£</b>       | (5,368)<br>£             |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class A GBP Inc                 | Annually               | (5,309)                    | (499)                    |
| Total distributions for the Barings Australia Fund       |                        | US\$<br>(1,286,690)        | US\$<br>(53,277)         |
| Total distributions for the barrings Australia I und     |                        |                            |                          |
| Barings Europa Fund - Class A USD Inc                    | Annually               | <b>US\$</b><br>(166,544)   | <b>US</b> \$ (10,932)    |
| Barings Europa Fund - Class C USD Inc                    | Annually               | -                          | (2)                      |
| Barings Europa Fund - Class A EUR Inc                    | Annually               | <b>€</b> (58,708)          | <b>€</b> (6,165)         |
| Ballings Europa Pullu - Class A EON IIIC                 | Amuany                 | (36,706)<br><b>US\$</b>    | (0, 103)<br><b>US\$</b>  |
| Total distributions for the Barings Europa Fund          |                        | (228,571)                  | (17,457)                 |
|  |                        | £                          | £                        |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A GBP Inc           | Annually               | -<br>U/¢                   | (297)                    |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A HKD Inc           | Annually               | HK\$                       | <b>HK</b> \$ (32,754)    |
|  |                        | US\$                       | US\$                     |
| Total distributions for the Barings Hong Kong China Fund |                        | <u>-</u>                   | (3,838)                  |

<sup>\*</sup> Includes distributions with an ex-date of 3 May 2022 which were paid during the current financial year. These distributions with an ex-date of 10 May 2022 reflect the undistributed income on the Fund as at 29 April 2022.



<sup>\*\*</sup> Income equalisation relates to the dealing activity of distributing classes for the period from 1 May 2022 to 28 April 2023. The income equalisation of the distributing classes is disclosed separately in the statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares for the financial year ended 30 April 2023.

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## 5. **Distributions** (continued)

|   | Distribution frequency | Distributed amount paid* | Income<br>equalisation** |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
|   |                        | €                        | €                        |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A EUR Inc                            | Semi                   | (16,020)                 | (2,005)                  |
|   | Annually               |                          | _                        |
|   |                        | £                        | £                        |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A GBP Inc                            | Semi                   | (906)                    | 194                      |
| B : 0111B 15 1 01 100B1   | Annually               | (0.005)                  | (0.40)                   |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class I GBP Inc                            | Semi                   | (3,095)                  | (643)                    |
|   | Annually               | 0111                     | 0.111                    |
| D : OLL ID IE I OL ADMDILL I  | NA (1.1                | CNH                      | CNH                      |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A RMB Hedged Inc                     | Monthly                | (68)                     | -                        |
| Barings Clabel Band Fried Class A USD Inc                             | Ci                     | US\$                     | US\$                     |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A USD Inc                            | Semi                   | (140,015)                | 16,084                   |
|   | Annually               | US\$                     | US\$                     |
| Total distributions for the Barings Global Bond Fund                  |                        | (160,668)                | 12,975                   |
| Total distributions for the Barrings Global Bolid Fulld               |                        | (100,000)                | 12,975                   |
|   |                        | US\$                     | US\$                     |
| Barings Global Balanced Fund - Class A USD Inc                        | Monthly                | (43,228)                 | (181)                    |
|   |                        |                          |                          |
| Bariana Olahat Biridand Ohampiana Funda Olasa F OBB Inc               | 0                      | £ (00)                   | £                        |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F GBP Inc              | Quarterly              | (99)                     | 48                       |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I GBP Inc              | Quarterly              | (10)                     | 4                        |
| Parings Clabal Dividend Chempions Fund Class F USD Inc                | Quartarly              | US\$                     | US\$                     |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F USD Inc              | Quarterly              | (10)                     | 4                        |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I USD Inc              | Quarterly              | (9)                      | 4                        |
| Total distributions for the Barings Global Dividend Champions         |                        | US\$                     | US\$ 67                  |
| Total distributions for the Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund*** |                        | (150)                    |                          |

<sup>\*</sup> Includes distributions with an ex-date of 3 May 2022 which were paid during the current financial year. These distributions with an ex-date of 10 May 2022 reflect the undistributed income on the Fund as at 29 April 2022.



<sup>\*\*</sup> Income equalisation relates to the dealing activity of distributing classes for the period from 1 May 2022 to 28 April 2023. The income equalisation of the distributing classes is disclosed separately in the statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares for the financial year ended 30 April 2023.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 7 October 2022.

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## 6. Significant agreements and fees

#### Management fees

Barings International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (the "Manager") is entitled under the Trust Deed to charge a management fee in respect of the Funds at the following percentage rate per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Funds:

| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A AUD Hedged Acc | 1.25% |
|---|-------|
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A CHF Hedged Acc | 1.25% |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A EUR Acc        | 1.25% |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A EUR Inc        | 1.25% |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A GBP Inc        | 1.25% |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A RMB Hedged Acc | 1.25% |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A USD Acc        | 1.25% |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A USD Inc        | 1.25% |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class I CHF Hedged Acc | 0.75% |
|   | 0.75% |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class I EUR Acc        |       |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class I GBP Acc        | 0.75% |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class I USD Acc        | 0.75% |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class I USD Inc        | 0.75% |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class A EUR Acc*           | 1.25% |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class A EUR Inc            | 1.25% |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class A GBP Inc            | 1.25% |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class A USD Acc**          | 1.25% |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class A USD Inc            | 1.25% |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class I EUR Acc            | 0.75% |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class I EUR Hedged Inc     | 0.75% |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class I GBP Acc            | 0.75% |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class I USD Acc            | 0.75% |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class A AUD Inc              | 1.25% |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class A EUR Inc              | 1.25% |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class A GBP Inc              | 1.25% |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class A USD Inc              | 1.25% |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class I GBP Acc              | 0.75% |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class I USD Acc              | 0.75% |
| Barings Europa Fund - Class A EUR Inc                 | 1.25% |
| Barings Europa Fund - Class A USD Inc                 | 1.25% |
| Barings Europa Fund - Class C EUR Inc                 | 1.25% |
| Barings Europa Fund - Class C USD Inc                 | 1.25% |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A EUR Inc        | 1.25% |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A GBP Inc        | 1.25% |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A HKD Inc        | 1.25% |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A RMB Hedged Acc | 1.25% |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A USD Acc        | 1.25% |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A USD Inc        | 1.25% |
|   | 1.25% |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class C EUR Inc        |       |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class C USD Inc        | 1.25% |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class I GBP Acc        | 0.75% |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class I GBP Inc        | 0.75% |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class I USD Acc        | 0.75% |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A EUR Inc            | 0.75% |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A GBP Inc            | 0.75% |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A RMB Hedged Acc     | 0.75% |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A RMB Hedged Inc     | 0.75% |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A USD Inc            | 0.75% |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class F GBP Hedged Acc***  | 0.05% |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class F GBP Hedged Inc***  | 0.05% |
|   |       |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Asia Growth Fund Class A EUR Acc was launched on 23 November 2023.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Bond Fund Class F GBP Hedged Acc and Class F GBP Hedged Inc were launched on 13 July 2023.



<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings Asia Growth Fund Class A USD Acc was launched on 1 June 2023.

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## 6. Significant agreements and fees (continued)

#### Management fees (continued)

| munugement rece (continues)                              |                |
|--|----------------|
| Fund/Class   | Management fee |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class F USD Acc*              | 0.05%          |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class F USD Inc*              | 0.05%          |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class I GBP Inc               | 0.50%          |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class I USD Acc               | 0.50%          |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class B EUR Acc             | 1.50%          |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class B EUR Inc             | 1.50%          |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class B GBP Inc             | 1.50%          |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class I EUR Acc             | 0.75%          |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class I EUR Inc             | 0.75%          |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class I GBP Inc             | 0.75%          |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class I USD Acc             | 0.75%          |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class J EUR Acc             | 0.75%          |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class J EUR Inc             | 0.75%          |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class J GBP Inc             | 0.75%          |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class B EUR Acc             | 1.50%          |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class B EUR Inc             | 1.50%          |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class B GBP Acc             | 1.50%          |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class I USD Acc             | 0.75%          |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class J EUR Acc             | 0.75%          |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class J GBP Acc             | 0.75%          |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class J GBP Inc             | 0.75%          |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class A USD Acc | 1.50%          |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F GBP Acc | 0.30%          |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F GBP Inc | 0.30%          |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F USD Acc | 0.30%          |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F USD Inc | 0.30%          |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I GBP Acc | 0.75%          |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I GBP Inc | 0.75%          |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I USD Inc | 0.75%          |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund** - Class A EUR Inc          | 1.50%          |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund** - Class A GBP Inc          | 1.50%          |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund** - Class A USD Acc          | 1.50%          |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund** - Class A USD Inc          | 1.50%          |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund** - Class I EUR Acc          | 0.75%          |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund** - Class I GBP Acc          | 0.75%          |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund** - Class I GBP Inc          | 0.75%          |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund** - Class I USD Acc          | 0.75%          |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund** - Class I USD Inc          | 0.75%          |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund** - Class A EUR Inc          | 1.50%          |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund** - Class A GBP Inc          | 1.50%          |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund** - Class A USD Acc          | 1.50%          |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund** - Class A USD Inc          | 1.50%          |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund** - Class I EUR Acc          | 0.75%          |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund** - Class I GBP Acc          | 0.75%          |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Global Bond Fund Class F USD Acc and Class F USD Inc were launched on 13 July 2023.

The Manager will not charge a management fee in respect of Class X of each Fund. The fee for the X share classes is subject to a separate agreement with the Investment Manager and is not paid from the Net Asset Value of the X share class.



<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings Eastern Europe Fund merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund in to the Unit Trust on 21 July 2023.

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#### 6. Significant agreements and fees (continued)

#### Management fees (continued)

The Unit Trust is managed by the Manager, which has delegated investment responsibilities to Baring Asset Management Limited (the "Investment Manager"). The Investment Manager is an investment management company incorporated in London on 6 April 1994. The Investment Manager is part of the Barings LLC Group and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company ("MassMutual"). The Investment Manager has appointed Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited, Barings LLC and Barings Japan Limited (together, the "Sub-Investment Managers") as the Sub-Investment Managers to the relevant Funds. The Sub-Investment Managers are also part of the Barings LLC Group. Management fees charged during the financial year-end are disclosed on each Fund's Statement of Comprehensive Income and the outstanding amounts payable for management fees as at the end of the financial year are disclosed on each Fund's Statement of Financial Position.

The Manager will discharge the fees and expenses of the Investment Manager out of its own fee. The Investment Manager will discharge the fees and expenses of the Sub-Investment Managers out of its own fee. The management fee is payable monthly in arrears and is calculated and accrued by reference to the Net Asset Value of each Funds as at each business day ("valuation day").

Where the Net Asset Value of any Fund includes interests in any Investment Fund managed by a subsidiary of the parent company (a "Barings Fund"), the fee payable to the Manager relating to the holding will be reduced by the percentage rate (if any) charged to the Barings Fund for comparable management services.

#### Administration, Depositary and Operating fees

The Manager is entitled to receive an administration, depositary and operating fee. The fee payable is a percentage of the Net Asset Value of each class and is accrued daily and paid monthly in arrears. The Manager pays the aggregate fees and expenses of the Administrator and Depositary, in addition to certain other fees and ongoing expenses.

For Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund, the Manager is entitled to receive a fee of 0.45% per annum for all A unit classes (A Hedged classes 0.4625%) and 0.25% per annum for all I unit classes (I Hedged classes 0.2625%).

For Barings Asia Growth Fund, the Manager is entitled to receive a fee of 0.45% per annum for all A unit classes (A Hedged classes 0.4625%) and 0.25% per annum for all I and X unit classes (I Hedged classes 0.2625%).

For Barings Australia Fund, the Manager is entitled to receive a fee of 0.45% per annum for all A unit classes (A Hedged classes 0.4625%) and 0.25% per annum for all I unit classes.

For Barings Global Bond Fund, the Manager is entitled to receive a fee of 0.45% per annum for all A unit classes (A Hedged classes 0.4625%) and 0.25% per annum for all I unit classes, 0.18% per annum for all F (F Hedged classes 0.1925%) and up to 0.25% per annum for all X unit classes (X Hedged classes up to 0.2625%).

For Barings Europa Fund and Barings Hong Kong China Fund, the Manager is entitled to receive a fee of 0.45% per annum for all A and C unit classes (A Hedged classes 0.4625%) and 0.25% per annum for all I unit classes.

For Barings Europe Select Fund, the Manager is entitled to receive a fee of 0.45% per annum for all A share classes (A Hedged classes 0.4625%), 0.05% per annum for all B and J share classes and 0.25% per annum for all I and X share classes (I Hedged classes 0.2625%).

For Barings German Growth Fund, the Manager is entitled to receive a fee of 0.45% per annum for all A share classes (A Hedged classes 0.4625%), 0.06% per annum for all B and J share classes and 0.25% per annum for all I and X share classes (I Hedged classes 0.2625%).

For Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund, the Manager is entitled to receive a fee of 0.10% per annum for all share classes.



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#### 6. Significant agreements and fees (continued)

#### Administration, Depositary and Operating fees (continued)

For Barings Eastern Europe Fund\*, the Manager shall be entitled to receive a fee of 0.45% per annum for all A unit classes (A Hedged classes 0.4625%) and 0.25% per annum for all I unit classes (I hedged classes 0.2625%).

Please refer to the Prospectus for full details of the fees payable.

#### Trailer fees and reimbursements

Trailer fees (commissions for the marketing of the Funds) are paid to distribution, commission and sales agents out of the management fees. Reimbursements to institutional investors, who, from a commercial perspective, are holding the Funds' redeemable participating units for third parties, are also paid out of the management fees.

#### **Transaction costs**

The transaction costs incurred by the Funds for the years ended 30 April 2024 and 30 April 2023 were as follows:

| Fund                                   | 30 April 2024 | 30 April 2023 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund           | US\$607,979   | US\$756,398   |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund               | US\$201,122   | US\$470,581   |
| Barings Australia Fund                 | US\$24,279    | US\$17,827    |
| Barings Europa Fund                    | US\$10,029    | US\$12,398    |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund           | US\$2,407,432 | US\$4,004,392 |
| Barings Global Bond Fund               | US\$-         | US\$-         |
| Barings Europe Select Fund             | EUR€43,707    | EUR€25,009    |
| Barings German Growth Fund             | EUR€4,238     | EUR€2,436     |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund | US\$10,605    | US\$3,887     |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund*           | US\$93,811    | N/A           |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Eastern Europe Fund merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund in to the Unit Trust on 21 July 2023.

#### 7. Related party transactions

Julian Swayne who resigned effective 4 August 2023 and Rhian Williams who was appointed on 14 August 2023 are employed by Barings Investment Services Limited. Alan Behen and Paul Smyth are employees of the Manager. Syl O'Byrne and Barbara Healy are non-executive Directors, independent of the Investment Manager. The Manager will discharge the fees and expenses of the Investment Manager out of its own fee. The Investment Manager is part of the Barings LLC Group and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company ("MassMutual"). Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited, Barings LLC and Barings Japan Limited (together, the "Sub-Investment Managers") are also part of the Barings LLC Group. The Investment Manager will discharge the fees and expenses of the Sub-Investment Managers out of its own fee. Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operation decisions.



<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Eastern Europe Fund merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund in to the Unit Trust on 21 July 2023.

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#### 7. Related party transactions (continued)

#### Significant unitholdings

The following table details significant concentrations in unitholdings of each Fund, or instances where the units are beneficially held by other investment funds managed by the Investment Manager or one of its affiliates. As at 30 April 2024 and 30 April 2023, the following had significant unitholdings in the Unit Trust:

|  | Number of<br>unitholders with<br>beneficial interest<br>greater than 20%<br>of the units in | Total % of units held<br>by unitholders with<br>beneficial interest<br>greater than 20% of | Total % of units held by investment funds managed by Barings International Fund Managers (Ireland) |
|--|---|--|--|
| Fund name                                      | issue   | the units in issue   | Limited  |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund                   | Nil (30 April 2023: Nil)  | Nil (30 April 2023: Nil)   | Nil (30 April 2023: 3.02%)   |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund                       | Nil (30 April 2023: Nil)  | Nil (30 April 2023: Nil)   | 1.83% (30 April 2023: 7.08%)   |
| Barings Australia Fund                         | 1 (30 April 2023: 1)  | 20.85% (30 April 2023: 22.03%)   | Nil (30 April 2023: Nil)   |
| Barings Europa Fund<br>Barings Hong Kong China | Nil (30 April 2023: Nil)  | Nil (30 April 2023: Nil)   | 0.01% (30 April 2023: Nil)   |
| Fund   | Nil (30 April 2023: Nil)  | Nil (30 April 2023: Nil)   | 0.21% (30 April 2023: 1.05%)   |
| Barings Global Bond Fund                       | 2 (30 April 2023: 1)  | 51.74% (30 April 2023: 31.15%)   | 0.01% (30 April 2023: 0.01%)   |
| Barings Europe Select Fund                     | 1 (30 April 2023: 1)  | 52.99% (30 April 2023:<br>46.55%)  | 15.10% (30 April 2023: 14.65%)   |
| Barings German Growth Fund                     | 1 (30 April 2023: 1)  | 85.25% (30 April 2023:<br>85.70%)  | 6.17% (30 April 2023: 5.77%)   |
| Barings Global Dividend<br>Champions Fund      | 1 (30 April 2023: 1)  | 69.58% (30 April 2023:<br>68.57%)  | 69.58% (30 April 2023: 68.66%)   |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund*                   | 1 (30 April 2023: N/A)  | 26.02% (30 April 2023: N/A)  | Nil (30 April 2023: N/A)   |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Eastern Europe Fund merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund in to the Unit Trust on 21 July 2023.

#### 8. Financial risk management

In accordance with FRS 102: Disclosure, this note details the way in which the Funds manage risks associated with the use of financial instruments.

The Funds of the Unit Trust are exposed to a variety of financial risks in pursuing their stated investment objectives and policies. These risks include, but are not limited to, credit risk, liquidity risk and market risk (which in turn includes foreign currency risk, interest rate risk and market price risk). The Funds assume exposure to certain of these risks to generate investment returns on their portfolios, although these risks can also potentially result in a reduction in the Funds' net assets.

The Investment Manager will use its best endeavours to minimise the potentially adverse effects of these risks on the Funds' performance where it can do so, while still managing the investments of the Funds in a way that is consistent with the Funds' investment objectives.

The investment objective of the Funds is disclosed in the Prospectus and in the Investment Objective and Policy on page 4. The risks, and the measures adopted by the Funds for managing these risks, are detailed below.

The nature and extent of the financial instruments outstanding at the Statement of Financial Position date and the risk management policies employed by the Funds are discussed below. These policies have remained substantially unchanged since the beginning of the financial year to which these financial statements relate.



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#### 8. Financial risk management (continued)

#### Market risk

Market risk embodies the potential for both losses and gains and included foreign currency risk, interest rate risk and price risk, which are discussed in detail under separate headings within this note.

The Funds' exposure to market risk is that the value of assets would generally fluctuate with, among other things, general economic conditions, the condition of certain financial markets, international political events and developments or trends in any particular industry that the Funds' invested in.

The Funds' market risk is managed on a daily basis by the Investment Manager in accordance with policy and procedures in place. The Funds' overall market positions are reported to the Board of Directors on a monthly basis.

As the majority of the financial instruments are carried at fair value through the profit or loss, all changes in market conditions directly impact the net assets of the Funds.

#### Foreign currency risk

Foreign currency risk is defined in FRS 102 as "the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates."

The Funds are exposed to foreign currency risk as assets and liabilities of the Funds may be denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the Funds, which is the US dollar and Euro. The fluctuations in the rate of exchange between the currency in which the asset or liability is denominated and the functional currency could result in an appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of those assets and liabilities. The Investment Manager is permitted but not obliged to use hedging techniques to attempt to offset market and foreign currency risk.

In accordance with the Unit Trust's policy, the Investment Manager monitors the Funds' currency exposures on a daily basis and reports regularly to the Directors of the Manager, who review the information provided by the Investment Manager on any significant exposures at their periodic meetings.

The Investment Manager may have used FFCTs on Funds as a tool and technique to hedge these currency exposures. Barings Global Bond Fund's sensitivity to changes in foreign currency rates is included in the VaR risk analysis above.

The Funds' portfolio statements detail the currency, and therefore the foreign currency risk, of the underlying investments.

Foreign exchange transactions and other currency contracts may also be used to provide protection against exchange risks or to actively overlay currency views onto the Funds' currency exposure resulting from investing in foreign markets. Such contracts may, at the discretion of the Investment Manager, be used to hedge some or all of the exchange risk/currency risk arising as a result of the fluctuation between the denominated currency of the Funds and the currencies in which the Funds' investments are denominated, or to pursue an active currency overlay strategy.

A Fund may (but is not obliged to) enter into certain currency-related transactions in order to hedge the currency exposure of the assets of a Fund attributable to a particular class into the currency of denomination of the relevant class. Any financial instruments used to implement such strategies with respect to one or more classes shall be assets/liabilities of a Fund as a whole but will be attributable to the relevant class/es, and the gains/losses on, and the costs of, the relevant financial instruments will accrue solely to the relevant class.

Any currency exposure of a class may not be combined with or offset against that of any other class of a Fund. The currency exposure of the assets attributable to a class may not be allocated to other classes. A class will not be leveraged as a result of currency hedging transactions so that the use of such hedging instruments shall in no case exceed 100% of the Net Asset Value attributable to the relevant class of a Fund.

The tables overleaf represent each Fund's exposure to foreign currency as at 30 April 2024 and 30 April 2023. All amounts are stated in the functional currency of the relevant Fund.



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## 8. Financial risk management (continued)

Foreign currency risk (continued)

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**Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund** 

|     | Financial assets at    | Cash                |                         |                     |                      |          |
|-----|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------|
|     | fair value through     | and cash            | Other assets            | <b>-</b>            | N. d                 | % of Net |
|     | profit or loss<br>US\$ | equivalents<br>US\$ | and liabilities<br>US\$ | Derivatives<br>US\$ | Net exposure<br>US\$ | Assets   |
|     | 039                    | •                   | USa                     | •                   | •                    |          |
| AUD | _                      | 121                 | _                       | 434,683             | 434,804              | 0.12     |
| CHF | _                      | (32,429)            | _                       | 7,368,001           | 7,335,572            | 2.08     |
| CNY | _                      | _                   | _                       | 9,015               | 9,015                | _        |
| EUR | _                      | 43,293              | (2,445)                 | 24,246              | 65,094               | 0.02     |
| GBP | _                      | (25,627)            | (1)                     | 20,963              | (4,665)              | _        |
| HKD | 3,397,843              | _                   | _                       | _                   | 3,397,843            | 0.96     |
| IDR | 78,102,095             | _                   | _                       | _                   | 78,102,095           | 22.14    |
| MYR | 28,571,577             | 273                 | 1,437,438               | (1,398,342)         | 28,610,946           | 8.11     |
| PHP | 35,320,611             | _                   | _                       | _                   | 35,320,611           | 10.01    |
| SGD | 97,459,943             | 5                   | 126,002                 | _                   | 97,585,950           | 27.66    |
| THB | 70,342,338             | _                   | 224,154                 | _                   | 70,566,492           | 20.00    |
| VND | 11,368,381             | 229,927             | _                       | _                   | 11,598,308           | 3.29     |
|     |                        |                     |                         |                     |                      |          |

## **Barings Asia Growth Fund**

|     | Financial assets at<br>fair value through<br>profit or loss<br>US\$ | Cash<br>and cash<br>equivalents<br>US\$ | Other assets and liabilities US\$ | Derivatives<br>US\$ | Net exposure<br>US\$ | % of Net<br>Assets |
|-----|---|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| CNY | 4,941,985   | 7,335                                   | _                                 | _                   | 4,949,320            | 5.04               |
| EUR | _   | (46,353)                                | (19)                              | 33,307              | (13,065)             | 0.01               |
| GBP | _   | 6,380                                   | (24)                              | (6,378)             | (22)                 | _                  |
| HKD | 31,619,140  | 1                                       | _                                 | _                   | 31,619,141           | 32.22              |
| IDR | 2,546,492   | _                                       | _                                 | _                   | 2,546,492            | 2.60               |
| INR | 18,382,104  | 625                                     | 245,782                           | _                   | 18,628,511           | 18.98              |
| KRW | 17,006,281  | _                                       | 50,977                            | _                   | 17,057,258           | 17.38              |
| MYR | _   | 278                                     | _                                 | _                   | 278                  | _                  |
| PHP | 1,341,446   | _                                       | _                                 | _                   | 1,341,446            | 1.37               |
| SGD | 1,449,957   | _                                       | 424,734                           | (424,755)           | 1,449,936            | 1.48               |
| THB | 1,470,615   | _                                       | 11,215                            | _                   | 1,481,830            | 1.51               |
| TWD | 17,071,716  | 1                                       | _                                 | _                   | 17,071,717           | 17.40              |

## **Barings Australia Fund**

|     | Financial assets at<br>fair value through<br>profit or loss<br>US\$ | and cash<br>equivalents<br>US\$ | Other assets and liabilities US\$ | Derivatives<br>US\$ | Net exposure<br>US\$ | % of Net<br>Assets |
|-----|---|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| AUD | 69,061,633  | 377,033                         | 1,009                             | _                   | 69,439,675           | 99.00              |
| EUR | _   | 53,809                          | 5                                 | _                   | 53,814               | 0.08               |
| GBP | _   | 144,289                         | 231                               | _                   | 144,520              | 0.21               |



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## 8. Financial risk management (continued)

Foreign currency risk (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024 (continued)

## **Barings Europa Fund**

|     | Financial assets at<br>fair value through<br>profit or loss<br>US\$ | Cash<br>and cash<br>equivalents<br>US\$ | Other assets and liabilities US\$ | Derivatives<br>US\$ | Net exposure<br>US\$ | % of Net<br>Assets |
|-----|---|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| CHF | 2,291,047   | _                                       | _                                 | _                   | 2,291,047            | 10.71              |
| DKK | 1,484,883   | _                                       | _                                 | _                   | 1,484,883            | 6.94               |
| EUR | 11,718,827  | 371,777                                 | 81,226                            | 4,387               | 12,176,217           | 56.94              |
| GBP | 4,542,772   | 1                                       | 15,640                            | _                   | 4,558,413            | 21.32              |
| NOK | 395,084   | _                                       | _                                 | _                   | 395,084              | 1.85               |
| SEK | 451,132   | _                                       | 2,896                             | _                   | 454,028              | 2.12               |

## **Barings Hong Kong China Fund**

|     | Financial assets at<br>fair value through<br>profit or loss<br>US\$ | Cash<br>and cash<br>equivalents<br>US\$ | Other assets<br>and liabilities<br>US\$ | Derivatives<br>US\$ | Net exposure<br>US\$ | % of Net<br>Assets |
|-----|---|---|---|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| CNY | 111,906,286   | 263,379                                 | _                                       | 9,133               | 112,178,798          | 11.04              |
| EUR | _   | 236,181                                 | (31)                                    | (153,904)           | 82,246               | 0.01               |
| GBP | _   | (133,395)                               | (49)                                    | 193,398             | 59,954               | 0.01               |
| HKD | 788,541,824   | 5,483                                   | 4,285,152                               | (4,044,087)         | 788,788,372          | 77.65              |
| TWD | 36,552,484  | _                                       | (98,791)                                | 98,791              | 36,552,484           | 3.60               |

## **Barings Global Bond Fund**

|     | Financial assets at<br>fair value through<br>profit or loss<br>US\$ | Cash<br>and cash<br>equivalents<br>US\$ | Other assets and liabilities US\$ | Derivatives<br>US\$ | Net exposure<br>US\$ | % of Net<br>Assets |
|-----|---|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| AUD | 3,479,947   | 6,533                                   | 69,665                            | _                   | 3,556,145            | 6.50               |
| CAD | 5,474,901   | 7,521                                   | 99,726                            | (4,430,926)         | 1,151,222            | 2.10               |
| CHF | _   | 42                                      | _                                 | _                   | 42                   | _                  |
| CNY | _   | 1                                       | _                                 | 1,283               | 1,284                | _                  |
| CZK | _   | 1                                       | _                                 | _                   | 1                    | _                  |
| EUR | 14,521,447  | 40,260                                  | 187,910                           | (2,013,196)         | 12,736,421           | 23.28              |
| GBP | 5,695,731   | 32,487                                  | 71,711                            | (3,049,580)         | 2,750,349            | 5.03               |
| ILS | _   | 267                                     | _                                 | _                   | 267                  | _                  |
| JPY | _   | 29,403                                  | _                                 | 2,825,620           | 2,855,023            | 5.22               |
| MXN | _   | 621                                     | _                                 | _                   | 621                  | _                  |
| NOK | _   | 910                                     | _                                 | _                   | 910                  | _                  |
| NZD | 4,448,356   | 2,974                                   | 26,484                            | _                   | 4,477,814            | 8.19               |
| SEK | _   | 299                                     | _                                 | _                   | 299                  | _                  |
| ZAR | _   | 18                                      | _                                 | _                   | 18                   | _                  |



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## 8. Financial risk management (continued)

Foreign currency risk (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024 (continued)

## **Barings Europe Select Fund**

| Barings German Growth Fund  Financial assets at Cash fair value through and cash Other assets profit or loss equivalents and liabilities Derivatives Net exposure | 0.09<br>3.42<br>12.33 |
|---|-----------------------|
| fair value through and cash Other assets  |                       |
|   | % of Net              |

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10,079

## **Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund**

391,781

**GBP** 

**USD** 

|     | Financial assets at<br>fair value through<br>profit or loss<br>US\$ | Cash<br>and cash<br>equivalents<br>US\$ | Other assets and liabilities US\$ | Derivatives<br>US\$ | Net exposure<br>US\$ | % of Net<br>Assets |
|-----|---|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| AUD | 139,517   | 2,255                                   | _                                 | _                   | 141,772              | 0.55               |
| CHF | 2,002,294   | 43,287                                  | _                                 | _                   | 2,045,581            | 7.93               |
| DKK | 1,346,052   | 75,666                                  | 80                                | _                   | 1,421,798            | 5.51               |
| EUR | 6,336,991   | 677,914                                 | 7,387                             | _                   | 7,022,292            | 27.22              |
| GBP | 3,995,891   | 617,601                                 | 1,218                             | _                   | 4,614,710            | 17.89              |
| JPY | 1,353,615   | 13,211                                  | 16,861                            | _                   | 1,383,687            | 5.36               |
| MXN | 733,044   | 20,464                                  | 67                                | _                   | 753,575              | 2.92               |
| SEK | 242,972   | 301,913                                 | 4,306                             | _                   | 549,191              | 2.13               |

#### Barings Eastern Europe Fund\*

|     | Financial assets at<br>fair value through<br>profit or loss<br>US\$ | Cash<br>and cash<br>equivalents<br>US\$ | Other assets and liabilities US\$ | Derivatives<br>US\$ | Net exposure<br>US\$ | % of Net<br>Assets |
|-----|---|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| AED | 1,971,318   | _                                       | _                                 | _                   | 1,971,318            | 0.65               |
| CZK | 14,658,878  | _                                       | _                                 | _                   | 14,658,878           | 4.80               |
| EUR | 51,565,243  | (10,568)                                | (2)                               | (19,610)            | 51,535,063           | 16.89              |
| GBP | _   | 36,882                                  | (5)                               | (24,628)            | 12,249               | _                  |
| HUF | 48,190,678  | _                                       | _                                 | _                   | 48,190,678           | 15.80              |
| PLN | 92,943,793  | 72,028                                  | 1,164,298                         | _                   | 94,180,119           | 30.87              |
| ROL | 1,566,700   | _                                       | _                                 | _                   | 1,566,700            | 0.51               |
| TRY | 72,109,357  | _                                       | _                                 | _                   | 72,109,357           | 23.64              |
| ZAR | 6,198,860   | _                                       | 31,164                            | _                   | 6,230,024            | 2.04               |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Eastern Europe Fund merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund in to the Unit Trust on 21 July 2023.



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## 8. Financial risk management (continued)

Foreign currency risk (continued)

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**Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund** 

|     | Financial assets at | Cash        |                 |                    |              |          |
|-----|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|----------|
|     | fair value through  | and cash    | Other assets    |                    |              | % of Net |
|     | profit or loss      | equivalents | and liabilities | <b>Derivatives</b> | Net exposure | Assets   |
|     | US\$                | US\$        | US\$            | US\$               | US\$         |          |
| AUD | _                   | 408         | _               | 429,468            | 429,876      | 0.09     |
| CHF | _                   | _           | _               | 8,485,218          | 8,485,218    | 1.78     |
| CNY | _                   | 1           | _               | 10,178             | 10,179       | _        |
| EUR | _                   | 58,157      | 5               | (61,526)           | (3,364)      | _        |
| GBP | _                   | 88,504      | (96)            | (59,211)           | 29,197       | 0.01     |
| IDR | 125,427,891         | _           | 125,064         | _                  | 125,552,955  | 26.28    |
| MYR | 36,367,221          | 292         | _               | _                  | 36,367,513   | 7.61     |
| PHP | 45,822,761          | _           | 12,403          | _                  | 45,835,164   | 9.60     |
| SGD | 98,887,436          | 5           | _               | _                  | 98,887,441   | 20.70    |
| THB | 96,205,223          | _           | (1,138,408)     | 158,415            | 95,225,230   | 19.94    |
| VND | 17,922,836          | 1,970,856   | 3,354,626       | _                  | 23,248,318   | 4.87     |
|     |                     |             |                 |                    |              |          |

#### **Barings Asia Growth Fund**

|     | Financial assets at | Cash        |                 |                    |              |          |
|-----|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------|----------|
|     | fair value through  | and cash    | Other assets    |                    |              | % of Net |
|     | profit or loss      | equivalents | and liabilities | <b>Derivatives</b> | Net exposure | Assets   |
|     | US\$                | US\$        | US\$            | US\$               | US\$         |          |
| CNY | 8,317,026           | (1,546,507) | _               | _                  | 6,770,519    | 4.94     |
| EUR | _                   | 5,847       | (2)             | 14,301,620         | 14,307,465   | 10.43    |
| GBP | _                   | 11,929      | (12,542)        | 615                | 2            | _        |
| HKD | 52,386,113          | _           | (2,489,072)     | 2,489,113          | 52,386,154   | 38.21    |
| IDR | 2,999,812           | _           | 1,146,496       | (1,146,496)        | 2,999,812    | 2.19     |
| INR | 17,728,356          | 637         | 17,693          | _                  | 17,746,686   | 12.94    |
| KRW | 20,047,808          | _           | 877,727         | (811,268)          | 20,114,267   | 14.67    |
| MYR | 1,082,187           | 298         | _               | _                  | 1,082,485    | 0.79     |
| PHP | 3,088,500           | _           | 746,153         | (746,136)          | 3,088,517    | 2.25     |
| SGD | 2,312,028           | _           | _               | _                  | 2,312,028    | 1.69     |
| THB | 4,452,961           | _           | 302,069         | (274,316)          | 4,480,714    | 3.27     |
| TWD | 19,027,834          | 1           | (370,276)       | 370,276            | 19,027,835   | 13.88    |

## **Barings Australia Fund**

|     | Financial assets at<br>fair value through<br>profit or loss<br>US\$ | Cash<br>and cash<br>equivalents<br>US\$ | Other assets and liabilities US\$ | Derivatives<br>US\$ | Net exposure<br>US\$ | % of Net<br>Assets |
|-----|---|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| AUD | 63,745,540  | 1,342,276                               | 217,573                           | _                   | 65,305,389           | 99.17              |
| EUR | _   | 112,864                                 | 34                                | _                   | 112,898              | 0.17               |
| GBP | _   | 419,530                                 | 659                               | _                   | 420,189              | 0.64               |



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## 8. Financial risk management (continued)

Foreign currency risk (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2023 (continued)

## **Barings Europa Fund**

|     | Financial assets at<br>fair value through<br>profit or loss<br>US\$ | Cash<br>and cash<br>equivalents<br>US\$ | Other assets and liabilities US\$ | Derivatives<br>US\$ | Net exposure<br>US\$ | % of Net<br>Assets |
|-----|---|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| CHF | 4,075,524   | _                                       | _                                 | _                   | 4,075,524            | 16.18              |
| DKK | 912,171   | _                                       | _                                 | _                   | 912,171              | 3.62               |
| EUR | 14,434,515  | 50,494                                  | 49,631                            | (11,505)            | 14,523,135           | 57.64              |
| GBP | 4,656,388   | 8,703                                   | 22,404                            | _                   | 4,687,495            | 18.61              |
| NOK | 488,411   | _                                       | _                                 | _                   | 488,411              | 1.94               |
| SEK | 489,976   | _                                       | 4,062                             | _                   | 494,038              | 1.96               |

## **Barings Hong Kong China Fund**

|     | Financial assets at<br>fair value through<br>profit or loss<br>US\$ | Cash<br>and cash<br>equivalents<br>US\$ | Other assets<br>and liabilities<br>US\$       | Derivatives<br>US\$ | Net exposure<br>US\$ | % of Net<br>Assets |
|-----|---|---|---|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| CNY | 177,645,251   | 15,639,189                              | _   | 11,202              | 193,295,642          | 15.25              |
| EUR | _   | (199, 192)                              | (10,344)                                      | 146,292             | (63,244)             | _                  |
| GBP | _   | 13,584                                  | (202)   | (17,967)            | (4,585)              | _                  |
| HKD | 979,153,391   | 2,275                                   | (8,593,781)                                   | 8,593,922           | 979,155,807          | 77.25              |
| TWD | 23,840,612  | _                                       | <u>,                                     </u> | _                   | 23,840,612           | 1.88               |

## **Barings Global Bond Fund**

|     | Financial assets at | Cash        |                 |             |              |          |
|-----|---------------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|----------|
|     | fair value through  | and cash    | Other assets    |             |              | % of Net |
|     | profit or loss      | equivalents | and liabilities | Derivatives | Net exposure | Assets   |
|     | US\$                | US\$        | US\$            | US\$        | US\$         |          |
| AUD | 3,042,564           | 35,286      | 23,697          | (2,189,627) | 911,920      | 1.73     |
| CAD | 4,062,502           | 23,678      | 63,502          | (2,976,352) | 1,173,330    | 2.23     |
| CHF | _                   | 42          | _               | _           | 42           | _        |
| CNY | _                   | _           | _               | 1,160,262   | 1,160,262    | 2.20     |
| CZK | _                   | 1           | _               | _           | 1            | _        |
| EUR | 11,901,295          | 87,152      | 119,145         | 7,271,759   | 19,379,351   | 36.82    |
| GBP | 1,130,832           | 43,556      | 1,953           | 1,276,978   | 2,453,319    | 4.66     |
| ILS | _                   | 275         | _               | _           | 275          | _        |
| JPY | 1,466,777           | 40,795      | 5,451           | 3,302,723   | 4,815,746    | 9.15     |
| MXN | _                   | 580         | _               | _           | 580          | _        |
| NOK | _                   | 932         | _               | _           | 932          | _        |
| NZD | 5,138,084           | 29,329      | 21,896          | (5,823,091) | (633,782)    | 1.20     |
| SEK | _                   | 316         | _               | _           | 316          | _        |
| ZAR | _                   | 18          | _               | _           | 18           | _        |
|     |                     |             |                 |             |              |          |



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## 8. Financial risk management (continued)

Foreign currency risk (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2023 (continued)

**Barings Europe Select Fund\*** 

|     | Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | Cash<br>and cash<br>equivalents<br>€ | Other assets and liabilities € | Derivatives | Net exposure | % of Net<br>Assets |
|-----|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|
|     |   | _                                    | E                              | E           |              |                    |
| CHF | 4,884,082   | 580,185                              | _                              | _           | 5,464,267    | 10.66              |
| DKK | 4,322,442   | 7,483                                | 73,222                         | _           | 4,403,147    | 8.59               |
| GBP | _   | 72,271                               | 111                            | _           | 72,382       | 0.14               |
| NOK | 1,759,265   | 274,730                              | 34                             | _           | 2,034,029    | 3.97               |
| SEK | 3,670,866   | 208,852                              | 805                            | _           | 3,880,523    | 7.57               |
| USD | _   | _                                    | (1)                            | _           | (1)          | _                  |

#### **Barings German Growth Fund\*\***

|     | Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss € | Cash<br>and cash<br>equivalents<br>€ | Other assets<br>and liabilities<br>€ | Derivatives<br>€ | Net exposure<br>€ | % of Net<br>Assets |
|-----|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| CHF | 137,266   | 4,949                                | _                                    | _                | 142,215           | 0.62               |
| GBP | <u> </u>  | 130                                  | 3                                    | _                | 133               | _                  |
| USD | 669,294   | 95                                   | _                                    | _                | 669.389           | 2.93               |

## **Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund\*\*\***

|     | Financial assets at                          | Cash                            |                                   |                     |                      |                    |
|-----|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
|     | fair value through<br>profit or loss<br>US\$ | and cash<br>equivalents<br>US\$ | Other assets and liabilities US\$ | Derivatives<br>US\$ | Net exposure<br>US\$ | % of Net<br>Assets |
| AUD | 187,973                                      | 2,220                           | _                                 | _                   | 190,193              | 0.74               |
| CHF | 2,187,465                                    | 44,225                          | _                                 | _                   | 2,231,690            | 8.69               |
| DKK | 1,100,859                                    | 3,725                           | 1                                 | _                   | 1,104,585            | 4.30               |
| EUR | 6,475,609                                    | 143,911                         | 133                               | _                   | 6,619,653            | 25.78              |
| GBP | 4,841,267                                    | 347,489                         | 7,864                             | _                   | 5,196,620            | 20.24              |
| JPY | 840,304                                      | 7,857                           | 11,992                            | _                   | 860,153              | 3.35               |
| MXN | 679,933                                      | 11,078                          | 30                                | _                   | 691,041              | 2.69               |
| SEK | 425,873                                      | _                               | 8,605                             | _                   | 434,478              | 1.69               |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Europe Select Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 14 October 2022.



<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings German Growth Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 14 October 2022.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 7 October 2022.

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## 8. Financial risk management (continued)

#### Foreign currency risk (continued)

Sensitivity analysis

The below currency sensitivity analysis information is a relative estimate of risk and is not intended to be a precise and accurate number. The calculations are based on historical data. Future rate movements and correlations between currencies could vary significantly from those experienced in the past.

At 30 April 2024, had the exchange rate between the US Dollar and other currencies increased or decreased by 5% (30 April 2023: 5%) with all other variables held constant, the increase or decrease in the value of the Net Assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units would be as follows:

| 30 Apr 2024   | Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund                                | Barings Asia<br>Growth Fund                              | Barings Australia<br>Fund  |
|---|---|--|--|
|   | US\$  | US\$   | US\$   |
| AUD   | 21,740  | <u>-</u>   | 3,471,984  |
| CHF   | 366,779   | _  | _  |
| CNY   | 451   | 247,466  | _  |
| EUR   | 3,255   | (653)  | 2,691  |
| GBP   | (233)   | (1)  | 7,226  |
| HKD   | 169,892   | 1,580,957  | _  |
| IDR   | 3,905,105   | 127,325  | _  |
| INR   | _   | 931,426  | _  |
| KRW   | _   | 852,863  | _  |
| MYR   | 1,430,547   | 14   | _  |
| PHP   | 1,766,031   | 67,072   | _  |
| SGD   | 4,879,298   | 72,497   | _  |
| THB   | 3,528,325   | 74,092   | _  |
| TWD   |   | 853,586  | _  |
| VND   | 579,915   | _  | _  |
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| 30 Apr 2024   | Barings Europa  | Barings Hong   | <b>Barings Global</b>  |
| 30 Apr 2024   | Fund  | <b>Kong China Fund</b>                                   | <b>Bond Fund</b>   |
|   |   |  | Bond Fund<br>US\$  |
| AUD   | Fund  | <b>Kong China Fund</b>                                   | <b>Bond Fund US\$</b> 177,807  |
| AUD<br>CAD  | Fund<br>US\$<br>-   | <b>Kong China Fund</b>                                   | Bond Fund<br>US\$<br>177,807<br>57,561   |
| AUD<br>CAD<br>CHF                                       | Fund  | Kong China Fund<br>US\$<br>-<br>-                        | Bond Fund<br>US\$<br>177,807<br>57,561<br>2  |
| AUD<br>CAD<br>CHF<br>CNY                                | Fund<br>US\$<br>-<br>-<br>114,552                           | <b>Kong China Fund</b>                                   | Bond Fund<br>US\$<br>177,807<br>57,561   |
| AUD<br>CAD<br>CHF<br>CNY<br>DKK                         | Fund<br>US\$<br>-<br>-<br>114,552<br>-<br>74,244            | Kong China Fund<br>US\$<br>-<br>-<br>5,608,940           | Bond Fund<br>US\$<br>177,807<br>57,561<br>2<br>64                                  |
| AUD CAD CHF CNY DKK EUR                                 | Fund<br>US\$<br>-<br>-<br>114,552<br>-<br>74,244<br>608,811 | Kong China Fund US\$  5,608,940 - 4,112                  | Bond Fund<br>US\$<br>177,807<br>57,561<br>2<br>64<br>-<br>636,821                  |
| AUD CAD CHF CNY DKK EUR GBP                             | Fund<br>US\$<br>-<br>-<br>114,552<br>-<br>74,244            | Kong China Fund US\$  5,608,940 - 4,112 2,998            | Bond Fund<br>US\$<br>177,807<br>57,561<br>2<br>64                                  |
| AUD CAD CHF CNY DKK EUR GBP HKD                         | Fund<br>US\$<br>-<br>-<br>114,552<br>-<br>74,244<br>608,811 | Kong China Fund US\$  5,608,940 - 4,112                  | Bond Fund US\$ 177,807 57,561 2 64 - 636,821 137,517                               |
| AUD CAD CHF CNY DKK EUR GBP HKD ILS                     | Fund<br>US\$<br>-<br>-<br>114,552<br>-<br>74,244<br>608,811 | Kong China Fund US\$  5,608,940 - 4,112 2,998            | Bond Fund<br>US\$<br>177,807<br>57,561<br>2<br>64<br>—<br>636,821<br>137,517<br>—  |
| AUD CAD CHF CNY DKK EUR GBP HKD ILS JPY                 | Fund<br>US\$<br>-<br>-<br>114,552<br>-<br>74,244<br>608,811 | Kong China Fund US\$  5,608,940 - 4,112 2,998            | Bond Fund US\$ 177,807 57,561 2 64 - 636,821 137,517 - 13 142,751                  |
| AUD CAD CHF CNY DKK EUR GBP HKD ILS JPY MXN             | Fund US\$   | Kong China Fund US\$  5,608,940 - 4,112 2,998            | Bond Fund US\$ 177,807 57,561 2 64 - 636,821 137,517 - 13 142,751 31               |
| AUD CAD CHF CNY DKK EUR GBP HKD ILS JPY MXN NOK         | Fund<br>US\$<br>-<br>-<br>114,552<br>-<br>74,244<br>608,811 | Kong China Fund US\$  5,608,940 - 4,112 2,998            | Bond Fund US\$ 177,807 57,561 2 64 - 636,821 137,517 - 13 142,751 31 46            |
| AUD CAD CHF CNY DKK EUR GBP HKD ILS JPY MXN NOK NZD     | Fund US\$   | Kong China Fund US\$  5,608,940 - 4,112 2,998            | Bond Fund US\$ 177,807 57,561 2 64 - 636,821 137,517 - 13 142,751 31 46 223,891    |
| AUD CAD CHF CNY DKK EUR GBP HKD ILS JPY MXN NOK NZD SEK | Fund US\$   | Kong China Fund US\$  5,608,940 - 4,112 2,998 39,439,419 | Bond Fund US\$ 177,807 57,561 2 64 - 636,821 137,517 - 13 142,751 31 46 223,891 15 |
| AUD CAD CHF CNY DKK EUR GBP HKD ILS JPY MXN NOK NZD     | Fund US\$   | Kong China Fund US\$  5,608,940 - 4,112 2,998            | Bond Fund US\$ 177,807 57,561 2 64 - 636,821 137,517 - 13 142,751 31 46 223,891    |



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## 8. Financial risk management (continued)

## Foreign currency risk (continued)

Sensitivity analysis (continued)

| 30 Apr 2024 |                |                | Barings Global |
|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|             | Barings Europe | Barings German | Dividend       |
|             | Select Fund    | Growth Fund    | Champions Fund |
|             | €              | €              | US\$           |
| AUD         | _              | _              | 7,089          |
| CHF         | 298,952        | _              | 102,279        |
| DKK         | 71,571         | _              | 71,090         |
| EUR         | _              | _              | 351,115        |
| GBP         | 2,309          | 504            | 230,736        |
| JPY         | _              | _              | 69,184         |
| MXN         | _              | _              | 37,679         |
| NOK         | 90,066         | _              | _              |
| SEK         | 325,116        | _              | 27,460         |
| USD         | _              | 19,590         | _              |
|             |                |                |                |

| 30 Apr 2024 | Barings Eastern |
|-------------|-----------------|
|             | Europe Fund*    |
|             | US\$            |
| AED         | 98,566          |
| CZK         | 732,944         |
| EUR         | 2,576,753       |
| GBP         | 612             |
| HUF         | 2,409,534       |
| PLN         | 4,709,006       |
| ROL         | 78,335          |
| TRY         | 3,605,468       |
| ZAR         | 311,501         |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Eastern Europe Fund merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund in to the Unit Trust on 21 July 2023.

| 30 Apr 2023 | Barings ASEAN<br>Frontiers Fund<br>US\$ | Barings Asia<br>Growth Fund<br>US\$ | Barings Australia<br>Fund<br>US\$ |
|-------------|---|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| AUD         | 21,494                                  | _                                   | 3,265,269                         |
| CHF         | 424,261                                 | _                                   | _                                 |
| CNY         | 509                                     | 338,526                             | _                                 |
| EUR         | (168)                                   | 715,373                             | 5,645                             |
| GBP         | 1,460                                   | _                                   | 21,009                            |
| HKD         | _                                       | 2,619,308                           | _                                 |
| IDR         | 6,277,648                               | 149,991                             | _                                 |
| INR         | _                                       | 887,334                             | _                                 |
| KRW         | _                                       | 1,005,713                           | _                                 |
| MYR         | 1,818,376                               | 54,124                              | _                                 |
| PHP         | 2,291,758                               | 154,426                             | _                                 |
| SGD         | 4,944,372                               | 115,601                             | _                                 |
| THB         | 4,761,262                               | 224,036                             | _                                 |
| TWD         | _                                       | 951,392                             | _                                 |
| VND         | 1,162,416                               | _                                   | _                                 |



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#### 8. Financial risk management (continued)

#### Foreign currency risk (continued)

Sensitivity analysis (continued)

| 30 Apr 2023 | Barings Europa<br>Fund<br>US\$ | Barings Hong<br>Kong China Fund<br>US\$ | Barings Global<br>Bond Fund<br>US\$ |
|-------------|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| ALID        | 03\$                           | 034                                     |                                     |
| AUD         | _                              | _                                       | 45,596                              |
| CAD         |                                | _                                       | 58,667                              |
| CHF         | 203,776                        | _                                       | 2                                   |
| CNY         | _                              | 9,664,782                               | 58,013                              |
| DKK         | 45,609                         | _                                       | _                                   |
| EUR         | 726,157                        | (3,162)                                 | 968,968                             |
| GBP         | 234,375                        | (229)                                   | 122,666                             |
| HKD         | _                              | 48,957,790                              | _                                   |
| ILS         | _                              | _                                       | 14                                  |
| JPY         | _                              | _                                       | 240,787                             |
| MXN         | _                              | _                                       | 29                                  |
| NOK         | 24,421                         | _                                       | 47                                  |
| NZD         | _                              | _                                       | (31,689)                            |
| SEK         | 24,702                         | _                                       | 16                                  |
| TWD         | _                              | 1,192,031                               | _                                   |
| ZAR         | _                              | _                                       | 1                                   |

| 30 Apr 2023 |                |                       | Barings Global<br>Dividend |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
|             | Barings Europe | <b>Barings German</b> | Champions                  |
|             | Select Fund    | Growth Fund*          | Fund**                     |
|             | €              | €                     | US\$                       |
| AUD         | _              | _                     | 9,510                      |
| CHF         | 273,213        | 7,111                 | 111,585                    |
| DKK         | 220,157        | _                     | 55,229                     |
| EUR         | _              | _                     | 330,983                    |
| GBP         | 3,619          | 7                     | 259,831                    |
| JPY         | _              | _                     | 43,008                     |
| MXN         | _              | _                     | 34,552                     |
| NOK         | 101,701        | _                     | _                          |
| SEK         | 194,026        | _                     | 21,724                     |
| USD         |                | 33,469                | _                          |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings German Growth Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 14 October 2022.

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk defined in FRS 102 as "the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates".

The Barings Global Bond Fund holds fixed-interest rate debt securities which are exposed to fair value interest rate risk where the value of these securities may fluctuate as a result of a change in market interest rates.

All other financial assets and financial liabilities, with the exception of cash at bank balances and overdrawn cash, held by the Funds are not directly exposed to interest rate risk. The Funds are exposed to interest rate risk on the interest earned on their cash and bank balances, and paid on overdrawn cash. This exposure is not considered to be significant.

Interest rate risks are managed by the Investment Manager, whose management of interest rate risk is monitored through regular performance reviews with senior managers as well as through monthly peer reviews of positioning held with senior managers. Individual managers are authorised to initiate fixed-income trades within pre-set limits.



<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Divided Champions Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 7 October 2022.

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#### 8. Financial risk management (continued)

#### Interest rate risk (continued)

Barings Global Bond Fund's sensitivity to changes in interest rates is included in the VAR Analysis on page 98.

#### Market price risk

Market price risk is defined in FRS 102 as "the risk that the fair value of a financial instrument or its future cash flows will fluctuate because of changes in market prices."

The Funds' assets consist principally of equity instruments except for Baring Global Bond Fund, which consists of bonds, futures and FFCTs. The values of these instruments are determined by market forces and accordingly there is a risk that market prices can change in a way that is adverse to the Funds' performance. The Funds have adopted a number of investment restrictions set out in the Unit Trust's Prospectus, which limit the exposure of the Funds to adverse changes in the price of any individual financial asset.

In accordance with the Funds' policies, the Investment Manager monitors the Funds' positions on a daily basis and reports regularly to the Directors of the Manager, which review the information on the Funds' overall market exposures provided by the Investment Manager at its periodic meetings.

The Investment Manager uses three techniques to help in the risk management process: monitoring of compliance and quantitative limits, prevention of limit breaches and trade monitoring. These techniques allow the Investment Manager to ensure that the Funds remain in compliance with the restrictions in the Prospectus and the UCITS regulations under which the Funds are governed.

In addition, the Investment Manager manages the exposure of the portfolio to the risk of adverse changes in the general level of market prices, as determined by market forces, through adhering to its formal risk management process, which includes the use of systems and technology to monitor overall market and position risk on a daily basis.

#### Sensitivity analysis

The below price sensitivity analysis information is a relative estimate of risk and is not intended to be a precise and accurate number. The calculations are based on historical data. Future price movements could vary significantly from those experienced in the past.

A 5% increase or decrease in investment prices at 30 April 2024 and 30 April 2023 would have increased or decreased the value of investments at fair value through profit or loss as follows:

| Fund                                     | 30 April 2024  | 30 April 2023  |
|--|----------------|----------------|
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund             | US\$17,334,344 | US\$22,896,440 |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund                 | US\$4,868,956  | US\$6,795,385  |
| Barings Australia Fund                   | US\$3,453,082  | US\$3,187,277  |
| Barings Europa Fund                      | US\$1,044,187  | US\$1,252,849  |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund             | US\$50,447,932 | US\$62,516,388 |
| Barings Europe Select Fund*              | EUR€2,541,357  | EUR€2,444,601  |
| Barings German Growth Fund*              | EUR€1,132,425  | EUR€1,139,270  |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund** | US\$1,186,288  | US\$1,233,356  |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund*             | US\$14,720,059 | N/A            |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Eastern Europe Fund merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund in to the Unit Trust on 21 July 2023.

#### Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is defined in FRS 102 as "the risk that an entity will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities that are settled by delivering of cash or another financial asset".



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#### 8. Financial risk management (continued)

#### Liquidity risk (continued)

The Funds are exposed to daily cash redemptions of units. However, the Manager is entitled, with the approval of the Depositary, to limit the number of units of any class realised on any dealing day to 10% of the total number of units of that class in issue. There are also a number of circumstances where the Manager may, with the approval of the Depositary, temporarily suspend the right of unitholders to require the realisation of units of any class and/or may delay the payment of any monies in respect of any such realisation.

The Funds invest the majority of their assets in securities and other instruments that are traded on an active market and which are considered to be liquid as they can be readily disposed of in the event that cash needs to be raised to meet redemptions or to pay expenses.

In accordance with the Funds' policy, the Investment Manager monitors the Funds' liquidity on a daily basis and reports regularly to the Directors of the Manager, who review the information provided by the Investment Manager on significant exposures at their periodic meetings.

There is a bank overdraft facility in place with The Northern Trust Company ("TNTC"). An "uncommitted" multi-currency loan facility has been made available by TNTC to the Funds. During the financial year ended 30 April 2024, Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund, Barings Asia Growth Fund, Barings Australia Fund, Barings Europa Fund, Barings Hong Kong China Fund, Barings Global Bond Fund, Barings Europe Select Fund, Barings German Growth Fund, Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund and Barings Eastern Europe Fund had drawn down on this facility (30 April 2023: Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund, Barings Asia Growth Fund, Barings Australia Fund, Barings Europa Fund, Barings Hong Kong China Fund, Barings Global Bond Fund, Barings Europe Select Fund, Barings German Growth Fund and Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund).

The tables below analyse the Funds' financial derivative instruments that will be settled on a gross basis into relevant maturity groupings based on the remaining period at the Statement of Financial Position date to the contractual maturity date.

#### As at 30 April 2024

| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund  | Less than 1                           | (             | Greater than 3   |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|--|
|   | month                                 | 1-3 months    | months           | Total  |
| Liabilities   | US\$                                  | US\$          | US\$             | US\$   |
| Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts  |                                       |               |                  |  |
| - Inflow  | 8,706,586                             | _             | _                | 8,706,586  |
| - Outflow   | (8,779,543)                           | _             | _                | (8,779,543)  |
| Payable for fund shares redeemed  | (322,623)                             | _             | _                | (322,623)  |
| Other payables and accrued expenses   | (430,339)                             | _             | _                | (430,339)  |
| Net assets attributable to holders of   |                                       |               |                  |  |
| redeemable shares   |                                       | (352,785,132) |                  | (352,785,132)  |
| Total   | (825,919)                             | (352,785,132) |                  | (353,611,051)  |
| - Inflow - Outflow Payable for fund shares redeemed Other payables and accrued expenses Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable shares | (8,779,543)<br>(322,623)<br>(430,339) |               | -<br>-<br>-<br>- | (8,779,543)<br>(322,623)<br>(430,339)<br>(352,785,132) |

| Barings Asia Growth Fund                         | Less than 1 |              | Freater than 3 |              |
|--|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
|  | month       | 1-3 months   | months         | Total        |
| Liabilities                                      | US\$        | US\$         | US\$           | US\$         |
| Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts |             |              |                |              |
| - Inflow   | 898         | _            | _              | 898          |
| - Outflow  | (907)       | _            | _              | (907)        |
| Payable for fund shares redeemed                 | (66,683)    | _            | _              | (66,683)     |
| Other payables and accrued expenses              | (758,669)   | _            | _              | (758,669)    |
| Net assets attributable to holders of            | ,           |              |                | ,            |
| redeemable shares                                | _           | (98,129,283) | _              | (98,129,283) |
| Total  | (825,361)   | (98,129,283) |                | (98,954,644) |
|  |             |              |                |              |



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## 8. Financial risk management (continued)

Liquidity risk (continued)

As at 30 April 2024 (continued)

| Barings Hong Kong China Fund                     | Less than 1  |                 | Greater than 3 |                 |
|--|--------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
|  | month        | 1-3 months      | months         | Total           |
| Liabilities                                      | US\$         | US\$            | US\$           | US\$            |
| Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts |              |                 |                |                 |
| - Inflow   | 9,480        | _               | _              | 9,480           |
| - Outflow  | (9,492)      | _               | _              | (9,492)         |
| Payable for fund shares redeemed                 | (1,259,851)  | _               | _              | (1,259,851)     |
| Other payables and accrued expenses              | (9,337,559)  | _               | _              | (9,337,559)     |
| Net assets attributable to holders of            |              |                 |                |                 |
| redeemable shares                                | _            | (1,015,819,944) | _              | (1,015,819,944) |
| Total  | (10,597,422) | (1,015,819,944) |                | (1,026,417,366) |

| Barings Global Bond Fund                         | Less than 1  |              | Greater than 3 |              |
|--|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
|  | month        | 1-3 months   | months         | Total        |
| Liabilities                                      | US\$         | US\$         | US\$           | US\$         |
| Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts |              |              |                |              |
| - Inflow   | 18,806,467   | _            | _              | 18,806,467   |
| - Outflow  | (19,197,256) | _            | _              | (19,197,256) |
| Open Futures contracts                           | · <u>-</u>   | (5,000)      | _              | (5,000)      |
| Payable for fund shares redeemed                 | (207,116)    | _            | _              | (207,116)    |
| Other payables and accrued expenses              | (53,940)     | _            | _              | (53,940)     |
| Net assets attributable to holders of            | ,            |              |                |              |
| redeemable shares                                | _            | (54,705,172) | _              | (54,705,172) |
| Total  | (651,845)    | (54,710,172) | _              | (55,362,017) |

As at 30 April 2024, Barings Europa Fund and Barings Australia Fund, Barings Europe Select Fund, Barings German Growth Fund, Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund and Barings Eastern Europe Fund (merged on 21 July 2023) payables are all categorised within less than 1 month category.

#### As at 30 April 2023

| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund                     | Less than 1 |               | Greater than 3 |               |
|--|-------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|
|  | month       | 1-3 months    | months         | Total         |
| Liabilities                                      | US\$        | US\$          | US\$           | US\$          |
| Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts |             |               |                |               |
| - Inflow   | 843,769     | _             | _              | 843,769       |
| - Outflow  | (858,274)   | _             | _              | (858,274)     |
| Payable for fund shares redeemed                 | (3,018,174) | _             | _              | (3,018,174)   |
| Other payables and accrued expenses              | (2,515,120) | _             | _              | (2,515,120)   |
| Net assets attributable to holders of            |             |               |                |               |
| redeemable shares                                | _           | (477,663,016) | _              | (477,663,016) |
| Total  | (5,547,799) | (477,663,016) |                | (483,210,815) |



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## 8. Financial risk management (continued)

Liquidity risk (continued)

As at 30 April 2023 (continued)

Net assets attributable to holders of

redeemable shares

Total

**Barings Asia Growth Fund** 

| Burnigs Asia Growth Fund                        | Ecos man      |               | Orcator triair o |               |  |
|---|---------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|--|
|   | month         | 1-3 months    | months           | Total         |  |
| Liabilities                                     | US\$          | US\$          | US\$             | US\$          |  |
| Open forward foreign currency exchange contract | ts            |               |                  |               |  |
| - Inflow  | 527,730       | _             | _                | 527,730       |  |
| - Outflow                                       | (528,385)     | _             | _                | (528,385)     |  |
| Payable for fund shares redeemed                | (705,528)     | _             | _                | (705,528)     |  |
| Other payables and accrued expenses             | (6,565,469)   | _             | _                | (6,565,469)   |  |
| Net assets attributable to holders of           |               |               |                  |               |  |
| redeemable shares                               | _             | (137,111,259) | _                | (137,111,259) |  |
| Total   | (7,271,652)   | (137,111,259) |                  | (144,382,911) |  |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund                    | Less than 1   |               | Greater than 3   |               |  |
|   | month         | 1-3 months    | months           | Total         |  |
| Liabilities                                     | US\$          | US\$          | US\$             | US\$          |  |
| Open forward foreign currency exchange contract | ts            |               |                  |               |  |
| - Inflow  | 12,348        | _             | _                | 12,348        |  |
| - Outflow                                       | (12,460)      | _             | _                | (12,460)      |  |
| Payable for fund shares redeemed                | (795,145)     | _             | _                | (795,145)     |  |
| Other payables and accrued expenses             | (115,004,102) | _             | _                | (115,004,102) |  |
|   |               |               |                  |               |  |

Less than 1

Greater than 3

| Barings Global Bond Fund                         | Less than 1 |              | Greater than 3 |              |  |
|--|-------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|--|
| -  | month       | 1-3 months   | months         | Total        |  |
| Liabilities                                      | US\$        | US\$         | US\$           | US\$         |  |
| Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts |             |              |                |              |  |
| - Inflow   | 1,470       | 6,021,588    | 1,158,792      | 7,181,850    |  |
| - Outflow  | (1,484)     | (6,142,481)  | (1,168,900)    | (7,312,865)  |  |
| Open Futures contracts                           | _           | (33,241)     | _              | (33,241)     |  |
| Payable for fund shares redeemed                 | (20,998)    |              | _              | (20,998)     |  |
| Other payables and accrued expenses              | (100,603)   | _            | _              | (100,603)    |  |
| Net assets attributable to holders of            |             |              |                |              |  |
| redeemable shares                                | _           | (53,536,508) | _              | (53,536,508) |  |
| Total  | (121,615)   | (53,690,642) | (10,108)       | (53,822,365) |  |

(115,799,359)

(1,267,543,550)

(1,267,543,550)

As at 30 April 2023, Barings Europa Fund, Barings Australia Fund, Barings Europe Select Fund (merged on 14 October 2022), Barings German Growth Fund (merged on 14 October 2022) and Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund (merged on 7 October 2022) payables are all categorised within less than 1 month category.

#### Credit risk

Credit risk is defined in FRS 102 as "the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation."

The Funds' holdings/securities consist principally of equity instruments, and are not directly exposed to credit risk from these positions with the exception of Barings Global Bond Fund, which consists of bonds and is directly exposed to credit risk.



(1,267,543,550)

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#### 8. Financial risk management (continued)

Credit risk (continued)

Credit risk statement

Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited ("NTFSIL") is the appointed Depositary of the Unit Trust, responsible for the safe-keeping of assets. NTFSIL has appointed The Northern Trust Company ("TNTC") as its global sub-custodian. Both NTFSIL and TNTC are wholly owned subsidiaries of Northern Trust Corporation ("NTC"). As at year-end date of 30 April 2024, NTC had a long term credit rating from Standards and Poor's of A+.

TNTC (as global sub-custodian of NTFSIL) does not appoint external sub-custodians within the U.S., the U.K., Ireland, Canada, Belgium, France, Germany, Netherlands and Saudi Arabia. However, in all other markets, TNTC appoints local external sub-custodians.

NTFSIL, in the discharge of its depositary duties, verifies the Unit Trust's ownership of Other Assets, (as defined under Other Assets, Art 22(5) of UCITS V Directive 2014/91/EU) by assessing whether the Unit Trust holds the ownership, based on information or documents provided by the Fund or, where available, on external evidence.

TNTC, in the discharge of its delegated depositary duties, holds in custody (i) all financial instruments that may be registered in a financial instruments account opened on the books of TNTC and (ii) all financial instruments that can be physically delivered to TNTC. TNTC ensures all financial instruments (held in a financial instruments account on the books of TNTC) are held in segregated accounts in the name of the Fund, clearly identifiable as belonging to the Fund, and distinct and separately from the proprietary assets of TNTC, NTFSIL and NTC.

In addition, TNTC, as banker, holds cash of the Fund on deposit. Such cash is held on the Statement of Financial Position of TNTC. In the event of insolvency of TNTC, in accordance with standard banking practice, the Fund will rank as an unsecured creditor of TNTC in respect of any cash deposits.

Where relevant please note the following currencies, Jordanian Dinar, Saudi Riyal, cash in the onshore China market (principally the currency of Chinese Yuan Renminbi, and any other currencies remitted into accounts in the onshore China market), are no longer held on the Balance Sheet of TNTC. For these off-book currencies, clients' cash exposure is directly to the relevant local sub-custodian / financial institution in the market.

Insolvency of NTFSIL and or one of its agents or affiliates may cause the Fund's rights with respect to its assets to be delayed.

The Responsible Party manages risk by monitoring the credit quality and financial position of the Depositary and such risk is further managed by the Depositary monitoring the credit quality and financial positions of sub-custodian appointments.

Northern Trust continually reviews its sub-custodian network to ensure clients have access to the most efficient, creditworthy and cost-effective provider in each market.

The Investment Manager reviews concentrations of credit risk on a fortnightly basis. All exposures to counterparty credit risk are monitored by Baring Asset Management Limited's Counterparty Credit Committee and are subject to Baring Asset Management Limited's Counterparty Credit Policy ("CCP"). Baring Asset Management Limited requires a minimum credit rating of Dunn and Bradstreet ("D&B") 3, but also actively avoids exposure to entities having an S&P rating of less than AA-, even where the D&B rating is 3 or better. Adherence to the CCP is very rigidly enforced. Any changes to ratings which cause divergence from CCP are acted on immediately without exception. Application for Initial Public Offerings ("IPOs"), for example, is subject to the credit rating of the entity to whose Statement of Financial Position the application will expose the investing fund. Where no satisfactory rating is applied, Baring Asset Management Limited insists that monies are paid into a ring-fenced 'Client Money' account, hence avoiding exposure not permitted by the CCP. The Funds minimize concentrations of credit risk by undertaking transactions with a large number of regulated counterparties on recognised and reputable exchanges.

Credit risk arising from receivables relating to unsettled trades is considered small due to the short settlement period involved. The maximum exposure related to unsettled trades equals the amounts shown on the Statement of Financial Position. There were no past due or impaired assets as of 30 April 2024 (30 April 2023: Nil).



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#### 8. Financial risk management (continued)

#### Credit risk (continued)

The Funds are exposed to counterparty risk on parties with whom it trades and will bear the risk of settlement default. The Funds minimise concentration of credit risk by undertaking transactions with a large number of customers and counterparties on recognised and reputable exchanges. The Funds may enter into transactions with over the counter ("OTC") counterparties, including counterparties to OTC derivative instruments, whereby margin or collateral is posted or received by the Fund with the counterparty, outside of the control of the Depositary or the Depositary's agents.

The net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units at fair value of investments, cash and receivables relating to securities exposed to credit risk at year-end amounted to:

| Fund                                   | 30/04/2024        | 30/04/2023        |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund           | US\$353,610,999   | US\$483,210,414   |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund               | US\$98,954,584    | US\$144,359,194   |
| Barings Australia Fund                 | US\$70,417,105    | US\$66,292,686    |
| Barings Europa Fund                    | US\$21,423,155    | US\$25,301,403    |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund           | US\$1,026,406,660 | US\$1,383,284,462 |
| Barings Europe Select Fund             | €52,772,251       | €51,379,058       |
| Barings German Growth Fund             | €23,536,636       | €22,873,184       |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund | US\$25,797,682    | US\$25,682,278    |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund*           | US\$305,867,458   | N/A               |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Eastern Europe Fund merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund in to the Unit Trust on 21 July 2023.

As at 30 April 2024 and 30 April 2023, the Barings Global Bond Funds exposure to credit risk was as follows:

#### Portfolio by rating category

|                  | Barings Global |
|------------------|----------------|
| Rating           | Bond Fund      |
| Investment grade | 100.00%        |
|                  | 100.00%        |

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Portfolio by rating category

|                      | Buinigo Ciobai |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Rating               | Bond Fund      |
| Investment grade     | 93.01%         |
| Non-investment grade | 6.99%          |
|                      | 100.00%        |

#### 9. Fair value hierarchy

FRS 102 requires the Funds to classify fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices).
- · Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs).

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgement, taking into consideration factors specific to the asset or liability.



**Barings Global** 

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## 9. Fair value hierarchy (continued)

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgement by the Manager. The Manager considers observable data to be market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

The following tables analyse, within the fair value hierarchy, the fund's financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value.

| Α - | -4 | 20 | A | 2024 |
|-----|----|----|---|------|
|     |    |    |   |      |
|     |    |    |   |      |

| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund Financial assets Equities Warrants Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts | Level 1<br>US\$<br>304,105,187<br>300,381 | Level 2<br>US\$<br>42,581,693<br>-<br>2,231 | Level 3<br>US\$<br>-<br>- | <b>Total US\$</b> 346,686,880 300,381 2,231 |
|--|---|---|---------------------------|---|
|  | 304,405,568                               | 42,583,924                                  | _                         | 346,989,492                                 |
| Financial liabilities  |   |   |                           |   |
| Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts   |   | (72,957)                                    |                           | (72,957)                                    |
|  | _   | (72,957)                                    | _                         | (72,957)                                    |
| Total  | 304,405,568                               | 42,510,967                                  |                           | 346,916,535                                 |
|  |   |   |                           |   |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund   | Level 1                                   | Level 2                                     | Level 3                   | Total                                       |
| Financial assets Equities  | <b>US\$</b><br>97,379,117                 | US\$  | US\$                      | <b>US\$</b> 97,379,117                      |
| Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts   | 97,379,117                                | _   | _                         | 91,319,111                                  |
| open serial a seregii cancere, exertange continues   | 97,379,117                                | -   | _                         | 97,379,117                                  |
| Financial liabilities  |   |   |                           |   |
| Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts   | _   | (9)   | _                         | (9)   |
|  | _   | (9)   | _                         | (9)   |
| Total  | 97,379,117                                | (9)   | _                         | 97,379,108                                  |
|  |   |   |                           |   |
| Barings Australia Fund   | Level 1                                   | Level 2                                     | Level 3                   | Total                                       |
| Financial assets   | US\$                                      | US\$  | US\$                      | US\$  |
| Equities   | 69,061,633                                | _   |                           | 69,061,633                                  |
| Total  | 69,061,633                                |   |                           | 69,061,633                                  |
|  |   |   |                           |   |
| Barings Europa Fund  | Level 1                                   | Level 2                                     | Level 3                   | Total                                       |
| Financial assets   | US\$                                      | US\$  | US\$                      | US\$  |
| Equities   | 20,883,746                                |   |                           | 20,883,746                                  |
| Total  | 20,883,746                                |   |                           | 20,883,746                                  |
|  |   |   |                           |   |



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## 9. Fair value hierarchy (continued)

| As at 30 April 2024 (continued)   |                                 |                 |                 |                                 |
|---|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund  | Level 1                         | Level 2         | Level 3         | Total                           |
| Financial assets Equities   | <b>US\$</b><br>1,008,958,644    | US\$            | US\$            | <b>US\$</b> 1,008,958,644       |
| Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts                        |                                 | 1               | _               | 1,000,330,044                   |
|   | 1,008,958,644                   | 1               | _               | 1,008,958,645                   |
| Financial liabilities   |                                 |                 |                 |                                 |
| Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts                        |                                 | (12)            | _               | (12)                            |
|   |                                 | (12)            |                 | (12)                            |
| Total   | 1,008,958,644                   | (11)            | _               | 1,008,958,633                   |
| Barings Olahad Barint Frank   | Lavald                          | l               | 1 1 0           | Total                           |
| Barings Global Bond Fund Financial assets                               | Level 1<br>US\$                 | Level 2<br>US\$ | Level 3<br>US\$ | Total<br>US\$                   |
| Fixed interest  | _                               | 53,919,752      | _               | 53,919,752                      |
| Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts                        |                                 | 279,241         |                 | 279,241                         |
|   |                                 | 54,198,993      |                 | 54,198,993                      |
| Financial liabilities   | ()                              |                 |                 | ()                              |
| Open Futures contracts Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts | (5,000)                         | (390,789)       | _               | (5,000)<br>(390,789)            |
| open forward foreign currency exertainge contracts                      | (5,000)                         | (390,789)       | _               | (395,789)                       |
| Total   | (5,000)                         | 53,808,204      | _               | 53,803,204                      |
|   |                                 |                 |                 |                                 |
| Barings Europe Select Fund  | Level 1                         | Level 2         | Level 3         | Total                           |
| Financial assets  | €                               | €               | €               | €                               |
| Equities Total  | 50,827,146<br><b>50,827,146</b> |                 |                 | 50,827,146<br><b>50,827,146</b> |
| iotai   | 30,027,140                      |                 |                 | 30,027,140                      |
| Barings German Growth Fund  | Level 1                         | Level 2         | Level 3         | Total                           |
| Financial assets  | €                               | €               | €               | €                               |
| Equities Total  | 22,648,504<br><b>22,648,504</b> |                 |                 | 22,648,504<br><b>22,648,504</b> |
| Iotai   | 22,040,304                      |                 |                 | 22,040,304                      |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund                                  | Level 1                         | Level 2         | Level 3         | Total                           |
| Financial assets  | US\$                            | US\$            | US\$            | US\$                            |
| Equities Total  | 23,725,764<br>23,725,764        |                 |                 | 23,725,764<br>23,725,764        |
| Total   | 23,725,764                      |                 |                 | 23,725,764                      |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund*  | Level 1                         | Level 2         | Level 3         | Total                           |
| Financial assets  | US\$                            | US\$            | US\$            | US\$                            |
| Equities  | 294,401,189                     |                 | _               | 294,401,189                     |
| Total   | 294,401,189                     | _               | _               | 294,401,189                     |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Eastern Europe Fund merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund in to the Unit Trust on 21 July 2023.



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## 9. Fair value hierarchy (continued)

| As at 30 April 2023   |                 |                             |                 |                              |
|---|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund  | Level 1         | Level 2                     | Level 3         | Total                        |
| Financial assets  | US\$            | US\$                        | US\$            | US\$                         |
| Equities  | 371,396,971     | 86,531,824                  | _               | 457,928,795                  |
| Warrants  | 268,437         | -<br>95 520                 | _               | 268,437                      |
| Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts                        | 371,665,408     | 85,520<br><b>86,617,344</b> |                 | 85,520<br><b>458,282,752</b> |
|   | 37 1,005,406    | 00,017,344                  |                 | 450,202,752                  |
| Financial liabilities   |                 |                             |                 |                              |
| Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts                        |                 | (14,505)                    |                 | (14,505)                     |
|   |                 | (14,505)                    | _               | (14,505)                     |
| Total   | 371,665,408     | 86,602,839                  |                 | 458,268,247                  |
|   |                 |                             |                 |                              |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund Financial assets                               | Level 1<br>US\$ | Level 2<br>US\$             | Level 3<br>US\$ | Total<br>US\$                |
| Equities  | 133,068,537     | 2,839,168                   | - 035           | 135,907,705                  |
| Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts                        |                 | 98,559                      | _               | 98,559                       |
|   | 133,068,537     | 2,937,727                   | _               | 136,006,264                  |
|   |                 |                             |                 |                              |
| Financial liabilities  Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts | _               | (655)                       | _               | (655)                        |
| Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts                        |                 | (655)                       |                 | (655)                        |
| Total   | 133,068,537     | 2,937,072                   |                 | 136,005,609                  |
| iotai   | 133,000,337     | 2,937,072                   | <u> </u>        | 130,003,009                  |
| Barings Australia Fund  | Level 1         | Level 2                     | Level 3         | Total                        |
| Financial assets  | US\$            | US\$                        | US\$            | US\$                         |
| Equities  | 63,745,540      | _                           |                 | 63,745,540                   |
| Total   | 63,745,540      |                             |                 | 63,745,540                   |
| Barings Europa Fund   | Level 1         | Level 2                     | Level 3         | Total                        |
| Financial assets  | US\$            | US\$                        | US\$            | US\$                         |
| Equities  | 25,056,986      |                             |                 | 25,056,986                   |
| Total   | 25,056,986      | _                           | _               | 25,056,986                   |
|   |                 |                             |                 |                              |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund  | Level 1         | Level 2                     | Level 3         | Total                        |
| Financial assets  | US\$            | US\$                        | US\$            | US\$                         |
| Equities  | 1,244,927,761   | 5,400,000                   |                 | 1,250,327,761                |
|   | 1,244,927,761   | 5,400,000                   | _               | 1,250,327,761                |
| Financial liabilities   |                 |                             |                 |                              |
| Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts                        |                 | (112)                       |                 | (112)                        |
|   | _               | (112)                       | _               | (112)                        |
| Total   | 1,244,927,761   | 5,399,888                   | _               | 1,250,327,649                |
|   |                 | •                           |                 |                              |



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#### 9. Fair value hierarchy (continued)

| As at 30 April 2023 (continued) |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| Barings Global Bond Fund        | l evel 1 |

| Barings Global Bond Fund Financial assets        | Level 1<br>US\$ | Level 2<br>US\$ | Level 3<br>US\$ | Total<br>US\$ |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Fixed interest                                   | _               | 51,314,895      | _               | 51,314,895    |
| Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts | _               | 499,036         | _               | 499,036       |
|  | _               | 51,813,931      | -               | 51,813,931    |
| Financial liabilities                            |                 |                 |                 |               |
| Open Futures contracts                           | (33,241)        | _               | _               | (33,241)      |
| Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts |                 | (131,015)       |                 | (131,015)     |
|  | (33,241)        | (131,015)       | -               | (164,256)     |
| Total  | (33,241)        | 51,682,916      | _               | 51,649,675    |
|  |                 |                 |                 |               |
| Barings Europe Select Fund*                      | Level 1         | Level 2         | Level 3         | Total         |
| Financial assets                                 | €               | €               | €               | €             |
| Equities   | 48,892,020      |                 |                 | 48,892,020    |
| Total  | 48,892,020      |                 | -               | 48,892,020    |
| Barings German Growth Fund** Financial assets    | Level 1         | Level 2<br>€    | Level 3         | Total<br>€    |
| Equities   | 22,785,407      | _               | -               | 22,785,407    |
| Total  | 22,785,407      | _               | _               | 22,785,407    |
| i dia  | 22,100,401      |                 |                 | 22,700,407    |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund***        | Level 1         | Level 2         | Level 3         | Total         |
| Financial assets                                 | US\$            | US\$            | US\$            | US\$          |
| Equities   | 24,667,112      | _               | _               | 24,667,112    |
| Total  | 24,667,112      | _               |                 | 24,667,112    |
|  |                 |                 |                 |               |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Europe Select Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 14 October 2022.

As at 30 April 2024, Barings Australia Fund, Barings Europa Fund, Barings German Growth Fund, Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund and Barings Eastern Europe Fund include fair value adjustments for Level 1 securities. As at 30 April 2024, there are six equities held by Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund that have been transferred from level 1 to level 2 with values of US\$42,581,693. As at 30 April 2023 there are ten equities held by Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund and one equity held by Barings Asia Growth Fund that has been transferred from level 1 to level 2 with values US\$52,339,807 and US\$1,347,809 respectively.

Transfers between levels, when applicable, occur at the end of the financial year.

Cash includes deposits held with banks and other short-term investments in an active market and they are categorised as Level 1. All receivables and payables are categorised as Level 2.

#### 10. Efficient portfolio management

The Funds may use Financial Derivative Instruments ("FDIs") for efficient portfolio management. The efficient portfolio management purposes for which the Unit Trust intends to employ FDIs are reduction of risk, reduction of cost and the generation of additional capital or income for the relevant Fund with an appropriate level of risk, taking into account the risk profile of the Fund and the general provisions of the UCITS Regulations. The Unit Trust may use various types of derivatives for these purposes, including, without limitation, forwards, futures, options, swaps (including but not limited to total return swaps, credit default swaps, and IRSs) and contracts for differences for these purposes.



<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings German Growth merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 14 October 2022.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 7 October 2022.

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#### 10. Efficient portfolio management (continued)

#### **Risk Monitoring of Global Exposure**

The method used to determine the global exposure for Barings Global Bond Fund is Value at Risk ("VaR"). VaR is calculated daily using Risk Metrics.

Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund, Barings Asia Growth Fund, Barings Australia Fund, Barings Europa Fund, Barings Hong Kong China Fund, Barings Europe Select Fund, Barings German Growth Fund, Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund and Barings Eastern Europe Fund used the commitment approach to calculate their global exposure as described in detail in the risk management process of the Investment Manager.

The Commitment Approach has been calculated, in the case of FFCT's, by converting the FFCT position into an equivalent position based on the market value of the underlying asset. As the Financial Derivative Instruments ("FDI") are used for hedging purposes, the exposure of the FDI has been calculated and then netted against the instrument being hedged. The Global Exposure calculation is performed on a daily basis.

In no circumstances will the global exposure of a Fund exceed 100% of its Net Asset Value.

For relative VaR: the Fund's VaR is shown as a percentage of the VaR of the performance comparator or reference portfolio to ensure that the relative figure is within an internal limit. This limit is set lower than a multiple of two (or 200%) of the performance comparison or reference portfolio VaR.

For absolute VaR: the Fund's VaR is shown as a percentage of the Funds' Net Asset Value and is monitored against an internal limit. This limit is set lower than 20%.

| Fund Rel                 |                  |         | tive VaR over | Performance comparator or reference portfolio |         |           |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------|---------------|---|---------|-----------|
| 30 April<br>2024         | 30 April<br>2023 | Lowest  | Highest       | Mean  |         |           |
| Barings Global Bond Fund | 125.98%          | 104.24% | 93.50%        | 132.62%                                       | 110.56% | FTSE WGBI |

| Fund Name                |               |               | Absolute Va | R over the past fir | nancial year |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------|
|                          | 30 April 2024 | 30 April 2023 | Lowest      | Highest             | Mean         |
| Barings Global Bond Fund | 4.70%         | 6.05%         | 4.37%       | 6.07%               | 4.99%        |
| FTSE WGB                 | 3.73%         | 5.81%         | 3.57%       | 5.85%               | 4.57%        |

Some limitations of VaR analysis are:

- the methodology is based on historical data and cannot take account of the fact that future market price movements, correlations between markets and levels of market liquidity in conditions of market stress may bear no relation to historical patterns; and
- the VaR is a point-in-time calculation, and does not necessarily reflect the risk position of the Funds at any time other than the date and time at which it is calculated.



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## 11. NAV per redeemable participating units

All of the following NAVs per redeemable units are based on the dealing NAV as at 12:00 p.m. (Irish time) on 30 April 2024, 28 April 2023 and 29 April 2022.

|   | 30 April 2024   | 30 April 2023   | 30 April 2022   |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable      |                 |                 |                 |
| participating units Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund      | US\$352,785,132 | US\$477,663,016 | US\$532,758,689 |
| NAV per redeemable units                              |                 |                 |                 |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A AUD Hedged Acc | AU\$247.79      | AU\$261.17      | AU\$278.20      |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A CHF Hedged Acc | CHF81.21        | CHF87.80        | CHF95.27        |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A EUR Acc        | €114.45         | €115.92         | €125.47         |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A EUR Inc        | €215.20         | €219.89         | €239.48         |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A GBP Inc        | £184.21         | £193.92         | £201.42         |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A RMB Hedged Acc | ¥1,728.65       | ¥1,840.73       | ¥1,953.41       |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A USD Acc        | US\$249.62      | US\$258.81      | US\$269.43      |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A USD Inc        | US\$230.84      | US\$241.51      | US\$252.99      |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class I CHF Hedged Acc | CHF82.97        | CHF89.10        | CHF96.01        |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class I EUR Acc        | €249.88         | €251.26         | €270.05         |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class I GBP Acc        | £215.05         | £222.77         | £228.35         |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class I USD Acc        | US\$277.05      | US\$285.23      | US\$294.87      |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class I USD Inc        | US\$88.72       | US\$92.81       | US\$97.06       |
|   | 30 April 2024   | 30 April 2023   | 30 April 2022   |
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable      |                 |                 |                 |
| participating units                                   |                 |                 |                 |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund                              | US\$98,129,283  | US\$137,111,259 | US\$179,926,284 |
| NAV per redeemable units                              |                 |                 |                 |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class A EUR Acc*           | €106.19         | _               | _               |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class A EUR Inc            | €98.45          | €93.84          | €112.33         |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class A GBP Inc            | £84.23          | £82.71          | £94.42          |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class A USD Acc**          | US\$105.39      | _               | _               |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class A USD Inc            | US\$105.62      | US\$103.09      | US\$118.69      |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class I EUR Acc            | €104.85         | €99.24          | €117.97         |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class I EUR Hedged Inc     | €64.76          | €64.62          | €76.48          |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class I GBP Acc            | £89.71          | £87.48          | £99.18          |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class I USD Acc            | US\$112.48      | US\$109.01      | US\$124.64      |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Asia Growth Fund Class A EUR Acc was launched on 23 November 2023.



<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings Asia Growth Fund Class A USD Acc was launched on 1 June 2023.

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## 11. NAV per redeemable participating units (continued)

| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable  | 30 April 2024             | 30 April 2023                | 30 April 2022                |
|---|---------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| participating units<br>Barings Australia Fund   | US\$70,142,967            | US\$65,854,876               | US\$68,762,239               |
| NAV per redeemable units  |                           |                              |                              |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class A AUD Inc  | AU\$214.32                | AU\$200.54                   | AU\$203.56                   |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class A EUR Inc  | €130.44                   | €120.16                      | €138.08                      |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class A GBP Inc  | £111.66                   | £105.94                      | £116.10                      |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class A USD Inc<br>Barings Australia Fund - Class I GBP Acc                    | US\$139.96<br>£147.82     | US\$132.04<br>£136.12        | US\$145.94<br>£144.94        |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class I USD Acc  | US\$185.33                | US\$169.61                   | US\$182.15                   |
|   | 30 April 2024             | 30 April 2023                | 30 April 2022                |
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable  |                           |                              |                              |
| participating units<br>Barings Europa Fund  | US\$21,385,428            | US\$25,194,433               | US\$25,539,155               |
| NAV per redeemable units  |                           |                              |                              |
| Barings Europa Fund - Class A EUR Inc   | €61.20                    | €56.55                       | €55.49                       |
| Barings Europa Fund - Class A USD Inc   | US\$65.65                 | US\$62.12                    | US\$58.63                    |
| Barings Europa Fund - Class C EUR Inc   | €59.15                    | €54.57                       | €53.58                       |
| Barings Europa Fund - Class C USD Inc   | US\$63.61                 | US\$60.07                    | US\$56.74                    |
|   | 30 April 2024             | 30 April 2023                | 30 April 2022                |
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units                                    |                           |                              |                              |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund  | US\$1,015,819,944         | US\$1,267,543,550            | US\$1,516,303,487            |
| NAV per redeemable units  |                           |                              |                              |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A EUR Inc  | €907.30                   | €996.24                      | €1,201.36                    |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A GBP Inc  | £776.03                   | £877.86                      | £1,009.63                    |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A HKD Inc  | HK\$7,612.14              | HK\$8,589.83                 | HK\$9,960.26                 |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A RMB Hedged Acc<br>Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A USD Acc | ¥6,772.31<br>US\$1,005.89 | ¥7,841.76                    | ¥9,344.60                    |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A USD Inc  | US\$973.29                | US\$1,130.91<br>US\$1,094.25 | US\$1,311.75<br>US\$1,269.22 |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class C EUR Inc  | €812.33                   | €901.08                      | €1,097.59                    |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class C USD Inc  | US\$866.00                | US\$983.48                   | US\$1,152.17                 |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class I GBP Acc  | £849.82                   | £954.61                      | £1,090.26                    |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class I GBP Inc*   | £86.25                    | £96.90                       | ,                            |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class I USD Acc  | US\$1,065.11              | US\$1,189.07                 | US\$1,369.63                 |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Hong Kong China Fund Class I GBP Inc was launched on 12 October 2022.



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## 11. NAV per redeemable participating units (continued)

|  | 30 April 2024  | 30 April 2023  | 30 April 2022  |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units |                |                |                |
| Barings Global Bond Fund   | US\$54,705,172 | US\$53,536,508 | US\$57,231,030 |
| NAV per redeemable units   |                |                |                |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A EUR Inc                           | €19.08         | €19.84         | €21.83         |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A GBP Inc                           | £16.34         | £17.51         | £18.38         |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A RMB Hedged Acc                    | ¥74.30         | ¥79.14         | ¥84.96         |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A RMB Hedged Inc                    | ¥70.95         | ¥77.87         | ¥84.72         |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A USD Inc                           | US\$20.47      | US\$21.80      | US\$23.06      |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class F GBP Hedged Acc*                   | £96.77         | _              | _              |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class F GBP Hedged Inc*                   | £96.77         | _              | _              |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class F USD Acc*                          | US\$97.15      | _              | _              |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class F USD Inc*                          | US\$97.15      | _              | _              |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class I GBP Inc                           | £16.36         | £17.54         | £18.45         |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class I USD Acc                           | US\$23.38      | US\$24.15      | US\$25.34      |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Global Bond Fund Class F GBP Hedged Acc, Class F GBP Hedged Inc, Class F USD Acc and Class F USD Inc were launched on 13 July 2023.

|  | 30 April 2024 | 30 April 2023 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units | •             | •             |
| Barings Europe Select Fund*  | €52,719,345   | €51,276,876   |
| NAV.   |               |               |
| NAV per redeemable units   |               |               |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class B EUR Acc                         | €60.71        | €56.45        |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class B EUR Inc                         | €55.86        | €52.46        |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class B GBP Inc                         | £48.13        | £46.56        |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class I EUR Acc                         | €92.67        | €85.59        |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class I EUR Inc                         | €90.49        | €85.03        |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class I GBP Inc                         | £91.12        | £87.18        |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class I USD Acc                         | US\$82.00     | US\$77.56     |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class J EUR Acc                         | €63.21        | €58.32        |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class J EUR Inc                         | €56.73        | €53.30        |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class J GBP Inc                         | £48.61        | £47.06        |
|  |               |               |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Europe Select Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 14 October 2022.

|  | 30 April 2024 | 30 April 2023 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units Barings German Growth Fund* | €23,506,444   | €22,814,838   |
| NAV per redeemable units   |               |               |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class B EUR Acc   | €12.58        | €11.24        |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class B EUR Inc   | €11.23        | €10.03        |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class B GBP Acc   | £10.76        | £9.91         |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class I USD Acc   | US\$130.90    | US\$119.14    |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class J EUR Acc   | €13.68        | €12.14        |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class J GBP Acc   | £11.70        | £10.69        |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class J GBP Inc   | £9.80         | £8.96         |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings German Growth Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 14 October 2022.



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## 11. NAV per redeemable participating units (continued)

|   | 30 April 2024  | 30 April 2023  |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units<br>Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund* | US\$25,794,161 | US\$25,676,206 |
| NAV per redeemable units  |                |                |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class A USD Acc  | US\$16.25      | US\$16.10      |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F GBP Acc  | £132.47        | £130.50        |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F GBP Inc  | £120.49        | £121.50        |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F USD Acc  | US\$131.29     | US\$128.52     |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F USD Inc  | US\$119.42     | US\$119.61     |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I GBP Acc  | £16.85         | £16.67         |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I GBP Inc  | £114.72        | £116.12        |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I USD Inc  | US\$14.84      | US\$14.93      |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class X USD Acc  | US\$120.61     | US\$117.73     |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 7 October 2022.

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# Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units

Barings Eastern Europe Fund\* US\$305,090,616

## NAV per redeemable units

| Barings Eastern Europe Fund - Class A EUR Inc | €40.46    |
|---|-----------|
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund - Class A GBP Inc | £34.61    |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund - Class A USD Acc | US\$50.14 |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund - Class A USD Inc | US\$43.40 |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund - Class I EUR Acc | €48.05    |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund - Class I GBP Acc | £43.00    |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund - Class I GBP Inc | £35.97    |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund - Class I USD Acc | US\$55.59 |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund - Class I USD Inc | US\$45.08 |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Eastern Europe Fund merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund in to the Unit Trust on 21 July 2023.

#### 12. Exchange rates

The exchange rates used in the financial statements to convert to euro are as follows:

|                 | As at         | As at         |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
|                 | 30 April 2024 | 30 April 2023 |
| Danish krone    | 7.4582        | 7.4537        |
| Norwegian krone | 11.8160       | 11.7875       |
| Pound sterling  | 0.8555        | 0.8813        |
| Swedish krona   | 11.7510       | 11.3660       |
| Swiss franc     | 0.9777        | 0.9837        |
| US dollar       | 1.0728        | 1.0985        |
|                 |               |               |



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#### 12. Exchange rates (continued)

The exchange rates used in the financial statements to convert to US dollars are as follows:

|                       | As at<br>30 April 2024 | As at 30 April 2023 |
|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Australian dollar     | 1.5310                 | 1.5188              |
| Brazilian real        | 5.1195                 | 4.9776              |
| Canadian dollar       | 1.3686                 | 1.3659              |
| Chinese renminbi      | 7.2487                 | 6.9301              |
| Chinese yuan          | 7.2415                 | 6.9282              |
| Czech Republic koruna | 23.4354                | 21.3820             |
| Danish krone          | 6.9521                 | 6.7857              |
| Euro                  | 0.9321                 | 0.9104              |
| Hong Kong dollar      | 7.8209                 | 7.8499              |
| Hungarian forint      | 364.0000               | 340.4343            |
| Indian rupee          | 83.4363                | 81.8363             |
| Indonesian rupiah     | 16,260.0000            | 14,670.0000         |
| Israeli shekel        | 3.7478                 | 3.6353              |
| Japanese yen          | 156.9150               | 136.0600            |
| Malaysian ringgit     | 4.7725                 | 4.4605              |
| Mexican peso          | 16.9750                | 18.0665             |
| New Zealand dollar    | 1.6811                 | 1.6285              |
| Norwegian krone       | 11.0142                | 10.7311             |
| Philippines peso      | 57.7685                | 55.3850             |
| Polish zloty          | 4.0287                 | 4.1761              |
| Pound sterling        | 0.7974                 | 0.8023              |
| Russian rouble        | 93.4250                | 79.6750             |
| Saudi Arabia Riyal    | 3.7505                 | 3.7507              |
| Singapore dollar      | 1.3609                 | 1.3372              |
| South African rand    | 18.6825                | 18.4150             |
| South Korean won      | 1,382.1000             | 1,338.4000          |
| Swedish krona         | 10.9536                | 10.3474             |
| Swiss franc           | 0.9114                 | 0.8956              |
| Taiwan dollar         | 32.5620                | 30.7425             |
| Thai baht             | 37.0600                | 34.1475             |
| Turkish lira          | 32.3794                | 19.4480             |
| Vietnamese new dong   | 25,345.0000            | 23,465.0000         |

#### 13. Soft commission arrangements

The Investment Manager will pay for research from their own books, as commission paid on trades will be "execution only", which is the agreed cost for that broker to settle the trade (30 April 2023: same).

#### 14. Contingent liabilities

There are no contingent liabilities at financial year-end 30 April 2024 and financial year-end 30 April 2023.

#### 15. Taxation

Under current Irish law and practice, the Unit Trust qualifies as an investment undertaking as defined in Section 739B of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997, as amended (the "TCA"). On that basis, it is not chargeable to Irish tax on its income or gains.



Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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#### 15. Taxation (continued)

However, Irish tax may arise if a "chargeable event" occurs. A chargeable event includes any distribution payments to unitholders or any encashment, redemption, cancellation, transfer or deemed disposal of shares for Irish tax purposes arising as a result of holding shares in the Unit Trust for a period of eight years or more, or the appropriation or cancellation of shares of a unitholder by the Unit Trust for the purposes of meeting the amount of tax payable on a gain arising on a transfer.

No Irish tax will arise on the Unit Trust in respect of chargeable events due to:

- (a) a unitholder who is neither Irish resident nor ordinarily resident in Ireland for tax purposes at the time of the chargeable event, provided that a relevant declaration is in place (in accordance with Schedule 2b of the TCA) and the Unit Trust is not in possession of any information which would reasonably suggest that the information contained therein is no longer materially correct; or
- (b) a unitholder who is an exempt Irish investor (as defined in Section 739D TCA).

Dividends, interest and capital gains (if any) received on investments made by the Unit Trust may be subject to withholding taxes imposed by the country from which the investment income/gains are received and such taxes may not be recoverable by the Unit Trust or its unitholders.

The Finance Act 2010 provides that the Revenue Commissioners may grant approval for Unit Trust Investment Undertakings marketed outside of Ireland to make payments to non-resident investors without deduction of Irish tax where no relevant declaration is in place, subject to meeting "equivalent measures". A Unit Trust Investment Undertakings wishing to receive approval must apply in writing to the Revenue Commissioners, confirming compliance with the relevant conditions.

#### 16. Bank facilities

There is a bank overdraft facility in place with the Northern Trust Company ("TNTC"). An "uncommitted" multi-currency loan facility has been made available by TNTC to the Funds. During the financial year ended 30 April 2024, Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund, Barings Asia Growth Fund, Barings Australia Fund, Barings Europa Fund, Barings Hong Kong China Fund, Barings Global Bond Fund, Barings Europe Select Fund, Barings German Growth Fund, Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund and Barings Eastern Europe Fund had drawn down on this facility (30 April 2023: Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund, Barings Asia Growth Fund, Barings Australia Fund, Barings Europa Fund, Barings Hong Kong China Fund and Barings Global Bond Fund, Barings Europe Select Fund, Barings German Growth Fund and Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund).

#### 17. Material changes to the Prospectus

The Supplement of Barings Global Bond Fund was updated on 22 June 2023 to reflect the reduction of management fees in the F unit class.

The Supplement of Barings Europe Select Fund was updated on 31 July 2023 to reflect a change to the benchmark of the Fund from EMIX Smaller European Companies ex UK (Total Net Return) Index to MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap (Total Net Return) Index.

An updated Prospectus of the Unit Trust was issued on 1 September 2023. The following is the material change made:

Updates have been made as part of a general refresh and for the purposes of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure ("SFDR"),
namely to update the relevant disclosures (such as ESG good governance language) and also to include the new EU
Taxonomy nuclear and gas related disclosure in the SFDR annexes.

There are other immaterial changes to the Prospectus that are not listed above.

#### 18. Significant events

The Barings Asia Growth Fund Class A USD Acc was launched on 1 June 2023.



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#### 18. Significant events (continued)

The Barings Global Bond Fund Class F GBP Hedged Acc, Class F GBP Hedged Inc, Class F USD Inc and Class F USD Acc were launched on 13 July 2023.

The Supplements of Barings Global Bond Fund and Barings Europe Select Fund were updated on 22 June 2023 and 31 July 2023, respectively. The material changes to the Supplements are outlined in note 17.

Barings Eastern Europe Fund merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund in to the Unit Trust on 21 July 2023. Barings Eastern Europe Fund was suspended on 1 March 2022 in light of the exceptional and adverse market conditions relating to the current situation in Russia and Ukraine, and exposure to Russian equities and depositary receipt securities. The merger has seen the non-impacted liquid assets of Barings Eastern Europe Fund transferred to the new fund of the Unit Trust. The old fund remains a sub-fund of Barings Global Umbrella Fund, containing the impacted Belarusian, Russian and Ukrainian assets and has been re-named Barings Eastern Europe (SP) Fund.

Mr. Julian Swayne resigned as a Director of the Manager with effect from 4 August 2023.

Ms. Rhian Williams was appointed as a Director of the Manager with effect from 14 August 2023.

The Prospectus of the Unit Trust was updated on 1 September 2023. The material changes to the Prospectus are outlined in note 17.

The Barings Asia Growth Fund Class A EUR Acc was launched on 23 November 2023.

There have been no other significant events to the financial year-end that, in the opinion of the Directors of the Manager, may have had an impact on the financial statements for the financial year ended 30 April 2024.

#### 19. Subsequent events

The Directors, in consultation with the Investment Manager, and in the best interests of the of Unitholders as a whole, have resolved to terminate Barings Global Technology Fund, Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund and Barings China A-Share Fund on 13 May 2024. The decision has been taken in consideration of, amongst other things, the Funds' economic viability and ability to operate in a cost-efficient manner due to their small asset size. As the result, the financial statements for these Funds have been prepared on a non-going concern basis.

There have been no other events subsequent to the financial year-end that, in the opinion of the Directors of the Manager, may have had a material impact on these financial statements for the financial year ended 30 April 2024.

#### 20. Russia/Ukraine conflict

In response to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the EU, the U.S., the UK and other governmental entities have passed a variety of severe economic sanctions and export controls against Russia, including imposition of sanctions against Russia's Central Bank, largest financial institutions and certain individuals. In addition, a number of businesses have curtailed or suspended activities in Russia or dealings with Russian counterparts for reputational reasons. While current sanctions may not target the Funds, the Unit Trust, the AIFM or the Portfolio Investments and their issuers and industries in which the issuers of the Portfolio Investments operate, these sanctions have had and may continue to have the effect of causing significant economic disruption and may adversely impact the global economy generally, and the Russian economy specifically by, among other things, creating instability in the energy sectors, reducing trade as a result of economic sanctions and increased volatility and uncertainty in financial markets, including Russia's financial sector. Additionally, any new or expanded sanctions that may be imposed by the U.S., EU, UK, or other countries may materially adversely affect the AIFM's operations, including the Funds and the Portfolio Investments.

#### 21. Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors of the Manager on 21 August 2024.



# Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund

## **Schedule of Investments**

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| Nominal                | Security   | Fair value<br>US\$                   | % of<br>Net Assets   |
|------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Nomina                 | Security   | σσφ                                  | Net Assets           |
|                        | Equities: 98.27% (30 April 2023: 95.87%)                                 |                                      |                      |
|                        | China: 1.41% (30 April 2023: 0.95%)                                      |                                      |                      |
|                        | Xinyi Solar Hldgs  | 1,541,470                            | 0.44                 |
| 2,638,100              | Yangzijiang Shipbuilding   | 3,411,754<br><b>4,953,224</b>        | 0.97<br><b>1.41</b>  |
|                        | Harry Marry 0 500/ (00 Arryl 0000, 4 070/)                               | , ,                                  |                      |
| 1.041.500              | Hong Kong: 0.53% (30 April 2023: 1.07%) Yue Yuen Industrial Holdings Ltd | 1,856,373                            | 0.53                 |
| , - ,                  | 5  |                                      |                      |
|                        | Indonesia: 22.14% (30 April 2023: 26.26%)                                |                                      |                      |
|                        | Bank Central Asia  | 29,329,966                           | 8.31                 |
|                        | Bank Negara Indonesia Persero<br>Bank Rakyat Indonesia                   | 5,870,540<br>20,576,700              | 1.67<br>5.83         |
|                        | Indofood CBP Sukses Makmur   | 3,578,718                            | 1.02                 |
| 5,254,100              | Indosat Tbk PT   | 3,554,434                            | 1.01                 |
|                        | Jasa Marga Persero Tbk PT  | 2,835,897                            | 0.80                 |
|                        | Mastersystem Infotama PT<br>Mayora Indah Tbk PT                          | 1,398,749<br>1,063,395               | 0.40<br>0.30         |
|                        | Mitra Adiperkasa   | 2,445,444                            | 0.69                 |
| 34,994,900             | Sariguna Primatirta Tbk PT   | 2,055,358                            | 0.58                 |
| 29,927,800             | Sumber Alfaria Trijaya Tbk PT  | <u>5,392,894</u> _ <b>78,102,095</b> | 1.53<br><b>22.14</b> |
|                        |  | 78,102,095                           | 22.14                |
|                        | Malaysia: 9.22% (30 April 2023: 8.50%)                                   |                                      |                      |
|                        | AEON Credit Service M Bhd  | 1,512,132                            | 0.43                 |
| 3,970,800<br>8 481 150 | Frontken Corp  | 4,259,951<br>7,001,725               | 1.21<br>1.98         |
|                        | Hibiscus Petroleum   | 3,192,519                            | 0.91                 |
|                        | Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd   | 3,129,178                            | 0.89                 |
|                        | Nationgate Holdings Bhd  | 3,126,349                            | 0.89                 |
|                        | Pentamaster Press Metal Aluminium  | 1,427,374<br>3,190,832               | 0.40<br>0.90         |
|                        | UWC BHD  | 2,826,759                            | 0.80                 |
| 1,834,900              |  | 2,864,328 _                          | 0.81                 |
|                        |  | 32,531,147                           | 9.22                 |
|                        | Philippines: 10.01% (30 April 2023: 9.59%)                               |                                      |                      |
|                        | Ayala Land   | 3,250,073                            | 0.92                 |
|                        | BDO Unibank Inc<br>Bloomberry Resorts Corp                               | 6,469,661                            | 1.84                 |
|                        | International Container Terminal Services                                | 3,679,683<br>9,544,072               | 1.04<br>2.71         |
|                        | Jollibee Foods Corp  | 2,199,664                            | 0.62                 |
|                        | Metropolitan Bank & Trust  | 7,632,767                            | 2.16                 |
| 154,740                | SM Investments Corp  | 2,544,691                            | 0.72                 |
|                        |  | 35,320,611                           | 10.01                |
|                        | Singapore: 30.66% (30 April 2023: 25.62%)                                |                                      |                      |
| , ,                    | Ascendas REIT Capital and Integrated Commercial Trust                    | 7,686,516                            | 2.18                 |
| 1,373,800              | CapitaLand Integrated Commercial Trust DBS                               | 3,913,231<br>35,230,818              | 1.11<br>9.99         |
|                        | Frasers Centrepoint Trust  | 2,624,442                            | 0.74                 |
| 4,385,700              | Genting Singapore Ltd  | 2,948,722                            | 0.83                 |
| 2,933,900              | Oversea-Chinese Banking  | 30,720,902                           | 8.71                 |

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|            | A5 at 30 April 2024   |                                |                      |
|------------|---|--------------------------------|----------------------|
|            | Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (continued) |                                |                      |
| Nominal    | Consuits  | Fair value<br>US\$             | % of<br>Net Assets   |
| Nominai    | Security  | 03\$                           | Net Assets           |
|            | Equities: 98.27% (30 April 2023: 95.87%) (continued)              |                                |                      |
|            | Singapore: 30.66% (30 April 2023: 25.62%) (continued)             |                                |                      |
| 285,001    | Sea ADR   | 18,388,265                     | 5.21                 |
| 4,278,050  |   | 4,243,785                      | 1.20                 |
| 226,800    | Venture   | 2,419,822 _                    | 0.69                 |
|            |   | 108,176,503                    | 30.66                |
|            | Thailand: 21.08% (30 April 2023: 20.13%)                          |                                |                      |
| 3,321,700  | AAPICO Hitech   | 1,927,052                      | 0.55                 |
| 4,671,700  | Bangchak  | 5,294,425                      | 1.50                 |
| 16,077,900 | Bangkok Dusit Medical Services                                    | 12,581,195                     | 3.57                 |
|            | Bumrungrad Hospital   | 4,012,817                      | 1.14                 |
|            | Central Plaza Hotel PCL   | 1,809,350                      | 0.51                 |
|            | Central Retail Corp PCL   | 2,474,858                      | 0.70                 |
| 32,709,600 | Chularat Hospital   | 2,559,575                      | 0.73                 |
| 7,810,500  |   | 12,118,288                     | 3.43                 |
|            | Delta Electronics   | 2,493,632                      | 0.71                 |
|            | Fabrinet  | 4,036,208                      | 1.14                 |
|            | Gulf Energy Development   | 5,079,798                      | 1.44                 |
|            | Humanica PCL  | 2,478,618                      | 0.70                 |
|            | I-TAIL Corp PCL   | 2,906,007                      | 0.82                 |
|            | Ngern Tid Lor PCL   | 2,728,091                      | 0.77                 |
|            | Siam Wellness   | 2,882,781                      | 0.82                 |
|            | Srinanaporn Marketing   | 5,029,369                      | 1.43                 |
| 11,136,200 | Thai Coconut Public Co Ltd  | 3,966,482<br><b>74,378,546</b> | 1.12<br><b>21.08</b> |
|            |   | 74,370,340                     | 21.00                |
|            | Vietnam: 3.22% (30 April 2023: 3.75%)                             |                                |                      |
|            | Military Commercial Joint Stock Bank                              | 4,215,919                      | 1.19                 |
|            | Phu Nhuan Jewelry JSC   | 4,430,208                      | 1.26                 |
| 1,960,100  | SSI Securities Corp   | 2,722,254                      | 0.77                 |
|            |   | 11,368,381                     | 3.22                 |
|            | Total Equities (Cost: US\$308,977,495)                            | 346,686,880                    | 98.27                |
|            | Warrants: 0.09% (30 April 2023: 0.05%)                            |                                |                      |
|            | Malaysia: 0.09% (30 April 2023: 0.04%)                            |                                |                      |
| 3,772,550  | Frontken Corp   | 300,381                        | 0.09                 |
|            | Thailand: 0.00% (30 April 2023: 0.01%)                            |                                |                      |
|            | Total Mayrente (Cost, LICCNII)                                    | 200 204                        | 0.00                 |

Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts: 0.00% (30 April 2023: 0.02%)

**Total Warrants (Cost: US\$Nil)** 

| Currency<br>bought | Currency<br>sold | Counterparty | Maturity<br>date | Unrealised<br>gain US\$ | % of<br>Net Assets |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| USD 161,108        | CHF 145,358      | State Street | 15/05/2024       | 1,370                   | 0.00               |
| USD 94,015         | CHF 84,824       | State Street | 15/05/2024       | 799                     | 0.00               |
| USD 1,736          | AUD 2,631        | State Street | 15/05/2024       | 17                      | 0.00               |
| AUD 1,020          | USD 654          | State Street | 15/05/2024       | 12                      | 0.00               |
| AUD 938            | USD 605          | State Street | 15/05/2024       | 8                       | 0.00               |
| AUD 1,410          | USD 915          | State Street | 15/05/2024       | 6                       | 0.00               |
| AUD 500            | USD 321          | State Street | 15/05/2024       | 6                       | 0.00               |



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# Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund

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Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (continued)

Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts: 0.00% (30 April 2023: 0.02%) (continued)

| Currency<br>bought | Currency<br>sold                  | Counterparty                   | Maturity<br>date | Unrealised gain US\$ | % of<br>Net Assets |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| AUD 593            | USD 382                           | State Street                   | 15/05/2024       | 6                    | 0.00               |
| <b>AUD 500</b>     | USD 321                           | State Street                   | 15/05/2024       | 5                    | 0.00               |
| <b>AUD 300</b>     | USD 195                           | State Street                   | 15/05/2024       | 1                    | 0.00               |
| <b>AUD 321</b>     | USD 209                           | State Street                   | 15/05/2024       | 1                    | 0.00               |
| <b>AUD 142</b>     | USD 93                            | State Street                   | 15/05/2024       | 0                    | 0.00               |
| USD 23             | AUD 34                            | State Street                   | 15/05/2024       | 0                    | 0.00               |
| USD 70             | CNH 506                           | State Street                   | 16/05/2024       | 0                    | 0.00               |
|                    | Total unrealised gain on open     | forward foreign currency excha | ange contracts   | 2,231                | 0.00               |
|                    | Total financial assets at fair va | lue through profit or loss     | _                | 346.989.492          | 98.36              |

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts: (0.02%) (30 April 2023: 0.00%)

| Currency<br>bought    | Currency<br>sold              | Counterparty                   | Maturity<br>date | Unrealised loss US\$ | % of<br>Net Assets |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| CHF 4,526,372         | USD 5,016,877                 | State Street                   | 15/05/2024       | (42,710)             | (0.01)             |
| CHF 2,645,679         | USD 2,932,381                 | State Street                   | 15/05/2024       | (24,964)             | (0.01)             |
| AUD 728,729           | USD 480,753                   | State Street                   | 15/05/2024       | (4,583)              | 0.00               |
| USD 28,177            | AUD 43,650                    | State Street                   | 15/05/2024       | (345)                | 0.00               |
| USD 16,315            | AUD 25,294                    | State Street                   | 15/05/2024       | (213)                | 0.00               |
| USD 165,724           | CHF 150,865                   | State Street                   | 15/05/2024       | (66)                 | 0.00               |
| USD 94,752            | CHF 86,257                    | State Street                   | 15/05/2024       | (37)                 | 0.00               |
| CNH 68,117            | USD 9,415                     | State Street                   | 16/05/2024       | (12)                 | 0.00               |
| AUD 1,726             | USD 1,138                     | State Street                   | 15/05/2024       | (11)                 | 0.00               |
| USD 32,468            | CHF 29,554                    | State Street                   | 15/05/2024       | (9)                  | 0.00               |
| AUD 635               | USD 421                       | State Street                   | 15/05/2024       | (6)                  | 0.00               |
| USD 319               | CNH 2,313                     | State Street                   | 16/05/2024       | (1)                  | 0.00               |
| AUD 200               | USD 131                       | State Street                   | 15/05/2024       | 0                    | 0.00               |
| Total u               | nrealised loss on open for    | orward foreign currency exchar | nge contracts    | (72,957)             | (0.02)             |
| Total fi              | nancial liabilities at fair v | value through profit or loss   | _                | (72,957)             | (0.02)             |
| Total investments at  | fair value through profit     | or loss                        |                  | 346,916,535          | 98.34              |
| Cash and cash equiva  | alents                        |                                |                  | 4,478,834            | 1.27               |
| Other net assets      |                               |                                |                  | 1,389,763            | 0.39               |
| Net assets attributat | ole to holders of redeema     | able participating units       | _                | 352,785,132          | 100.00             |
| Analysis of Total Ass | sets                          |                                |                  | % 0                  | of total assets*   |

### **Analysis of Total Assets**

% of total assets\*

Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised market Other assets

1.87 **100.00** 

Total

\* Calculation based on the total assets of the Fund (excluding liabilities). This summary is a UCITS requirement.



## Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Asia Growth Fund

## **Schedule of Investments**

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## Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

| Nominal   | Security   | Fair value<br>US\$     | % of<br>Net Assets |
|-----------|--|------------------------|--------------------|
|           | Equities: 99.24% (30 April 2023: 99.12%)                 |                        |                    |
|           | China: 30.59% (30 April 2023: 35.01%)                    |                        |                    |
| 408,548   | Alibaba  | 3,883,894              | 3.96               |
| 68,050    |  | 910,999                | 0.93               |
|           | BYD Company  | 537,560                | 0.55               |
|           | BYD Electronic International                             | 391,131                | 0.40               |
|           | China Construction Bank 'H' China Resources Beer         | 1,962,165              | 2.00<br>0.54       |
|           | China Resources Land                                     | 533,954<br>858,494     | 0.87               |
|           | JD.com   | 1,054,365              | 1.07               |
|           | Kuaishou Technology                                      | 771,907                | 0.79               |
|           | Kunlun Energy  | 778,522                | 0.79               |
|           | Kweichow Moutai  | 1,039,648              | 1.06               |
| 67,600    | Li Auto  | 898,925                | 0.92               |
| 249,000   | Li Ning  | 663,817                | 0.68               |
|           | Meituan Dianping   | 1,137,157              | 1.16               |
|           | NARI Technology Class A                                  | 1,111,966              | 1.13               |
|           | New Oriental Education & Technology Group ADR            | 532,546                | 0.54               |
|           | PetroChina   | 1,194,630              | 1.22               |
| 508,000   | Ping An January Craun of China                           | 756,180<br>1 374 401   | 0.77               |
|           | Ping An Insurance Group of China<br>Sungrow Power Supply | 1,374,401<br>1,174,837 | 1.40<br>1.20       |
| 139,400   |  | 6,188,505              | 6.31               |
|           | Topsports International                                  | 477,520                | 0.49               |
|           | Warom Technology Inc Co                                  | 859,354                | 0.87               |
|           | Weichai Power  | 926,364                | 0.94               |
| ,         |  | 30,018,841             | 30.59              |
|           | Hong Kong: 5.36% (30 April 2023: 10.04%)                 |                        |                    |
| 339,600   |  | 2,509,798              | 2.56               |
| 54,300    | Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing                           | 1,746,843              | 1.78               |
|           | Power Assets Holdings                                    | 999,396                | 1.02               |
|           |  | 5,256,037              | 5.36               |
|           | India: 18.73% (30 April 2023: 12.93%)                    |                        |                    |
|           | Axis Bank  | 2,308,150              | 2.35               |
|           | Embassy Office Parks                                     | 740,520                | 0.76               |
|           | HCL Technologies Ltd                                     | 1,167,870              | 1.19               |
|           | HDFC Bank  | 1,766,813              | 1.80               |
| •         | Larsen & Toubro  | 1,406,682              | 1.43               |
|           | Mahindra & Mahindra PI Industries                        | 1,443,093<br>1,080,425 | 1.47<br>1.10       |
|           | Reliance Industries                                      | 4,366,772              | 4.45               |
|           | SBI Life Insurance                                       | 1,288,855              | 1.31               |
| ,         | State Bank of India                                      | 1,197,542              | 1.22               |
| 697,807   |  | 1,615,382              | 1.65               |
| ,         |  | 18,382,104             | 18.73              |
|           | Indonesia: 2.60% (30 April 2023: 2.19%)                  |                        |                    |
| 3,504,200 | Bank Rakyat Indonesia                                    | 1,064,622              | 1.09               |
|           | Sumber Alfaria Trijaya Tbk PT                            | 992,470                | 1.01               |
|           | Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero                         | 489,400                | 0.50               |
|           |  | 2,546,492              | 2.60               |



## Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Asia Growth Fund

Schedule of Investments (continued)

|           | Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (continued)                 |                                |                      |
|-----------|---|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Nominal   | Security  | Fair value<br>US\$             | % of<br>Net Assets   |
|           | Equities: 99.24% (30 April 2023: 99.12%) (continued)                              |                                |                      |
|           | <b>Equitios. 33.24</b> 70 ( <b>33.74</b> 70 ( <b>33.74</b> 70) ( <b>33.74</b> 70) |                                |                      |
| 146,000   | Macao: 0.67% (30 April 2023: 0.00%) Galaxy Entertainment                          | 661,778                        | 0.67                 |
|           | Malaysia: 0.00% (30 April 2023: 0.79%)  |                                |                      |
|           | Philippines: 1.37% (30 April 2023: 2.25%)   |                                |                      |
|           | BDO Unibank Inc   | 554,360                        | 0.57                 |
| 4,372,000 | Bloomberry Resorts Corp   | 787,086<br><b>1,341,446</b>    | 0.80<br><b>1.37</b>  |
|           |   | 1,041,440                      | 1.57                 |
|           | Singapore: 2.51% (30 April 2023: 4.16%)   |                                |                      |
| 56,540    |   | 1,449,957                      | 1.48                 |
| 15,760    | Sea ADR   | 1,016,835<br><b>2,466,792</b>  | 1.03<br><b>2.51</b>  |
|           |   | 2,400,102                      | 2.01                 |
|           | South Korea: 17.33% (30 April 2023: 14.62%)                                       |                                |                      |
|           | Classys   | 1,103,793                      | 1.13                 |
|           | Cosmax<br>Hyundai Motor Co Pref   | 1,012,965<br>448,435           | 1.03<br>0.46         |
|           | KB Financial  | 1,924,488                      | 1.96                 |
| 14,921    |   | 1,273,915                      | 1.30                 |
|           | LG Chem   | 806,689                        | 0.82                 |
|           | POSCO   | _                              | _                    |
|           | Samsung Electronics   | 6,575,640                      | 6.70                 |
| 30,628    | SK Hynix  | 3,860,356<br><b>17,006,281</b> | 3.93<br><b>17.33</b> |
|           |   | 17,000,201                     | 11.00                |
|           | Taiwan: 17.40% (30 April 2023: 13.88%)  |                                |                      |
|           | CTBC Financial  | 1,462,984                      | 1.49                 |
|           | Delta Electronics Hon Hai Precision Industry                                      | 757,893<br>1,916,344           | 0.77<br>1.95         |
|           | MediaTek  | 1,492,783                      | 1.52                 |
|           | Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing  | 9,413,427                      | 9.60                 |
| 270,000   | Wistron   | 941,128                        | 0.96                 |
| 15,000    | Wiwynn Corp   | 1,087,157                      | 1.11                 |
|           |   | 17,071,716                     | 17.40                |
|           | Thailand: 1.50% (30 April 2023: 3.25%)  |                                |                      |
| 146,600   | Bumrungrad Hospital   | 969,158                        | 0.99                 |
| 323,200   |   | 501,457                        | 0.51                 |
|           |   | 1,470,615                      | 1.50                 |
|           | United States: 1.18% (30 April 2023: 0.00%)                                       |                                |                      |
| 325,500   | Samsonite   | 1,157,015                      | 1.18                 |
|           |   |                                |                      |
|           | Total Equities (Cost: US\$88,075,587)   | 97,379,117                     | 99.24                |
|           |   |                                |                      |

## Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Asia Growth Fund

Schedule of Investments (continued)

As at 30 April 2024

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (continued)

Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts: 0.00% (30 April 2023: 0.07%)

| Currency bought | Currency sold                      | Counterparty                  | Maturity date | Unrealised<br>gain US\$ | % of<br>Net Assets |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| USD 6           | EUR 6                              | State Street                  | 15/05/2024    | 0                       | 0.00               |
| EUR 29          | USD 31                             | State Street                  | 15/05/2024    | 0                       | 0.00               |
|                 | Total unrealised gain on open f    | orward foreign currency excha | nge contracts | 0                       | 0.00               |
|                 | Total financial assets at fair val | ue through profit or loss     | _             | 97,379,117              | 99.24              |

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts: 0.00% (30 April 2023: 0.00%)

| Currency<br>bought  | Currency<br>sold  | Counterparty                 | Maturity date            | Unrealised loss US\$                                 | % of<br>Net Assets                |
|---|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|
| EUR 811<br>USD 28   | USD 880<br>EUR 26   | State Street<br>State Street | 15/05/2024<br>15/05/2024 | (9)<br>0   | 0.00<br>0.00                      |
| Total unrealised loss on open forward foreign currency exchange contracts  Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss |   |                              | (9)                      | 0.00   |                                   |
| Cash and ca<br>Other net lia  | ments at fair value through profi<br>ish equivalents<br>bilities<br>attributable to holders of redeem |                              | _                        | <b>97,379,108</b> 804,902 (54,727) <b>98,129,283</b> | 99.24<br>0.82<br>(0.06)<br>100.00 |

| Analysis of Total Assets  | % of total assets* |
|---|--------------------|
| Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised market | 98.41              |
| Other assets  | 1.59               |
| Total   | 100.00             |

<sup>\*</sup> Calculation based on the total assets of the Fund (excluding liabilities). This summary is a UCITS requirement.



# Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Australia Fund

## **Schedule of Investments**

| Financial asset | s at fair value | through | profit or loss |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|
|-----------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|

| Nominal | Security   | Fair value<br>US\$     | % of<br>Net Assets |
|---------|--|------------------------|--------------------|
|         | Equities: 98.46% (30 April 2023: 96.80%)                 |                        |                    |
|         | Communication Services: 5.44% (30 April 2023: 3.06%)     |                        |                    |
| 95.656  | Carsales.com*  | 2,101,325              | 3.00               |
|         | SEEK Ltd*  | 1,714,611              | 2.44               |
| ,       |  | 3,815,936              | 5.44               |
|         | Consumer Discretionary: 1.92% (30 April 2023: 7.44%)     |                        |                    |
| 359,690 | Bapcor*  | 1,350,005              | 1.92               |
|         |  |                        |                    |
| 000 000 | Consumer Staples: 8.40% (30 April 2023: 6.87%)           | 0.500.505              | 0.00               |
|         | Treasury Wine Estates* Wesfarmers*                       | 2,536,535              | 3.62               |
|         | Woolworths Group*  | 1,102,989<br>2,251,890 | 1.57<br>3.21       |
| 100,712 | Woolworth's Group  | 5,891,414              | 8.40               |
|         | Energy: 1 96% (20 April 2022: 2 72%)                     |                        |                    |
| 75,220  | Energy: 1.96% (30 April 2023: 3.73%)<br>Woodside Energy* | 1,378,870              | 1.96               |
|         |  |                        |                    |
|         | Financials: 26.64% (30 April 2023: 27.20%)               |                        |                    |
|         | Australia & New Zealand Banking Group* Block ADR*        | 1,813,283              | 2.59               |
| ,       | Commonwealth Bank of Australia*                          | 942,261<br>2,853,829   | 1.34<br>4.07       |
|         | Insurance Australia*                                     | 2,053,029<br>2,182,042 | 3.11               |
|         | Macquarie*   | 4,337,128              | 6.18               |
|         | National Australia Bank*                                 | 2,472,776              | 3.53               |
| 14,390  |  | 1,678,583              | 2.39               |
|         | Steadfast*   | 2,403,545              | 3.43               |
|         |  | 18,683,447             | 26.64              |
|         | Health Care: 10.19% (30 April 2023: 11.17%)              |                        |                    |
|         | Cochlear*  | 1,549,079              | 2.21               |
| 26,758  |  | 4,808,792              | 6.86               |
| 36,971  | ResMed*  | 788,634                | 1.12               |
|         |  | 7,146,505              | 10.19              |
| 00.750  | Industrials: 8.59% (30 April 2023: 10.09%)               | 849,170                | 1.01               |
| 99,750  | Brambles*  | 1,240,516              | 1.21<br>1.77       |
|         | Cleanaway Waste Management*                              | 1,329,246              | 1.89               |
|         | Johns Lyng*  | 1,906,116              | 2.72               |
|         | Reliance Worldwide Corp Ltd*                             | 698,257                | 1.00               |
|         |  | 6,023,305              | 8.59               |
|         | Information Technology: 6.58% (30 April 2023: 1.43%)     |                        |                    |
|         | Computershare*   | 1,824,143              | 2.60               |
| 46,305  | WiseTech Global*   | 2,790,025              | 3.98               |
|         |  | 4,614,168              | 6.58               |
| 208 004 | Materials: 22.19% (30 April 2023: 22.76%)<br>BHP Group*  | 5,837,016              | 8.32               |
|         | James Hardie Industries*                                 | 2,344,123              | 3.34               |
|         | Orora Ltd*   | 1,096,957              | 1.56               |
|         | Rio Tinto*   | 3,847,673              | 5.49               |
| ,       |  | • • •                  |                    |

## **Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Australia Fund**

Schedule of Investments (continued)

As at 30 April 2024

|                                       | Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (continued)  |   |                              |
|---------------------------------------|--|---|------------------------------|
| Nominal                               | Security   | Fair value<br>US\$                      | % of<br>Net Assets           |
|                                       | Equities: 98.46% (30 April 2023: 96.80%) (continued)   |   |                              |
| 393,381                               | Materials: 22.19% (30 April 2023: 22.76%) (continued) Sandfire Resources Ltd*                                | 2,439,472<br><b>15,565,241</b>          | 3.48<br><b>22.19</b>         |
| 223,188                               | Real Estate: 6.55% (30 April 2023: 3.05%)<br>Goodman*  | 4,592,742                               | 6.55                         |
|                                       | Total Equities (Cost: US\$59,821,649)  | 69,061,633                              | 98.46                        |
|                                       | Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss  | 69,061,633                              | 98.46                        |
|                                       | ments at fair value through profit or loss<br>sh equivalents<br>sets   | <b>69,061,633</b> 675,133 406,201       | <b>98.46</b><br>0.96<br>0.58 |
| Net assets a                          | ttributable to holders of redeemable participating units   | 70,142,967                              | 100.00                       |
| Analysis of Transferable Other assets | <b>Total Assets</b><br>securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised m | ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | 98.08<br>1.92                |
| Total                                 |  | _                                       | 100.00                       |

<sup>\*</sup> Level 1 investment with fair value adjustment.



<sup>\*\*</sup> Calculation based on the total assets of the Fund (excluding liabilities). This summary is a UCITS requirement.

# Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Europa Fund

## **Schedule of Investments**

As at 30 April 2024

## Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

| Nominal | Security   | Fair value<br>US\$          | % of<br>Net Assets   |
|---------|--|-----------------------------|----------------------|
|         | Equities: 97.65% (30 April 2023: 99.45%)               |                             |                      |
|         | Consumer Discretionary: 9.13% (30 April 2023: 6.68%)   |                             |                      |
| ,       | Amadeus IT*  | 333,103                     | 1.56                 |
|         | Cie Generale des Etablissements Michelin SCA*          | 409,834                     | 1.91                 |
|         | Industria de Diseno Textil*                            | 438,885                     | 2.05                 |
|         | Pandora*   | 491,102                     | 2.30                 |
| 17,138  | Persimmon*   | 279,830                     | 1.31                 |
|         |  | 1,952,754                   | 9.13                 |
|         | Consumer Staples: 15.13% (30 April 2023: 13.00%)       |                             |                      |
| 18,636  | Associated British Foods PLC*                          | 619,780                     | 2.90                 |
|         | Kerry Group*   | 223,073                     | 1.04                 |
| 15,139  | Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize NV*                         | 460,370                     | 2.15                 |
|         | Nestle*  | 1,347,287                   | 6.30                 |
| 11,306  | Unilever*  | 586,092                     | 2.74                 |
|         |  | 3,236,602                   | 15.13                |
|         | Energy: 10.00% (30 April 2023: 8.14%)                  |                             |                      |
| 33.269  | Royal Dutch Shell*                                     | 1,192,663                   | 5.57                 |
|         | TotalEnergies*   | 946,818                     | 4.43                 |
| ,       | 5  | 2,139,481                   | 10.00                |
|         |  |                             |                      |
| 00.400  | Financials: 11.95% (30 April 2023: 14.99%)             | 4 440 507                   | 5.04                 |
| 32,102  |  | 1,113,507                   | 5.21                 |
|         | Deutsche Boerse*                                       | 326,182                     | 1.52                 |
| 10,445  |  | 780,666                     | 3.65                 |
| 30,224  | Prudential*  | 335,514<br><b>2,555,869</b> | 1.57<br><b>11.95</b> |
|         |  | 2,555,669                   | 11.95                |
|         | Health Care: 18.66% (30 April 2023: 17.08%)            |                             |                      |
|         | AstraZeneca*   | 760,005                     | 3.56                 |
|         | ConvaTec Group PLC*                                    | 398,901                     | 1.87                 |
|         | Merck*   | 139,675                     | 0.65                 |
| ,       | Novo Nordisk*  | 993,781                     | 4.65                 |
|         | Roche*   | 531,085                     | 2.48                 |
|         | Sanofi*  | 697,876                     | 3.26                 |
|         | Siemens Healthineers AG* Tecan Group*                  | 246,006<br>222,837          | 1.15<br>1.04         |
| 025     | Tecan Group  | 3,990,166                   | 18.66                |
|         |  | 3,200,100                   |                      |
| 40.705  | Industrials: 9.65% (30 April 2023: 10.66%)             | 454 400                     | 0.44                 |
|         | Assa Abloy*  | 451,132                     | 2.11                 |
|         | Schneider Electric*                                    | 780,376                     | 3.65                 |
|         | Vinci* Wolters Kluwers*                                | 452,442                     | 2.12                 |
| 2,322   | Wollers Nuwers   | 379,554<br><b>2,063,504</b> | 1.77<br><b>9.65</b>  |
|         |  | _,,                         | 0.00                 |
| 4 4 7   | Information Technology: 16.35% (30 April 2023: 16.86%) | E40 40E                     | 0.50                 |
|         | Adyen*   | 540,185                     | 2.53                 |
|         | ASML*  | 1,361,369                   | 6.37                 |
|         | Capgemini* Infineon Technologies*                      | 856,364<br>548,710          | 4.00                 |
| 13,004  | millieon rediffologies                                 | 548,719                     | 2.56                 |

## **Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Europa Fund**

Schedule of Investments (continued)

As at 30 April 2024

|                                       | Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (continued)   |   |                                      |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| Nominal                               | Security  | Fair value<br>US\$                                | % of<br>Net Assets                   |
|                                       | Equities: 97.65% (30 April 2023: 99.45%) (continued)  |   |                                      |
| 3,028                                 | Information Technology: 16.35% (30 April 2023: 16.86%) (continued) Temenos*   | 189,838<br><b>3,496,475</b>                       | 0.89<br><b>16.35</b>                 |
| 3,478                                 | Materials: 6.78% (30 April 2023: 10.78%) Anglo American* L'Air Liquide S.A.* Norsk Hydro*                               | 369,988<br>683,823<br>395,084<br><b>1,448,895</b> | 1.73<br>3.20<br>1.85<br><b>6.78</b>  |
|                                       | Utilities: 0.00% (30 April 2023: 1.26%)   |   |                                      |
|                                       | Total Equities (Cost: US\$15,118,595)   | 20,883,746  | 97.65                                |
|                                       | Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss   | 20,883,746  | 97.65                                |
| Cash and cas<br>Other net ass         | ments at fair value through profit or loss sh equivalents sets ttributable to holders of redeemable participating units | 20,883,746<br>433,678<br>68,004<br>21,385,428     | <b>97.65</b> 2.03 0.32 <b>100.00</b> |
| Analysis of Transferable Other assets | <b>Total Assets</b><br>securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised marke        |   | f total assets**<br>97.48<br>2.52    |
| Total                                 |   |   | 100.00                               |

<sup>\*</sup> Level 1 investment with fair value adjustment.



<sup>\*\*</sup> Calculation based on the total assets of the Fund (excluding liabilities). This summary is a UCITS requirement.

# Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Hong Kong China Fund

## **Schedule of Investments**

As at 30 April 2024

## Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

| Nominal    | Security   | Fair value<br>US\$       | % of<br>Net Assets |
|------------|--|--------------------------|--------------------|
|            | Equities: 99.32% (30 April 2023: 98.64%)               |                          |                    |
|            | Communication Services: 18.19% (30 April 2023: 12.54%) |                          |                    |
| 1,450,400  | Baidu  | 19,416,804               | 1.91               |
|            | China Literature                                       | 2,975,661                | 0.29               |
| 2,906,100  | Kuaishou Technology                                    | 20,789,973               | 2.05               |
| 2,072,400  |  | 39,826,838               | 3.92               |
| 2,292,000  | Tencent  | 101,750,745 _            | 10.02              |
|            |  | 184,760,021              | 18.19              |
|            | Communications: 0.00% (30 April 2023: 2.25%)           |                          |                    |
|            | Consumer Discretionary: 35.15% (30 April 2023: 34.00%) |                          |                    |
| 7,895,720  |  | 75,061,282               | 7.39               |
|            | ANTA Sports Products                                   | 11,579,373               | 1.14               |
|            | BYD Company  | 25,802,862               | 2.54               |
|            | Haier Smart Home                                       | 15,713,167               | 1.55               |
| 1,781,650  |  | 26,152,159               | 2.57               |
|            | Lao Feng Xiang Co Ltd                                  | 7,630,169                | 0.75               |
| 1,623,600  | Meituan Dianping                                       | 21,590,149               | 2.12               |
|            | New Oriental Education & Technology Group ADR          | 44,253,351<br>12,530,298 | 4.36<br>1.23       |
|            | Pinduoduo ADR  | 43,352,910               | 4.27               |
| 1,662,700  |  | 13,669,988               | 1.35               |
|            | Samsonite  | 9,007,656                | 0.89               |
|            | Shenzhou International                                 | 14,800,297               | 1.46               |
|            | TAL Education ADR                                      | 4,154,303                | 0.41               |
|            | Trip.com   | 23,983,708               | 2.36               |
| 1,917,500  | ·  | 7,735,315                | 0.76               |
|            |  | 357,016,987              | 35.15              |
|            | Consumer Staples: 4.00% (30 April 2023: 6.75%)         |                          |                    |
|            | China Feihe  | 2,773,786                | 0.27               |
|            | China Resources Beer                                   | 10,152,029               | 1.00               |
|            | China Youran Dairy                                     | 2,251,659                | 0.22               |
| •          | Kweichow Moutai  | 17,987,330               | 1.77               |
| 1,036,000  | Tsingtao Brewery                                       | 7,517,421                | 0.74               |
|            |  | 40,682,225               | 4.00               |
|            | Energy: 5.53% (30 April 2023: 5.08%)                   |                          |                    |
|            | China Petroleum & Chemical                             | 12,184,889               | 1.20               |
|            | China Shenhua Energy                                   | 10,371,230               | 1.02               |
| 22,702,000 |  | 21,422,184               | 2.11               |
| 5,596,000  | Yankuang Energy  | 12,192,438               | 1.20               |
|            |  | 56,170,741               | 5.53               |
| 1 204 200  | Financials: 12.05% (30 April 2023: 12.74%)             | 0 000 504                | 0.00               |
| 1,204,200  |  | 8,899,584                | 0.88               |
|            | China Construction Bank 'H' China Merchants Bank       | 44,786,802<br>21,767,137 | 4.41               |
|            | China Resources Mixc Lifestyle Services                | 21,767,137<br>4,333,645  | 2.14<br>0.43       |
|            | Industrial & Commercial Bank of China                  | 18,588,224               | 1.83               |
|            | Ping An Insurance Group of China                       | 24,006,045               | 2.36               |
| 0,222,000  | gcaratioo oroap of officia                             | 122,381,437              | 12.05              |
|            |  | ,001,401                 | .2.00              |

# Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Hong Kong China Fund

Schedule of Investments (continued)

|                    | Financial assets at fair value through                                  | profit or loss (continu | ied)                |                                |                     |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| Nominal            | Security  |                         |                     | Fair value<br>US\$             | % of<br>Net Assets  |
|                    | Equities: 99.32% (30 April 2023: 98.64                                  | %) (continued)          |                     |                                |                     |
|                    | Health Care: 2.40% (30 April 2023: 5.0                                  | 4%)                     |                     |                                |                     |
|                    | BeiGene Ltd ADR   |                         |                     | 8,102,462                      | 0.80                |
|                    | Innovent Biologics  |                         |                     | 13,119,414                     | 1.29                |
| 1,820,500          | Wuxi Biologics Cayman   |                         | -                   | 3,198,311<br><b>24,420,187</b> | 0.31<br><b>2.40</b> |
|                    | Industrials 4 040/ (00 April 0000 5 04                                  | 0/1                     |                     |                                |                     |
| 121 805            | Industrials: 4.84% (30 April 2023: 5.64 Contemporary Amperex Technology | 1%)                     |                     | 11,791,897                     | 1.16                |
|                    | Impro Precision Industries  |                         |                     | 4,802,332                      | 0.47                |
|                    | NARI Technology Class A   |                         |                     | 11,921,985                     | 1.18                |
|                    | Techtronic Industries   |                         |                     | 9,665,819                      | 0.95                |
| 4,580,104          | Weichai Power   |                         |                     | 10,987,903                     | 1.08                |
|                    |   |                         |                     | 49,169,936                     | 4.84                |
|                    | Information Technology: 10.93% (30 A                                    | April 2023: 7.37%)      |                     |                                |                     |
|                    | Advanced Micro-Fabrication Equipment                                    | Inc China               |                     | 9,709,693                      | 0.95                |
|                    | ASM Pacific Technology  |                         |                     | 4,284,059                      | 0.42                |
|                    | Beijing Kingsoft Office Software  |                         |                     | 6,069,392                      | 0.60                |
|                    | Hon Hai Precision Industry  |                         |                     | 7,171,918                      | 0.71                |
| 16,172,000         | Luxshare Precision Industry   |                         |                     | 18,465,389<br>7,751,388        | 1.82<br>0.76        |
|                    | Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing                                      |                         |                     | 29,380,566                     | 2.89                |
|                    | Will Semiconductor  |                         |                     | 9,632,847                      | 0.95                |
| 5,434,800          |   |                         |                     | 12,035,793                     | 1.18                |
|                    | Zhejiang Supcon Technology Class A                                      |                         |                     | 2,710,516                      | 0.27                |
| 290,000            | Zhejiang Supcon Technology GDR  |                         |                     | 3,818,076                      | 0.38                |
|                    |   |                         |                     | 111,029,637                    | 10.93               |
|                    | Materials: 3.87% (30 April 2023: 1.48%                                  | <b>(a)</b>              |                     |                                |                     |
|                    | Aluminum Corporation of China   |                         |                     | 12,230,907                     | 1.20                |
| 12,262,000         | Zijin Mining  |                         |                     | 27,123,809                     | 2.67                |
|                    |   |                         |                     | 39,354,716                     | 3.87                |
|                    | Real Estate: 1.59% (30 April 2023: 3.84                                 | 4%)                     |                     |                                |                     |
|                    | China Resources Land  |                         |                     | 14,281,566                     | 1.41                |
| 6,639,000          | Financial Street Property   |                         | -                   | 1,884,512                      | 0.18<br><b>1.59</b> |
|                    |   |                         |                     | 16,166,078                     | 1.59                |
|                    | Utilities: 0.77% (30 April 2023: 1.91%)                                 |                         |                     |                                |                     |
| 8,002,000          | Kunlun Energy   |                         | -                   | 7,806,679                      | 0.77                |
|                    | Total Equities (Cost: US\$1,011,480,45                                  | 8)                      |                     | 1,008,958,644                  | 99.32               |
|                    | Open forward foreign currency excha                                     | inge contracts: 0.00%   | (30 April 2023: 0.0 | 00%)                           |                     |
| Currency<br>bought | Currency<br>sold  | Counterparty            | Maturity<br>date    | Unrealised<br>gain US\$        | % of Net Assets     |
| CNH 3,119          | USD 429   | State Street            | 16/05/2024          | 1                              | 0.00                |
|                    |   |                         |                     |                                |                     |



## Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Hong Kong China Fund

Schedule of Investments (continued)

As at 30 April 2024

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (continued)

Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts: 0.00% (30 April 2023: 0.00%) (continued)

| Currency bought | Currency sold                              | Counterparty                                   | Maturity date                 | Unrealised gain US\$ | % of<br>Net Assets  |
|-----------------|--|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| USD 69          | CNH 498  Total unrealised gain on open for | State Street<br>orward foreign currency exchar | 16/05/2024_<br>nge contracts_ | 0<br>1               | 0.00<br><b>0.00</b> |
|                 | Total financial assets at fair valu        | ue through profit or loss                      | _                             | 1,008,958,645        | 99.32               |

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts: 0.00% (30 April 2023: 0.00%)

| Currency<br>bought    | Currency<br>sold  | Counterparty  | Maturity date                               | Unrealised loss US\$                           | % of<br>Net Assets           |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|--|------------------------------|
| CNH 66,107<br>USD 354 | USD 9,137<br>CNH 2,570<br>Total unrealised loss on open fo  | State Street<br>State Street<br>orward foreign currency excha | 16/05/2024<br>16/05/2024_<br>nge contracts_ | (11)<br>(1)<br>(12)                            | 0.00<br>0.00<br><b>0.00</b>  |
|                       | Total financial liabilities at fair v                       | alue through profit or loss                                   | -   | (12)   | 0.00                         |
|                       |   |   |   | Fair value<br>US\$                             | % of<br>Net Assets           |
|                       | nents at fair value through profit<br>sh equivalents<br>ets | or loss   |   | <b>1,008,958,633</b><br>4,724,901<br>2,136,410 | <b>99.32</b><br>0.47<br>0.21 |
| Net assets a          | ttributable to holders of redeema                           | ble participating units                                       | =   | 1,015,819,944                                  | 100.00                       |

## **Analysis of Total Assets**

Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised market Other assets

98.30 1.70

% of total assets\*\*

Total 100.00



<sup>\*</sup> Level 1 investment with fair value adjustment.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Calculation based on the total assets of the Fund (excluding liabilities). This summary is a UCITS requirement.

# Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Global Bond Fund

## **Schedule of Investments**

| Nominal   | Security   | Fair value<br>US\$            | % of<br>Net Assets   |
|-----------|--|-------------------------------|----------------------|
|           | Fixed interest: 98.56% (30 April 2023: 95.85%)   |                               |                      |
|           | Australian dollar: 6.36% (30 April 2023: 5.68%)  |                               |                      |
|           | Queensland Treasury 4.75% 02/02/2034   | 1,175,956                     | 2.15                 |
| 3,804,000 | Treasury Corp of Victoria 5.00% 20/11/2040   | 2,303,991                     | 4.21                 |
|           |  | 3,479,947                     | 6.36                 |
|           | Canadian dollar: 10.01% (30 April 2023: 7.59%)   |                               |                      |
| 1,110,000 | Province of British Columbia Canada 4.70% 18/06/2037   | 820,721                       | 1.50                 |
|           | Province of Newfoundland and Labrador Canada 8.45% 05/02/2026  | 544,722                       | 1.00                 |
| , ,       | Province of Newfoundland and Labrador Canada 9.15% 07/07/2025  | 1,079,732                     | 1.97                 |
|           | Province of Ontario Canada 6.50% 08/03/2029  | 1,681,583                     | 3.07                 |
| 1,641,000 | Province of Quebec Canada 6.25% 01/06/2032   | 1,348,143<br><b>5,474,901</b> | 2.47<br>10.01        |
|           |  | 5,474,901                     | 10.01                |
|           | Euro: 26.54% (30 April 2023: 22.23%)   |                               |                      |
|           | Austria (Republic of) 0.85% 30/06/2120   | 1,466,004                     | 2.68                 |
|           | France (Republic of) 3.25% 25/05/2045  | 1,101,176                     | 2.01                 |
|           | France (Republic of) 3.50% 25/11/2033  | 807,398                       | 1.48                 |
|           | Hellenic Republic Government Bond 1.88% 24/01/2052<br>Hellenic Republic Government Bond 3.38% 15/06/2034 | 1,427,994<br>845,495          | 2.61<br>1.55         |
|           | Italy (Republic of) 3.50% 15/02/2031   | 1,416,524                     | 2.59                 |
|           | Italy (Republic of) 4.40% 01/05/2033   | 1,389,901                     | 2.54                 |
|           | Italy (Republic of) 5.00% 01/09/2040   | 1,181,824                     | 2.16                 |
|           | Italy (Republic of) 5.25% 01/11/2029   | 1,129,232                     | 2.06                 |
|           | Portugal (Republic of) 1.00% 12/04/2052  | 865,694                       | 1.58                 |
| 1,722,000 | Spain (Kingdom of) 1.45% 31/10/2071  | 897,689                       | 1.64                 |
|           | Spain (Kingdom of) 4.20% 31/01/2037  | 1,140,126                     | 2.08                 |
| 800,000   | Spain Government Bond 3.25% 30/04/2034   | 852,391                       | 1.56                 |
|           |  | 14,521,448                    | 26.54                |
|           | Japanese yen: 0.00% (30 April 2023: 2.74%)   |                               |                      |
|           | New Zealand dollar: 8.13% (30 April 2023: 9.60%)   |                               |                      |
|           | New Zealand (Govt of) 2.00% 15/04/2037   | 1,130,137                     | 2.07                 |
|           | New Zealand (Govt of) 2.75% 15/04/2025   | 1,131,969                     | 2.07                 |
|           | New Zealand (Govt of) 2.75% 15/05/2051   | 1,101,650                     | 2.01                 |
| 1,837,000 | New Zealand (Govt of) 4.50% 15/04/2027   | 1,084,600                     | 1.98                 |
|           |  | 4,448,356                     | 8.13                 |
|           | Pound sterling: 10.41% (30 April 2023: 2.11%)  |                               |                      |
|           | Italy (Republic of) 6.00% 04/08/2028   | 1,278,457                     | 2.34                 |
|           | UK (Govt of) 1.13% 22/10/2073  | 778,205                       | 1.42                 |
|           | UK (Govt of) 1.75% 07/09/2037  | 1,622,544                     | 2.96                 |
|           | UK (Govt of) 3.75% 22/10/2053  | 832,692                       | 1.52                 |
|           | UK (Govt of) 5.00% 07/03/2025<br>United Kingdom Gilt 4.00% 22/10/2031                                    | 627,800<br>556,032            | 1.15                 |
| 450,000   | Offiled Kingdom Gill 4.00% 22/10/2031  | 5,695,730 -                   | 1.02<br><b>10.41</b> |
|           | 110 1 11   | 3,555,.36                     |                      |
| 4 455 000 | US dollar: 37.11% (30 April 2023: 45.90%)  | 4 000 045                     | 0.50                 |
|           | Province of Manitoba Canada 4.30% 27/07/2033   | 1,380,045                     | 2.52                 |
|           | Province of Ontario Canada 5.05% 24/04/2034<br>Province of Quebec Canada 4.50% 08/09/2033                | 1,004,065<br>963,225          | 1.84<br>1.76         |
|           | State of North Rhine-Westphalia Germany 4.38% 16/02/2027   | 982,635                       | 1.80                 |
|           | United States Treasury Note/Bond 2.25% 31/12/2024  | 392                           | 0.00                 |
|           | United States Treasury Note/Bond 3.75% 31/12/2028  | 4,134,047                     | 7.56                 |
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Schedule of Investments (continued)

As at 30 April 2024

| Nominal Security   | Fair value<br>US\$ | % of<br>Net Assets |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Fixed interest: 98.56% (30 April 2023: 95.85%) (continued) |                    |                    |

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (continued)

|           | Total Fixed interest (Cost: US\$56,225,796)           | 53,919,752 | 98.56 |
|-----------|---|------------|-------|
|           | ·   | 20,299,370 | 37.11 |
| 3,119,300 | United States Treasury Note/Bond 1.13% 28/02/2027     | 2,817,484  | 5.15  |
| 4,097,000 | United States Treasury Note/Bond 5.00% 31/08/2025     | 4,089,158  | 7.47  |
| 5,030,000 | United States Treasury Note/Bond 4.13% 30/09/2027     | 4,928,319  | 9.01  |
|           | US dollar: 37.11% (30 April 2023: 45.90%) (continued) |            |       |

Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts: 0.51% (30 April 2023: 0.93%)

| Currency<br>bought | Currency sold           | Counterparty                  | Maturity<br>date | Unrealised gain US\$ | % of<br>Net Assets |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| USD 3,294,508      | NZD 5,379,980           | State Street                  | 16/05/2024       | 94,252               | 0.17               |
| USD 3,990,579      | CAD 5,367,340           | State Street                  | 16/05/2024       | 67,754               | 0.12               |
| USD 3,452,614      | GBP 2,735,070           | State Street                  | 16/05/2024       | 22,438               | 0.04               |
| USD 2,033,942      | EUR 1,850,000           | State Street                  | 13/02/2025       | 20,746               | 0.04               |
|                    |                         | Standard Chartered            |                  |                      |                    |
| GBP 1,050,000      | USD 1,297,662           | Bank                          | 16/05/2024       | 19,191               | 0.04               |
| AUD 3,951,360      | USD 2,567,781           | State Street                  | 16/05/2024       | 14,217               | 0.03               |
| USD 691,944        | CAD 931,200             | State Street                  | 16/05/2024       | 11,359               | 0.02               |
| USD 1,408,397      | EUR 1,302,740           | State Street                  | 16/05/2024       | 10,014               | 0.02               |
| USD 3,560,292      | EUR 3,308,600           | State Street                  | 16/05/2024       | 8,785                | 0.02               |
| USD 556,064        | GBP 439,100             | State Street                  | 16/05/2024       | 5,368                | 0.01               |
| USD 2,584,472      | AUD 3,951,360           | State Street                  | 16/05/2024       | 2,473                | 0.00               |
| USD 736,777        | EUR 684,680             | State Street                  | 16/05/2024       | 1,830                | 0.00               |
|                    |                         | Standard Chartered            |                  |                      |                    |
| USD 388,220        | GBP 308,900             | Bank                          | 16/05/2024       | 814                  | 0.00               |
| USD 10             | GBP 7                   | State Street                  | 15/05/2024       | 0                    | 0.00               |
| USD 10             | GBP 7                   | State Street                  | 15/05/2024       | 0                    | 0.00               |
| USD 5              | CNH 37                  | State Street                  | 16/05/2024       | 0                    | 0.00               |
| USD 5              | CNH 35                  | State Street                  | 16/05/2024       | 0                    | 0.00               |
| Total              | unrealised gain on open | forward foreign currency exch | ange contracts   | 279,241              | 0.51               |
|                    |                         | -                             |                  |                      | ·                  |

Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Open Futures contracts: (0.01%) (30 April 2023: (0.06%))\*

| Nominal |   |            |                   |
|---------|---|------------|-------------------|
| Amount  |   | Unrealised | % of              |
| US\$    | Description                               | loss US\$  | <b>Net Assets</b> |
| 40      | Yen Currency CME Futures June 2024        | (5,000)    | (0.01)            |
|         | Unrealised loss on Open Futures contracts | (5,000)    | (0.01)            |

Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts: (0.71%) (30 April 2023: (0.24%))

| Currency<br>bought | Currency sold | Counterparty | Maturity<br>date | Unrealised loss US\$ | % of<br>Net Assets |
|--------------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| JPY 442,383,800    | USD 3,010,831 | State Street | 16/05/2024       | (185,212)            | (0.34)             |



99.07

54,198,993

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Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss (continued)

Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts: (0.71%) (30 April 2023: (0.24%)) (continued)

| Currency<br>bought   | Currency<br>sold              | Counterparty                      | Maturity<br>date   | Unrealised loss US\$ | % of<br>Net Assets |
|--|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| NZD 5,379,980  | USD 3,306,055                 | State Street                      | 16/05/2024         | (105,799)            | (0.19)             |
| EUR 6,269,840  | USD 6,778,448                 | State Street                      | 16/05/2024         | (48,295)             | (0.09)             |
| CNH 13,538,300   | USD 1,894,797                 | State Street                      | 16/05/2024         | (25,816)             | (0.05)             |
| USD 1,037,460  | EUR 973,820                   | State Street                      | 16/05/2024         | (7,855)              | (0.01)             |
|  |                               | Standard Chartered                |                    |                      | , ,                |
| CAD 996,000  | USD 734,081                   | Bank                              | 16/05/2024         | (6,135)              | (0.01)             |
|  |                               | Standard Chartered                |                    |                      |                    |
| USD 549,619  | CAD 760,000                   | Bank                              | 16/05/2024         | (5,842)              | (0.01)             |
| USD 1,863,162  | CNH 13,538,300                | State Street                      | 16/05/2024         | (5,819)              | (0.01)             |
| GBP 756  | USD 956                       | State Street                      | 15/05/2024         | (7)                  | 0.00               |
| GBP 756  | USD 956                       | State Street                      | 15/05/2024         | (7)                  | 0.00               |
| CNH 4,632  | USD 640                       | State Street                      | 16/05/2024         | (1)                  | 0.00               |
| CNH 4,904  | USD 678                       | State Street                      | 16/05/2024         | (1)                  | 0.00               |
| USD 17   | GBP 13                        | State Street                      | 15/05/2024         | 0                    | 0.00               |
| USD 17   | GBP 13                        | State Street                      | 15/05/2024         | 0                    | 0.00               |
| USD 11   | CNH 84                        | State Street                      | 16/05/2024         | 0                    | 0.00               |
| USD 12   | CNH 88                        | State Street                      | 16/05/2024         | 0                    | 0.00               |
| Total u  | inrealised loss on open for   | orward foreign currency excha     | ange contracts     | (390,789)            | (0.71)             |
| Total fi   | nancial liabilities at fair v | value through profit or loss      | _                  | (395,789)            | (0.72)             |
|  |                               |                                   |                    | Fair value           | % of               |
|  |                               |                                   |                    | US\$                 | Net Assets         |
| Total investments at   | t fair value through profit   | or loss                           |                    | 53,803,204           | 98.35              |
| Cash and cash equiva   | alents                        |                                   |                    | 446,174              | 0.82               |
| Margin Cash  |                               |                                   |                    | 95,125               | 0.17               |
| Other net assets   |                               |                                   |                    | 360,669              | 0.66               |
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units |                               |                                   |                    | 54,705,172           | 100.00             |
| Analysis of Total As   |                               |                                   |                    |                      | total assets**     |
|  |                               | ock exchange listing or traded or | n a recognised mar | ket                  | 97.39              |
| OTC financial derivati   | ive instruments               |                                   |                    |                      | 0.50               |
| Other assets   |                               |                                   |                    | -                    | 2.11               |
| Total  |                               |                                   |                    | =                    | 100.00             |

<sup>\*</sup> The counterparty for Open Future contracts is UBS.



<sup>\*\*</sup> Calculation based on the total assets of the Fund (excluding liabilities). This summary is a UCITS requirement.

# Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Europe Select Fund

## **Schedule of Investments**

| Financia | l assets | at fair | value | through | profit or | loss |
|----------|----------|---------|-------|---------|-----------|------|
|----------|----------|---------|-------|---------|-----------|------|

| Nominal         | Security                                 | Fair value<br>€             | % of<br>Net Assets  |
|-----------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|
|                 | Equities: 96.41% (30 April 2023: 95.35%) |                             |                     |
|                 | Austria: 1.80% (30 April 2023: 1.95%)    |                             |                     |
| 6,035           |  | 116,295                     | 0.22                |
| 24,604          | Wienerberger                             | 833,092                     | 1.58                |
|                 |  | 949,387                     | 1.80                |
|                 | Belgium: 1.92% (30 April 2023: 1.86%)    |                             |                     |
|                 | Azelis Group NV                          | 505,129                     | 0.96                |
| 8,637           |  | 112,972                     | 0.21                |
| 1,943           | D'leteren                                | 397,538<br><b>1,015,639</b> | 0.75<br><b>1.92</b> |
|                 |  | 1,010,000                   | 1.02                |
|                 | Bermuda: 0.00% (30 April 2023: 0.49%)    |                             |                     |
|                 | Denmark: 2.09% (30 April 2023: 8.44%)    |                             |                     |
|                 | Pandora                                  | 517,684                     | 0.98                |
| 14,945          | Topdanmark                               | 583,516<br><b>1,101,200</b> | 1.11                |
|                 |  | 1,101,200                   | 2.09                |
|                 | Finland: 4.33% (30 April 2023: 6.29%)    |                             |                     |
|                 | Cargotec                                 | 590,534                     | 1.12                |
|                 | Huhtamaki Oyj<br>Metso Outotec           | 396,212<br>692,857          | 0.75<br>1.31        |
|                 | Valmet                                   | 606,794                     | 1.15                |
|                 |  | 2,286,397                   | 4.33                |
|                 | France: 15.56% (30 April 2023: 16.96%)   |                             |                     |
| 2,041           | ALTEN                                    | 225,326                     | 0.43                |
|                 | Bureau Veritas                           | 557,244                     | 1.06                |
| 42,853          |  | 911,055                     | 1.73                |
| ,               | Eurazeo                                  | 781,756                     | 1.48                |
| 3,452<br>11,962 | Gaztransport Et Technigaz                | 450,486<br>758,989          | 0.86<br>1.44        |
|                 | Mersen SA                                | 129,335                     | 0.25                |
|                 | Remy Cointreau                           | 332,768                     | 0.63                |
| 27,314          |  | 683,670                     | 1.30                |
| 6,512           |  | 728,693                     | 1.38                |
|                 | Soitec<br>Sopra Steria                   | 281,134<br>795,532          | 0.53<br>1.51        |
|                 | Technip Energies NV                      | 795,532                     | 1.48                |
|                 | Vallourec SACA                           | 479,163                     | 0.91                |
| 854             | Virbac                                   | 297,619                     | 0.57                |
|                 |  | 8,191,541                   | 15.56               |
|                 | Germany: 13.89% (30 April 2023: 10.33%)  |                             |                     |
| 9,957           | CTS Eventim AG & Co KGaA                 | 826,929                     | 1.57                |
|                 | Elmos Semiconductor                      | 297,792                     | 0.56                |
| 14,525          |  | 143,217                     | 0.27                |
|                 | flatexDEGIRO AG Freenet                  | 239,642<br>585,887          | 0.46                |
|                 | Gerresheimer                             | 585,887<br>383,488          | 1.11<br>0.73        |
|                 | Hugo Boss                                | 570,951                     | 1.08                |
| 16,007          | Jenoptik                                 | 405,297                     | 0.77                |
| 13,648          | KION                                     | 597,100                     | 1.13                |
|                 |  |                             |                     |

# Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Europe Select Fund

Schedule of Investments (continued)

As at 30 April 2024

| Financial assets at | fair value through | n profit or loss | (continued) |
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|
|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|-------------|

| Nominal | Security   | Fair value<br>€    | % of<br>Net Assets |
|---------|--|--------------------|--------------------|
|         | Equities: 96.41% (30 April 2023: 95.35%) (continued) |                    |                    |
|         | Germany: 13.89% (30 April 2023: 10.33%) (continued)  |                    |                    |
| 5,921   | Krones   | 740,125            | 1.40               |
| 18,266  | Nordex   | 241,659            | 0.46               |
| 12,699  | Puma   | 556,978            | 1.06               |
| 773     | Rational AG  | 622,265            | 1.18               |
| 9,469   | Scout24  | 650,994            | 1.24               |
| 3,145   | Stabilus   | 185,555            | 0.35               |
| 40,414  | TUIAG  | 274,168            | 0.52               |
|         |  | 7,322,047          | 13.89              |
|         | Ireland: 0.43% (30 April 2023: 0.65%)                |                    |                    |
| 54,228  | Dalata Hotel   | 226,673            | 0.43               |
|         | Market 40 000/ (00 April 0000; 40 450/)              |                    |                    |
| 11.010  | Italy: 12.69% (30 April 2023: 10.45%)                | 540 500            | 1.04               |
|         | Banca Generali<br>BFF Bank SpA                       | 548,592            | 1.04               |
|         | Brunello Cucinelli SpA                               | 388,212            | 0.74<br>1.12       |
|         | ERG SpA  | 593,309<br>484,526 | 0.92               |
|         | FinecoBank   | 867,943            | 1.65               |
| 249,082 |  | 855,846            | 1.62               |
| •       | Intercos   | 115,500            | 0.22               |
| ,       | Interpump Group                                      | 586,102            | 1.11               |
|         | Lottomatica Group SpA                                | 562,528            | 1.07               |
|         | Pirelli & C SpA                                      | 753,045            | 1.43               |
|         | RAI Way SpA  | 227,113            | 0.43               |
|         | Reply SpA  | 513,029            | 0.97               |
|         | Salcef Group SpA                                     | 93,215             | 0.18               |
|         | Tinexta SpA  | 99,497             | 0.19               |
| ,       | ·  | 6,688,457          | 12.69              |
|         | Netherlands: 12.52% (30 April 2023: 13.65%)          |                    |                    |
| 16,549  | Aalberts Industries                                  | 744,374            | 1.41               |
| 14,096  | Arcadis  | 830,255            | 1.58               |
| 1,425   | ASM International                                    | 856,425            | 1.63               |
| 18,458  | ASR Nederland  | 864,757            | 1.64               |
| 17,106  | CTP NV   | 275,749            | 0.52               |
| 9,787   | Euronext   | 827,980            | 1.57               |
|         | IMCD   | 746,669            | 1.42               |
|         | Koninklijke Vopak                                    | 939,995            | 1.78               |
|         | Shop Apotheke Europe                                 | 262,827            | 0.50               |
| 7,492   | Van Lanschot Kempen                                  | 249,858 _          | 0.47               |
|         |  | 6,598,889          | 12.52              |
|         | Norway: 3.40% (30 April 2023: 3.43%)                 |                    |                    |
|         | Borregaard   | 656,705            | 1.24               |
|         | Norconsult Norge AS                                  | 150,615            | 0.28               |
|         | Schibsted ASA  | 382,098            | 0.73               |
| 67,321  | Storebrand   | 608,485            | 1.15               |
|         |  | 1,797,903          | 3.40               |

Portugal: 0.00% (30 April 2023: 0.41%)



# Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Europe Select Fund

Schedule of Investments (continued)

| Financial assets at | fair value through p | profit or loss ( | (continued) |
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------|
|---------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------|

| Nominal       | Security  | Fair value<br>€                         | % of<br>Net Assets |
|---------------|---|---|--------------------|
|               | Equities: 96.41% (30 April 2023: 95.35%) (continued)        |   |                    |
|               | Spain: 5.03% (30 April 2023: 3.77%)                         |   |                    |
| 574,801       | Banco de Sabadell SA  | 1,007,914                               | 1.91               |
| 21,800        | CIE Automotive  | 548,270                                 | 1.04               |
|               | Construcciones y Auxiliar de Ferrocarriles SA               | 179,301                                 | 0.34               |
|               | Sacyr SA  | 289,894                                 | 0.55               |
| 10,497        | Viscofan  | 629,820                                 | 1.19               |
|               |   | 2,655,199                               | 5.03               |
|               | Sweden: 11.01% (30 April 2023: 7.15%)                       |   |                    |
| 34,166        | AAK   | 827,472                                 | 1.57               |
| 71,449        | Alleima AB  | 419,536                                 | 0.80               |
|               | Arjo AB   | 48,676                                  | 0.09               |
|               | Beijer Ref AB   | 541,852                                 | 1.03               |
|               | Getinge   | 610,387                                 | 1.16               |
|               | Hexpol  | 684,533                                 | 1.30               |
| ,             | Munters   | 730,655                                 | 1.38               |
|               | Mycronic AB   | 261,635                                 | 0.50               |
|               | Nordnet   | 524,452                                 | 0.99               |
|               | Securitas   | 506,223                                 | 0.96               |
| 24,241        | Thule Group   | 647,746                                 | 1.23               |
|               |   | 5,803,167                               | 11.01              |
|               | Switzerland: 11.30% (30 April 2023: 9.52%)                  |   |                    |
|               | Accelleron Industries AG                                    | 635,373                                 | 1.20               |
| 283,699       | Aryzta AG   | 506,348                                 | 0.96               |
|               | Barry Callebaut   | 284,587                                 | 0.54               |
| 12,007        | DKSH  | 739,310                                 | 1.40               |
| 22,740        |   | 821,964                                 | 1.56               |
|               | Flughafen Zurich AG   | 521,270                                 | 0.99               |
|               | Siegfried Holding   | 665,010                                 | 1.26               |
| •             | Sulzer AG   | 527,640                                 | 1.00               |
|               | Tecan Group   | 718,628                                 | 1.36               |
|               | Temenos   | 298,655                                 | 0.57               |
| 729           | Ypsomed Holding AG  | 242,330                                 | 0.46               |
|               |   | 5,961,115                               | 11.30              |
|               | United States: 0.44% (30 April 2023: 0.00%)                 |   |                    |
| 105,691       | Sinch AB  | 229,532                                 | 0.44               |
|               |   |   |                    |
|               | Total Equities (Cost: €43,437,729)                          | 50,827,146                              | 96.41              |
|               | Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 50,827,146                              | 96.41              |
| Total investo | nents at fair value through profit or loss                  | 50,827,146                              | 96.41              |
|               | sh equivalents  | 1,753,329                               | 3.33               |
| Other net ass |   | 138,870                                 | 0.26               |
|               | ttributable to holders of redeemable participating units    | 52,719,345                              | 100.00             |
|               |   | ======================================= |                    |

# Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Europe Select Fund

Schedule of Investments (continued)

As at 30 April 2024

## **Analysis of Total Assets**

% of total assets\*

Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised market Other assets 96.31 3.69

Total

100.00

\* Calculation the Fund (excluding liabilities). This summary is a UCITS requirement.



# Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings German Growth Fund

## **Schedule of Investments**

| Financia | l assets a | at fair val | ue through | profit or | loss |
|----------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|------|
|----------|------------|-------------|------------|-----------|------|

| Nominal | Security                                 | Fair value<br>€    | % of<br>Net Assets |
|---------|--|--------------------|--------------------|
|         | Equities: 96.35% (30 April 2023: 99.87%) |                    |                    |
|         | Austria: 2.89% (30 April 2023: 3.59%)    |                    |                    |
|         | Do & Co*                                 | 244,460            | 1.04               |
| 23,000  | S&T*                                     | 434,240            | 1.85               |
|         |  | 678,700            | 2.89               |
|         | France: 8.75% (30 April 2023: 5.63%)     |                    |                    |
| 13.300  | Airbus*                                  | 2,057,244          | 8.75               |
| ,       |  |                    |                    |
|         | Germany: 81.82% (30 April 2023: 86.76%)  |                    |                    |
| 7 800   | Allianz*                                 | 2,079,480          | 8.85               |
| ,       | Aurubis*                                 | 150,400            | 0.64               |
| 17,000  |  | 835,635            | 3.55               |
|         | Bilfinger*                               | 262,200            | 1.11               |
|         | Commerzbank*                             | 963,240            | 4.10               |
|         | CompuGroup Medical*                      | 140,600            | 0.60               |
|         | Daimler*                                 | 709,400            | 3.02               |
| ,       | Daimler Truck*                           | 372,328            | 1.59               |
|         | Deutsche Post*                           | 431,860            | 1.84               |
|         | Deutsche Telekom*                        | 1,020,775          | 4.34               |
|         | Duerr*                                   | 168,700            | 0.72               |
| 41,000  | E.ON*                                    | 508,400            | 2.16               |
| 1,500   | Elmos Semiconductor*                     | 117,000            | 0.50               |
| 4,000   | Freenet*                                 | 104,160            | 0.44               |
| 10,000  | GFT Technologies*                        | 276,000            | 1.17               |
| 2,800   | Hannover Rueck*                          | 650,720            | 2.77               |
| 5,000   | HeidelbergCement*                        | 473,200            | 2.01               |
|         | Hugo Boss*                               | 101,080            | 0.43               |
|         | Infineon Technologies*                   | 667,488            | 2.84               |
|         | Jenoptik*                                | 176,680            | 0.75               |
| 5,000   | KION*                                    | 216,900            | 0.92               |
|         | Krones*                                  | 123,600            | 0.53               |
|         | LANXESS                                  | 106,120            | 0.45               |
|         | M1 Kliniken                              | 28,674             | 0.12               |
|         | Muenchener Rueckversicherungs*           | 968,670            | 4.12               |
|         | Puma*                                    | 130,620            | 0.55               |
| ,       | Rheinmetall*                             | 905,100            | 3.85               |
| 11,200  |  | 365,456            | 1.56               |
|         | SAF-Holland*                             | 180,800            | 0.77               |
| 13,000  |  | 2,206,100          | 9.38               |
|         | Scout24*                                 | 207,300            | 0.88               |
|         | Siemens*                                 | 2,137,185          | 9.09               |
|         | Stroeer*                                 | 180,450            | 0.77               |
|         | SUESS MicroTec*                          | 443,175            | 1.89               |
|         | Talanx*                                  | 106,050            | 0.45               |
|         | Traffic Systems                          | 217,250            | 0.93               |
|         | Traton*                                  | 383,525<br>117,720 | 1.63               |
| 0,000   | Verbio*                                  | 117,720            | 0.50               |
|         |  | 19,234,041         | 81.82              |
|         | Spain: 0.41% (30 April 2023: 0.36%)      |                    |                    |
| 3.600   | Befesa*                                  | 97,200             | 0.41               |
| 2,000   |  |                    | <u> </u>           |

# Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings German Growth Fund

Schedule of Investments (continued)

As at 30 April 2024

|                              | Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (continued)   |  |                                   |
|------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Nominal                      | Security  | Fair value<br>€                                | % of<br>Net Assets                |
|                              | Equities: 96.35% (30 April 2023: 99.87%) (continued)  |  |                                   |
|                              | Switzerland: 0.00% (30 April 2023: 0.60%)   |  |                                   |
|                              | <b>United States: 2.48% (30 April 2023: 2.93%)</b> Linde PLC* QIAGEN*   | 391,781<br>189,538<br><b>581,319</b>           | 1.67<br>0.81<br><b>2.48</b>       |
|                              | Total Equities (Cost: €16,625,526)  | 22,648,504                                     | 96.35                             |
|                              | Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss   | 22,648,504                                     | 96.35                             |
| Cash and case Other net liab | ments at fair value through profit or loss sh equivalents cilities ttributable to holders of redeemable participating units | 22,648,504<br>866,883<br>(8,943)<br>23,506,444 | 96.35<br>3.69<br>(0.04)<br>100.00 |

**Analysis of Total Assets** 

Other assets

Total

Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised market



% of total assets\*\*

96.23

3.77 **100.00** 

<sup>\*</sup> Level 1 investment with fair value adjustment.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Calculation based on the total assets of the Fund (excluding liabilities). This summary is a UCITS requirement.

# Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund

## **Schedule of Investments**

| Financia | assets | at fair | value | through | profit ( | or loss |
|----------|--------|---------|-------|---------|----------|---------|
|----------|--------|---------|-------|---------|----------|---------|

|                  | <b>.</b>   |  |                               |
|------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|
| Nominal          | Security   | Fair value<br>US\$                             | % of<br>Net Assets            |
|                  | Equities: 91.98% (30 April 2023: 96.07%)   |  |                               |
| 8,026            | Australia: 0.54% (30 April 2023: 0.73%) Sonic Healthcare*  | 139,517  | 0.54                          |
|                  | Denmark: 5.22% (30 April 2023: 4.29%)<br>Coloplast A/S*<br>Novo Nordisk*                             | 353,953<br>992,099<br><b>1,346,052</b>         | 1.37<br>3.85<br><b>5.22</b>   |
| 5,655            | <b>Finland: 1.07% (30 April 2023: 1.26%)</b><br>KONE Oyj*  | 276,935  | 1.07                          |
| 6,837            | France: 12.03% (30 April 2023: 14.23%) Danone* L'Air Liquide S.A.* Vinci*                            | 747,963<br>1,344,249<br>1,009,802<br>3,102,014 | 2.90<br>5.21<br>3.92<br>12.03 |
| 7,774            | Ireland: 2.60% (30 April 2023: 0.00%)<br>Kerry Group*  | 671,639  | 2.60                          |
| 139,080          | Italy: 2.48% (30 April 2023: 4.36%)<br>Snam*   | 639,757  | 2.48                          |
| 20,000<br>48,600 | Japan: 5.24% (30 April 2023: 3.27%)<br>Nintendo*<br>USS*   | 981,159<br>372,456<br><b>1,353,615</b>         | 3.80<br>1.44<br><b>5.24</b>   |
| 195,400          | <b>Mexico: 2.84% (30 April 2023: 2.65%)</b> Wal-Mart De Mexico*                                      | 733,044  | 2.84                          |
| 31,400           | Netherlands: 3.70% (30 April 2023: 4.21%)<br>Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize NV*                          | 954,858  | 3.70                          |
| 16,343           | Spain: 1.06% (30 April 2023: 1.16%)<br>Red Electrica Corporacion, S.A.*                              | 273,480 _                                      | 1.06                          |
| 11,975           | <b>Sweden: 0.94% (30 April 2023: 1.66%)</b><br>Sandvik AB*   | 242,972 _                                      | 0.94                          |
|                  | Switzerland: 5.02% (30 April 2023: 4.98%) Cembra Money Bank* Chocoladefabriken Lindt & Spruengli AG* | 597,496<br>696,069<br><b>1,293,565</b>         | 2.32<br>2.70<br><b>5.02</b>   |
| 13,131           | United Kingdom: 15.50% (30 April 2023: 18.86%)<br>Admiral Group PLC*                                 | 448,702  | 1.74                          |

# Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund

Schedule of Investments (continued)

As at 30 April 2024

|         | Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss (continued) |                    |                    |
|---------|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Nominal | Security  | Fair value<br>US\$ | % of<br>Net Assets |
|         | Equities: 91.98% (30 April 2023: 96.07%) (continued)              |                    |                    |
|         | United Kingdom: 15.50% (30 April 2023: 18.86%) (continued)        |                    |                    |
| 28.929  | Associated British Foods PLC*                                     | 962,095            | 3.73               |
| ,       | Compass Group*  | 824,857            | 3.20               |
|         | DCC*  | 605,418            | 2.35               |
| 22,277  | Unilever*   | 1,154,818          | 4.48               |
|         |   | 3,995,890          | 15.50              |
|         | United States: 33.74% (30 April 2023: 34.41%)                     |                    |                    |
| 60,357  | Amcor*  | 539,592            | 2.09               |
| 3,856   | AON*  | 1,087,431          | 4.22               |
| 2,176   | Becton Dickinson & Co*  | 510,490            | 1.98               |
| 1,992   | Mastercard*   | 898,790            | 3.48               |
| 1,336   | McDonald's*   | 364,782            | 1.42               |
| - ,     | Microsoft*  | 1,178,891          | 4.57               |
|         | Nestle*   | 708,728            | 2.75               |
|         | PepsiCo*  | 626,240            | 2.43               |
|         | Sanofi*   | 418,307            | 1.62               |
|         | Stryker*  | 463,024            | 1.79               |
|         | TJX Cos*  | 655,431            | 2.54               |
| 3,802   |   | 1,021,255          | 3.96               |
| 1,441   | Zoetis Inc.*  | 229,465            | 0.89               |
|         |   | 8,702,426          | 33.74              |
|         | Total Equities (Cost: US\$19,175,925)                             | 23,725,764         | 91.98              |
|         | Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss       | 23,725,764         | 91.98              |
|         |   | Fair value         | % of               |
|         |   | US\$               | Net Assets         |
|         |   | σσφ                | .1017.00013        |

| Analysis of Total Assets  | % of total assets** |
|---|---------------------|
| Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised market | 91.97               |
| Other assets  | 8.03                |
| Total   | 100.00              |

<sup>\*</sup> Level 1 investment with fair value adjustment.

Cash and cash equivalents

Other net assets

Total investments at fair value through profit or loss

Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units



91.98

7.91

0.11 **100.00** 

23,725,764

2,039,989

25,794,161

28,408

<sup>\*\*</sup> Calculation based on the total assets of the Fund (excluding liabilities). This summary is a UCITS requirement.

## Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Eastern Europe Fund

## **Schedule of Investments**

| Financia | I assets at | fair value t | through pro | fit or loss |
|----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
|----------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|

| Nominal                                 | Security   | Fair value<br>US\$       | % of<br>Net Assets |
|---|--|--------------------------|--------------------|
|   | Equities: 96.50%   |                          |                    |
|   | Czech Republic: 4.81%  |                          |                    |
| 124,161                                 | CEZ*   | 4,587,804                | 1.51               |
| 272,713                                 | Komercni Banka*  | 10,071,074               | 3.30               |
|   |  | 14,658,878               | 4.81               |
|   | Greece: 15.42%   |                          |                    |
|   | Alpha Bank*  | 18,849,578               | 6.18               |
|   | Hellenic Telecommunications Organization*  | 1,088,032                | 0.36               |
| 374,499                                 | National Bank of Greece*   | 11,684,649<br>13,370,439 | 3.83<br>4.38       |
|   | Piraeus Financial Holdings SA*   | 2,054,790                | 0.67               |
| 000,002                                 | - Industrial Industria | 47,047,488               | 15.42              |
|   | Hungary: 15.79%  |                          |                    |
| 1,305,420                               | MOL Hungarian Oil & Gas*   | 10,748,753               | 3.52               |
| 527,467                                 | OTP Bank*  | 26,260,804               | 8.61               |
| 437,620                                 | Richter Gedeon Nyrt*   | 11,181,122               | 3.66               |
|   |  | 48,190,679               | 15.79              |
|   | Kazakhstan: 0.94%  |                          |                    |
| 24,283                                  | Kaspi.KZ JSC ADR*  | 2,859,566                | 0.94               |
|   |  |                          |                    |
| 4 400 004                               | Poland: 30.90%   | 10.040.054               | 4.04               |
|   | Allegro.eu*  | 12,342,351               | 4.04               |
|   | Bank Polska Kasa Opieki* Dino Polska*  | 12,597,126<br>4,763,153  | 4.13<br>1.56       |
| 279,257                                 |  | 4,517,755                | 1.48               |
|   | KGHM Polska Miedz*   | 11,180,811               | 3.66               |
|   | LPP SA*  | 4,886,590                | 1.60               |
|   | ORLEN SA*  | 7,976,281                | 2.61               |
| , ,                                     | Powszechna Kasa Oszczed Bank Polski*   | 23,041,488               | 7.55               |
| 1,027,456                               | Powszechny Zaklad Ubezpieczen*   | 13,021,265               | 4.27               |
|   |  | 94,326,820               | 30.90              |
| 54.400                                  | Romania: 0.51%   | 4 500 700                | 0.54               |
| 54,132                                  | Societatea De Producere A Energiei Electrice in Hidrocentrale Hidroelectrica SA*   | 1,566,700                | 0.51               |
|   | Ocadh Africa O 000/  |                          |                    |
| 75 100                                  | South Africa: 2.03% Anglo American*  | 2,460,053                | 0.81               |
|   | FirstRand*   | 2,139,686                | 0.70               |
|   | MTN Group*   | 1,599,120                | 0.52               |
| ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, | -  | 6,198,859                | 2.03               |
|   | Spain: 1.03%   |                          |                    |
| 481,368                                 | AmRest*  | 3,134,727                | 1.03               |
|   |  |                          |                    |
|   | Turkey: 23.99%   |                          |                    |
|   | Akbank TAS*  | 10,106,313               | 3.31               |
|   | BIM Birlesik Magazalar*  D. MARKET Electronic Services ADP   | 14,383,649               | 4.72               |
|   | D-MARKET Electronic Services ADR Haci Omer Sabanci Holding AS*   | 1,027,015<br>6,206,549   | 0.34<br>2.04       |
| 2,177,100                               | That Shist Sabator Holding / to  | 0,200,049                | 2.04               |

## **Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Eastern Europe Fund**

Schedule of Investments (continued)

As at 30 April 2024

| Financial assets at fair | value through profit or | loss (continued) |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|

| Nominal                       | Security   | Fair value<br>US\$   | % of<br>Net Assets                    |
|-------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
|                               | Equities: 96.50% (continued)   |  |                                       |
| 1,011,640<br>5,637,407        | Turkey: 23.99% (continued) KOC Holding* Tupras Turkiye Petrol Rafinerileri* Turkcell Iletisim Hizmetleri* Yapi ve Kredi Bankasi* | 10,857,605<br>6,117,990<br>14,068,923<br>10,368,329<br><b>73,136,373</b> | 3.56<br>2.01<br>4.61<br>3.40<br>23.99 |
| 398,110                       | Ukraine: 0.43%<br>MHP GDR*   | 1,309,782  | 0.43                                  |
| 1,875,764                     | United Arab Emirates: 0.65%<br>ADNOC Drilling Co PJSC  | 1,971,317 _  | 0.65                                  |
|                               | Total Equities (Cost: US\$244,453,790)   | 294,401,189  | 96.50                                 |
|                               | Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss  | 294,401,189  | 96.50                                 |
| Cash and cas<br>Other net ass | nents at fair value through profit or loss sh equivalents sets ttributable to holders of redeemable participating units          | 294,401,189<br>9,942,456<br>746,971<br>305,090,616                       | <b>96.50</b> 3.26 0.24 <b>100.00</b>  |
| Analysis of                   | Total Assets   | % of   | total assets**                        |

Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised market Other assets

96.29 3.71 100.00

Total



<sup>\*</sup> Level 1 investment with fair value adjustment. \*\* Calculation based on the total assets of the Fund (excluding liabilities). This summary is a UCITS requirement.

General information (Unaudited)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

### **Market timing**

Repeatedly purchasing and selling units in the Funds in response to short-term market fluctuations – known as 'market timing' – can disrupt Baring Asset Management Limited's (the "Investment Manager") investment strategy and increase the Funds' expenses to the prejudice of all unitholders. The Funds are not intended for market timing or excessive trading. To deter these activities, the Directors of Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (the "Manager") may refuse to accept an application for units from persons that they reasonably believe are engaged in market timing or are otherwise excessive or potentially disruptive to the Funds.

The Directors of the Manager reserve the right to redeem units from a unitholder on the basis of the circumstances of the unitholder concerned, or if it has reasonable grounds to believe that the unitholder is engaging in any activity which might result in the Funds or their unitholders as a whole suffering any legal, regulatory, reputational or other material disadvantage which the Funds or their unitholders as a whole might not otherwise have suffered.

## **UK reporting fund status**

UK taxable investors in UK reporting funds are subject to tax on their units of the UK reporting funds' income attributable to their holdings in the Fund, whether or not distributed, while typically any gains on disposal of their holdings are subject to capital gains tax.

Details of the unit classes which currently have UK reporting fund status are available at the His Majesty's Revenue and Customs ("HMRC") Collective Investment Schemes Centre website:

http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/cisc/offshore-funds.htm.

As stated above UK tax payers should note that, for each unit class with reporting fund status, their share of any amounts of income, if any, that has not been distributed will be subject to tax.

Further details will be made available on the Barings website: www.barings.com.



Appendix 1 - Information for investors in Switzerland (Unaudited)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (the "Manager") has appointed BNP PARIBAS, Paris, Zurich Branch, Selnaustrasse 16, CH-8002, Zurich, Switzerland, as representative and paying agent for Switzerland. Units are distributed in Switzerland by BNP PARIBAS, Paris at the above address. Investors can obtain, free of charge, the Prospectus, the Key Information Document(s) ("KID(s)"), the last annual and interim reports, the Trusts Act 1990, as well as a list of the purchases and sales made on behalf of the Funds, from the representative at the above address. Official publications for the Funds are found on the internet at <a href="https://www.fundinfo.com">www.fundinfo.com</a>. Unit prices (Net Asset Value with the words "plus commissions") are published daily on the internet at <a href="https://www.fundinfo.com">www.fundinfo.com</a>.

All the information appearing in these reports and accounts is solely with respect to those Funds of Barings International Umbrella Fund (the "Unit Trust") which are licensed for public offer and marketing in or from Switzerland, namely: Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund, Barings Asia Growth Fund, Barings Australia Fund, Barings Europa Fund, Barings Hong Kong China Fund, Barings Global Bond Fund, Barings Europe Select Fund, Barings German Growth Fund, Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund and Barings Eastern Europe Fund (merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund in to the Unit Trust on 21 July 2023).

### Representative and paying agent for Switzerland

BNP PARIBAS, Paris Zurich Branch Selnaustrasse 16 CH-8002 Zurich Switzerland

### Performance

Following a guideline from the Asset Management Association Switzerland ("AMAS") dated 16 May 2008, the Directors of the Manager are supplying performance data in conformity with the said guideline. This data can be found below on pages 137 to 146. Furthermore, the Directors of the Manager are required to provide the below additional information on performance.

The following comparative indices are used as, in the Directors' of the Manager opinion, and in the light of the investment policy of the relevant Fund, they are the most appropriate selection for comparison.

### **Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund**

The MSCI (Morgan Stanley Capital International) South East Asia Index.

## **Barings Asia Growth Fund**

The MSCI (Morgan Stanley Capital International) AC Asia ex Japan Index.

## **Barings Australia Fund**

The MSCI (Morgan Stanley Capital International) Australia 10/40 Index.

## **Barings Europa Fund**

The MSCI (Morgan Stanley Capital International) Europe Index.

### **Barings Hong Kong China Fund**

The MSCI (Morgan Stanley Capital International) China Index.

### **Barings Global Bond Fund**

The FTSE World Government Bond Index ("WGBI") is a market capitalisation-weighted Index.



Appendix 1 – Information for investors in Switzerland (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

## Performance (continued)

### **Barings Europe Select Fund**

MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap (Total Net Return) Index.\*

## **Barings German Growth Fund**

HDAX index.

## **Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund**

The MSCI World (Total Net Return) Index.

### **Barings Eastern Europe Fund\*\***

The MSCI Emerging Europe 10/40 Total Index.

- \* The benchmark of Barings Europe Select Fund changed from EMIX Smaller European Companies ex UK (Total Net Return) Index to MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap (Total Net Return) Index on 31 July 2023.
- \*\* The Barings Eastern Europe Fund merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund in to the Unit Trust on 21 July 2023.

Investors should contact the Swiss representative at the above address should they require additional information, for example on performance including the comparison of the relevant indices where applicable.

### **Total Expense Ratio**

Pursuant to a guideline from the AMAS dated 16 May 2008, the Funds are required to publish a total expense ratio ("TER") for the financial year ended 30 April 2024.



Appendix 1 – Information for investors in Switzerland (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

## Total Expense Ratio (continued)

The TERs for each Fund for the financial year ended 30 April 2024 and 30 April 2023 are as follows:

| Name of Fund   | 30 April 2024 | 30 April 2023 |
|--|---------------|---------------|
| B : 4054N5 (   | TER in %      | TER in %      |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A                   | 1.70          | 1.70          |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A AUD Hedged Acc    | 1.71          | 1.71          |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A CHF Hedged Acc    | 1.71          | 1.71          |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A EUR Acc           | 1.70          | 1.70          |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A RMB Hedged Acc    | 1.70          | 1.71          |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class I                   | 1.00          | 1.00          |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class I CHF Hedged Acc    | 1.01          | 1.01          |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class I USD Inc           | 1.13          | 1.12          |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class A EUR Acc*              | 0.73          | -             |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class A EUR Inc               | 1.70          | 1.70          |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class A GBP Inc               | 1.70          | 1.70          |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class A USD Acc**             | 1.54          |               |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class A USD Inc               | 1.70          | 1.70          |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class I EUR Acc               | 1.00          | 1.00          |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class I EUR Hedged Inc        | 1.00          | 1.01          |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class I GBP Acc               | 1.00          | 1.00          |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class I USD Acc               | 1.00          | 1.00          |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class A                         | 1.70          | 1.70          |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class I                         | 1.00          | 1.00          |
| Barings Europa Fund - Class A                            | 1.70          | 1.70          |
| Barings Europa Fund - Class C                            | 2.69          | 2.70          |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A                   | 1.70          | 1.70          |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A RMB Hedged Acc    | 1.70          | 1.71          |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A USD Acc           | 1.70          | 1.70          |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class C                   | 2.69          | 2.70          |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class I                   | 1.00          | 1.00          |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class I GBP Inc***        | 1.00          | 1.04          |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A                       | 1.20          | 1.20          |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A RMB Hedged Acc        | 1.14          | 1.27          |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A RMB Hedged Inc        | 1.14          | 1.24          |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class F GBP Hedged Acc****    | 0.11          | -             |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class F GBP Hedged Inc****    | 0.11          | -             |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class F USD Acc****           | 0.12          | -             |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class F USD Inc****           | 0.12          | -             |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class I                       | 0.75          | 0.75          |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class B EUR Acc             | 1.55          | 1.55          |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class B EUR Inc             | 1.55          | 1.55          |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class B GBP Inc             | 1.55          | 1.55          |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class I EUR Acc             | 0.85          | 0.71          |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class I EUR Inc             | 0.81          | 0.91          |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class I GBP Inc             | 1.00          | 1.00          |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class I USD Acc             | 0.85          | 0.71          |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class J EUR Acc             | 0.80          | 0.80          |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class J EUR Inc             | 0.80          | 0.80          |
| Barings Europe Select Fund - Class J GBP Inc             | 0.80          | 0.80          |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class B EUR Acc             | 1.57          | 1.56          |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class B EUR Inc             | 1.57          | 1.56          |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class B GBP Acc             | 1.57          | 1.56          |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class I USD Acc             | 1.02          | 1.04          |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class J EUR Acc             | 0.82          | 0.81          |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class J GBP Acc             | 0.82          | 0.81          |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class J GBP Inc             | 0.82          | 0.81          |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class A USD Acc | 1.60          | 1.60          |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F GBP Acc | 0.40          | 0.40          |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F GBP Inc | 0.40          | 0.40          |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F USD Acc | 0.39          | 0.41          |
|  |               |               |



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### Total Expense Ratio (continued)

| Name of Fund   | 30 April 2024<br>TER in % | 30 April 2023<br>TER in % |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F USD Inc | 0.39                      | 0.41                      |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I GBP Acc | 0.85                      | 0.85                      |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I GBP Inc | 0.83                      | 0.86                      |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I USD Inc | 0.79                      | 0.83                      |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class X USD Acc | 0.10                      | 0.10                      |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund***** - Class A EUR Inc       | 1.51                      | -                         |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund***** - Class A GBP Inc       | 1.51                      | _                         |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund***** - Class A USD Acc       | 1.51                      | -                         |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund***** - Class A USD Inc       | 1.51                      | -                         |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund***** - Class I EUR Acc       | 0.77                      | -                         |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund***** - Class I GBP Acc       | 0.77                      | -                         |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund***** - Class I GBP Inc       | 0.77                      | -                         |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund***** - Class I USD Acc       | 0.77                      | -                         |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund***** - Class I USD Inc       | 0.77                      | -                         |

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Asia Growth Fund Class A EUR Acc was launched on 23 November 2023.

This information was established by the Manager, Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited, based on the data contained in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the above reference year (Fund management fees, administration fees, depositary fees, taxes and duties, and all other commissions and expenses appearing as per the breakdown of the Statement of comprehensive income and not already included in any of the foregoing categories). The TER is calculated using the average daily Net Asset Value for the year.

### Trailer fees and reimbursements

Trailer fees (Bestandespflegekommissionen) may only be paid to the sales agents/partners indicated below:

- authorised sales agents (distributors) within the meaning of Article 19, Para 1, Collective Investment Funds Act ("CISA");
- sales agents (distributors) exempted from the authorisation requirement within the meaning of Article 13, Para 4, CISA and Article 8 Collective Investment Schemes Ordinance ("CISO");
- · sales partners who place Fund units exclusively with institutional investors with professional treasury facilities; and/or
- sales partners who place Fund units with their clients exclusively on the basis of a written commission-based asset management mandate.

Reimbursements (Rückvergütungen) may only be paid to the institutional investors detailed below who from a commercial perspective are holding the Fund units for third parties:

- life insurance companies (in respect of Fund units held for the account of insured persons or to cover obligations towards insured persons);
- pension funds and other retirement provision institutions (in respect of Fund units held for the account of beneficiaries);
- investment foundations (in respect of Fund units held for the account of in-house funds);
- Swiss fund management companies (in respect of Fund units held for the account of the funds managed);
- foreign fund management companies and providers (in respect of Fund units held for the account of managed funds and investing unitholders); and/or
- investment companies (in respect of the investment of the company assets).



<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings Asia Growth Fund Class A USD Acc was launched on 1 June 2023.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Hong Kong China Fund Class I GBP Inc was launched on 12 October 2022.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Bond Fund Class F GBP Hedged Acc, Class F GBP Hedged Inc, Class F USD Acc and Class F USD Inc were launched on 13 July 2023.

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Eastern Europe Fund merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund in to the Unit Trust on 21 July

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### Performance data

Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund (including distribution payments where applicable)

|   | 01 May 2023-<br>30 April 2024 | 01 May 2022-<br>30 April 2023 | 01 May 2021-<br>30 April 2022 | 01 May 2020-<br>30 April 2021 | 01 May 2019-<br>30 April 2020 |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|   | %                             | %                             | %                             | %                             | %                             |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A USD Inc (USD terms)              | (3.55)                        | (3.94)                        | (5.53)                        | 57.87                         | (18.86)                       |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class I USD Inc* (USD terms)             | (3.01)                        | (3.41)                        | N/A                           | N/A                           | N/A                           |
| MSCI South East Asia Total, Net Return Index (USD terms)                | (3.47)                        | 0.04                          | (2.74)                        | 23.62                         | (22.67)                       |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A<br>AUD Hedged Acc (AUD terms)    | (5.12)                        | (6.12)                        | (6.56)                        | 56.34                         | (21.34)                       |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A CHF Hedged Acc** (CHF terms)     | (7.52)                        | (7.84)                        | N/A                           | N/A                           | N/A                           |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A EUR Acc**** (EUR terms)          | (1.27)                        | (7.60)                        | 8.04                          | 42.19                         | (18.15)                       |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A EUR Inc (EUR terms)              | (1.24)                        | (7.61)                        | 8.03                          | 42.13                         | (16.36)                       |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A<br>GBP Inc (GBP terms)           | (4.14)                        | (3.13)                        | 4.56                          | 41.96                         | (15.62)                       |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A<br>RMB Hedged Acc (RMB terms)    | (6.09)                        | (5.77)                        | (3.35)                        | 60.61                         | (19.14)                       |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class A USD Acc (USD terms)              | (3.55)                        | (3.94)                        | (5.53)                        | 57.88                         | (18.86)                       |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class I<br>CHF Hedged Acc*** (CHF terms) | (6.87)                        | (7.21)                        | (6.03)                        | N/A                           | N/A                           |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class I<br>EUR Acc (EUR terms)           | (0.55)                        | (6.96)                        | 8.79                          | 43.12                         | (15.78)                       |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class I<br>GBP Acc (GBP terms)           | (3.47)                        | (2.45)                        | 5.30                          | 42.95                         | (15.03)                       |
| Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund - Class I<br>USD Acc (USD terms)           | (2.87)                        | (3.27)                        | (4.86)                        | 58.98                         | (18.30)                       |

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The Fund was launched on 1 August 2008.



<sup>\*</sup> The Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund Class I USD Inc was launched on 25 May 2021.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund Class A CHF Hedged Acc was launched on 8 April 2021.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund Class I CHF Hedged Acc was launched on 8 April 2021.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> The Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund Class A EUR Acc was launched on 27 September 2019.

Appendix 1 - Information for investors in Switzerland (Unaudited) (continued)

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### Performance data (continued)

Barings Asia Growth Fund (including distribution payments where applicable)

|  | 01 May 2023-<br>30 April 2024 | 01 May 2022-<br>30 April 2023 | 01 May 2021-<br>30 April 2022 | 01 May 2020-<br>30 April 2021 | 01 May 2019-<br>30 April 2020 |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|  | %                             | %                             | %                             | %                             | %                             |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class A USD Inc (USD terms)         | 2.45                          | (13.14)                       | (26.23)                       | 73.77                         | (1.91)                        |
| MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Total, Gross<br>Return Index (USD terms) | 7.52                          | (5.94)                        | (21.01)                       | 47.95                         | (7.20)                        |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class A EUR Inc (EUR terms)         | 4.91                          | (16.46)                       | (15.64)                       | 56.43                         | 1.12                          |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class A GBP Inc (GBP terms)         | 1.83                          | (12.40)                       | (18.35)                       | 56.25                         | 2.02                          |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class I EUR Hedged Inc* (EUR terms) | N/A                           | (15.51)                       | (23.51)                       | N/A                           | N/A                           |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class A EUR Acc** (EUR terms)       | 6.20                          | N/A                           | N/A                           | N/A                           | N/A                           |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class A USD Acc*** (USD terms)      | 5.39                          | N/A                           | N/A                           | N/A                           | N/A                           |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class I EUR Acc (EUR terms)         | 5.66                          | (15.88)                       | (15.06)                       | 57.53                         | 1.84                          |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class I GBP Acc (GBP terms)         | 2.54                          | (11.79)                       | (17.77)                       | 57.34                         | 2.73                          |
| Barings Asia Growth Fund - Class I USD Acc (USD terms)         | 3.18                          | (12.53)                       | (25.71)                       | 74.99                         | (1.22)                        |

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The Fund was launched on 3 February 1987.



<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Asia Growth Fund Class I EUR Hedged Inc was launched on 2 November 2021.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings Asia Growth Fund Class A EUR Acc was launched on 23 November 2023.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Asia Growth Fund Class A USD Acc was launched on 1 June 2023.

Appendix 1 – Information for investors in Switzerland (Unaudited) (continued)

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Performance data (continued)

Barings Australia Fund (including distribution payments where applicable)

|   | 01 May 2023-<br>30 April 2024 | 01 May 2022-<br>30 April 2023 | 01 May 2021-<br>30 April 2022 | 01 May 2020-<br>30 April 2021 | 01 May 2019-<br>30 April 2020 |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|   | %                             | %                             | %                             | %                             | %                             |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class A USD Inc (USD terms)          | 8.50                          | (7.54)                        | 1.93                          | 55.96                         | (17.47)                       |
| MSCI Australia 10/40 Total, Gross Return<br>Index (USD terms) | 8.11                          | (3.34)                        | 1.79                          | 53.31                         | (16.11)                       |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class A AUD Inc<br>(AUD terms)       | 9.41                          | 0.67                          | 10.30                         | 31.51                         | (11.06)                       |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class A EUR Inc (EUR terms)          | 11.08                         | (11.07)                       | 16.55                         | 40.43                         | (14.93)                       |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class A GBP Inc (GBP terms)          | 7.84                          | (6.76)                        | 12.82                         | 40.24                         | (14.15)                       |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class I GBP Acc (GBP terms)          | 8.60                          | (6.09)                        | 13.61                         | 41.23                         | (13.56)                       |
| Barings Australia Fund - Class I USD Acc (USD terms)          | 9.26                          | (6.88)                        | 2.64                          | 57.05                         | (16.88)                       |

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Performance data (continued)

Barings Europa Fund (including distribution payments where applicable)

|                                       | 01 May 2023-<br>30 April 2024 | 01 May 2022-<br>30 April 2023 | 01 May 2021-<br>30 April 2022 | 01 May 2020-<br>30 April 2021 | 01 May 2019-<br>30 April 2020 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                       | %                             | %                             | %                             | %                             | %                             |
| Barings Europa Fund - Class A USD Inc | 6.96                          | 6.94                          | (6.05)                        | 39.59                         | (17.42)                       |
| (USD terms)                           | 0.90                          | 0.94                          | (0.03)                        | 39.39                         | (17.42)                       |
| MSCI Europe Total, Gross Return Index | 7.48                          | 12.03                         | (6.69)                        | 43.05                         | (13.27)                       |
| (USD terms)                           | 7.40                          | 12.00                         | (0.09)                        | 45.05                         | (13.21)                       |
| Barings Europa Fund - Class A EUR Inc | 9.51                          | 2.85                          | 7.44                          | 25.69                         | (14.87)                       |
| (EUR terms)                           | 9.01                          | 2.00                          | 1.44                          | 25.09                         | (14.07)                       |
| Barings Europa Fund - Class C EUR Inc | 8.41                          | 1.85                          | 6.35                          | 24.43                         | (15.71)                       |
| (EUR terms)                           |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |
| Barings Europa Fund - Class C USD Inc | 5.88                          | 5.87                          | (6.97)                        | 38.20                         | (18.25)                       |
| (USD terms)                           |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |

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The Fund was launched on 21 April 1987.



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Performance data (continued)

Barings Hong Kong China Fund (including distribution payments where applicable)

|   | 01 May 2023-<br>30 April 2024 | 01 May 2022-<br>30 April 2023 | 01 May 2021-<br>30 April 2022 | 01 May 2020-<br>30 April 2021 | 01 May 2019-<br>30 April 2020 |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Device well are a Marcon Object County Object A | %                             | %                             | %                             | %                             | <u> </u>                      |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A          | (11.05)                       | (13.78)                       | (35.83)                       | 59.21                         | 4.68                          |
| USD Inc (USD terms)                             | , ,                           | , ,                           | ` ′                           |                               |                               |
| MSCI China Total, Gross Return Index            | (7.21)                        | (5.31)                        | (34.58)                       | 39.32                         | (3.29)                        |
| (USD terms)                                     | ` ′                           | ` ′                           | ` ′                           |                               | ` ,                           |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A          | (8.93)                        | (17.07)                       | (26.62)                       | 43.33                         | 7.91                          |
| EUR Inc (EUR terms)                             | ()                            | ( - /                         | , ,                           |                               |                               |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A          | (11.60)                       | (13.05)                       | (28.97)                       | 43.19                         | 8.86                          |
| GBP Inc (GBP terms)                             | ` ′                           | , ,                           | ` ′                           |                               |                               |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A          | (11.38)                       | (13.76)                       | (35.14)                       | 59.49                         | 3.42                          |
| HKD Inc (HKD terms)                             | ` ′                           | ` ′                           | ` ′                           |                               |                               |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A          | (13.64)                       | (16.08)                       | (34.62)                       | 61.71                         | 4.30                          |
| RMB Hedged Acc (RMB terms)                      | ` ′                           | , ,                           | ` ′                           |                               |                               |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class A          | (11.05)                       | (13.79)                       | (35.83)                       | 59.21                         | 4.68                          |
| USD Acc (USD terms)                             | , ,                           | , ,                           | , ,                           |                               |                               |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class C          | (9.85)                        | (17.90)                       | (27.35)                       | 41.91                         | 6.83                          |
| EUR Inc (EUR terms)                             | ` '                           | , ,                           | , ,                           |                               |                               |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class C          | (11.94)                       | (14.64)                       | (36.47)                       | 57.63                         | 3.63                          |
| USD Inc (USD terms)                             | , ,                           | , ,                           | , ,                           |                               |                               |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class I          | (10.98)                       | (12.44)                       | (28.48)                       | 44.17                         | 9.63                          |
| GBP Acc (GBP terms)                             | ,                             | , ,                           | ,                             |                               |                               |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class I          | (10.43)                       | (13.18)                       | (35.38)                       | 60.33                         | 5.41                          |
| USD Acc (USD terms)                             | (13110)                       | /                             | ,                             |                               |                               |
| Barings Hong Kong China Fund - Class I          | (11.00)                       | (3.09)                        | N/A                           | N/A                           | N/A                           |
| GBP Inc* (GBP terms)                            | ( 55)                         | (3.00)                        |                               |                               |                               |

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The Fund was launched on 3 December 1982.



<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Hong Kong China Fund Class I GBP Inc was launched on 12 October 2022.

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Performance data (continued)

Barings Global Bond Fund (including distribution payments where applicable)

|  | 01 May 2023-<br>30 April 2024 | 01 May 2022-<br>30 April 2023 | 01 May 2021-<br>30 April 2022 | 01 May 2020-<br>30 April 2021 | 01 May 2019-<br>30 April 2020 |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|  | %                             | %                             | %                             | %                             | %                             |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A EUR                         | (1.35)                        | (8.72)                        | (5.12)                        | (5.06)                        | 10.47                         |
| Inc (EUR terms)  | , ,                           | ,                             | , ,                           | , ,                           |                               |
| FTSE World Govt Bond Index (USD Terms)                         | (3.81)                        | (3.51)                        | (14.15)                       | 1.78                          | 7.97                          |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A GBP                         | (4.27)                        | (4.28)                        | (8.16)                        | (5.14)                        | 11.47                         |
| Inc (GBP terms)  | ( )                           | (1.20)                        | (0.10)                        | (0.11)                        |                               |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A RMB                         | (6.10)                        | (6.82)                        | (15.27)                       | N/A                           | N/A                           |
| Hedged Inc* (RMB terms) Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A USD |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |
| Inc (USD terms)  | (3.60)                        | (5.09)                        | (17.01)                       | 5.40                          | 7.19                          |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class F GBP                         | (3.23)                        | N/A                           | N/A                           | N/A                           | N/A                           |
| Hedged Inc*** (GBP terms)                                      | (3.23)                        | IN/A                          | IN/A                          | IN/A                          | IN/A                          |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class F USD                         | (2.84)                        | N/A                           | N/A                           | N/A                           | N/A                           |
| Inc*** (USD terms)   | (2.01)                        | 14// (                        | 14/7 (                        | 14// (                        | 1477                          |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class A RMB                         | (6.13)                        | (6.84)                        | (15.04)                       | N/A                           | N/A                           |
| Hedged Acc** (RMB terms)                                       | (                             | ( /                           | ( /                           |                               |                               |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class F GBP                         | (3.23)                        | N/A                           | N/A                           | N/A                           | N/A                           |
| Hedged Acc*** (GBP terms)                                      | ` ′                           |                               |                               |                               |                               |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class F USD                         | (2.84)                        | N/A                           | N/A                           | N/A                           | N/A                           |
| Acc*** (USD terms)   |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class I GBP                         | (3.75)                        | (3.94)                        | (7.71)                        | (4.74)                        | 11.92                         |
| Inc (GBP terms)  | ,                             | ,                             | ,                             | ,                             |                               |
| Barings Global Bond Fund - Class I USD Acc (USD terms)         | (3.19)                        | (4.70)                        | (16.64)                       | 5.92                          | 7.65                          |
| 7.00 (OOD toffile)   |                               |                               |                               |                               |                               |

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The Fund was launched on 7 July 1978.



<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Global Bond Fund Class A RMB Hedged Inc was launched on 4 June 2021.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Bond Fund Class A RMB Hedged Acc was launched on 14 July 2021.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Bond Fund Class F GBP Hedged Acc, Class F GBP Hedged inc, Class F USD Acc and Class F USD Inc were launched on 13 July 2023.

Appendix 1 – Information for investors in Switzerland (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

Performance data (continued)

Barings Europe Select Fund (including distribution payments where applicable)

|                                      | 01 May 2023-<br>30 April 2024 | 01 May 2022<br>- 30 April 2023 | 01 May 2021<br>- 30 April 2022<br>% | 01 May 2020<br>- 30 April 2021<br>% | 01 May 2019<br>- 30 April 2020 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Davings France Calcat                | %                             | %                              | /0                                  | 70                                  | <u></u> %                      |
| Barings Europe Select                | 4.40                          | 1.44                           | (11.54)                             | 37.93                               | (6.53)                         |
| Fund - Class B GBP Inc (GBP terms)   |                               |                                | ( - /                               |                                     | (3 3 3)                        |
| MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap (Total   | 7.09                          | (4.72)                         | (4.18)                              | 52.62                               | (9.81)                         |
| Net Return) Index*                   | 7.00                          | (1.12)                         | (1.10)                              | 02.02                               | (0.01)                         |
| Barings Europe Select                | 7.55                          | (3.27)                         | (8.60)                              | 38.11                               | (7.34)                         |
| Fund - Class B EUR Acc (EUR terms)   | 7.00                          | (0.21)                         | (0.00)                              | 00.11                               | (1.01)                         |
| Barings Europe Select                | 7.57                          | (3.27)                         | (8.60)                              | 38.08                               | (7.34)                         |
| Fund - Class B EUR Inc (EUR terms)   | 7.01                          | (0.21)                         | (0.00)                              | 00.00                               | (1.01)                         |
| Barings Europe Select                | 8.38                          | (2.57)                         | (7.91)                              | 39.13                               | (6.63)                         |
| Fund - Class J EUR Acc (EUR terms)   | 0.00                          | (2.01)                         | (1.51)                              | 00.10                               | (0.00)                         |
| Barings Europe Select                | 8.39                          | (2.56)                         | (7.91)                              | 39.15                               | (6.64)                         |
| Fund - Class J EUR Inc (EUR terms)   | 0.00                          | (2.00)                         | (1.01)                              | 00.10                               | (0.04)                         |
| Barings Europe Select                | 5.20                          | 2.21                           | (10.89)                             | 39.00                               | (5.81)                         |
| Fund - Class J GBP Inc (GBP terms)   | 0.20                          | 2.21                           | (10.00)                             | 00.00                               | (0.01)                         |
| Barings Europe Select                | 8.10                          | (2.43)                         | (8.36)                              | N/A                                 | N/A                            |
| Fund - Class I EUR Acc (EUR terms)** | 0.10                          | (2.40)                         | (0.50)                              | IV/A                                | IN/A                           |
| Barings Europe Select                | 8.10                          | (2.68)                         | (7.20)                              | N/A                                 | N/A                            |
| Fund - Class I EUR Inc (EUR terms)** | 0.10                          | (2.00)                         | (7.20)                              | IN/A                                | IN/A                           |
| Barings Europe Select                | 4.94                          | 1.99                           | (11.30)                             | N/A                                 | N/A                            |
| Fund - Class I GBP Inc (GBP terms)** | 4.94                          | 1.99                           | (11.30)                             | IN/A                                | IN/A                           |
| Barings Europe Select                | N/A                           | 1.43                           | (22.52)                             | N/A                                 | N/A                            |
| Fund - Class I USD Acc (USD terms)** | IN/A                          | 1.43                           | (23.53)                             | IN/A                                | IN/A                           |

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The Barings Europe Select Fund launched on 8 February 2019.

The Barings Europe Select Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 14 October 2022. The performance pre-merger was under Barings Investments Funds Plc.



<sup>\*</sup> The benchmark of Barings Europe Select Fund changed from EMIX Smaller European Companies ex UK (Total Net Return) Index to MSCI Europe ex UK Small Cap (Total Net Return) Index on 31 July 2023.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings Europe Select Fund Class I EUR Acc, Class I EUR Inc, Class I GBP Inc and Class I USD ACC were launched on 14 June 2021.

Appendix 1 – Information for investors in Switzerland (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

Performance data (continued)

Barings German Growth Fund (including distribution payments where applicable)

|   | 01 May 2023-<br>30 April 2024<br>% | 01 May 2022<br>- 30 April 2023<br>% | 01 May 2021<br>- 30 April 2022<br>% | 01 May 2020<br>- 30 April 2021<br>% | 01 May 2019<br>- 30 April 2020<br>% |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class B EUR Acc (EUR terms)      | 11.92                              | 6.95                                | (4.97)                              | 40.71                               | (19.47)                             |
| HDAX index* (EUR terms)                                       | 10.88                              | 10.44                               | (6.33)                              | 39.49                               | (13.27)                             |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class B EUR Inc (EUR terms)      | 11.96                              | 6.93                                | (4.96)                              | 40.57                               | (19.36)                             |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class B GBP Acc (GBP terms)      | 8.58                               | 12.23                               | (8.02)                              | 40.35                               | (18.67)                             |
| Barings German Growth Fund – Class B GBP Inc (GBP terms)*     | N/A                                | N/A                                 | 4.95                                | 40.59                               | (18.71)                             |
| Barings German Growth Fund – Class B USD Acc (USD terms)**    | N/A                                | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | (1.46)                              |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class J EUR Acc (EUR terms)      | 12.69                              | 7.82                                | (4.25)                              | 41.69                               | (18.79)                             |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class J GBP Acc (GBP terms)      | 9.45                               | 13.00                               | (7.35)                              | 41.61                               | (18.07)                             |
| Barings German Growth Fund - Class J GBP Inc (GBP terms)      | 9.43                               | 13.10                               | (7.34)                              | 41.41                               | (18.04)                             |
| Barings German Growth * Fund – Class J USD Acc (USD terms)*** | N/A                                | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | N/A                                 | (18.79)                             |

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The Barings German Growth Fund was launched on 8 February 2019.

The Barings German Growth Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 14 October 2022. The performance pre-merger was under Barings Investments Funds Plc.



<sup>\*</sup> Barings German Growth Fund Class B GBP Inc was closed on 27 September 2021.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Class B USD Acc share class was closed on 20 June 2019. The performance data relates to the period from 8 February 2019 (launch date) to the termination date.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Class J USD Acc share class was closed on 30 April 2020. The performance data relates to the period from 8 February 2019 (launch date) to the termination date.

Appendix 1 - Information for investors in Switzerland (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

Performance data (continued)

Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund (including distribution payments where applicable)

|   | 01 May 2023-<br>30 April 2024<br>% | 01 May 2022<br>- 30 April 2023<br>% | 01 May 2021<br>- 30 April 2022<br>% | 01 May 2020<br>- 30 April 2021<br>% | 01 May 2019<br>- 30 April 2020<br>% |
|---|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Barings Global Dividend Champions<br>Fund - Class A USD Acc (USD terms) | 0.93                               | 5.44                                | (5.51)                              | 28.25                               | (2.17)                              |
| MSCI World (Total Net Return) Index (USD terms)                         | 18.39                              | 3.18                                | (3.52)                              | 45.33                               | (4.00)                              |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F GBP Acc (GBP terms)    | 1.51                               | 7.66                                | 5.95                                | 16.65                               | (2.13)                              |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions<br>Fund - Class F GBP Inc (GBP terms) | 1.50                               | 7.67                                | 5.94                                | 16.65                               | (2.11)                              |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F USD Acc (USD terms)    | 2.16                               | 6.80                                | (4.21)                              | 29.77                               | (3.57)                              |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions<br>Fund - Class F USD Inc (USD terms) | 2.15                               | 6.78                                | (4.21)                              | 29.76                               | (3.56)                              |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I GBP Acc (GBP terms)    | 1.08                               | 7.20                                | 5.42                                | 16.14                               | 2.67                                |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class X USD Acc (USD terms)*   | 2.45                               | 7.08                                | (3.98)                              | 14.51                               | N/A                                 |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions<br>Fund - Class I GBP Inc (GBP terms) | 1.08                               | 7.20                                | 5.55                                | 16.13                               | (5.50)                              |
| Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I USD Inc (USD terms)**  | 1.69                               | 6.32                                | (4.54)                              | 29.19                               | (1.32)                              |

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The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund launched on 20 October 2016.

The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund merged from Barings Investment Funds Plc in to the Unit Trust on 7 October 2022. The performance pre-merger was under Barings Investments Funds Plc.



<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund Class X USD Acc was launched on 18 August 2020.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Class I USD Inc was closed on 18 August 2020 and was subsequently re-launched on 22 September 2020. The class was further closed on 16 October 2020 and subsequently re-launched on 20 October 2020.

Appendix 1 – Information for investors in Switzerland (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

Performance data (continued)

Barings Eastern Europe Fund (including distribution payments where applicable)

|   | 25 July 2023-<br>30 April 2024 | 01 May 2022<br>- 30 April 2023 | - 30 April 2022 | 01 May 2020<br>- 30 April 2021 | 01 May 2019<br>- 30 April 2020 |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|   | %                              | %                              | %               | %                              | %                              |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund* - Class A EUR Inc (EUR terms)    | 31.96                          | N/A                            | N/A             | N/A                            | N/A                            |
| The MSCI Emerging Europe 10/40 Total Index*                   | 35.23                          | N/A                            | N/A             | N/A                            | N/A                            |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund* - Class A GBP Inc (GBP terms)    | 30.60                          | N/A                            | N/A             | N/A                            | N/A                            |
| Barings Eastern Europe<br>Fund* - Class A USD Acc (USD terms) | 27.62                          | N/A                            | N/A             | N/A                            | N/A                            |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund* - Class A USD Inc (USD terms)    | 27.61                          | N/A                            | N/A             | N/A                            | N/A                            |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund* - Class I EUR Acc (EUR terms)    | 32.96                          | N/A                            | N/A             | N/A                            | N/A                            |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund* - Class I GBP Acc (GBP terms)    | 31.58                          | N/A                            | N/A             | N/A                            | N/A                            |
| Barings Eastern Europe<br>Fund* - Class I GBP Inc (GBP terms) | 31.57                          | N/A                            | N/A             | N/A                            | N/A                            |
| Barings Eastern Europe Fund* - Class I USD Acc (USD terms)    | 28.56                          | N/A                            | N/A             | N/A                            | N/A                            |
| Barings Eastern Europe<br>Fund* - Class I USD Inc (USD terms) | 28.54                          | N/A                            | N/A             | N/A                            | N/A                            |

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<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Eastern Europe Fund merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund in to the Unit Trust on 21 July 2023.

Appendix 2 - Information for investors in Germany (Unaudited)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

The Prospectus, the Key Information Document(s) ("KID(s)"), a list of portfolio changes, the Unit Trust Act 1990, as well as the annual and the interim reports are available free of charge at the offices of the Paying Agent.

#### Paying Agent

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#### Special risks resulting from tax publication requirements in Germany

Foreign investment companies (such as Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (the "Manager")) must provide documentation to the German fiscal authorities upon request, e.g. in order to verify the accuracy of the published tax information. The basis upon which such figures are calculated is open to interpretation and it cannot be guaranteed that the German fiscal authorities will accept the Manager's calculation methodology in every material respect. In addition, if it transpires that these publications are incorrect, any subsequent correction will, as a general rule, not have retrospective effect and will, as a general rule, only take effect during the current year. Consequently, the correction may positively or negatively affect the investors who receive a distribution or an attribution of deemed income distributions in the current year.



**Appendix 3 – Additional information Hong Kong Code** (Unaudited)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund is registered for sale in Hong Kong.

## Highest issue and lowest redemption prices

## Highest issue prices during the year\*

|                           | 30 April 2024 | 30 April 2023 | 30 April 2022 | 30 April 2021 | 30 April 2020 |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Class A USD Inc           | 241.53        | 253.39        | 293.60        | 275.67        | 226.11        |
| Class I USD Inc**         | 92.38         | 97.25         | 112.30        | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class A AUD Hedged Acc    | 263.47        | 277.55        | 325.63        | 304.91        | 254.71        |
| Class A CHF Hedged Acc*** | 88.51         | 95.02         | 111.48        | 102.86        | N/A           |
| Class A EUR Inc           | 220.72        | 238.83        | 258.67        | 226.62        | 204.94        |
| Class A GBP Inc           | 192.15        | 206.88        | 218.49        | 198.10        | 181.67        |
| Class A EUR Acc           | 117.42        | 125.91        | 135.52        | 118.04        | 105.32        |
| Class A RMB Hedged Acc    | 1,856.42      | 1,948.83      | 2,245.43      | 2,058.63      | 1,651.77      |
| Class A USD Acc           | 261.19        | 271.54        | 312.68        | 291.92        | 236.33        |
| Class I CHF Hedged Acc*** | 89.84         | 95.77         | 111.95        | 102.89        | N/A           |
| Class I EUR Acc           | 254.57        | 271.02        | 290.78        | 251.98        | 223.23        |
| Class I GBP Acc           | 222.76        | 237.27        | 246.93        | 221.46        | 199.75        |
| Class I USD Acc           | 288.15        | 298.79        | 341.14        | 316.81        | 254.56        |

### Highest issue prices during the year\* (continued)

|                           | 30 April 2019 | 30 April 2018 | 30 April 2017 | 30 April 2016 | 30 April 2015 |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Class A USD Inc           | 223.84        | 242.33        | 189.31        | 190.22        | 199.83        |
| Class I USD Inc**         | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class A AUD Hedged Acc    | 254.54        | 274.70        | 213.84        | 211.54        | 217.74        |
| Class A CHF Hedged Acc*** | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class A EUR Inc           | 192.21        | 195.22        | 174.06        | 170.76        | 183.26        |
| Class A GBP Inc           | 166.03        | 173.18        | 150.68        | 124.74        | 132.64        |
| Class A EUR Acc           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class A RMB Hedged Acc    | 1,613.41      | 1,730.41      | 1,319.11      | 1,265.12      | 1,294.76      |
| Class A USD Acc           | 232.08        | 249.99        | 195.15        | 195.18        | 204.24        |
| Class I CHF Hedged Acc*** | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class I EUR Acc           | 206.66        | 207.15        | 183.57        | 178.15        | 189.78        |
| Class I GBP Acc           | 179.46        | 184.75        | 159.39        | 130.77        | 138.18        |
| Class I USD Acc           | 247.01        | 265.59        | 205.63        | 203.76        | 212.07        |

### Lowest redemption prices during the year\*

|                           | 30 Apri 2024 | 30 April 2023 | 30 April 2022 | 30 April 2021 | 30 April 2020 |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Class A USD Inc           | 226.30       | 208.03        | 243.49        | 165.90        | 133.46        |
| Class I USD Inc**         | 86.59        | 79.71         | 93.32         | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class A AUD Hedged Acc    | 246.11       | 227.67        | 268.84        | 185.15        | 147.73        |
| Class A CHF Hedged Acc*** | 82.31        | 77.52         | 91.98         | 98.18         | N/A           |
| Class A EUR Inc           | 206.97       | 207.71        | 209.79        | 151.10        | 124.68        |
| Class A GBP Inc           | 177.46       | 178.46        | 180.88        | 132.27        | 115.78        |
| Class A EUR Acc           | 110.10       | 109.50        | 109.90        | 78.67         | 64.07         |
| Class A RMB Hedged Acc    | 1,729.29     | 1,613.32      | 1,873.69      | 1,223.33      | 973.94        |
| Class A USD Acc           | 244.73       | 222.93        | 259.31        | 175.67        | 139.49        |
| Class I CHF Hedged Acc*** | 83.64        | 78.38         | 92.60         | 98.19         | N/A           |
| Class I EUR Acc           | 238.99       | 235.99        | 235.01        | 167.08        | 135.96        |
| Class I GBP Acc           | 205.99       | 203.90        | 203.69        | 147.06        | 127.01        |
| Class I USD Acc           | 270.07       | 244.78        | 283.52        | 189.59        | 150.43        |



Appendix 3 – Additional information Hong Kong Code (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

## Highest issue and lowest redemption prices (continued)

Lowest redemption prices during the year\* (continued)

|                           | 30 April 2019 | 30 April 2018 | 30 April 2017 | 30 April 2016 | 30 April 2015 |
|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Class A USD Inc           | 184.89        | 187.74        | 163.95        | 147.79        | 179.86        |
| Class I USD Inc**         | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class A AUD Hedged Acc    | 209.65        | 212.88        | 185.07        | 165.79        | 196.58        |
| Class A CHF Hedged Acc*** | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class A EUR Inc           | 162.94        | 163.28        | 146.39        | 129.80        | 132.22        |
| Class A GBP Inc           | 144.31        | 144.25        | 112.33        | 94.92         | 108.53        |
| Class A EUR Acc           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class A RMB Hedged Acc    | 1,342.20      | 1,321.94      | 1,120.31      | 986.52        | 1,166.61      |
| Class A USD Acc           | 191.70        | 193.69        | 169.00        | 152.11        | 183.80        |
| Class I CHF Hedged Acc*** | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class I EUR Acc           | 174.58        | 172.66        | 153.69        | 135.60        | 137.95        |
| Class I GBP Acc           | 155.40        | 153.09        | 118.58        | 99.72         | 113.61        |
| Class I USD Acc           | 204.74        | 204.82        | 177.76        | 159.22        | 191.08        |

<sup>\*</sup> The above highest issue prices and lowest redemption prices during the year are quoted in their respective share classes' denomination currency.

#### Statement of movements in portfolio holdings

|  | 30 April 2024<br>% of NAV**** | 30 April 2023<br>% of NAV**** | 30 April 2022<br>% of NAV**** | 30 April 2021<br>% of NAV**** |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| China  | 1.41                          | 0.95                          | 4.38                          | 1.79                          |
| Hong Kong  | 0.53                          | 1.07                          | _                             | _                             |
| Indonesia  | 22.14                         | 26.26                         | 25.33                         | 17.21                         |
| Malaysia   | 9.22                          | 8.50                          | 15.62                         | 10.33                         |
| Philippines                                      | 10.01                         | 9.59                          | 5.84                          | 4.18                          |
| Singapore  | 30.66                         | 25.62                         | 19.12                         | 31.65                         |
| Taiwan   | _                             | _                             | 5.09                          | _                             |
| Thailand   | 21.08                         | 20.13                         | 20.31                         | 30.46                         |
| Vietnam  | 3.22                          | 3.75                          | 1.88                          | 3.00                          |
| Warrants   | 0.09                          | 0.05                          | 0.15                          | 0.08                          |
| Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts | (0.02)                        | 0.02                          | (80.0)                        | 0.01                          |
| Total investments                                | 98.34                         | 95.94                         | 97.64                         | 98.71                         |
| Cash   | 1.27                          | 4.37                          | 3.88                          | 1.47                          |
| Other net assets/(liabilities)                   | 0.39                          | (0.31)                        | (1.52)                        | (0.18)                        |
| Total net assets                                 | 100.00                        | 100.00                        | 100.00                        | 100.00                        |

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Movements in portfolio holdings have been analysed above based on a % of Net Asset Value invested in each geographic location. The movement in each country's position between year has to be inferred.



<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund Class I USD Inc was launched on 25 May 2021.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Barings ASEAN Frontiers Fund Class A CHF Hedged Acc and Class I CHF Hedged Acc were launched on 8 April 2021.

Appendix 3 – Additional information Hong Kong Code (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

## Portfolio information

| Top Ten Holdings                          | % of Net Assets |
|---|-----------------|
| DBS                                       | 9.99            |
| Oversea-Chinese Banking                   | 8.71            |
| Bank Central Asia                         | 8.31            |
| Bank Rakyat Indonesia                     | 5.83            |
| Sea ADR                                   | 5.21            |
| Bangkok Dusit Medical Services            | 3.57            |
| CP ALL                                    | 3.43            |
| International Container Terminal Services | 2.71            |
| Ascendas REIT                             | 2.18            |
| Metropolitan Bank & Trust                 | 2.16            |



## Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Asia Growth Fund

Appendix 3 – Additional information Hong Kong Code (Unaudited)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

Barings Asia Growth Fund is registered for sale in Hong Kong.

#### Highest issue and lowest redemption prices

#### Highest issue prices during the year\*

|                          | 30 April 2024 | 30 April 2023 | 30 April 2022 | 30 April 2021 | 30 April 2020 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Class A USD Inc          | 109.07        | 119.93        | 165.03        | 179.62        | 104.65        |
| Class A EUR Inc          | 99.23         | 111.87        | 138.83        | 179.61        | 94.16         |
| Class A GBP Inc          | 85.14         | 95.65         | 119.16        | 179.61        | 80.40         |
| Class I EUR Hedged Inc** | 67.57         | 77.08         | 101.61        | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class I GBP Acc          | 90.21         | 100.57        | 124.60        | 187.07        | 82.87         |
| Class I USD Acc          | 115.55        | 126.03        | 172.28        | 187.04        | 107.83        |
| Class I EUR Acc          | 105.33        | 117.57        | 144.95        | 187.08        | 97.05         |
| Class A USD Acc***       | 108.83        | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class A EUR Acc****      | 106.71        | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |

## Highest issue prices during the year\* (continued)

|                          | 30 April 2019 | 30 April 2018 | 30 April 2017 | 30 April 2016 | 30 April 2015 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Class A USD Inc          | 105.51        | 113.20        | 79.03         | 78.07         | 77.35         |
| Class A EUR Inc          | 89.20         | 92.49         | 72.51         | 71.67         | 72.45         |
| Class A GBP Inc          | 78.42         | 81.24         | 61.89         | 50.74         | 52.24         |
| Class I EUR Hedged Inc** | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class I GBP Acc          | 79.78         | 82.45         | 62.54         | 50.80         | 52.27         |
| Class I USD Acc          | 107.33        | 114.90        | 79.88         | 78.14         | N/A           |
| Class I EUR Acc          | 90.80         | 93.94         | 73.33         | 60.73         | N/A           |
| Class A USD Acc***       | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class A EUR Acc****      | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |

#### Lowest redemption prices during the year\*

|                          | 30 April 2024 | 30 April 2023 | 30 April 2022 | 30 April 2021 | 30 April 2020 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Class A USD Inc          | 93.80         | 88.92         | 112.93        | 88.88         | 74.27         |
| Class A EUR Inc          | 86.21         | 89.49         | 103.07        | 88.88         | 69.24         |
| Class A GBP Inc          | 73.91         | 77.16         | 86.75         | 88.88         | 64.41         |
| Class I EUR Hedged Inc** | 57.70         | 56.64         | 72.79         | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class I GBP Acc          | 78.57         | 81.33         | 91.04         | 92.06         | 66.47         |
| Class I USD Acc          | 99.69         | 93.69         | 118.58        | 92.04         | 76.63         |
| Class I EUR Acc          | 91.63         | 94.30         | 108.15        | 92.06         | 71.45         |
| Class A USD Acc***       | 93.59         | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class A EUR Acc****      | 92.99         | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |

#### Lowest redemption prices during the year\* (continued)

|                          | 30 April 2019 | 30 April 2018 | 30 April 2017 | 30 April 2016 | 30 April 2015 |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Class A USD Inc          | 78.82         | 79.03         | 62.59         | 59.46         | 61.96         |
| Class A EUR Inc          | 69.45         | 71.98         | 55.81         | 51.74         | 44.48         |
| Class A GBP Inc          | 61.57         | 61.10         | 42.80         | 37.82         | 36.56         |
| Class I EUR Hedged Inc** | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class I GBP Acc          | 62.77         | 61.76         | 43.06         | 37.91         | 46.53         |
| Class I USD Acc          | 80.37         | 79.89         | 62.97         | 59.59         | N/A           |
| Class I EUR Acc          | 70.87         | 72.81         | 56.17         | 53.92         | N/A           |
| Class A USD Acc***       | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class A EUR Acc****      | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |

<sup>\*</sup> The above highest issue prices and lowest redemption prices during the year are quoted in their respective share classes' denomination currency.



<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings Asia Growth Fund Class I EUR Hedged Inc was launched on 2 November 2021.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Asia Growth Fund Class A USD Acc was launched on 1 June 2023.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Asia Growth Fund Class A EUR Acc was launched on 23 November 2023.

## Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Asia Growth Fund

Appendix 3 – Additional information Hong Kong Code (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

### Statement of movements in portfolio holdings

|  | 30 April 2024 | 30 April 2023 | 30 April 2022 | 30 April 2021 |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | % of NAV****  | % of NAV****  | % of NAV****  | % of NAV****  |
| China  | 30.59         | 35.01         | 34.72         | 39.51         |
| Hong Kong  | 5.36          | 10.04         | 6.14          | 7.17          |
| India  | 18.73         | 12.93         | 13.71         | 10.50         |
| Indonesia  | 2.60          | 2.19          | 3.65          | _             |
| Macao  | 0.67          | _             | _             | _             |
| Malaysia   | _             | 0.79          | 3.25          | 0.97          |
| Philippines                                      | 1.37          | 2.25          | _             | _             |
| Singapore  | 2.51          | 4.16          | 3.74          | 4.86          |
| South Korea                                      | 17.33         | 14.62         | 15.60         | 19.82         |
| Taiwan   | 17.40         | 13.88         | 15.94         | 14.12         |
| Thailand   | 1.50          | 3.25          | 1.05          | 2.67          |
| United States                                    | 1.18          | _             | _             | _             |
| Vietnam  | _             | _             | _             | 0.23          |
| Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts | _             | 0.07          | (0.29)        | _             |
| Total investments                                | 99.24         | 99.19         | 97.51         | 99.85         |
| Cash   | 0.82          | 1.29          | 4.81          | 0.68          |
| Other net liabilities                            | (0.06)        | (0.48)        | (2.32)        | (0.53)        |
| Total net assets                                 | 100.00        | 100.00        | 100.00        | 100.00        |

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup> Movements in portfolio holdings have been analysed above based on a % of Net Asset Value invested in each geographic location. The movement in each country's position between year has to be inferred.

#### Portfolio information

| Top Ten Holdings                   | % of Net Assets |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing | 9.60            |
| Samsung Electronics                | 6.70            |
| Tencent                            | 6.31            |
| Reliance Industries                | 4.45            |
| Alibaba                            | 3.96            |
| SK Hynix                           | 3.93            |
| AIA                                | 2.56            |
| Axis Bank                          | 2.35            |
| China Construction Bank 'H'        | 2.00            |
| KB Financial                       | 1.96            |



## Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Australia Fund

**Appendix 3 – Additional information Hong Kong Code** (Unaudited)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

Barings Australia Fund is registered for sale in Hong Kong.

### Highest Issue and lowest redemption prices

### Highest issue prices during the period/year\*

|  | 30 April 2024     | 30 April 2023 | 30 April 2022 | 30 April 2021 | 30 April 2020 |
|--|-------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Class A USD Inc                            | 134.30            | 146.12        | 156.53        | 146.24        | 126.76        |
| Class A AUD Inc                            | 200.68            | 205.33        | 207.86        | 187.77        | 185.65        |
| Class A EUR Inc                            | 121.94            | 138.07        | 142.63        | 120.90        | 114.84        |
| Class A GBP Inc                            | 104.58            | 118.22        | 119.23        | 105.10        | 99.84         |
| Class I GBP Acc                            | 137.49            | 151.66        | 148.78        | 129.14        | 118.05        |
| Class I USD Acc                            | 176.87            | 187.39        | 195.29        | 179.69        | 150.36        |
| Highest issue prices during the period/yea | r* (continued)    |               |               |               |               |
|  | 30 April 2019     | 30 April 2018 | 30 April 2017 | 30 April 2016 | 30 April 2015 |
| Class A USD Inc                            | 123.36            | 124.61        | 114.11        | 116.78        | 131.38        |
| Class A AUD Inc                            | 169.04            | 165.07        | 150.18        | 148.24        | 153.98        |
| Class A EUR Inc                            | 107.65            | 103.01        | 106.46        | 104.32        | 111.48        |
| Class A GBP Inc                            | 96.35             | 90.80         | 91.42         | 76.50         | 80.93         |
| Class I GBP Acc                            | 110.77            | 101.84        | 100.29        | 82.35         | 85.15         |
| Class I USD Acc                            | 141.85            | 139.76        | 124.89        | 118.38        | N/A           |
| Lowest redemption prices during the period | d/year*           |               |               |               |               |
|  | 30 April 2024     | 30 April 2023 | 30 April 2022 | 30 April 2021 | 30 April 2020 |
| Class A USD Inc                            | 117.08            | 115.26        | 131.47        | 87.89         | 71.74         |
| Class A AUD Inc                            | 184.66            | 174.07        | 182.84        | 136.31        | 125.28        |
| Class A EUR Inc                            | 110.45            | 115.47        | 116.03        | 80.02         | 66.99         |
| Class A GBP Inc                            | 96.40             | 99.21         | 98.19         | 70.02         | 62.22         |
| Class I GBP Acc                            | 127.16            | 126.71        | 122.37        | 85.45         | 73.90         |
| Class I USD Acc                            | 154.45            | 147.52        | 163.81        | 107.25        | 85.21         |
| Lowest redemption prices during the period | d/year* (continue | d)            |               |               |               |
|  | 30 April 2019     | 30 April 2018 | 30 April 2017 | 30 April 2016 | 30 April 2015 |
| Class A USD Inc                            | 101.97            | 104.77        | 99.96         | 88.97         | 107.84        |
| Class A AUD Inc                            | 143.93            | 138.77        | 132.51        | 125.96        | 128.93        |
| Class A EUR Inc                            | 89.36             | 86.60         | 90.49         | 78.45         | 86.54         |
| Class A GBP Inc                            | 80.58             | 76.34         | 70.17         | 59.76         | 68.54         |
| Class I GBP Acc                            | 92.87             | 85.26         | 76.65         | 64.12         | 72.03         |
| Class I USD Acc                            | 117.52            | 117.01        | 109.45        | 95.70         | N/A           |

<sup>\*</sup> The above highest issue prices and lowest redemption prices during the period/year are quoted in their respective share classes' denomination currency.



# Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Australia Fund

Appendix 3 – Additional information Hong Kong Code (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

### Statement of movements in portfolio holdings

|                                | 30 April 2024<br>% of NAV | 30 April 2023<br>% of NAV | 30 April 2022<br>% of NAV | 30 April 2021<br>% of NAV |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| Communication Services         | 5.44                      | 3.06                      | 3.65                      | 2.96                      |
| Consumer Discretionary         | 1.92                      | 7.44                      | 5.65                      | 7.38                      |
| Consumer Staples               | 8.40                      | 6.87                      | 7.13                      | 9.87                      |
| Energy                         | 1.96                      | 3.73                      | 3.09                      | 3.19                      |
| Financials                     | 26.64                     | 27.20                     | 30.43                     | 32.02                     |
| Health Care                    | 10.19                     | 11.17                     | 10.45                     | 14.33                     |
| Industrials                    | 8.59                      | 10.09                     | 4.25                      | 3.25                      |
| Information Technology         | 6.58                      | 1.43                      | 3.49                      | _                         |
| Materials                      | 22.19                     | 22.76                     | 24.14                     | 21.27                     |
| Real Estate                    | 6.55                      | 3.05                      | 5.66                      | 5.25                      |
| Total investments              | 98.46                     | 96.80                     | 97.94                     | 99.52                     |
| Cash                           | 0.96                      | 3.17                      | 2.18                      | 0.84                      |
| Other net assets/(liabilities) | 0.58                      | 0.03                      | (0.12)                    | (0.36)                    |
| Total net assets               | 100.00                    | 100.00                    | 100.00                    | 100.00                    |

<sup>\*\*</sup> Movements in portfolio holdings have been analysed above based on a % of Net Asset Value invested in each industry sector. The movement in each sector's position between period/year has to be inferred.

#### Portfolio information

| Top Ten Holdings               | % of Net Assets |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| BHP Group                      | 8.32            |
| CSL                            | 6.86            |
| Goodman                        | 6.55            |
| Macquarie                      | 6.18            |
| Rio Tinto                      | 5.49            |
| Commonwealth Bank of Australia | 4.07            |
| WiseTech Global                | 3.98            |
| Treasury Wine Estates          | 3.62            |
| National Australia Bank        | 3.53            |
| Sandfire Resources Ltd         | 3.48            |



# Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Europa Fund

**Appendix 3 – Additional information Hong Kong Code** (Unaudited)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

Barings Europa Fund is registered for sale in Hong Kong.

## Highest issue and lowest redemption prices

## Highest issue prices during the year\*

|   | 30 April 2024 | 30 April 2023 | 30 April 2022 | 30 April 2021 | 30 April 2020 |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Class A USD Inc                               | 64.43         | 63.28         | 68.95         | 63.68         | 57.84         |
| Class A EUR Inc                               | 57.89         | 57.45         | 60.91         | 63.68         | 52.71         |
| Class C EUR Inc                               | 56.38         | 55.44         | 59.00         | 61.76         | 51.19         |
| Class C USD Inc                               | 62.89         | 61.21         | 67.04         | 61.90         | 56.34         |
| Class I EUR Acc                               | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
|   |               |               |               |               |               |
| Highest issue prices during the year* (contin | nued)         |               |               |               |               |
|   | 30 April 2019 | 30 April 2018 | 30 April 2017 | 30 April 2016 | 30 April 2015 |
| Class A USD Inc                               | 62.19         | 66.02         | 52.67         | 54.51         | 55.64         |
| Class A EUR Inc                               | 52.65         | 54.58         | 48.15         | 49.08         | 49.19         |
| Class C EUR Inc                               | 51.52         | 53.32         | 46.74         | 48.10         | 47.85         |
| Class C USD Inc                               | 61.00         | 64.64         | 51.24         | 53.63         | 54.67         |
| Class I EUR Acc                               | N/A           | 50.14         | 48.76         | 42.18         | N/A           |
|   |               |               |               |               |               |
| Lowest redemption prices during year*         |               |               |               |               |               |
|   | 30 April 2024 | 30 April 2023 | 30 April 2022 | 30 April 2021 | 30 April 2020 |
| Class A USD Inc                               | 56.50         | 44.94         | 56.07         | 41.95         | 33.33         |
| Class A EUR Inc                               | 53.79         | 46.88         | 50.80         | 41.95         | 31.00         |
| Class C EUR Inc                               | 52.29         | 45.49         | 49.53         | 41.07         | 30.08         |
| Class C USD Inc                               | 55.05         | 43.72         | 54.34         | 41.16         | 32.41         |
| Class I EUR Acc                               | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Lowest redemption prices during the year*     | (continued)   |               |               |               |               |
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|   | 30 April 2019 | 30 April 2018 | 30 April 2017 | 30 April 2016 | 30 April 2015 |
| Class A USD Inc                               | 44.98         | 52.10         | 41.77         | 42.10         | 44.73         |
| Class A EUR Inc                               | 39.52         | 43.07         | 37.93         | 37.13         | 35.10         |
| Class C EUR Inc                               | 38.45         | 42.18         | 37.13         | 36.19         | 34.32         |
| Class C USD Inc                               | 43.84         | 51.13         | 40.98         | 41.12         | 43.81         |
| Class I EUR Acc                               | N/A           | 48.71         | 38.28         | 37.13         | N/A           |

<sup>\*</sup> The above highest issue prices and lowest redemption prices during the year are quoted in their respective share classes' denomination currency.



## Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Europa Fund

Appendix 3 – Additional information Hong Kong Code (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

### Statement of movements in portfolio holdings

|                                | 30 April 2024<br>% of NAV** | 30 April 2023<br>% of NAV** | 30 April 2022<br>% of NAV** | 30 April 2021<br>% of NAV** |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Communication Services         | _                           | _                           | 4.85                        | 4.65                        |
| Consumer Discretionary         | 9.13                        | 6.68                        | 0.98                        | 1.80                        |
| Consumer Staples               | 15.13                       | 13.00                       | 11.10                       | 11.71                       |
| Energy                         | 10.00                       | 8.14                        | 7.49                        | 7.32                        |
| Financials                     | 11.95                       | 14.99                       | 13.94                       | 15.10                       |
| Health Care                    | 18.66                       | 17.08                       | 15.51                       | 13.99                       |
| Industrials                    | 9.65                        | 10.66                       | 12.91                       | 10.82                       |
| Information Technology         | 16.35                       | 16.86                       | 17.37                       | 19.47                       |
| Materials                      | 6.78                        | 10.78                       | 13.36                       | 12.71                       |
| Utilities                      | _                           | 1.26                        | 1.23                        | 1.98                        |
| Total investments              | 97.65                       | 99.45                       | 98.74                       | 99.55                       |
| Cash                           | 2.03                        | 0.63                        | 1.34                        | 0.46                        |
| Other net assets/(liabilities) | 0.32                        | (80.0)                      | (0.08)                      | (0.01)                      |
| Total net assets               | 100.00                      | 100.00                      | 100.00                      | 100.00                      |

<sup>\*\*</sup> Movements in portfolio holdings have been analysed above based on a % of Net Asset Value invested in each Industry sector. The movement in each sectors position between year has to be inferred.

#### **Portfolio information**

| Top Ten Holdings   | % of Net Assets |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| ASML               | 6.37            |
| Nestle             | 6.30            |
| Royal Dutch Shell  | 5.57            |
| AXA                | 5.21            |
| Novo Nordisk       | 4.65            |
| TotalEnergies      | 4.43            |
| Capgemini          | 4.00            |
| KBC                | 3.65            |
| Schneider Electric | 3.65            |
| AstraZeneca        | 3.56            |



Appendix 3 – Additional information Hong Kong Code (Unaudited)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

Barings Hong Kong Fund is registered for sale in Hong Kong.

#### Highest issue and lowest redemption prices

### Highest issue prices during the year\*

| riigilest issue prices during the year    |               |               |               |               |               |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|   | 30 April 2024 | 30 April 2023 | 30 April 2022 | 30 April 2021 | 30 April 2020 |
| Class A USD Inc                           | 1,141.22      | 1,390.51      | 2,036.86      | 2,419.60      | 1,336.81      |
| Class A EUR Inc                           | 1,035.89      | 1,334.04      | 1,713.68      | 2,006.08      | 1,211.16      |
| Class A GBP Inc                           | 888.59        | 1,135.81      | 1,470.74      | 1,745.27      | 1,024.98      |
| Class A HKD Inc                           | 8,900.51      | 10,912.29     | 15,817.89     | 18,756.46     | 10,385.16     |
| Class A RMB Hedged Acc                    | 8,104.04      | 10,231.82     | 14,767.84     | 17,420.18     | 9,518.35      |
| Class A USD Acc                           | 1,179.45      | 1,437.11      | 2,105.05      | 2,500.61      | 1,379.40      |
| Class C EUR Inc                           | 934.43        | 1,216.48      | 1,578.81      | 1,854.92      | 1,129.39      |
| Class C USD Inc                           | 1,023.06      | 1,260.21      | 1,864.55      | 2,223.01      | 1,239.66      |
| Class I GBP Acc                           | 968.04        | 1,227.92      | 1,578.98      | 1,868.96      | 1,087.70      |
| Class I USD Acc                           | 1,242.35      | 1,502.23      | 2,185.20      | 2,589.15      | 1,417.39      |
| Class I GBP Inc**                         | 98.26         | 119.03        | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
|   |               |               |               |               |               |
| Highest issue prices during the year* (co | ontinued)     |               |               |               |               |
|   | 30 April 2019 | 30 April 2018 | 30 April 2017 | 30 April 2016 | 30 April 2015 |
| Class A USD Inc                           | 1,328.56      | 1,368.57      | 985.11        | 1,164.65      | 1,158.44      |
| Class A EUR Inc                           | 1,123.27      | 1,111.17      | 914.93        | 1,067.64      | 1,090.90      |
| Class A GBP Inc                           | 987.26        | 975.60        | 783.45        | 755.55        | 786.68        |
| Class A HKD Inc                           | 10,423.83     | 10,699.31     | 7,664.58      | 9,029.26      | 8,978.65      |

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#### Lowest redemption prices during year\*

Class A RMB Hedged Acc

Class A USD Acc

Class C EUR Inc

Class C USD Inc

Class I GBP Acc

Class I USD Acc

Class I GBP Inc\*\*

|                        | 30 April 2024 | 30 April 2023 | 30 April 2022 | 30 April 2021 | 30 April 2020 |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Class A USD Inc        | 1,002.70      | 869.19        | 1,104.46      | 1,185.84      | 1,003.01      |
| Class A EUR Inc        | 920.05        | 873.83        | 1,005.25      | 1,094.35      | 928.30        |
| Class A GBP Inc        | 786.86        | 753.31        | 845.89        | 952.20        | 823.31        |
| Class A HKD Inc        | 7,857.86      | 6,822.46      | 8,644.67      | 9,193.17      | 7,786.44      |
| Class A RMB Hedged Acc | 7,088.99      | 6,365.40      | 8,115.35      | 8,435.64      | 7,142.60      |
| Class A USD Acc        | 1,036.29      | 898.31        | 1,141.46      | 1,225.53      | 1,034.97      |
| Class C EUR Inc        | 829.44        | 794.36        | 919.57        | 1,019.85      | 869.27        |
| Class C USD Inc        | 898.36        | 785.09        | 1,003.86      | 1,098.08      | 928.53        |
| Class I GBP Acc        | 857.55        | 816.31        | 912.65        | 1,014.17      | 869.88        |
| Class I USD Acc        | 1,091.35      | 941.23        | 1,190.81      | 1,261.94      | 1,064.77      |
| Class I GBP Inc**      | 87.04         | 82.88         | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |

Appendix 3 – Additional information Hong Kong Code (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

### Highest issue and lowest redemption prices (continued)

Lowest redemption prices during the year\* (continued)

|                        | 30 April 2019 | 30 April 2018 | 30 April 2017 | 30 April 2016 | 30 April 2015 |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Class A USD Inc        | 952.92        | 965.73        | 771.16        | 711.44        | 781.84        |
| Class A EUR Inc        | 839.71        | 881.20        | 681.73        | 627.45        | 563.57        |
| Class A GBP Inc        | 747.73        | 746.37        | 526.68        | 489.77        | 462.74        |
| Class A HKD Inc        | 7,476.62      | 7,516.38      | 5,988.92      | 5,542.80      | 6,060.67      |
| Class A RMB Hedged Acc | 6,787.11      | 6,697.37      | 5,212.91      | 4,733.71      | 566.61        |
| Class A USD Acc        | 980.04        | 992.46        | 790.87        | 724.62        | 792.51        |
| Class C EUR Inc        | 790.68        | 836.05        | 651.83        | 597.34        | 543.66        |
| Class C USD Inc        | 891.51        | 910.37        | 732.50        | 672.92        | 749.13        |
| Class I GBP Acc        | 784.10        | 1,295.69      | 542.73        | 500.54        | 466.48        |
| Class I USD Acc        | 998.49        | 1,000.92      | 793.96        | 726.47        | N/A           |
| Class I GBP Inc**      | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |

<sup>\*</sup> The above highest issue prices and lowest redemption prices during the year are quoted in their respective share classes' denomination currency.

#### Statement of movements in portfolio holdings

|                                | 30 April 2024<br>% of NAV*** | 30 April 2023<br>% of NAV*** | 30 April 2022<br>% of NAV*** | 30 April 2021<br>% of NAV*** |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Basic Materials                | _                            | _                            | _                            | 0.98                         |
| Communication Services         | 18.19                        | 12.54                        | 11.88                        | 9.47                         |
| Communications                 | _                            | 2.25                         | 1.90                         | 5.32                         |
| Consumer Discretionary         | 35.15                        | 34.00                        | 26.52                        | 26.86                        |
| Consumer Staples               | 4.00                         | 6.75                         | 5.12                         | 3.57                         |
| Consumer, Cyclical             | _                            | _                            | _                            | 1.29                         |
| Consumer, Non-cyclical         | _                            | _                            | _                            | 0.93                         |
| Energy                         | 5.53                         | 5.08                         | 3.19                         | _                            |
| Financials                     | 12.05                        | 12.74                        | 16.35                        | 11.69                        |
| Health Care                    | 2.40                         | 5.04                         | 3.18                         | 6.16                         |
| Industrials                    | 4.84                         | 5.64                         | 10.72                        | 9.65                         |
| Information Technology         | 10.93                        | 7.37                         | 7.15                         | 11.01                        |
| Materials                      | 3.87                         | 1.48                         | 3.56                         | 1.85                         |
| Real Estate                    | 1.59                         | 3.84                         | 5.78                         | 4.31                         |
| Technology                     | _                            | _                            | _                            | 2.33                         |
| Telecommunication Services     | _                            | _                            | _                            | 1.44                         |
| Utilities                      | 0.77                         | 1.91                         | 3.80                         | 2.41                         |
| Total investments              | 99.32                        | 98.64                        | 99.15                        | 99.27                        |
| Cash                           | 0.47                         | 2.32                         | 0.57                         | 0.64                         |
| Other net assets/(liabilities) | 0.21                         | (0.96)                       | 0.28                         | 0.09                         |
| Total net assets               | 100.00                       | 100.00                       | 100.00                       | 100.00                       |

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Movements in portfolio holdings have been analysed above based on a % of Net Asset Value invested in each industry sector. The movement in each sector's position between year has to be inferred.



<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings Hong Kong China Fund Class I GBP Inc was launched on 12 October 2022.

Appendix 3 – Additional information Hong Kong Code (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

## Portfolio information

| Top Ten Holdings                   | % of Net Assets |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Tencent                            | 10.02           |
| Alibaba                            | 7.39            |
| China Construction Bank 'H'        | 4.41            |
| Meituan Dianping                   | 4.36            |
| Pinduoduo ADR                      | 4.27            |
| NetEase                            | 3.92            |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing | 2.89            |
| Zijin Mining                       | 2.67            |
| JD.com                             | 2.57            |
| BYD Company                        | 2.54            |



## Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Global Bond Fund

**Appendix 3 – Additional information Hong Kong Code** (Unaudited)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

Barings Global Bond Fund is registered for sale in Hong Kong.

## Highest issue and lowest redemption prices

## Highest issue prices during the year\*

|  | 30 April 2024 | 30 April 2023 | 30 April 2022 | 30 April 2021 | 30 April 2020 |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Class A USD Inc                              | 21.83         | 23.24         | 20.49         | 29.55         | 28.73         |
| Class A EUR Inc                              | 19.84         | 22.73         | 23.85         | 24.59         | 25.14         |
| Class A GBP Inc                              | 17.39         | 19.08         | 101.39        | 22.44         | 22.66         |
| Class A RMB Hedged Inc**                     | 78.45         | 85.53         | 101.66        | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class A RMB Hedged Acc***                    | 79.88         | 85.83         | 20.52         | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class I GBP Inc                              | 17.38         | 19.14         | 28.10         | 22.50         | 22.71         |
| Class I USD Acc                              | 24.90         | 25.57         | 30.76         | 32.19         | 30.84         |
| Class F GBP Hedged Acc****                   | 102.99        | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class F GBP Hedged Inc****                   | 102.99        | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class F USD Acc****                          | 103.24        | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class F USD Inc****                          | 103.24        | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Highest issue prices during the year* (conti | nued)         |               |               |               |               |
|  | 30 April 2019 | 30 April 2018 | 30 April 2017 | 30 April 2016 | 30 April 2015 |
| Class A USD Inc                              | 25.47         | 26.03         | 26.80         | 26.07         | 27.70         |
| Class A EUR Inc                              | 22.69         | 22.42         | 24.07         | 23.17         | 23.90         |
| Class A GBP Inc                              | 19.91         | 19.94         | 21.16         | 18.48         | 17.25         |
| Class A RMB Hedged Inc**                     | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class A RMB Hedged Acc***                    | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class I GBP Inc                              | 19.94         | 19.98         | 21.21         | 18.53         | 23.96         |
| Class I USD Acc                              | 26.96         | 27.26         | 27.81         | 26.94         | 27.97         |
| Class F GBP Hedged Acc****                   | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class F GBP Hedged Inc****                   | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class F USD Acc****                          | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class F USD Inc****                          | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Lowest redemption prices during the year*    |               |               |               |               |               |
|  | 30 April 2024 | 30 April 2023 | 30 April 2022 | 30 April 2021 | 30 April 2020 |
| Class A USD Inc                              | 19.55         | 19.26         | 18.01         | 26.32         | 25.00         |
| Class A EUR Inc                              | 18.53         | 19.72         | 21.55         | 23.02         | 22.36         |
| Class A GBP Inc                              | 16.13         | 17.29         | 84.71         | 19.93         | 19.24         |
| Class A RMB Hedged Inc**                     | 69.51         | 70.41         | 84.95         | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class A RMB Hedged Acc***                    | 71.61         | 70.86         | 18.08         | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class I GBP Inc                              | 16.12         | 17.36         | 23.05         | 19.97         | 19.26         |
| Class I USD Acc                              | 22.18         | 21.20         | 25.33         | 28.48         | 26.59         |
| Class F GBP Hedged Acc****                   | 91.78         | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class F GBP Hedged Inc****                   | 91.78         | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class F USD Acc****                          | 91.85         | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class F USD Inc****                          | 91.85         | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |



## Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Global Bond Fund

Appendix 3 – Additional information Hong Kong Code (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

## Lowest redemption prices during the year\* (continued)

|                            | 30 April 2019 | 30 April 2018 | 30 April 2017 | 30 April 2016 | 30 April 2015 |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Class A USD Inc            | 24.01         | 24.28         | 23.66         | 24.27         | 24.92         |
| Class A EUR Inc            | 20.96         | 20.62         | 22.39         | 21.64         | 19.73         |
| Class A GBP Inc            | 18.42         | 18.11         | 17.43         | 15.51         | 16.08         |
| Class A RMB Hedged Inc**   | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class A RMB Hedged Acc***  | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class I GBP Inc            | 18.44         | 18.16         | 17.46         | 15.53         | 19.76         |
| Class I USD Acc            | 25.37         | 25.30         | 24.62         | 24.86         | 25.39         |
| Class F GBP Hedged Acc**** | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class F GBP Hedged Inc**** | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class F USD Acc****        | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |
| Class F USD Inc****        | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           | N/A           |

<sup>\*</sup> The above highest issue prices and lowest redemption prices during the year are quoted in their respective share classes' denomination currency.

#### Statement of movements in portfolio holdings

|  | 30 April 2024 | 30 April 2023 | 30 April 2022 | 30 April 2021 |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
|  | % of NAV****  | % of NAV****  | % of NAV***** | % of NAV****  |
| Australian dollar                                | 6.36          | 5.68          | 6.04          | 9.23          |
| Canadian dollar                                  | 10.01         | 7.59          | 2.44          | 1.69          |
| Czech koruna                                     | _             | _             | 2.44          | 2.41          |
| Euro   | 26.54         | 22.23         | 32.83         | 34.60         |
| Israeli new shekel                               | _             | _             | 0.59          | 0.77          |
| Japanese yen                                     | _             | 2.74          | 10.34         | 10.42         |
| Mexican pesos                                    | _             | _             | 1.18          | 3.73          |
| New Zealand dollar                               | 8.13          | 9.60          | 2.02          | 3.81          |
| Norwegian krone                                  | _             | _             | 2.87          | _             |
| Polish zloty                                     | _             | _             | 0.53          | 5.68          |
| Pound sterling                                   | 10.41         | 2.11          | 2.47          | 3.53          |
| Singapore dollar                                 | _             | _             | 1.27          | 1.01          |
| Swedish krona                                    | _             | _             | 4.38          | 0.75          |
| US dollar  | 37.11         | 45.90         | 29.11         | 20.70         |
| Futures contracts                                | (0.01)        | (0.06)        | (0.39)        | _             |
| Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts | (0.20)        | 0.69          | 0.46          | (0.25)        |
| Total investments                                | 98.35         | 96.48         | 98.58         | 98.08         |
| Cash   | 0.82          | 1.43          | 0.81          | 1.45          |
| Other net assets                                 | 0.83          | 2.09          | 0.61          | 0.47          |
| Total net assets                                 | 100.00        | 100.00        | 100.00        | 100.00        |

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup> Movements in portfolio holdings have been analysed above based on a % of Net Asset Value invested in each geographic location. The movement in each country's position between year has to be inferred.



<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Bond Fund Class A RMB Hedged Inc was launched on 4 June 2021.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Bond Fund Class A RMB Hedged Acc was launched on 14 July 2021.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Bond Fund Class F GBP Hedged Acc, Class F GBP Hedged Inc, Class F USD Acc and Class F USD Inc were launched on 13 July 2023.

# Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Global Bond Fund

Appendix 3 – Additional information Hong Kong Code (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

## Portfolio information

| Top Ten Holdings  | % of Net Assets |
|---|-----------------|
| United States Treasury Note/Bond 4.13% 30/09/2027           | 9.01            |
| United States Treasury Note/Bond 3.75% 31/12/2028           | 7.56            |
| United States Treasury Note/Bond 5.00% 31/08/2025           | 7.47            |
| United States Treasury Note/Bond 912828ZB9 1.13% 28/02/2027 | 5.15            |
| Treasury Corp of Victoria MTN 5.00% 20/11/2040              | 4.21            |
| Province of Ontario Canada 6.50% 08/03/2029                 | 3.07            |
| UK (Govt of) 1.75% 07/09/2037                               | 2.96            |
| Austria (Republic of) 0.85% 30/06/2120                      | 2.68            |
| Hellenic Republic Government Bond 1.88% 24/01/2052          | 2.61            |
| Italy (Republic of) 7Y 3.50% 15/02/2031                     | 2.59            |



## Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Eastern Europe Fund

Appendix 3 – Additional information Hong Kong Code (Unaudited)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

Barings Eastern Europe Fund is registered for sale in Hong Kong.

#### Highest issue and lowest redemption prices

### Highest issue prices during the year\*

|                 | 30 April 2024 |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Class A USD Inc | 43.40         |
| Class A EUR Inc | 40.45         |
| Class A GBP Inc | 34.60         |
| Class A USD Acc | 50.13         |
| Class I EUR Acc | 48.04         |
| Class I GBP Acc | 43.00         |
| Class I USD Acc | 55.58         |
| Class I GBP Inc | 35.97         |
| Class I USD Inc | 45.08         |

#### Lowest redemption prices during the year\*

|                 | 30 April 2024 |
|-----------------|---------------|
| Class A USD Inc | 32.58         |
| Class A EUR Inc | 30.51         |
| Class A GBP Inc | 26.23         |
| Class A USD Acc | 37.63         |
| Class I EUR Acc | 35.96         |
| Class I GBP Acc | 37.33         |
| Class I USD Acc | 41.49         |
| Class I GBP Inc | 27.06         |
| Class I USD Inc | 33.65         |
|                 |               |

<sup>\*</sup> The above highest issue prices and lowest redemption prices during the year are quoted in their respective share classes' denomination currency.

The Barings Eastern Europe Fund merged from Barings Global Umbrella Fund into the Unit Trust on 21 July 2023.

#### Statement of movements in portfolio holdings

|                      | 30 April 2024<br>% of NAV** |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Czech Republic       | 4.81                        |
| Greece               | 15.42                       |
| Hungary              | 15.79                       |
| Kazakhstan           | 0.94                        |
| Poland               | 30.90                       |
| Romania              | 0.51                        |
| South Africa         | 2.03                        |
| Spain                | 1.03                        |
| Turkey               | 23.99                       |
| Ukraine              | 0.43                        |
| United Arab Emirates | 0.65                        |
| Total investments    | 96.50                       |
| Cash                 | 3.26                        |
| Other net assets     | 0.24                        |
| Total net assets     | 100.00                      |

<sup>\*\*</sup> Movements in portfolio holdings have been analysed above based on a % of Net Asset Value invested in each geographic location.



# Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Eastern Europe Fund

Appendix 3 – Additional information Hong Kong Code (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

## Portfolio information

| Top Ten Holdings                    | % of Net Assets |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| OTP Bank                            | 8.61            |
| Powszechna Kasa Oszczed Bank Polski | 7.55            |
| Alpha Bank                          | 6.18            |
| BIM Birlesik Magazalar              | 4.72            |
| Turkcell Iletisim Hizmetleri        | 4.61            |
| National Bank of Greece             | 4.38            |
| Powszechny Zaklad Ubezpieczen       | 4.27            |
| Bank Polska Kasa Opieki             | 4.13            |
| Allegro.eu                          | 4.04            |
| Jumbo                               | 3.83            |



Appendix 4 – Significant Changes in Portfolio Composition (Unaudited)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

|                                | Cost     |   | Proceeds |
|--------------------------------|----------|---|----------|
| Purchases                      | US\$'000 | Sales                                     | US\$'000 |
| Ascendas REIT                  | 9,710    | Home Product Center                       | 9,129    |
| Seatrium                       | 6,786    | DBS                                       | 8,921    |
| Delta Electronics              | 4,544    | AP Thailand PCL                           | 7,774    |
| Singapore Airlines NPV         | 4,527    | Press Metal Aluminium                     | 7,130    |
| XL Axiata Tbk PT               | 4,467    | Bangkok Bank PCL                          | 6,610    |
| SM Prime Holdings Inc          | 4,189    | Airports of Thailand                      | 6,017    |
| Bumrungrad Hospital            | 4,096    | Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero          | 5,944    |
| Ayala Land                     | 4,075    | SM Investments Corp                       | 5,896    |
| UWC BHD                        | 4,015    | CapitaLand Integrated Commercial Trust    | 5,870    |
| AP Thailand PCL                | 3,801    | Indocement Tunggal Prakarsa               | 5,537    |
| Indofood CBP Sukses Makmur     | 3,685    | Bank Central Asia                         | 5,422    |
| Malaysia Airports Holdings Bhd | 3,657    | International Container Terminal Services | 5,372    |
| Fabrinet                       | 3,622    | Grab                                      | 4,931    |
| True Corp                      | 3,548    | Bank Negara Indonesia Persero             | 4,789    |
| Thai Coconut Public Co Ltd     | 3,379    | Bank Rakyat Indonesia                     | 4,759    |
| Indosat Tbk PT                 | 3,357    | Mayora Indah Tbk PT                       | 4,703    |
| Genting Singapore Ltd          | 3,346    | Seatrium                                  | 4,700    |
| AAPICO Hitech                  | 3,220    | Merdeka Copper Gold                       | 4,677    |
| Press Metal Aluminium          | 3,154    | Oversea-Chinese Banking                   | 4,657    |
| Ngern Tid Lor PCL              | 3,148    | Minor International                       | 4,517    |
| Siam Wellness                  | 3,124    | Singapore Airlines NPV                    | 4,511    |
| Chularat Hospital              | 3,025    | ViTrox                                    | 4,483    |
| SSI Securities Corp            | 2,976    | PTT Oil & Retail Business PCL             | 4,397    |
| I-TAIL Corp PCL                | 2,900    | DFI Retail Group Holdings Ltd             | 4,285    |
| Nationgate Holdings Bhd        | 2,868    | AEM                                       | 4,254    |
| Central Retail Corp PCL        | 2,723    | SM Prime Holdings Inc                     | 3,951    |
| Frasers Centrepoint Trust      | 2,692    | XL Axiata Tbk PT                          | 3,890    |
| Jasa Marga Persero Tbk PT      | 2,572    | Saigon Beer Alcohol Beverage              | 3,752    |
| SM Investments Corp            | 2,538    | Sea                                       | 3,734    |
| Sea                            | 2,514    | Bangchak                                  | 3,612    |
| Star Petroleum Refining        | 2,310    | Mitra Adiperkasa                          | 3,365    |
| Sappe PCL                      | 2,218    | Military Commercial Joint Stock Bank      | 3,310    |
| Venture                        | 2,174    | UMS                                       | 3,196    |
| Universal Robina               | 2,036    | Pentamaster                               | 3,192    |
| Central Plaza Hotel PCL        | 1,802    | Mitra Keluarga Karyasehat                 | 3,189    |
| Xinyi Solar Hldgs              | 1,585    | Yangzijiang Shipbuilding                  | 2,870    |
| Sariguna Primatirta Tbk PT     | 1,553    | Wilcon Depot                              | 2,811    |
|                                |          | Hoa Phat Group JSC                        | 2,800    |
|                                |          | JMT Network Services PCL                  | 2,794    |
|                                |          | True Corp                                 | 2,794    |
|                                |          | Bank Tabungan Pensiunan Nasional Syariah  | 2,539    |
|                                |          | TDCX                                      | 2,401    |

Listed above are aggregate purchases of securities exceeding one percent of the total value of purchases for the financial year ended 30 April 2024 and aggregate sales of securities greater than one percent of the total value of sales for the financial year ended 30 April 2024.



## Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Asia Growth Fund

Appendix 4 – Significant Changes in Portfolio Composition (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

|   | Cost     |   | Proceeds |
|---|----------|---|----------|
| Purchases                                 | US\$'000 | Sales                                     | US\$'000 |
| SK Hynix                                  | 2,796    | Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing        | 7,749    |
| Hon Hai Precision Industry                | 1,620    | Samsung Electronics                       | 3,614    |
| Bank Rakyat Indonesia                     | 1,339    | Tencent                                   | 2,858    |
| Seatrium                                  | 1,267    | Grab                                      | 2,797    |
| Bumrungrad Hospital                       | 1,110    | Meituan Dianping                          | 2,169    |
| Cosmax                                    | 1,108    | Alibaba                                   | 2,069    |
| Classys                                   | 1,101    | LG Chem                                   | 2,062    |
| Mahindra & Mahindra                       | 1,097    | Accton Technology Corp                    | 1,887    |
| Sumber Alfaria Trijaya Tbk PT             | 1,010    | JYP Entertainment Corp                    | 1,605    |
| Zomato                                    | 1,008    | Bangkok Bank PCL                          | 1,585    |
| Unimicron Technology                      | 1,000    | Bank Negara Indonesia Persero             | 1,579    |
| Baidu                                     | 998      | AIA                                       | 1,518    |
| State Bank of India                       | 986      | Reliance Industries                       | 1,442    |
| Power Assets Holdings                     | 984      | Samsung Electro-Mechanics                 | 1,331    |
| NetEase                                   | 978      | Motherson Sumi Wiring India               | 1,289    |
| LG Chem                                   | 972      | China Longyuan Power                      | 1,237    |
| MINISO Holding                            | 928      | Li Auto                                   | 1,205    |
| Wistron                                   | 872      | HDFC Bank                                 | 1,204    |
| Indofood CBP Sukses Makmur                | 853      | POSCO                                     | 1,160    |
| Delta Electronics                         | 845      | CP ALL                                    | 1,128    |
| Sea                                       | 771      | Bloomberry Resorts Corp                   | 1,100    |
| Ikio Lighting Ltd                         | 755      | Galaxy Entertainment                      | 1,089    |
| Kuaishou Technology                       | 729      | International Container Terminal Services | 1,063    |
| BYD Electronic International              | 723      | DBS                                       | 1,021    |
| Embassy Office Parks                      | 713      | United Microelectronics                   | 990      |
| Frontken Corp                             | 708      | Press Metal Aluminium                     | 951      |
| BYD Company                               | 689      | DFI Retail Group Holdings Ltd             | 934      |
| AAPICO Hitech                             | 675      | Seatrium                                  | 916      |
| MediaTek                                  | 629      | NAVER                                     | 883      |
| BDO Unibank Inc                           | 515      | Larsen & Toubro                           | 869      |
| New Oriental Education & Technology Group | 509      | NetEase                                   | 860      |
| ASPEED Technology                         | 499      | Sun Hung Kai Properties                   | 855      |
| CP ALL                                    | 495      | Indofood CBP Sukses Makmur                | 840      |
| Ascendas REIT                             | 488      | Hanwha Solutions Corp                     | 808      |
| Alibaba                                   | 481      | Frontken Corp                             | 794      |
| Hyundai Motor Co                          | 477      | Bangkok Dusit Medical Services            | 790      |
| KB Financial                              | 466      | Wiwynn Corp                               | 789      |
|   |          | WuXi AppTec                               | 783      |
|   |          | Sunny Optical Technology                  | 767      |

Listed above are aggregate purchases of securities exceeding one percent of the total value of purchases for the financial year ended 30 April 2024 and aggregate sales of securities greater than one percent of the total value of sales for the financial year ended 30 April 2024.



## Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Australia Fund

Appendix 4 – Significant Changes in Portfolio Composition (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

|                             | Cost     |                                       | Proceeds |
|-----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Purchases                   | US\$'000 | Sales                                 | US\$'000 |
| James Hardie Industries     | 2,669    | Aristocrat Leisure                    | 2,733    |
| Woolworths                  | 2,541    | National Australia Bank               | 1,897    |
| WiseTech Global             | 2,183    | Coles                                 | 1,872    |
| Treasury Wine Estates       | 1,764    | Amcor                                 | 1,734    |
| SEEK Ltd                    | 1,662    | Brambles                              | 1,420    |
| Orora Ltd                   | 1,354    | Cochlear                              | 1,063    |
| Goodman                     | 1,328    | Credit                                | 1,017    |
| REA                         | 1,270    | James Hardie Industries               | 980      |
| Johns Lyng                  | 1,135    | Incitec Pivot                         | 931      |
| Block                       | 1,029    | REA                                   | 823      |
| ResMed                      | 952      | IGO                                   | 814      |
| BHP                         | 845      | Australia & New Zealand Banking Group | 768      |
| Steadfast                   | 789      | Woodside Energy                       | 767      |
| Cochlear                    | 753      | Domino's Pizza Enterprises            | 744      |
| Sandfire Resources Ltd      | 685      | Johns Lyng                            | 740      |
| Integral Diagnostics Ltd    | 672      | BHP                                   | 733      |
| Insurance Australia         | 646      | Wesfarmers                            | 703      |
| Computershare               | 643      | Goodman                               | 602      |
| Reliance Worldwide Corp Ltd | 594      | CSL                                   | 598      |
| Bapcor                      | 481      | oOh!media                             | 562      |
| Cleanaway Waste Management  | 461      | Integral Diagnostics Ltd              | 551      |
| Macquarie                   | 425      | Cleanaway Waste Management            | 495      |
| IGO                         | 267      | Sandfire Resources Ltd                | 453      |
| CSL                         | 266      | Rio Tinto                             | 440      |
| Rio Tinto                   | 264      | Bapcor                                | 387      |
|                             |          | Sonic Healthcare                      | 374      |
|                             |          | ALS                                   | 352      |
|                             |          | Commonwealth Bank of Australia        | 342      |
|                             |          | ResMed                                | 282      |

Listed above are aggregate purchases of securities exceeding one percent of the total value of purchases for the financial year ended 30 April 2024 and aggregate sales of securities greater than one percent of the total value of sales for the financial year ended 30 April 2024.



## Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Europa Fund

Appendix 4 – Significant Changes in Portfolio Composition (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

| Purchases Unilever Kerry Group Sanofi Watches of Switzerland Pandora Merck Siemens Healthineers AG Halma Adyen Roche Persimmon Prudential | Cost<br>US\$'000<br>556<br>229<br>210<br>187<br>179<br>150<br>98<br>64<br>47<br>47<br>45<br>42 | Sales CRH ASM International CNH Industrial Julius Baer Halma Smurfit Kappa Group AstraZeneca Snam Roche KBC L'Air Liquide S.A. AXA Schneider Electric Nestle Industria de Diseno Textil Royal Dutch Shell | Proceeds US\$'000 748 581 470 404 399 333 262 259 255 248 238 223 216 202 157 |
|---|--|---|---|
|   |  |   |   |
|   |  | Watches of Switzerland  | 139   |
|   |  | HelloFresh<br>Siemens Healthineers AG   | 126<br>106  |
|   |  | Pandora   | 102   |
|   |  | Infineon Technologies   | 94  |
|   |  | Assa Abloy<br>Novo Nordisk  | 93<br>81  |
|   |  | Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize  | 75  |
|   |  | Associated British Foods<br>Amadeus IT  | 73<br>67  |

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Appendix 4 – Significant Changes in Portfolio Composition (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

|  | Cost     |  | Proceeds |
|--|----------|--|----------|
| Purchases                                      | US\$'000 | Sales  | US\$'000 |
| Industrial & Commercial Bank of China          | 46,044   | Alibaba  | 39,434   |
| JD.com   | 33,327   | Meituan Dianping                               | 29,692   |
| ANTA Sports Products                           | 23,501   | Industrial & Commercial Bank of China          | 26,448   |
| China Merchants Bank                           | 21,908   | Tencent  | 24,468   |
| Baidu  | 19,891   | Shenzhen Zhaowei Machinery & Electronic Co Ltd | 23,347   |
| Trip.com                                       | 18,622   | China Construction Bank 'H'                    | 22,736   |
| Meituan Dianping                               | 18,574   | Wuxi Biologics Cayman                          | 21,298   |
| China Construction Bank 'H'                    | 17,523   | H World Group Ltd                              | 20,444   |
| Haier Smart Home Co Ltd                        | 15,867   | China Resources Beer                           | 19,308   |
| Aluminum Corporation of China                  | 15,310   | China Shenhua Energy                           | 19,084   |
| Power Assets Holdings                          | 15,254   | Kuaishou Technology                            | 16,495   |
| NetEase  | 15,146   | Yum China                                      | 16,171   |
| Shenzhou International                         | 15,102   | Power Assets Holdings                          | 16,102   |
| Wuxi Biologics Cayman                          | 14,508   | Samsonite                                      | 15,949   |
| BeiGene Ltd                                    | 14,394   | China Overseas Land & Investment               | 15,712   |
| Luxshare Precision Industry                    | 14,160   | AIA  | 15,690   |
| Lenovo   | 14,096   | Sunny Optical Technology                       | 14,950   |
| Innovent Biologics                             | 13,965   | JD.com   | 14,900   |
| WuXi AppTec                                    | 12,935   | Trip.com Group                                 | 12,639   |
| ASPEED Technology                              | 12,772   | Kingdee International Software                 | 12,534   |
| Yankuang Energy                                | 12,687   | Baidu  | 12,511   |
| ENN Energy                                     | 12,271   | Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Group Ltd              | 12,263   |
| New Oriental Education & Technology Group      | 11,676   | Budweiser Brewing                              | 12,159   |
| Zhongji Innolight                              | 11,598   | WuXi AppTec                                    | 11,938   |
| BYD Electronic International                   | 11,174   | Anjoy Foods Group Co Ltd                       | 11,616   |
| Foxconn Industrial Internet                    | 11,055   | ASPEED Technology                              | 11,602   |
| Shenzhen Zhaowei Machinery & Electronic Co Ltd | 11,041   | Powertech Technology Inc                       | 11,566   |
| Advanced Micro-Fabrication Equipment Inc China | 10,998   | Galaxy Entertainment                           | 11,514   |
| Xiaomi   | 10,416   | Li Ning  | 11,038   |
| China Resources Beer                           | 10,138   | Will Semiconductor                             | 10,658   |
| Prada  | 10,052   | Ping An Bank                                   | 10,652   |
| Alibaba  | 9,748    | China Petroleum & Chemical                     | 10,063   |
| HKT Trust & HKT                                | 9,688    | HKT Trust & HKT                                | 9,998    |
| Powertech Technology Inc                       | 9,460    | Dongfang Electric Corp Ltd                     | 9,871    |
| Weichai Power Co Ltd                           | 9,146    | PetroChina                                     | 9,837    |
| Will Semiconductor                             | 9,074    | ANTA Sports Products                           | 9,831    |
| Zhuzhou CRRC Times Electric                    | 8,985    | China International Travel Service             | 9,586    |
| MINISO Holding                                 | 8,802    | Ping An Insurance Group of China               | 9,314    |
| China Literature                               | 8,696    | Pinduoduo                                      | 9,247    |
| Quanta Computer                                | 8,361    | Zhongji Innolight                              | 8,959    |
| BYD Company                                    | 8,215    |  |          |
| Sonoscape Medical                              | 7,941    |  |          |

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## Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Global Bond Fund

Appendix 4 – Significant Changes in Portfolio Composition (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

|  | 04               |   | Duranda           |
|--|------------------|---|-------------------|
| Purchases  | Cost<br>US\$'000 | Sales   | Proceeds US\$'000 |
| US Treasury Bill 0.00% 24/11/2023  | 9,885            | US Treasury Bill 0.00% 24/11/2023   | 9,930             |
| United States Treasury Note/Bond 5.00%   | 8,022            | US Treasury Bill 0.00% 07/09/2023   | 7,661             |
| 31/08/2025   | 0,022            | United States Treasury Note/Bond 5.00%  | 3,960             |
| United States Treasury Note/Bond 4.13%   | 4.984            | 31/08/2025  | 3,300             |
| 30/09/2027   | 1,001            | US Treasury Bill 0.00% 03/08/2023   | 3,311             |
| United States Treasury Note/Bond 3.75%   | 4,216            | United States Treasury Note/Bond 2.25%  | 3,251             |
| 31/12/2028   | 1,210            | 31/12/2024  | 0,20.             |
| United States Treasury Note/Bond 2.25%   | 3,200            | Portugal (Republic of) 5.13% 15/10/2024   | 3,137             |
| 31/12/2024   | ,                | US Treasury Bill 0.00% 13/06/2023   | 2,799             |
| Portugal (Republic of) 5.13% 15/10/2024  | 3,130            | US Treasury STRIP 0.00% 15/05/2050  | 2,506             |
| US Treasury Bill 0.00% 13/06/2023  | 2,790            | US Treasury Bill 0.00% 10/08/2023   | 2,495             |
| UK (Govt of) 5.00% 07/03/2025  | 2,507            | New Zealand (Govt of) 2.00% 20/09/2025  | 2,478             |
| Treasury Corp of Victoria  | 2,392            | European Stability Mechanism 0.25% 08/09/2023   | 2,442             |
| US Treasury Bill 0.00% 07/09/2023  | 1,976            | Development Bank of Japan 3.13% 06/09/2023  | 2,117             |
| US Treasury Bill 0.00% 11/04/2024  | 1,975            | Colombia (Republic of) 8.13% 21/05/2024   | 1,999             |
| Province Of Quebec Canada 7.13% 09/02/2024                                       | 1,766            | US Treasury Bill 0.00% 11/04/2024   | 1,979             |
| US Treasury Bill 0.00% 23/05/2024  | 1,754            | UK (Govt of) 5.00% 07/03/2025   | 1,897             |
| New Zealand (Govt of) 0.50% 15/04/2027   | 1,673            | US Treasury Bill 0.00% 23/05/2024   | 1,774             |
| US Treasury Bill. 0.00% 27/06/2024   | 1,580            | Province Of Quebec Canada 7.13% 09/02/2024  | 1,750             |
| US Treasury STRIP 0.00% 15/05/2050   | 1,456            | New Zealand (Govt of) 0.50% 15/04/2027  | 1,695             |
| Province of Manitoba Canada  | 1,434            | US Treasury Bill. 0.00% 27/06/2024  | 1,582             |
| Italy (Republic of) 3.50% 15/02/2031   | 1,428            | Indonesia Government International Bond 0.96%   | 1,416             |
| Italy (Republic of) 4.40% 01/05/2033   | 1,409            | 09/06/2025  |                   |
| Italy (Republic of) 6.00% 04/08/2028   | 1,253            | Spain (Kingdom of) 0.00% 30/07/2032   | 1,410             |
| Queensland Treasury  | 1,218            | Australia Government Bond 4.75% 21/04/2027  | 1,206             |
| UK (Govt of) 3.50% 10/22/2025  | 1,212            | UK (Govt of) 3.50% 10/22/2025   | 1,188             |
| UK (Govt of) 1.75% 07/09/2037  | 1,195            | Development Bank of Japan 4.38% 22/09/2025  | 1,106             |
| Japan Government Twenty 2.10% 20/09/2028   | 1,114            | Hydro-Quebec 8.05% 07/07/2024   | 1,094<br>1,093    |
| New Zealand (Govt of) 4.50% 15/04/2027<br>New Zealand (Govt of) 2.75% 15/04/2025 | 1,113<br>1,110   | Province of Ontario Canada 3.05% 29/01/2024<br>Japan Government Twenty 2.10% 20/09/2028 | 1,093             |
| Province of Newfoundland and Labrador Canada                                     | 1,110            | Australia Government Bond 1.75% 21/06/2051  | 1,054             |
| 9.15% 07/07/2025   | 1,104            | Kommuninvest I Sverige 0.50% 05/07/2023   | 1,050             |
| Hydro-Quebec 8.05% 07/07/2024  | 1,103            | Italy (Republic of) 2.20% 01/06/2027  | 1,035             |
| Development Bank of Japan 4.38% 22/09/2025                                       | 1,103            | Province of Ontario Canada 8.10% 08/09/2023   | 1,033             |
| Spain (Kingdom of) 4.20% 31/01/2037  | 1,089            | Province of Quebec Canada 3.00% 24/01/2033  | 1,019             |
| Province of Ontario Canada 8.10% 08/09/2023                                      | 1,057            | Spain (Kingdom of) 0.85% 30/07/2037   | 954               |
| Kommuninvest I Sverige 0.50% 05/07/2023  | 1,043            | Italy Buoni Polien 2.15% 01/09/2052   | 899               |
| Province of Ontario Canada 6.50% 08/03/2029                                      | 1,022            | nary Buom 1 611611 2. 16 76 6 17 66/2662  | 000               |
| United States Treasury Note/Bond 1.13%   | 1,009            |   |                   |
| 28/02/2027   | 1,000            |   |                   |
| Province of Ontario Canada 5.05% 24/04/2034                                      | 999              |   |                   |
| State of North Rhine-Westphalia Germany 4.38%                                    | 999              |   |                   |
| 16/02/2027   |                  |   |                   |
| Province of Quebec Canada 4.50% 08/09/2033                                       | 996              |   |                   |
|  |                  |   |                   |

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## Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Europe Select Fund

Appendix 4 – Significant Changes in Portfolio Composition (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

|                        | Cost  |                                  | Proceeds |
|------------------------|-------|----------------------------------|----------|
| Purchases              | €'000 | Sales                            | €'000    |
| Puma                   | 850   | Iveco Group NV                   | 1,223    |
| Hera                   | 787   | SPIE                             | 992      |
| Dufry                  | 779   | SIG Combibloc Group              | 948      |
| Technip Energies NV    | 744   | Pandora                          | 871      |
| Azelis Group NV        | 740   | Nexans SA                        | 859      |
| Rexel                  | 729   | Bawag Group                      | 853      |
| SEB                    | 722   | Gerresheimer                     | 784      |
| Thule Group            | 718   | Applus Services                  | 740      |
| Banco de Sabadell SA   | 698   | Axfood AB                        | 710      |
| Interpump Group        | 643   | Publicis Groupe                  | 697      |
| Wienerberger           | 632   | Recordati                        | 664      |
| Krones                 | 628   | Chr Hansen                       | 611      |
| Hexpol                 | 623   | Fraport                          | 607      |
| Eurazeo                | 620   | Julius Baer                      | 604      |
| Axfood AB              | 615   | ALD                              | 591      |
| Scout24                | 591   | DiaSorin                         | 559      |
| Brunello Cucinelli SpA | 564   | Securitas                        | 535      |
| KION                   | 563   | Cargotec                         | 532      |
| Flughafen Zurich AG    | 558   | ISS                              | 523      |
| Beijer Ref AB          | 545   | ASM International                | 513      |
| Getinge                | 543   | Verallia                         | 511      |
| ERG SpA                | 521   | QIAGEN NV                        | 509      |
| Rational AG            | 513   | Accelleron Industries AG         | 499      |
| Sulzer AG              | 512   | D'leteren                        | 495      |
| QIAGEN NV              | 511   | Royal Unibrew                    | 495      |
| Reply SpA              | 493   | Infrastrutture Wireless Italiane | 475      |
| Lottomatica Group SpA  | 485   | HelloFresh                       | 466      |
| Aryzta AG              | 460   | Bucher Industries                | 466      |
| Duerr                  | 458   | SBM Offshore                     | 464      |
| Munters                | 436   | Huhtamaki Oyj                    | 461      |
| Soitec                 | 428   | Nordnet                          | 448      |
| Hugo Boss              | 417   | Brembo SpA                       | 431      |
| Gerresheimer           | 409   | Credito Emiliano                 | 424      |
| Vallourec SACA         | 407   | Banca Generali                   | 403      |
| Remy Cointreau         | 406   | GEA Group                        | 373      |
| Schibsted ASA          | 399   | Glanbia                          | 365      |
| Euronext               | 397   | Worldline                        | 362      |
| Bureau Veritas         | 397   |                                  |          |
| Aalberts Industries    | 383   |                                  |          |
| TKH Group              | 352   |                                  |          |
| Siegfried Holding      | 341   |                                  |          |
| BFF Bank SpA           | 336   |                                  |          |
| Sinch AB               | 331   |                                  |          |
| Elekta Ab              | 330   |                                  |          |

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## Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings German Growth Fund

Appendix 4 – Significant Changes in Portfolio Composition (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

|                       | Cost  |   | Proceeds |
|-----------------------|-------|---|----------|
| Purchases             | €'000 | Sales   | €'000    |
| Siemens               | 788   | Bayer   | 534      |
| BASF                  | 763   | SAP   | 457      |
| Airbus                | 582   | Siemens                                       | 455      |
| SAP                   | 423   | Linde PLC                                     | 417      |
| HeidelbergCement      | 380   | Deutsche Boerse                               | 417      |
| Puma                  | 265   | Hannover Rueck                                | 376      |
| KION                  | 217   | Daimler                                       | 358      |
| QIAGEN NV             | 215   | Deutsche Telekom                              | 322      |
| Scout24               | 201   | Deutsche Post                                 | 291      |
| Duerr                 | 171   | JOST Werke                                    | 210      |
| Stroeer SE & Co.      | 156   | SAF-Holland                                   | 192      |
| Daimler               | 145   | GK Software                                   | 190      |
| Hugo Boss             | 120   | Gerresheimer                                  | 186      |
| Jenoptik              | 116   | M1 Kliniken                                   | 161      |
| Fraport               | 112   | Allgeier                                      | 157      |
| Allianz               | 110   | PSI Software                                  | 155      |
| Krones                | 100   | Airbus  | 144      |
| Infineon Technologies | 92    | Infineon Technologies                         | 143      |
| Rheinmetall           | 90    | AlzChem Group                                 | 138      |
| RWE                   | 88    | Datagroup                                     | 121      |
| Befesa                | 83    | Puma  | 120      |
| HelloFresh            | 80    | Eckert & Ziegler Strahlen- und Medizintechnik | 113      |
| Aurubis               | 80    | RWE   | 113      |
| LANXESS               | 79    | Synlab  | 110      |
| E.ON                  | 71    | Nabaltec                                      | 98       |
|                       |       | Fraport                                       | 97       |
|                       |       | Technotrans                                   | 90       |
|                       |       | ALSO  | 90       |
|                       |       | SMA Solar Technology                          | 87       |
|                       |       | Adesso  | 87       |

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## Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund

Appendix 4 – Significant Changes in Portfolio Composition (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

|                    | Cost     |                                    | Proceeds |
|--------------------|----------|------------------------------------|----------|
| Purchases          | US\$'000 | Sales                              | US\$'000 |
| Kerry Group        | 693      | L'Oreal                            | 496      |
| Sanofi             | 426      | Halma                              | 427      |
| USS                | 411      | International Flavors & Fragrances | 404      |
| Vinci              | 135      | Reckitt Benckiser                  | 321      |
| Sandvik AB         | 101      | Sandvik AB                         | 301      |
| Wal-Mart De Mexico | 100      | MARR                               | 283      |
| Cembra Money Bank  | 73       | L'Air Liquide S.A.                 | 191      |
| DCC PLC            | 50       | Close Brothers                     | 127      |
|                    |          | Novo Nordisk                       | 67       |

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## Barings International Umbrella Fund Barings Eastern Europe Fund

Appendix 4 – Significant Changes in Portfolio Composition (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

|   | Cost     |  | Proceeds |
|---|----------|--|----------|
| Purchases                                       | US\$'000 | Sales                                    | US\$'000 |
| Yapi ve Kredi Bankasi                           | 8,006    | BIM Birlesik Magazalar                   | 17,208   |
| ORLEN SA  | 7,366    | Coca-Cola Icecek AS                      | 15,507   |
| KOC Holding                                     | 7,093    | KOC Holding                              | 6,034    |
| Haci Omer Sabanci Holding AS                    | 4,951    | Turkcell Iletisim Hizmetleri             | 5,605    |
| LPP SA  | 4,701    | Powszechna Kasa Oszczed Bank Polski      | 4,707    |
| Kaspi.KZ JSC                                    | 2,946    | Tupras Turkiye Petrol Rafinerileri       | 3,706    |
| KGHM Polska Miedz                               | 2,756    | CD Projekt SA                            | 3,656    |
| Raiffeisen Bank International                   | 2,715    | OTP Bank                                 | 2,783    |
| Turkcell Iletisim Hizmetleri                    | 2,494    | CEZ                                      | 2,695    |
| Piraeus Financial Holdings SA                   | 2,221    | Raiffeisen Bank International            | 2,456    |
| ADNOC Drilling Co PJSC                          | 1,961    | National Bank of Greece                  | 2,015    |
| Richter Gedeon Nyrt                             | 1,457    | Bank Polska Kasa Opieki                  | 1,447    |
| Tupras Turkiye Petrol Rafinerileri              | 1,456    | Hellenic Telecommunications Organization | 1,434    |
| MTN Group                                       | 1,409    | InPost                                   | 1,427    |
| Societatea De Producere A Energiei Electrice in | 1,345    | Powszechny Zaklad Ubezpieczen            | 1,228    |
| Hidrocentrale Hidroelectrica SA                 |          | Jumbo                                    | 502      |
| National Bank of Greece                         | 947      |  |          |
| Dino Polska                                     | 773      |  |          |
| Allegro.eu                                      | 716      |  |          |
| BIM Birlesik Magazalar                          | 702      |  |          |
| Powszechna Kasa Oszczed Bank Polski             | 628      |  |          |

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Appendix 5 - Disclosure of Remuneration (Unaudited)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited's (the "Manager's") Remuneration Policy ensures the remuneration arrangements as defined in ESMA's "Guidelines on Sound Remuneration Policy under the UCITS directive and AIFMD" (ESMA 2016/411) (the 'ESMA Guidelines'), (as amended) are:

- (i) consistent with and promote sound and effective risk management and do not encourage risk-taking which is inconsistent with the risk profile, rules or instruments of incorporation of the Manager or the Unit Trust and
- (ii) consistent with the Manager's business strategy, objectives, values and interests and includes measures to avoid conflicts of interest.

The Manager complies with the UCITS remuneration principles in a way and to the extent that is appropriate to its size and business.

#### Remuneration committee

Due to the size and nature of the Manager, the Board of Directors considers it appropriate to dis-apply the requirement to appoint a remuneration committee.

The Manager is part of the Barings Europe Limited (UK) group of companies ("Barings") which is governed by the Remuneration Panel and the Barings LLC Human Resources Committee. The Remuneration Panel and the Barings LLC Human Resources Committee ensure the fair and proportionate application of the remuneration rules and ensure that potential conflicts arising from remuneration are managed and mitigated appropriately.

#### **Remuneration Code Staff**

The Manager has determined its Remuneration Code Staff as the following:

- a) Senior management
  - Senior Management comprises of Board of Directors.
- b) Control Functions
  - All Central Bank of Ireland ("CBI") Pre Approved Control Functions ("PCFs") are included within the definition of Remuneration Code Staff.
- c) Risk Takers
  - Risk Takers are defined as the investment managers of the UCITS. Investment management is delegated to firms' subject to an equivalent remuneration regime and therefore the Manager currently has no risk takers outside of senior management.
- d) Employees in the same remuneration bracket as risk takers
  - The Manager will not treat a person as Remuneration Code Staff if a person's professional activities do not have a material impact on the risk profiles of the firm or the Funds.
- e) Staff responsible for heading the investment management, administration, marketing and human resources

  There are no staff in this category that are not captured in other categories.



Appendix 5 - Disclosure of Remuneration (Unaudited) (continued)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2024

#### **Remuneration Disclosure**

The disclosure below details fixed and variable remuneration paid to the Manager's Remuneration Code Staff (for the financial year end 30 April 2024).

|  | Number of beneficiaries | Total Remuneration | Total Fixed<br>Remuneration | Total Variable remuneration |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Total remuneration paid<br>by BIFMI in relation to<br>the Funds* | 10                      | €63,599            | €45,004                     | €18,595                     |
| Total Senior Management Remuneration paid by BIFMI**             | 5                       | €772,514           | €513,771                    | €258,743                    |
| Risk Takers remuneration   | 0                       | €0                 | €0                          | €0                          |
| Employees in the same remuneration bracket a risk takers         | 0                       | €0                 | €0                          | €0                          |
| Carried interest paid by the Funds                               | n/a                     | n/a                | n/a                         | n/a                         |

The Manager's Remuneration Policy is reviewed annually both in respect of the general principles and implementation. No material changes have been made throughout the year or as a result of the review; no irregularities were identified.

The above disclosures are made in line with Barings' interpretation of currently available regulatory guidance on quantitative remuneration disclosures. As market or regulatory practice develops, Barings may consider it appropriate to make changes to the way in which quantitative remuneration disclosures are calculated. Where such changes are made, this may result in disclosures in relation to a fund not being comparable to the disclosures made in the prior year, or in relation to other Barings fund disclosures in that same year.

#### Notes:

\*The Manager does not make any direct payments to staff, who are paid by other Barings Group entities. Figures shown are apportioned on a fund AUM basis as a proportion of Barings total AUM as at 30 April 2024. Accordingly, the figures are not representative of any individual's actual remuneration.

\*\*Senior management remuneration is apportioned on the basis of the Manager's total AUM as a proportion of Barings total AUM.

Variable remuneration consists of Short Term Incentive awards, Long Term Incentive awards and any other variable payments including benefits in kind.

The Funds do not charge performance fees. There has been no award of carry interest in the period.



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

Periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Product name: Barings Asean Frontiers Fund Legal entity identifier: 549300TGDLIOY1UPFB33

#### **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

| Did this finance | cial product have a sustainable   | inves | estment objective?   |
|------------------|---|-------|--|
| • • Ye           | es  | •     | <b>★</b> No  |
| an envi          | sustainable investments with ronmental objective:% in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy |       | It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of% of sustainable investments  with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with a social objective |
|                  | sustainable investments with objective:%  | *     | It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments  |

 To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The Fund will invest at least 50% of its Net Asset Value in assets which exhibit positive or improving environmental ("E") and/or social ("S") characteristics.

As at 30 April 2024, the Fund met it's environmental and/or social characteristics as the percentage of its Net Asset Value in assets which exhibit positive and improving environmental and/or social characteristics was 74.11%.

#### How did the sustainability indicators perform?

The sustainability indicator used to measure the attainment of the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund was the percentage of the Fund's Net Asset Value invested in equities of issuers that exhibit positive or improving ESG characteristics. Issuers defined as having positive or improving ESG characteristics must be assessed as having a higher than average quality score, and not exceed a maximum adjustment to its Barings ESG cost of equity ("CoE") threshold.

As at 30 April 2024, the Fund's percentage of Net Asset Value invested in equities of issuers that exhibit positive or improving ESG characteristics was 74.11%, which was 24.11% above the minimum threshold.

#### • And compared to previous periods?

The sustainability indicator has been redefined in the Prospectus since last year. Last year the percentage was calculated on the portfolio whereas this year it is on Net Asset Value. As at 30 April 2023, the Fund's percentage of investments in its portfolio with positive and improving ESG characteristics was 83.72% (excluding cash, cash equivalents and hedging instruments), which was 33.72% above the minimum threshold.

contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

Sustainable

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Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.



Appendix 6 - Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

 What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable.

 How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

 How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

• Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

Not applicable.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do no significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



Principal adverse

impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability

factors relating to

human rights, anti-

corruption and anti-

bribery matters.

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environmental, social

 How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

During the reference period, the Investment Manager considered the following principal adverse impacts (PAIs) of each investment as part of its proprietary investment process: GHG emissions, carbon footprint and GHG intensity of investee issuers and exposure to issuers active in the fossil fuel, board gender diversity and exposure to controversial weapons. The Investment Manager did not directly invest in issuers that violate international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines and chemical and biological weapons. The Investment Manager did not knowingly hold securities that are materially involved in the production, stockpiling and use of these weapons at the time of investment.



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)



The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is as at 30 April 2024.

What were the top investments of this financial product?\*

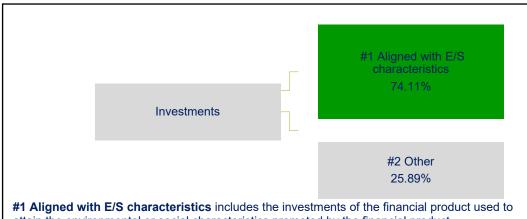
| Largest investments                       | Sector                | % Assets | Country     |
|---|-----------------------|----------|-------------|
| DBS                                       | Financials            | 9.99%    | Singapore   |
| Oversea-Chinese Banking                   | Financials            | 8.71%    | Singapore   |
| Bank Central Asia                         | Financials            | 8.31%    | Indonesia   |
| Bank Rakyat Indonesia                     | Financials            | 5.83%    | Indonesia   |
| Sea ADR                                   | Technology            | 5.21%    | Singapore   |
| Bangkok Dusit Medical Services            | Consumer Non-Cyclical | 3.57%    | Thailand    |
| CP ALL                                    | Consumer Cyclical     | 3.43%    | Thailand    |
| International Container Terminal Services | Consumer Non-Cyclical | 2.71%    | Philippines |
| Ascendas REIT                             | Financials            | 2.18%    | Singapore   |
| Metropolitan Bank & Trust                 | Financials            | 2.16%    | Philippines |
| Frontken Corp                             | Financials            | 1.98%    | Malaysia    |
| BDO Unibank Inc                           | Financials            | 1.84%    | Philippines |
| Bank Negara Indonesia Persero             | Financials            | 1.67%    | Indonesia   |
| Sumber Alfaria Trijaya Tbk PT             | Consumer Non-Cyclical | 1.53%    | Indonesia   |
| Bangchak                                  | Energy                | 1.50%    | Thailand    |

\* The listed top investments of the Fund are as at 30 April 2024. The Sector source is the MSCI GICS industry classification.



- What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?
- What was the asset allocation?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.



attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

#2 Other includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

In which economic sectors were the investments made?

The following table details the economic sectors that the Fund was exposed to as at 30 April 2024.

| Sector                 | % of Investments |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Financials             | 49.42%           |
| Consumer Non-Cyclical  | 13.61%           |
| Consumer Cyclical      | 10.83%           |
| Industrials            | 9.39%            |
| Technology             | 7.64%            |
| Energy                 | 2.89%            |
| Utilities              | 1.46%            |
| Consumer Discretionary | 1.45%            |
| Communication Services | 1.02%            |
| Materials              | 0.92%            |
| Consumer Staples       | 0.84%            |
| Real Estate            | 0.52%            |

The Sector source is the MSCI GICS industry classification.



• To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

0% of the Fund's investments are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that align with the EU Taxonomy.

• Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?

|   | Yes: |               |                   |
|---|------|---------------|-------------------|
|   |      | In fossil gas | In nuclear energy |
| × | No   |               |                   |

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflects the "greenness" of investee companies today.
- capital
  expenditure
  (CapEx) shows the
  green investments
  made by investee
  companies,
  relevant for a
  transition to a
  green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflects the green operational activities of investee companies.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by. the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

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The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU

sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments

of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy

Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of

activities directly enable other activities to make a substantial contribution to an

**Enabling** 

contribution to an environmental objective.

Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon

yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

alternatives are not

Sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

 What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

The Fund did not make sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy during the reference period.

• How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Not applicable



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Not applicable.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)



What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

The investments included under "Other" comprise of issuers which do not exhibit positive or improving E and / or S characteristics but are included in the Fund where the Investment Manager, after conducting proprietary fundamental analysis and taking into account portfolio construction considerations, identified mispriced investment opportunities on a longer term basis, centred on the Investment Manager's understanding of the issuer's strategy and the potential to improve returns and grow earnings. However, the Investment Manager divested from and did not invest in issuers which have a quality score of 5 – the worst level on the Investment Manager's scale of 1 to 5 – and an ESG-related modification to the discount rate of +2%.

Additionally, the investments included under "Other" were cash, cash equivalents and hedging instruments. Cash and cash equivalents do not affect the promoted environmental and / or social characteristics of the Fund. The assessment of issuers and of counterparties for cash and hedging instruments focusses on the creditworthiness of these parties, which can be impacted by ESG risks.

# What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?



The Investment Manager monitored the environmental and/or social characteristics of the Fund's portfolio during the reference period. The Investment Manager's investment decisions were based on internal research, which encompass both its proprietary financial forecasts and ESG assessment. The Investment Manager aimed to meet with all issuers in which it sought to invest at least annually and discuss a range of topics including ESG issues with management. The Investment Manager, through access to third party ESG research providers (where coverage allowed) such as MSCI, Sustainalytics and Bloomberg ESG, also sought to understand market consensus on the ESG profile of each issuer. Pre- and post-trade checks were carried out on a daily basis to ensure the Fund continued to meet the minimum threshold of 50%. Where the Fund fell below this threshold, due to market movements or because the issuers it held no longer met the criteria of a "green" investment, then the passive breach was corrected at the earliest opportunity. The Investment Manager believes that equity markets contain unrecognised growth potential and sought to identify this through the analysis of an issuer's business model whilst incorporating wider ESG trends often referred to as fundamental analysis. ESG trends may evolve over time and may include environmental footprint, societal impact of products/services and effectiveness of supervisory/management boards. The Investment Manager adopted an active management policy in relation to ESG topics and also focused on engagement to improve issuer disclosure or behaviour. Engagements were undertaken to influence (or identify the need to influence) ESG practices and/or improve ESG disclosure. Through engagement, the Investment Manager aimed to enhance the performance of its investments, for the benefit of investors in line with its stewardship responsibility.



How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

Not applicable.

benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.

Reference



Appendix 6 - Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

 How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

Not applicable.

 How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

• How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

Periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Product name: Barings Asia Growth Fund Legal entity identifier: 549300J3CRJZ40Ll0960

### **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

| Did this financial product have a sustainab  | le investment objective?   |
|--|--|
| Yes  | ● X No   |
| It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective:%  in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy | It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of% of sustainable investments  with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with a social objective |
| It made sustainable investments with a social objective:%  | It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments  |

might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

Sustainable

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The EU Taxonomy is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of environmentally sustainable economic activities. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective

• To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The Fund will invest at least 50% of its Net Asset Value in assets which exhibit positive or improving environmental ("E") and/or social ("S") characteristics.

As at 30 April 2024, the Fund met it's environmental and/or social characteristics as the percentage of its Net Asset Value in assets which exhibit positive and improving environmental and/or social characteristics was 83.09%.

How did the sustainability indicators perform?

The sustainability indicator used to measure the attainment of the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund was the percentage of the Fund's Net Asset Value invested in equities of issuers that exhibit positive or improving ESG characteristics. Issuers defined as having positive or improving ESG characteristics must be assessed as having a higher than average quality score, and not exceed a maximum adjustment to its Barings ESG cost of equity ("CoE") threshold.

As at 30 April 2024, the Fund's percentage of Net Asset Value invested in equities of issuers that exhibit positive or improving ESG characteristics was 83.09%, which was 33.09% above the minimum threshold.

• And compared to previous periods?

The sustainability indicator has been redefined in the Prospectus since last year. Last year the percentage was calculated on the portfolio whereas this year it is on Net Asset Value. As at 30 April 2023, the Fund's percentage of investments in its portfolio with positive and improving ESG characteristics was 76.09% (excluding cash, cash equivalents and hedging instruments), which was 26.09% above the minimum threshold.

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are attained.



Appendix 6 - Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

 What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable.

 How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

 How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

• Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

Not applicable.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do no significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

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and employee matters, respect for

environmental, social

 How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

During the reference period, the Investment Manager considered the following principal adverse impacts (PAIs) of each investment as part of its proprietary investment process: GHG emissions, carbon footprint and GHG intensity of investee issuers and exposure to issuers active in the fossil fuel, board gender diversity and exposure to controversial weapons. The Investment Manager did not directly invest in issuers that violate international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines and chemical and biological weapons. The Investment Manager did not knowingly hold securities that are materially involved in the production, stockpiling and use of these weapons at the time of investment.



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)



The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is as at 30 April 2024.

What were the top investments of this financial product?\*

| Largest investments                | Sector                 | % Assets | Country     |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing | Technology             | 9.60%    | Taiwan      |
| Samsung Electronics                | Technology             | 6.70%    | South Korea |
| Tencent                            | Communication Services | 6.31%    | China       |
| Reliance Industries                | Energy                 | 4.45%    | India       |
| Alibaba                            | Communication Services | 3.96%    | China       |
| SK Hynix                           | Technology             | 3.93%    | South Korea |
| AIA                                | Financials             | 2.56%    | Hong Kong   |
| Axis Bank                          | Financials             | 2.35%    | India       |
| China Construction Bank 'H'        | Financials             | 2.00%    | China       |
| KB Financial                       | Financials             | 1.96%    | South Korea |
| Hon Hai Precision Industry         | Industrials            | 1.95%    | Taiwan      |
| HDFC Bank                          | Financials             | 1.80%    | India       |
| Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing     | Financials             | 1.78%    | Hong Kong   |
| Zomato                             | Technology             | 1.65%    | India       |
| MediaTek                           | Technology             | 1.52%    | Taiwan      |

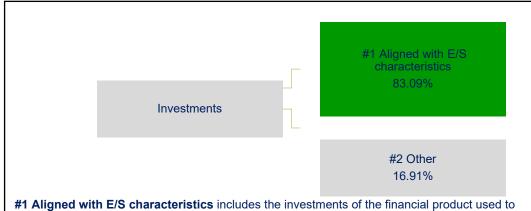
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- What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?
- What was the asset allocation?



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.



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Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

In which economic sectors were the investments made?

The following table details the economic sectors that the Fund was exposed to as at 30 April 2024.

| Sector                 | % of Investments |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Technology             | 27.90%           |
| Financials             | 23.58%           |
| Communication Services | 15.23%           |
| Consumer Cyclical      | 8.85%            |
| Consumer Non-Cyclical  | 7.54%            |
| Industrials            | 7.42%            |
| Energy                 | 6.51%            |
| Materials              | 1.94%            |
| Utilities              | 1.03%            |

The Sector source is the MSCI GICS industry classification.



 To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

0% of the Fund's investments are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that align with the EU Taxonomy.

 Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy¹?

|   | Yes: |               |                   |
|---|------|---------------|-------------------|
|   |      | In fossil gas | In nuclear energy |
| × | No   |               |                   |

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

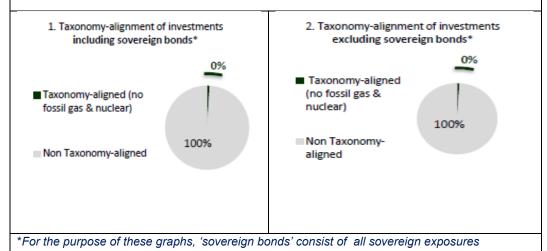
- turnover reflects the "greenness" of investee companies today.
- expenditure
  (CapEx) shows the green investments made by investee companies, relevant for a transition to a green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflects the green operational activities of investee companies.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by. the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



 What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

The Fund did not make sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy during the reference period.

• How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Not applicable



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Not applicable.



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(EU) 2020/852.

**Enabling** 

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activities directly

contribution to an environmental objective.

What was the share of socially sustainable investments?



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)



What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

The investments included under "Other" comprise of issuers which do not exhibit positive or improving E and / or S characteristics but are included in the Fund where the Investment Manager, after conducting proprietary fundamental analysis and taking into account portfolio construction considerations, identified mispriced investment opportunities on a longer term basis, centred on the Investment Manager's understanding of the issuer's strategy and the potential to improve returns and grow earnings. However, the Investment Manager divested from and did not invest in issuers which have a quality score of 5 – the worst level on the Investment Manager's scale of 1 to 5 – and an ESG-related modification to the discount rate of +2%.

Additionally, the investments included under "Other" were cash, cash equivalents and hedging instruments. Cash and cash equivalents do not affect the promoted environmental and / or social characteristics of the Fund. The assessment of issuers and of counterparties for cash and hedging instruments focusses on the creditworthiness of these parties, which can be impacted by ESG risks.



What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Investment Manager monitored the environmental and/or social characteristics of the Fund's portfolio during the reference period. The Investment Manager's investment decisions were based on internal research, which encompass both its proprietary financial forecasts and ESG assessment. The Investment Manager aimed to meet with all issuers in which it sought to invest at least annually and discuss a range of topics including ESG issues with management. The Investment Manager, through access to third party ESG research providers (where coverage allowed) such as MSCI, Sustainalytics and Bloomberg ESG, also sought to understand market consensus on the ESG profile of each issuer. Pre- and post-trade checks were carried out on a daily basis to ensure the Fund continued to meet the minimum threshold of 50%. Where the Fund fell below this threshold, due to market movements or because the issuers it held no longer met the criteria of a "green" investment, then the passive breach was corrected at the earliest opportunity. The Investment Manager believes that equity markets contain unrecognised growth potential and sought to identify this through the analysis of an issuer's business model whilst incorporating wider ESG trends often referred to as fundamental analysis. ESG trends may evolve over time and may include environmental footprint, societal impact of products/services and effectiveness of supervisory/management boards. The Investment Manager adopted an active management policy in relation to ESG topics and also focused on engagement to improve issuer disclosure or behaviour. Engagements were undertaken to influence (or identify the need to influence) ESG practices and/or improve ESG disclosure. Through engagement, the Investment Manager aimed to enhance the performance of its investments, for the benefit of investors in line with its stewardship responsibility.



How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

Not applicable.

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.



Appendix 6 - Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

• How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

| Not applicable. |  |  |
|-----------------|--|--|

• How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

• How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?



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Periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Product name: Barings Australia Fund Legal entity identifier: 5493003HQJUX6CWNR787

### **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

| Did this financial product have a sustainable  | investment objective?  |
|--|--|
| Yes  | ● No   |
| It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective:%  in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy | It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of% of sustainable investments  with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with a social objective |
| It made sustainable investments with a social objective:%  | It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments  |
|  |  |

To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The Fund will invest at least 50% of its Net Asset Value in assets which exhibit positive or improving environmental ("E") and/or social ("S") characteristics.

As at 30 April 2024, the Fund met it's environmental and/or social characteristics as the percentage of its Net Asset Value in assets which exhibit positive and improving environmental and/or social characteristics was 89.17%.

How did the sustainability indicators perform?

The sustainability indicator used to measure the attainment of the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund was the percentage of the Fund's Net Asset Value invested in equities of issuers that exhibit positive or improving ESG characteristics. Issuers defined as having positive or improving ESG characteristics must be assessed as having a higher than average quality score, and not exceed a maximum adjustment to its Barings ESG cost of equity ("CoE") threshold.

As at 30 April 2024, the Fund's percentage of Net Asset Value invested in equities of issuers that exhibit positive or improving ESG characteristics was 89.17%, which was 39.17% above the minimum threshold.

• And compared to previous periods?

The sustainability indicator has been redefined in the Prospectus since last year. Last year the percentage was calculated on the portfolio whereas this year it is on Net Asset Value. As at 30 April 2023, the Fund's percentage of investments in its portfolio with positive and improving ESG characteristics was 95.50% (excluding cash, cash equivalents and hedging instruments), which was 45.50% above the minimum threshold.

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 What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable.

 How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

 How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

 Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

Not applicable.

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 How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

During the reference period, the Investment Manager considered the following principal adverse impacts (PAIs) of each investment as part of its proprietary investment process: GHG emissions, carbon footprint and GHG intensity of investee issuers and exposure to issuers active in the fossil fuel, board gender diversity and exposure to controversial weapons. The Investment Manager did not directly invest in issuers that violate international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines and chemical and biological weapons. The Investment Manager did not knowingly hold securities that are materially involved in the production, stockpiling and use of these weapons at the time of investment.



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)



The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is as at

30 April 2024.

What were the top investments of this financial product?\*

| Largest investments            | Sector                 | % Assets | Country       |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------|---------------|
| BHP Group                      | Materials              | 8.32%    | Australia     |
| CSL                            | Health Care            | 6.86%    | United States |
| Goodman                        | Real Estate            | 6.55%    | Australia     |
| Macquarie                      | Financials             | 6.18%    | Australia     |
| Rio Tinto                      | Materials              | 5.49%    | Australia     |
| Commonwealth Bank of Australia | Financials             | 4.07%    | Australia     |
| WiseTech Global                | Information Technology | 3.98%    | Australia     |
| Treasury Wine Estates          | Consumer Staples       | 3.62%    | Australia     |
| National Australia Bank        | Financials             | 3.53%    | Australia     |
| Sandfire Resources Ltd         | Materials              | 3.48%    | Australia     |
| Steadfast                      | Financials             | 3.43%    | Australia     |
| James Hardie Industries        | Materials              | 3.34%    | United States |
| Woolworths Group               | Consumer Staples       | 3.21%    | Australia     |
| Insurance Australia            | Financials             | 3.11%    | Australia     |
| Carsales.com                   | Communication Services | 3.00%    | Australia     |

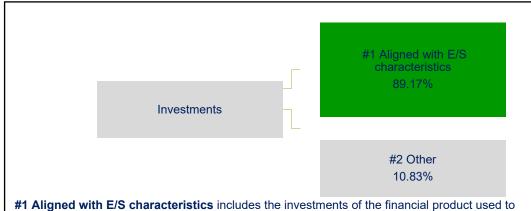
<sup>\*</sup> The listed top investments of the Fund are as at 30 April 2024. The Sector source is the MSCI GICS industry classification.



- What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?
- What was the asset allocation?



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.



attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

#2 Other includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

In which economic sectors were the investments made?

The following table details the economic sectors that the Fund was exposed to as at 30 April 2024.

| Sector                 | % of Investments |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Financials             | 27.05%           |
| Materials              | 22.54%           |
| Health Care            | 10.35%           |
| Industrials            | 8.72%            |
| Consumer Staples       | 8.53%            |
| Information Technology | 6.68%            |
| Real Estate            | 6.65%            |
| Communication Services | 5.53%            |
| Energy                 | 2.00%            |
| Consumer Discretionary | 1.95%            |

The Sector source is the MSCI GICS industry classification.



• To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

0% of the Fund's investments are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that align with the EU Taxonomy.

 Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy¹?

|   | Yes: |               |                   |
|---|------|---------------|-------------------|
|   |      | In fossil gas | In nuclear energy |
| × | No   |               |                   |

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

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The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU
Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

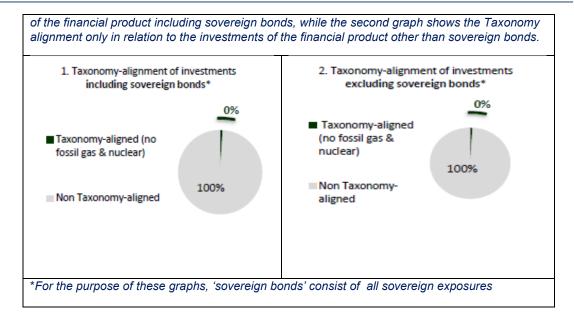
- turnover reflects the "greenness" of investee companies today.
- capital
  expenditure
  (CapEx) shows the
  green investments
  made by investee
  companies,
  relevant for a
  transition to a
  green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflects the green operational activities of investee companies.

To comply with the

EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by. the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)



 What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

The Fund did not make sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy during the reference period.

• How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Not applicable



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Not applicable.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

Not applicable.

Sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

**Enabling** 

enable other activities to make a substantial

activities directly

contribution to an

alternatives are not

yet available and among others have greenhouse gas

emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

environmental objective.

Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)



What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

The investments included under "Other" comprise of issuers which do not exhibit positive or improving E and / or S characteristics but are included in the Fund where the Investment Manager, after conducting proprietary fundamental analysis and taking into account portfolio construction considerations, identified mispriced investment opportunities on a longer term basis, centred on the Investment Manager's understanding of the issuer's strategy and the potential to improve returns and grow earnings. However, the Investment Manager divested from and did not invest in issuers which have a quality score of 5 – the worst level on the Investment Manager's scale of 1 to 5 – and an ESG-related modification to the discount rate of +2%.

Additionally, the investments included under "Other" were cash, cash equivalents and hedging instruments. Cash and cash equivalents do not affect the promoted environmental and / or social characteristics of the Fund. The assessment of issuers and of counterparties for cash and hedging instruments focusses on the creditworthiness of these parties, which can be impacted by ESG risks.



What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Investment Manager monitored the environmental and/or social characteristics of the Fund's portfolio during the reference period. The Investment Manager's investment decisions were based on internal research, which encompass both its proprietary financial forecasts and ESG assessment. The Investment Manager aimed to meet with all issuers in which it sought to invest at least annually and discuss a range of topics including ESG issues with management. The Investment Manager, through access to third party ESG research providers (where coverage allowed) such as MSCI, Sustainalytics and Bloomberg ESG, also sought to understand market consensus on the ESG profile of each issuer. Pre- and post-trade checks were carried out on a daily basis to ensure the Fund continued to meet the minimum threshold of 50%. Where the Fund fell below this threshold, due to market movements or because the issuers it held no longer met the criteria of a "green" investment, then the passive breach was corrected at the earliest opportunity. The Investment Manager believes that equity markets contain unrecognised growth potential and sought to identify this through the analysis of an issuer's business model whilst incorporating wider ESG trends often referred to as fundamental analysis. ESG trends may evolve over time and may include environmental footprint, societal impact of products/services and effectiveness of supervisory/management boards. The Investment Manager adopted an active management policy in relation to ESG topics and also focused on engagement to improve issuer disclosure or behaviour. Engagements were undertaken to influence (or identify the need to influence) ESG practices and/or improve ESG disclosure. Through engagement, the Investment Manager aimed to enhance the performance of its investments, for the benefit of investors in line with its stewardship responsibility.



How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

Not applicable.

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.



Appendix 6 - Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

 How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

| Not applicable. |  |  |
|-----------------|--|--|
|                 |  |  |

 How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

• How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

Periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Product name: Barings Europa Fund Legal entity identifier: 549300CNMCZVRZ8L2R50

### **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

| Did this fina | incial product have a sustainable  | inves | stment objective?  |
|---------------|--|-------|--|
|               | Yes  |       | <b>₩</b> No  |
|               |  |       | •  |
|               | de sustainable investments with vironmental objective:%  in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy |       | It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of% of sustainable investments  with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with a social objective |
|               | e sustainable investments with al objective:%  | ×     | It promoted E/S characteristics, but <b>did not make any</b> sustainable investments   |

Sustainability

indicators measure how the environmental

promoted by the financial product are

attained.

or social characteristics

Sustainable

practices

investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance

investment means an

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of environmentally sustainable economic activities. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

• To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The Fund will invest at least 50% of its Net Asset Value in assets which exhibit positive or improving environmental ("E") and/or social ("S") characteristics.

As at 30 April 2024, the Fund met it's environmental and/or social characteristics as the percentage of its Net Asset Value in assets which exhibit positive and improving environmental and/or social characteristics was 93.53%.

### How did the sustainability indicators perform?

The sustainability indicator used to measure the attainment of the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund was the percentage of the Fund's Net Asset Value invested in equities of issuers that exhibit positive or improving ESG characteristics. Issuers defined as having positive or improving ESG characteristics must be assessed as having a higher than average quality score, and not exceed a maximum adjustment to its Barings ESG cost of equity ("CoE") threshold.

As at 30 April 2024, the Fund's percentage of Net Asset Value invested in equities of issuers that exhibit positive or improving ESG characteristics was 93.53%, which was 43.53% above the minimum threshold.

### And compared to previous periods?

The sustainability indicator has been redefined in the Prospectus since last year. Last year the percentage was calculated on the portfolio whereas this year it is on Net Asset Value. As at 30 April 2023, the Fund's percentage of investments in its portfolio with positive and improving ESG characteristics was 95.95% (excluding cash, cash equivalents and hedging instruments), which was 45.95% above the minimum threshold.



Appendix 6 - Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

 What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable.

 How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

 How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

 Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

Not applicable.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do no significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



Principal adverse

impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability

factors relating to

human rights, anti-

corruption and anti-

bribery matters.

and employee matters, respect for

environmental, social

 How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

During the reference period, the Investment Manager considered the following principal adverse impacts (PAIs) of each investment as part of its proprietary investment process: GHG emissions, carbon footprint and GHG intensity of investee issuers and exposure to issuers active in the fossil fuel, board gender diversity and exposure to controversial weapons. The Investment Manager did not directly invest in issuers that violate international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines and chemical and biological weapons. The Investment Manager did not knowingly hold securities that are materially involved in the production, stockpiling and use of these weapons at the time of investment.



Appendix 6 - Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)



The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is as at 30 April 2024.

What were the top investments of this financial product?\*

| Largest investments      | Sector                 | % Assets | Country        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|----------|----------------|
| ASML                     | Information Technology | 6.37%    | Netherlands    |
| Nestle                   | Consumer Staples       | 6.30%    | United States  |
| Royal Dutch Shell        | Energy                 | 5.57%    | United Kingdom |
| AXA                      | Financials             | 5.21%    | France         |
| Novo Nordisk             | Health Care            | 4.65%    | Denmark        |
| TotalEnergies            | Energy                 | 4.43%    | France         |
| Capgemini                | Information Technology | 4.00%    | France         |
| KBC                      | Financials             | 3.65%    | Belgium        |
| Schneider Electric       | Industrials            | 3.65%    | United States  |
| AstraZeneca              | Health Care            | 3.55%    | United Kingdom |
| Sanofi                   | Health Care            | 3.26%    | United States  |
| L'Air Liquide S.A.       | Materials              | 3.20%    | France         |
| Associated British Foods | Consumer Staples       | 2.90%    | United Kingdom |
| Unilever                 | Consumer Staples       | 2.74%    | United Kingdom |
| Infineon Technologies    | Information Technology | 2.57%    | Germany        |

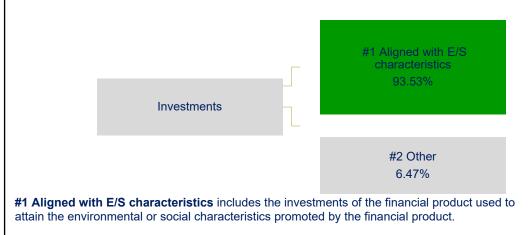
\* The listed top investments of the Fund are as at 30 April 2024. The Sector source is the MSCI GICS industry classification.



specific assets.



- What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?
- What was the asset allocation?



**#2 Other** includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

In which economic sectors were the investments made?

The following table details the economic sectors that the Fund was exposed to as at 30 April 2024.

| Sector                 | % of Investments |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Health Care            | 19.11%           |
| Information Technology | 16.74%           |
| Consumer Staples       | 15.50%           |
| Financials             | 12.24%           |
| Energy                 | 10.24%           |
| Industrials            | 9.88%            |
| Consumer Discretionary | 9.35%            |
| Materials              | 6.94%            |

The Sector source is the MSCI GICS industry classification.

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• To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

0% of the Fund's investments are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that align with the EU Taxonomy.

Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy¹?

|   | Yes: |               |                   |
|---|------|---------------|-------------------|
|   |      | In fossil gas | In nuclear energy |
| × | No   |               |                   |

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

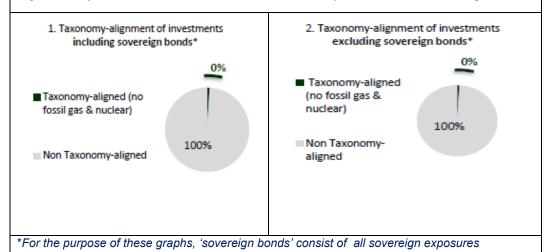
- turnover reflects the "greenness" of investee companies today.
- expenditure
  (CapEx) shows the green investments made by investee companies, relevant for a transition to a green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflects the green operational activities of investee companies.

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by. the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.



Appendix 6 - Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



 What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

The Fund did not make sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy during the reference period.

 How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Not applicable



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Not applicable.



Sustainable investments with an

environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

Enabling activities directly enable other

substantial contribution to an

objective.

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Transitional activities are

low-carbon

activities for which

alternatives are not

corresponding to the best performance.

yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels

activities to make a



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?



Appendix 6 - Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)



What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

The investments included under "Other" comprise of issuers which do not exhibit positive or improving E and / or S characteristics but are included in the Fund where the Investment Manager, after conducting proprietary fundamental analysis and taking into account portfolio construction considerations, identified mispriced investment opportunities on a longer term basis, centred on the Investment Manager's understanding of the issuer's strategy and the potential to improve returns and grow earnings. However, the Investment Manager divested from and did not invest in issuers which have a quality score of 5 – the worst level on the Investment Manager's scale of 1 to 5 – and an ESG-related modification to the discount rate of +2%.

Additionally, the investments included under "Other" were cash, cash equivalents and hedging instruments. Cash and cash equivalents do not affect the promoted environmental and / or social characteristics of the Fund. The assessment of issuers and of counterparties for cash and hedging instruments focusses on the creditworthiness of these parties, which can be impacted by ESG risks.



What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Investment Manager monitored the environmental and/or social characteristics of the Fund's portfolio during the reference period. The Investment Manager's investment decisions were based on internal research, which encompass both its proprietary financial forecasts and ESG assessment. The Investment Manager aimed to meet with all issuers in which it sought to invest at least annually and discuss a range of topics including ESG issues with management. The Investment Manager, through access to third party ESG research providers (where coverage allowed) such as MSCI, Sustainalytics and Bloomberg ESG, also sought to understand market consensus on the ESG profile of each issuer. Pre- and post-trade checks were carried out on a daily basis to ensure the Fund continued to meet the minimum threshold of 50%. Where the Fund fell below this threshold, due to market movements or because the issuers it held no longer met the criteria of a "green" investment, then the passive breach was corrected at the earliest opportunity. The Investment Manager believes that equity markets contain unrecognised growth potential and sought to identify this through the analysis of an issuer's business model whilst incorporating wider ESG trends often referred to as fundamental analysis. ESG trends may evolve over time and may include environmental footprint, societal impact of products/services and effectiveness of supervisory/management boards. The Investment Manager adopted an active management policy in relation to ESG topics and also focused on engagement to improve issuer disclosure or behaviour. Engagements were undertaken to influence (or identify the need to influence) ESG practices and/or improve ESG disclosure. Through engagement, the Investment Manager aimed to enhance the performance of its investments, for the benefit of investors in line with its stewardship responsibility.



How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.



Appendix 6 - Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

• How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

Not applicable.

 How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

Not applicable.

• How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

Periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Product name: Barings Hong Kong China Fund Legal entity identifier: 549300BT29YFG8CKKD32

#### **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

| Did this financial product have a sustainable | investment objective?  |
|---|--|
|   |  |
| Yes   | No   |
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| It made sustainable investments with          | It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and   |
| an environmental objective:%                  | while it did not have as its objective a sustainable   |
| in economic activities that                   | investment, it had a proportion of% of sustainable   |
| qualify as environmentally                    | investments  |
| sustainable under the EU                      | with an environmental objective in economic  |
| Taxonomy                                      | activities that qualify as environmentally   |
| in economic activities that do                | sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  |
| not qualify as environmentally                | , and the second |
| sustainable under the EU                      | with an environmental objective in economic  |
| Taxonomy                                      | activities that do not qualify as  |
| ,   | environmentally sustainable under the EU<br>Taxonomy   |
|   |  |
|   | with a social objective  |
| It made sustainable investments with          | It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any  |
| a social objective:%                          | sustainable investments  |
|   |  |
|   |  |

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the

financial product are

attained.

Sustainable

practices

investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance

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The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of environmentally sustainable economic activities. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

• To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The Fund will invest at least 50% of its Net Asset Value in assets which exhibit positive or improving environmental ("E") and/or social ("S") characteristics.

As at 30 April 2024, the Fund met it's environmental and/or social characteristics as the percentage of its Net Asset Value in assets which exhibit positive and improving environmental and/or social characteristics was 66.72%.

How did the sustainability indicators perform?

The sustainability indicator used to measure the attainment of the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund was the percentage of the Fund's Net Asset Value invested in equities of issuers that exhibit positive or improving ESG characteristics. Issuers defined as having positive or improving ESG characteristics must be assessed as having a higher than average quality score, and not exceed a maximum adjustment to its Barings ESG cost of equity ("CoE") threshold.

As at 30 April 2024, the Fund's percentage of Net Asset Value invested in equities of issuers that exhibit positive or improving ESG characteristics was 66.72%, which was 16.72% above the minimum threshold.

• And compared to previous periods?

The sustainability indicator has been redefined in the Prospectus since last year. Last year the percentage was calculated on the portfolio whereas this year it is on Net Asset Value. As at 30 April 2023, the Fund's percentage of investments in its portfolio with positive and improving ESG characteristics was 74.89% (excluding cash, cash equivalents and hedging instruments), which was 24.89% above the minimum threshold.



Appendix 6 - Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

 What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable.

 How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

 How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

 Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

Not applicable.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do no significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



 How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

Principal adverse impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability factors relating to environmental, social and employee matters, respect for human rights, anticorruption and antibribery matters.

During the reference period, the Investment Manager considered the following principal adverse impacts (PAIs) of each investment as part of its proprietary investment process: GHG emissions, carbon footprint and GHG intensity of investee issuers and exposure to issuers active in the fossil fuel, board gender diversity and exposure to controversial weapons. The Investment Manager did not directly invest in issuers that violate international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines and chemical and biological weapons. The Investment Manager did not knowingly hold securities that are materially involved in the production, stockpiling and use of these weapons at the time of investment.



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)



The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is as at 30 April 2024.

What were the top investments of this financial product?\*

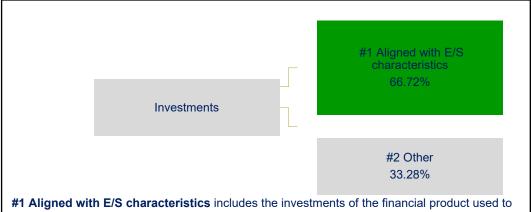
| Largest investments                | Sector                 | % Assets | Country |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|----------|---------|
| Tencent                            | Communication Services | 10.02%   | China   |
| Alibaba                            | Consumer Discretionary | 7.39%    | China   |
| China Construction Bank 'H'        | Financials             | 4.41%    | China   |
| Meituan Dianping                   | Consumer Discretionary | 4.36%    | China   |
| Pinduoduo ADR                      | Consumer Discretionary | 4.27%    | China   |
| NetEase                            | Communication Services | 3.92%    | China   |
| Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing | Information Technology | 2.89%    | Taiwan  |
| Zijin Mining                       | Materials              | 2.67%    | China   |
| JD.com                             | Consumer Discretionary | 2.57%    | China   |
| BYD Company                        | Consumer Discretionary | 2.54%    | China   |
| Ping An Insurance Group of China   | Financials             | 2.36%    | China   |
| Trip.com                           | Consumer Discretionary | 2.36%    | China   |
| China Merchants Bank               | Financials             | 2.14%    | China   |
| Li Auto                            | Consumer Discretionary | 2.12%    | China   |
| PetroChina                         | Energy                 | 2.11%    | China   |

\* The listed top investments of the Fund are as at 30 April 2024. The Sector source is the MSCI GICS industry classification.



- What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?
- What was the asset allocation?

**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.



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#2 Other includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

In which economic sectors were the investments made?

The following table details the economic sectors that the Fund was exposed to as at 30 April 2024.

| Sector                 | % of Investments |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Consumer Discretionary | 35.38%           |
| Communication Services | 18.31%           |
| Financials             | 12.13%           |
| Information Technology | 11.00%           |
| Energy                 | 5.57%            |
| Industrials            | 4.87%            |
| Consumer Staples       | 4.03%            |
| Materials              | 3.90%            |
| Health Care            | 2.42%            |
| Real Estate            | 1.60%            |
| Utilities              | 0.77%            |

The Sector source is the MSCI GICS industry classification.



• To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

0% of the Fund's investments are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that align with the EU Taxonomy.

 Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy¹?

|   | Yes: |               |                   |
|---|------|---------------|-------------------|
|   |      | In fossil gas | In nuclear energy |
| × | No   |               |                   |

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflects the "greenness" of investee companies today.
- expenditure
  (CapEx) shows the green investments made by investee companies, relevant for a transition to a green economy.
- expenditure
  (OpEx) reflects the green operational activities of investee companies.



Appendix 6 - Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by. the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

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contribution to an environmental objective.

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The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU

sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments

Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of

 What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

The Fund did not make sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy during the reference period.

 How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Not applicable



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Not applicable.



objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.



Not applicable.

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What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

The investments included under "Other" comprise of issuers which do not exhibit positive or improving E and / or S characteristics but are included in the Fund where the Investment Manager, after conducting proprietary fundamental analysis and taking into account portfolio construction considerations, identified mispriced investment opportunities on a longer term basis, centred on the Investment Manager's understanding of the issuer's strategy and the potential to improve returns and grow earnings. However, the Investment Manager divested from and did not invest in issuers which have a quality score of 5 – the worst level on the Investment Manager's scale of 1 to 5 – and an ESG-related modification to the discount rate of +2%.

Additionally, the investments included under "Other" were cash, cash equivalents and hedging instruments. Cash and cash equivalents do not affect the promoted environmental and / or social characteristics of the Fund. The assessment of issuers and of counterparties for cash and hedging instruments focusses on the creditworthiness of these parties, which can be impacted by ESG risks.



What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Investment Manager monitored the environmental and/or social characteristics of the Fund's portfolio during the reference period. The Investment Manager's investment decisions were based on internal research, which encompass both its proprietary financial forecasts and ESG assessment. The Investment Manager aimed to meet with all issuers in which it sought to invest at least annually and discuss a range of topics including ESG issues with management. The Investment Manager, through access to third party ESG research providers (where coverage allowed) such as MSCI, Sustainalytics and Bloomberg ESG, also sought to understand market consensus on the ESG profile of each issuer. Pre- and post-trade checks were carried out on a daily basis to ensure the Fund continued to meet the minimum threshold of 50%. Where the Fund fell below this threshold, due to market movements or because the issuers it held no longer met the criteria of a "green" investment, then the passive breach was corrected at the earliest opportunity. The Investment Manager believes that equity markets contain unrecognised growth potential and sought to identify this through the analysis of an issuer's business model whilst incorporating wider ESG trends often referred to as fundamental analysis. ESG trends may evolve over time and may include environmental footprint, societal impact of products/services and effectiveness of supervisory/management boards. The Investment Manager adopted an active management policy in relation to ESG topics and also focused on engagement to improve issuer disclosure or behaviour. Engagements were undertaken to influence (or identify the need to influence) ESG practices and/or improve ESG disclosure. Through engagement, the Investment Manager aimed to enhance the performance of its investments, for the benefit of investors in line with its stewardship responsibility.



How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

Not applicable.

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.



Appendix 6 - Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

 How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

| Not applicable. |  |  |
|-----------------|--|--|

 How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

• How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

Periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Product name: Barings Global Bond Fund Legal entity identifier: 5493001RC3G3PT80Y747

### **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

| Did this financial product have a sustainable  | investment objective?  |
|--|--|
| Yes  | ● X No   |
| It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective:%  in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy | It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of% of sustainable investments  with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with a social objective |
| It made sustainable investments with a social objective:%  | It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments  |

Sustainable investment means an investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance practices.

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of environmentally sustainable economic activities. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities. Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

• To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The Fund will invest at least 50% of its Net Asset Value in assets which exhibit positive or improving environmental ("E") and/or social ("S") characteristics.

The Fund will also invest at least 75% of the its Net Asset Value in countries that exhibit strong or improving human development conditions, as measured by the United Nations Human Development Index ("HDI") and calculated as an average of the five year period as of two years prior to the investment period.

As at 30 April 2024, the Fund met it's environmental and/or social characteristics as the percentage of its Net Asset Value in assets which exhibit positive and improving environmental and/or social characteristics was 83.35% and the Net Asset Value in countries that exhibit strong or improving human development conditions was 99.56%.



Appendix 6 - Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

How did the sustainability indicators perform?

The sustainability indicators used to measure the attainment of the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund were:

- The percentage of the Fund's Net Asset Value invested in assets of countries that exhibit positive or improving ESG characteristics; and
- The percentage of the Fund's Net Asset Value in countries that exhibit strong or improving human development conditions, as measured by the United Nations HDI and calculated as an average of the five-year period as of two years prior to the investment period.

As at 30 April 2024, the Fund's percentage of its Net Asset Value invested in assets that exhibit positive and improving ESG characteristics was 83.35%, which was 33.35% above the minimum threshold.

As at 30 April 2024, the Fund's Net Asset Value in countries that exhibit strong or improving human development conditions was 99.56%, which was 24.56% above the minimum threshold.

And compared to previous periods?

The sustainability indicators have been redefined in the Prospectus since last year.

- As at 30 April 2023, the Fund's percentage of investments in its portfolio with positive and improving ESG characteristics was 80.53% (excluding cash, cash equivalents and hedging instruments), which was 30.53% above the minimum threshold.
- As at 30 April 2023, the Fund's total assets in countries that exhibit strong or improving human development conditions was 92.52%, which was 17.52% above the minimum threshold.
- What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable.

 How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

 How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

 Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

Not applicable.

Sustainability indicators measure how the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product are

attained.

Principal adverse impacts are the

investment decisions

environmental, social and employee

matters, respect for

human rights, anti-

corruption and antibribery matters.

most significant negative impacts of

on sustainability

factors relating to



Appendix 6 - Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do no significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



 How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

During the reference period, Principal Adverse Impact indicators (PAI) indicators were incorporated in the monitoring and analysis of sovereign debt in which the Fund invests. The Investment Manager monitored detailed statistics on carbon intensity of the countries in its investable universe, and has developed its own proprietary metrics of carbon intensity that it believes are the most relevant and adequate to assess the performance of Emerging Markets sovereigns in its investable universe. In addition, the Investment Manager performed detailed social analysis that allowed it to track how Emerging Markets sovereigns are performing in terms of social performance. This led to negative screening and exclusion decisions based on poor social performance. Another important point is that the Investment Manager has established an exclusion list composed of countries in which, according to its assessment, ESG performance is so poor that it will affect any sustainable investment in the country in the short and medium term.



What were the top investments of this financial product?\*

| Largest investments                                | Sector     | % Assets | Country        |
|--|------------|----------|----------------|
| United States Treasury Note/Bond 4.13% 30/09/2027  | Government | 9.01%    | United States  |
| United States Treasury Note/Bond 3.75% 31/12/2028  | Government | 7.56%    | United States  |
| United States Treasury Note/Bond 5.00% 31/08/2025  | Government | 7.47%    | United States  |
| United States Treasury Note/Bond 1.13% 28/02/2027  | Government | 5.15%    | United States  |
| Treasury Corp of Victoria 5.00% 20/11/2040         | Government | 4.21%    | Australia      |
| Province of Ontario Canada 6.50% 08/03/2029        | Government | 3.07%    | Canada         |
| UK (Govt of) 1.75% 07/09/2037                      | Government | 2.96%    | United Kingdom |
| Austria (Republic of) 0.85% 30/06/2120             | Government | 2.68%    | Austria        |
| Hellenic Republic Government Bond 1.88% 24/01/2052 | Government | 2.61%    | Greece         |
| Italy (Republic of) 3.50% 15/02/2031               | Government | 2.59%    | Italy          |
| Italy (Republic of) 4.40% 01/05/2033               | Government | 2.54%    | Italy          |
| Province of Manitoba Canada 4.30% 27/07/2033       | Government | 2.52%    | Canada         |
| Province of Quebec Canada 6.25% 01/06/2032         | Government | 2.47%    | Canada         |
| Italy (Republic of) 6.00% 04/08/2028               | Government | 2.34%    | Italy          |
| Italy (Republic of) 5.00% 01/09/2040               | Government | 2.16%    | Italy          |

<sup>\*</sup> The listed top investments of the Fund are as at 30 April 2024. The Sector source is the MSCI GICS industry classification.



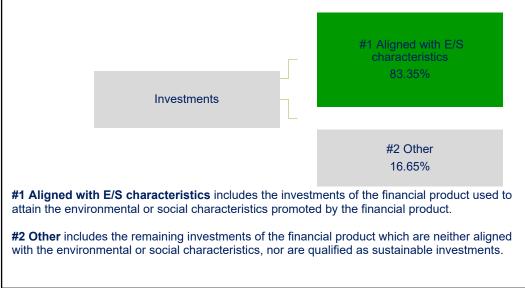


Appendix 6 - Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)



- What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?
- What was the asset allocation?

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.



• In which economic sectors were the investments made?

The following table details the economic sectors that the Fund was exposed to as at 30 April 2024.

| Sector     | % of Investments |  |
|------------|------------------|--|
| Government | 100.00%          |  |

The Sector source is the MSCI GICS industry classification.



- turnover reflects the "greenness" of investee companies today.
- expenditure
  (CapEx) shows the green investments made by investee companies, relevant for a transition to a green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflects the green operational activities of investee companies.



 To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

0% of the Fund's investments are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that align with the EU Taxonomy.

 Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy¹?

|   | Yes: |               |                   |
|---|------|---------------|-------------------|
|   |      | In fossil gas | In nuclear energy |
| × | No   |               |                   |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm



Appendix 6 - Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for **fossil gas** include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by. the end of 2035. For **nuclear energy**, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste

management rules.

Enabling activities directly

enable other

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yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels

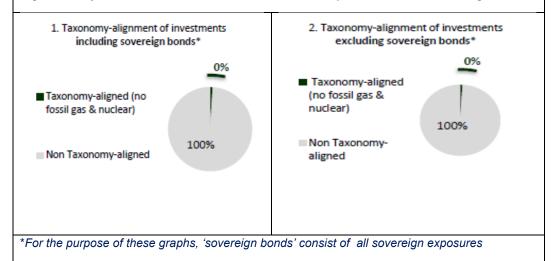
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best performance.

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any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



 What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

The Fund did not make sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy during the reference period.

 How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Not applicable



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Not applicable.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?

Not applicable.

Sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)



What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

The investments included under "Other" comprised of assets which are held in the portfolio due to a weak ESG starting point with potentially positive catalysts or rate poorly from an ESG perspective but valuations suggest that the investment offers a strong risk/reward for the Fund's portfolio.

Additionally, the investments included under "Other" were cash, cash equivalents and hedging instruments. Cash and cash equivalents do not affect the promoted environmental and / or social characteristics of the Fund. The assessment of issuers and of counterparties for cash and hedging instruments focusses on the creditworthiness of these parties, which can be impacted by sustainability risks.



What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Investment Manager monitored the environmental and/or social characteristics of the Fund's portfolio during the reference period. The Investment Manager's investment decisions were based on internal research, which encompass both its proprietary financial forecasts and ESG assessment. The Investment Manager aimed to visit countries to take stock of important aspects of ESG and macroeconomic factors. Countries that exhibit positive or improving ESG characteristics were selected through the Investment Manager's proprietary research, the Investment Manager also had access to third-party resources such as Bloomberg ESG, MSCI ESG and Sustainalytics, which provide institutional investors with issuer-specific ESG data; the approach consisted of a threefold analysis determining a government's capacity and willingness to provide for its population, its resilience to shocks and its ability to grow sustainably, using both a standard set of indicators and qualitative analysis.

For each asset, the Investment Manager examined the scores of the indicators to determine a country's sustainability over time and considered relevant shocks that may have impacted the scoring. These indicators, as well as the Investment Manager's specialised country expertise, were placed into the capacity and willingness framework to determine the country's current sustainability as well as potential trends that should be considered from an ESG perspective. The frequency of update for each country depends on its significance in the portfolio and the benchmark, but ESG scores were reviewed for all countries under coverage at least twice during the period by the Sovereign ESG Committee which comprises all sovereign analysts on the Investment Manager's team.

The Investment Manager adopted an active management policy in relation to ESG topics and had a preference to focus on engagement to improve issuer behaviour. Engagements were undertaken to influence (or identify the need to influence) ESG practices and/or improve ESG disclosure. Through engagement, the Investment Manager aimed to enhance the performance of its investments, for the benefit of investors in line with its stewardship responsibility.



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)



Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote. • How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

Not applicable.

 How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

Not applicable.

 How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

Periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Product name: Barings Europe Select Fund Legal entity identifier: 54930048KKPKHT5CD363

#### **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

| Did this financial product have a sustainable  | investment objective?  |
|--|--|
| Yes  | ● X No   |
| It made sustainable investments with an environmental objective:%  in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy | It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of% of sustainable investments  with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with a social objective |
| It made sustainable investments with a social objective:%  | It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments  |
|  |  |

To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The Fund will invest at least 50% of its Net Asset Value in assets which exhibit positive or improving environmental ("E") and/or social ("S") characteristics.

As at 30 April 2024, the Fund met it's environmental and/or social characteristics as the percentage of its Net Asset Value in assets which exhibit positive and improving environmental and/or social characteristics was 70.96%.

### How did the sustainability indicators perform?

The sustainability indicator used to measure the attainment of the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund was the percentage of the Fund's Net Asset Value invested in equities of issuers that exhibit positive or improving ESG characteristics. Issuers defined as having positive or improving ESG characteristics must be assessed as having a higher than average quality score, and not exceed a maximum adjustment to its Barings ESG cost of equity ("CoE") threshold.

As at 30 April 2024, the Fund's percentage of Net Asset Value invested in equities of issuers that exhibit positive or improving ESG characteristics was 70.96%, which was 20.96% above the minimum threshold.

### • And compared to previous periods?

The sustainability indicator has been redefined in the Prospectus since last year. Last year the percentage was calculated on the portfolio whereas this year it is on Net Asset Value. As at 30 April 2023, the Fund's percentage of investments in its portfolio with positive and improving ESG characteristics was 72.92% (excluding cash, cash equivalents and hedging instruments), which was 22.92% above the minimum threshold.



Sustainable

practices

investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance

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Appendix 6 - Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

 What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable.

 How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

 How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

 Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

Not applicable.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do no significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



Principal adverse

impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability

factors relating to

human rights, anti-

corruption and anti-

bribery matters.

and employee matters, respect for

environmental, social

 How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

During the reference period, the Investment Manager considered the following principal adverse impacts (PAIs) of each investment as part of its proprietary investment process: GHG emissions, carbon footprint and GHG intensity of investee issuers and exposure to issuers active in the fossil fuel, board gender diversity and exposure to controversial weapons. The Investment Manager did not directly invest in issuers that violate international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines and chemical and biological weapons. The Investment Manager did not knowingly hold securities that are materially involved in the production, stockpiling and use of these weapons at the time of investment.



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)



The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is as at 30 April 2024.

What were the top investments of this financial product?\*

| Largest investments      | Sector                 | % Assets | Country     |
|--------------------------|------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Banco de Sabadell SA     | Financials             | 1.91%    | Spain       |
| Koninklijke Vopak        | Energy                 | 1.78%    | Netherlands |
| Elis                     | Consumer Non-cyclical  | 1.73%    | France      |
| FinecoBank               | Financials             | 1.65%    | Italy       |
| ASR Nederland            | Financials             | 1.64%    | Netherlands |
| ASM International        | Information Technology | 1.63%    | Netherlands |
| Hera                     | Utilities              | 1.62%    | Italy       |
| Wienerberger             | Industrials            | 1.58%    | Austria     |
| Arcadis                  | Industrials            | 1.58%    | Netherlands |
| Euronext                 | Financials             | 1.57%    | Netherlands |
| AAK                      | Consumer Non-cyclical  | 1.57%    | Sweden      |
| CTS Eventim AG & Co KGaA | Consumer Discretionary | 1.57%    | Germany     |
| Dufry                    | Consumer Cyclical      | 1.56%    | Switzerland |
| Sopra Steria             | Technology             | 1.51%    | France      |
| Eurazeo                  | Financials             | 1.48%    | France      |

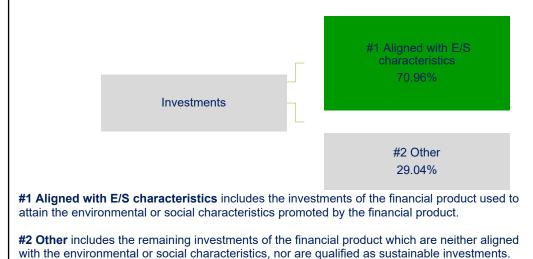
\* The listed top investments of the Fund are as at 30 April 2024. The Sector source is the MSCI GICS industry classification.



- What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?
- What was the asset allocation?



**Asset allocation** describes the share of investments in specific assets.



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Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

In which economic sectors were the investments made?

The following table details the economic sectors that the Fund was exposed to as at 30 April 2024.

| Sector                 | % of Investments |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Industrials            | 24.65%           |
| Financials             | 14.74%           |
| Consumer Cyclical      | 12.15%           |
| Consumer Non-Cyclical  | 8.21%            |
| Consumer Discretionary | 6.94%            |
| Technology             | 6.71%            |
| Communications         | 6.58%            |
| Materials              | 6.19%            |
| Health Care            | 3.88%            |
| Energy                 | 3.86%            |
| Utilities              | 2.64%            |
| Information Technology | 1.68%            |
| Consumer Staples       | 1.22%            |
| Real Estate            | 0.54%            |

The Sector source is the MSCI GICS industry classification.

To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

0% of the Fund's investments are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that align with the EU Taxonomy.

> Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy<sup>1</sup>?

|   | Yes: |               |                  |
|---|------|---------------|------------------|
|   |      | In fossil gas | In nuclear energ |
| × | No   |               |                  |

<sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective - see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.



share of: turnover reflects the "greenness" of investee

companies today.

activities are

- capital expenditure (CapEx) shows the green investments made by investee companies, relevant for a transition to a green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflects the green operational activities of investee companies.



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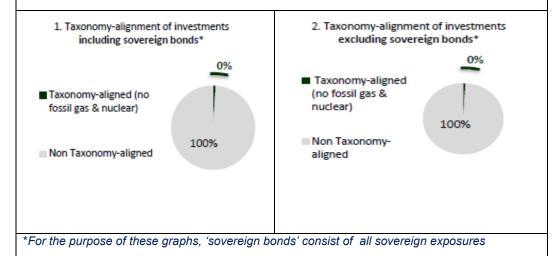
To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by. the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

Enabling
activities directly
enable other
activities to make a
substantial
contribution to an
environmental
objective.

Transitional activities are activities for which low-carbon alternatives are not yet available and among others have greenhouse gas emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

Sustainable investments with an environmental objective that do not take into account the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation (EU) 2020/852.

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds.



 What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

The Fund did not make sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy during the reference period.

 How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Not applicable



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Not applicable.



What was the share of socially sustainable investments?



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What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

The investments included under "Other" comprise of issuers which do not exhibit positive or improving E and / or S characteristics but are included in the Fund where the Investment Manager, after conducting proprietary fundamental analysis and taking into account portfolio construction considerations, identified mispriced investment opportunities on a longer term basis, centred on the Investment Manager's understanding of the issuer's strategy and the potential to improve returns and grow earnings. However, the Investment Manager divested from and did not invest in issuers which have a quality score of 5 – the worst level on the Investment Manager's scale of 1 to 5 – and an ESG-related modification to the discount rate of +2%.

Additionally, the investments included under "Other" were cash, cash equivalents and hedging instruments. Cash and cash equivalents do not affect the promoted environmental and / or social characteristics of the Fund. The assessment of issuers and of counterparties for cash and hedging instruments focusses on the creditworthiness of these parties, which can be impacted by ESG risks.



What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

The Investment Manager monitored the environmental and/or social characteristics of the Fund's portfolio during the reference period. The Investment Manager's investment decisions were based on internal research, which encompass both its proprietary financial forecasts and ESG assessment. The Investment Manager aimed to meet with all issuers in which it sought to invest at least annually and discuss a range of topics including ESG issues with management. The Investment Manager, through access to third party ESG research providers (where coverage allowed) such as MSCI, Sustainalytics and Bloomberg ESG, also sought to understand market consensus on the ESG profile of each issuer. Pre- and post-trade checks were carried out on a daily basis to ensure the Fund continued to meet the minimum threshold of 50%. Where the Fund fell below this threshold, due to market movements or because the issuers it held no longer met the criteria of a "green" investment, then the passive breach was corrected at the earliest opportunity. The Investment Manager believes that equity markets contain unrecognised growth potential and sought to identify this through the analysis of an issuer's business model whilst incorporating wider ESG trends often referred to as fundamental analysis. ESG trends may evolve over time and may include environmental footprint, societal impact of products/services and effectiveness of supervisory/management boards. The Investment Manager adopted an active management policy in relation to ESG topics and also focused on engagement to improve issuer disclosure or behaviour. Engagements were undertaken to influence (or identify the need to influence) ESG practices and/or improve ESG disclosure. Through engagement, the Investment Manager aimed to enhance the performance of its investments, for the benefit of investors in line with its stewardship responsibility.



How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

Not applicable.

Reference benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the environmental or social characteristics that they promote.



Appendix 6 - Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

 How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

| Not applicable. |  |  |
|-----------------|--|--|

• How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

• How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

Periodic disclosure for the financial products referred to in Article 8, paragraphs 1, 2 and 2a, of Regulation (EU) 2019/2088 and Article 6, first paragraph, of Regulation (EU) 2020/852

Product name: Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund Legal entity identifier: 5493004MQK6DDHE96378

#### **Environmental and/or social characteristics**

| Did this financial product have  | e a sustainable inve   | vestment objective?  |
|--|--|--|
| Yes  |  | ₩ No   |
| les les  |  | * NO   |
| in economic active qualify as environs sustainable under Taxonomy  in economic active qualify as environs sustainable under the transfer of qualify as en sustainable under the transfer of qualify as en sustainable under the transfer of th | vities that nmentally er the EU vities that do vironmentally | It promoted Environmental/Social (E/S) characteristics and while it did not have as its objective a sustainable investment, it had a proportion of% of sustainable investments  with an environmental objective in economic activities that qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with an environmental objective in economic activities that do not qualify as environmentally sustainable under the EU Taxonomy  with a social objective |
| It made sustainable inve   | X  | It promoted E/S characteristics, but did not make any sustainable investments  |

Sustainability indicators measure

how the environmental

or social characteristics

promoted by the financial product are

attained.

Sustainable

practices

investment in an economic activity that contributes to an environmental or social objective, provided that the investment does not significantly harm any environmental or social objective and that the investee companies follow good governance

investment means an

The **EU Taxonomy** is a classification system laid down in Regulation (EU) 2020/852, establishing a list of environmentally sustainable economic activities. That Regulation does not lay down a list of socially sustainable economic activities Sustainable investments with an environmental objective might be aligned with the Taxonomy or not.

• To what extent were the environmental and/or social characteristics promoted by this financial product met?

The Fund will invest at least 50% of its Net Asset Value in assets which exhibit positive or improving environmental ("E") and/or social ("S") characteristics.

As at 30 April 2024, the Fund met it's environmental and/or social characteristics as the percentage of its Net Asset Value in assets which exhibit positive and improving environmental and/or social characteristics was 91.56%.

How did the sustainability indicators perform?

The sustainability indicator used to measure the attainment of the environmental and social characteristics promoted by the Fund was the percentage of the Fund's Net Asset Value invested in equities of issuers that exhibit positive or improving ESG characteristics. Issuers defined as having positive or improving ESG characteristics must be assessed as having a higher than average quality score, and not exceed a maximum adjustment to its Barings ESG cost of equity ("CoE") threshold.

As at 30 April 2024, the Fund's percentage of Net Asset Value invested in equities of issuers that exhibit positive or improving ESG characteristics was 91.56%, which was 41.56% above the minimum threshold.

And compared to previous periods?

The sustainability indicator has been redefined in the Prospectus since last year. Last year the percentage was calculated on the portfolio whereas this year it is on Net Asset Value. As at 30 April 2023, the Fund's percentage of investments in its portfolio with positive and improving ESG characteristics was 96.92% (excluding cash, cash equivalents and hedging instruments), which was 46.92% above the minimum threshold.



Appendix 6 - Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

 What were the objectives of the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made and how did the sustainable investment contribute to such objectives?

Not applicable.

 How did the sustainable investments that the financial product partially made not cause significant harm to any environmental or social sustainable investment objective?

Not applicable.

 How were the indicators for adverse impacts on sustainability factors taken into account?

Not applicable.

 Were sustainable investments aligned with the OECD Guidelines for Multinational Enterprises and the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights? Details:

Not applicable.

The EU Taxonomy sets out a "do no significant harm" principle by which Taxonomy-aligned investments should not significantly harm EU Taxonomy objectives and is accompanied by specific EU criteria.

The "do no significant harm" principle applies only to those investments underlying the financial product that take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities. The investments underlying the remaining portion of this financial product do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.

Any other sustainable investments must also not significantly harm any environmental or social objectives.



Principal adverse

impacts are the most significant negative impacts of investment decisions on sustainability

factors relating to

human rights, anti-

corruption and anti-

bribery matters.

and employee matters, respect for

environmental, social

 How did this financial product consider principal adverse impacts on sustainability factors?

During the reference period, the Investment Manager considered the following principal adverse impacts (PAIs) of each investment as part of its proprietary investment process: GHG emissions, carbon footprint and GHG intensity of investee issuers and exposure to issuers active in the fossil fuel, board gender diversity and exposure to controversial weapons. The Investment Manager did not directly invest in issuers that violate international conventions on cluster munitions, antipersonnel mines and chemical and biological weapons. The Investment Manager did not knowingly hold securities that are materially involved in the production, stockpiling and use of these weapons at the time of investment.



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)



The list includes the investments constituting the greatest proportion of investments of the financial product during the reference period which is as at 30 April 2024.

• What were the top investments of this financial product?\*

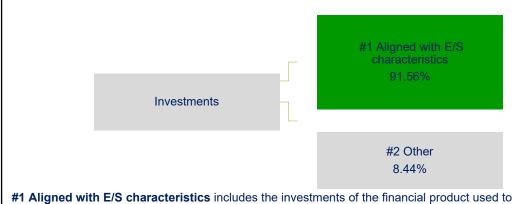
| Largest investments           | Sector                | % Assets | Country        |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|----------|----------------|
| L'Air Liquide S.A.            | Materials             | 5.21%    | France         |
| Microsoft                     | Technology            | 4.57%    | United States  |
| Unilever                      | Consumer Staples      | 4.48%    | United Kingdom |
| AON                           | Financials            | 4.22%    | United States  |
| Visa                          | Financials            | 3.96%    | United States  |
| Vinci                         | Industrials           | 3.92%    | France         |
| Novo Nordisk                  | Health Care           | 3.85%    | Denmark        |
| Nintendo                      | Consumer Cyclical     | 3.80%    | Japan          |
| Associated British Foods PLC  | Consumer Staples      | 3.73%    | United Kingdom |
| Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize NV | Consumer Staples      | 3.70%    | Netherlands    |
| Mastercard                    | Financials            | 3.48%    | United States  |
| Compass Group                 | Consumer Cyclical     | 3.20%    | United Kingdom |
| Danone                        | Consumer Non-Cyclical | 2.90%    | France         |
| Wal-Mart De Mexico            | Consumer Cyclical     | 2.84%    | Mexico         |
| Nestle SA                     | Consumer Staples      | 2.75%    | United States  |

<sup>\*</sup> The listed top investments of the Fund are as at 30 April 2024. The Sector source is the MSCI GICS industry classification.



- What was the proportion of sustainability-related investments?
- What was the asset allocation?

Asset allocation describes the share of investments in specific assets.



**#1 Aligned with E/S characteristics** includes the investments of the financial product used to attain the environmental or social characteristics promoted by the financial product.

**#2** Other includes the remaining investments of the financial product which are neither aligned with the environmental or social characteristics, nor are qualified as sustainable investments.



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

In which economic sectors were the investments made?

The following table details the economic sectors that the Fund was exposed to as at 30 April 2024.

| Sector                 | % of Investments |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Consumer Staples       | 18.76%           |
| Financials             | 17.09%           |
| Consumer Non-Cyclical  | 15.88%           |
| Consumer Cyclical      | 13.46%           |
| Materials              | 7.94%            |
| Industrials            | 6.45%            |
| Health Care            | 5.94%            |
| Technology             | 4.97%            |
| Utilities              | 3.85%            |
| Consumer Discretionary | 3.11%            |
| Energy                 | 2.55%            |

The Sector source is the MSCI GICS industry classification.



• To what extent were the sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

0% of the Fund's investments are sustainable investments with an environmental objective that align with the EU Taxonomy.

 Did the financial product invest in fossil gas and/or nuclear energy related activities complying with the EU Taxonomy¹?

|   | Yes: |               |                   |
|---|------|---------------|-------------------|
|   |      | In fossil gas | In nuclear energy |
| × | No   |               |                   |

Taxonomy-aligned activities are expressed as a share of:

- turnover reflects the "greenness" of investee companies today.
- capital
  expenditure
  (CapEx) shows the
  green investments
  made by investee
  companies,
  relevant for a
  transition to a
  green economy.
- operational expenditure (OpEx) reflects the green operational activities of investee companies.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Fossil gas and/or nuclear related activities will only comply with the EU Taxonomy where they contribute to limiting climate change ("climate change mitigation") and do not significantly harm any EU Taxonomy objective – see explanatory note in the left hand margin. The full criteria for fossil gas and nuclear energy economic activities that comply with the EU Taxonomy are laid down in Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2022/1214.

Appendix 6 - Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)

To comply with the EU Taxonomy, the criteria for fossil gas include limitations on emissions and switching to renewable power or low-carbon fuels by. the end of 2035. For nuclear energy, the criteria include comprehensive safety and waste management rules.

**Enabling** 

enable other activities to make a

substantial

Transitional activities are activities for which

low-carbon

alternatives are not yet available and among others have

greenhouse gas

emission levels corresponding to the best performance.

activities directly

contribution to an environmental objective.

of the financial product including sovereign bonds, while the second graph shows the Taxonomy alignment only in relation to the investments of the financial product other than sovereign bonds. 1. Taxonomy-alignment of investments Taxonomy-alignment of investments including sovereign bonds\* excluding sovereign bonds\* 0% 0% Taxonomy-aligned ■ Taxonomy-aligned (no (no fossil gas & nuclear) fossil gas & nuclear) 100% Non Taxonomy-100% Non Taxonomy-aligned aligned \*For the purpose of these graphs, 'sovereign bonds' consist of all sovereign exposures

The graphs below show in green the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy. As there is no appropriate methodology to determine the taxonomy-alignment of

sovereign bonds\*, the first graph shows the Taxonomy alignment in relation to all the investments

 What was the share of investments made in transitional and enabling activities?

The Fund did not make sustainable investments with an environmental objective aligned with the EU Taxonomy during the reference period.

• How did the percentage of investments that were aligned with the EU Taxonomy compare with previous reference periods?

Not applicable



What was the share of sustainable investments with an environmental objective not aligned with the EU Taxonomy?

Not applicable.



the criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities under Regulation

(EU) 2020/852.

What was the share of socially sustainable investments?



Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)



What investments were included under "other", what was their purpose and were there any minimum environmental or social safeguards?

The investments included under "Other" comprise of issuers which do not exhibit positive or improving E and / or S characteristics but are included in the Fund where the Investment Manager, after conducting proprietary fundamental analysis and taking into account portfolio construction considerations, identified mispriced investment opportunities on a longer term basis, centred on the Investment Manager's understanding of the issuer's strategy and the potential to improve returns and grow earnings. However, the Investment Manager divested from and did not invest in issuers which have a quality score of 5 – the worst level on the Investment Manager's scale of 1 to 5 – and an ESG-related modification to the discount rate of +2%.

Additionally, the investments included under "Other" were cash, cash equivalents and hedging instruments. Cash and cash equivalents do not affect the promoted environmental and / or social characteristics of the Fund. The assessment of issuers and of counterparties for cash and hedging instruments focusses on the creditworthiness of these parties, which can be impacted by ESG risks.



What actions have been taken to meet the environmental and/or social characteristics during the reference period?

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Appendix 6 – Sustainability Related Disclosures (Unaudited)



Reference

benchmarks are indexes to measure whether the financial product attains the

environmental or

that they promote.

social characteristics

How did this financial product perform compared to the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

How does the reference benchmark differ from a broad market index?

Not applicable.

 How did this financial product perform with regard to the sustainability indicators to determine the alignment of the reference benchmark with the environmental or social characteristics promoted?

Not applicable.

 How did this financial product perform compared with the reference benchmark?

Not applicable.

How did this financial product perform compared with the broad market index?



### Appendix 7 - Periodic Disclosure of Promoted Environmental and Social Characteristics (Unaudited)

For the financial year ended 30 April 2023

The Investment Manager integrates ESG ("Environmental, Social and Governance") information into the investment process across all asset classes. Through bottom-up, fundamental analysis, the Investment Manager seeks to gain a comprehensive understanding of the factors that influence the sustainability of investments. The Investment Manager considers ESG information alongside other crucial variables that may impact an investment's risks and returns over time. In particular, the Investment Manager considers ESG criteria in relation to specific industry and sector trends and characteristics to identify the risks of an investment. Once invested, the Investment Manager continues to monitor each investment to ensure their thesis, including that on ESG matters, remains intact and that an investment's risk and return profile remains attractive relative to other opportunities available in the market. Sustainability risks that the Investment Manager may consider are environmental, social or governance events or conditions that, if they occur, could cause an actual or a potential material negative impact on the value of the investment, examples of which include physical environmental risks, transition risk (e.g. investee company assets losing their financial value because of tightening of environmental legislation) or liability risk (e.g. risk of liability due to a breach of human/employee rights considering the jurisdiction of the investee company).

All Funds integrate ESG into their investment process but the following Funds will also promote ESG by investing or seeking to positively influence business practices to improve ESG characteristics and are therefore categorised under Article 8 of the Sustainable Finance Disclosure Regulations ("SFDR"):

- Barings ASEAN Frontier Fund;
- Barings Asia Growth Fund;
- Barings Australia Fund;
- Barings Europa Fund;
- Barings Global Bond Fund;
- Barings Hong Kong China Fund;
- Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund;
- Barings Europe Select Fund;

Please refer to the Prospectus and Appendix 6 for further details on ESG integration.

The investments underlying the remaining Funds of this Unit Trust which are under Article 6 of the SFDR, do not take into account the EU criteria for environmentally sustainable economic activities.



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