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Barings Korea Feeder Fund

(the Fund is constituted as an open-ended unit trust established pursuant to the Units Trust Act 1990)

Interim Report & Unaudited Financial Statements

For the financial period ended 31 October 2023

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Directors and Other Information

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Barbara Healy† (Irish)
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Paul Smyth (Irish)
Julian Swayne (British)*
Rhian Williams (British)**

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

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Introduction

Barings Korea Feeder Fund (the "Fund") is a unit trust scheme constituted under the laws of Ireland and has been authorised as a feeder fund into Barings Korea Trust (the "Unit Trust"). The Manager, Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited, is authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland (the "CBI") as an Alternative Investment Fund Manager ("AIFM") pursuant to the European Union ("EU") Regulations 2013, and therefore the Fund is classified as a Retail Investor Alternative Investment Fund ("RIAIF") in accordance with the Alternative Investment Fund Rulebook (the "AIF Rulebook") issued by the CBI. The Unit Trust is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority. The Unit Trust is managed by Baring Fund Managers Limited. The Fund is also listed on the Euronext Dublin Global Exchange Market.

As an investor in the Unit Trust, the Fund's money is pooled with that of other investors in the Unit Trust and invested in the securities of South Korean companies listed on the Korean Stock Exchange. The Unit Trust will also participate in investments such as convertible bonds, fixed-interest stocks and mutual funds. As with all Unit Trusts managed by Baring Fund Managers Limited, the risk assumed in this portfolio is carefully monitored.

As at 31 October 2023, the Fund had one class of units on offer. The Fund held 8,024,992 units (30 April 2023: 8,118,898) in the Unit Trust, which represents approximately 48.08% (30 April 2023: 48.00%) of the authorised units in the Unit Trust. The performance of the Fund is directly dependent on the performance of the Unit Trust. The financial statements of the Fund should be read in conjunction with the Unit Trust's financial statements.

The financial statements include all the trades received up until 12.00p.m. (Irish time) on 31 October 2023, the valuation point of the Fund.



Investment Objective and Policy

The investment objective of Barings Korea Feeder Fund (the "Fund") is to achieve long-term growth in the value of assets by investing in units of Barings Korea Trust (the "Unit Trust"), which is a unit trust constituted in the United Kingdom and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA"). The investment objective of the Unit Trust is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in Korea.

The Unit Trust will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its total assets directly and indirectly in equities and equity-related securities of companies incorporated in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, Korea and quoted or traded on the stock exchanges in Korea.

How the Unit Trust is managed

Baring Asset Management Limited, in its capacity as Investment Manager to the Unit Trust (the "Investment Manager"), invests the Unit Trust in the South Korean equity market, and manages it using a "Growth at a Reasonable Price" ("GARP") approach. This means that when researching candidates for the portfolio, just as much emphasis is placed on the likely growth in corporate earnings of a company as is placed on the unit price valuation before deciding whether to invest or not. This approach combines the best features of both "growth" and "value" investment styles, to the benefit of investors. A significant emphasis is placed on fundamental research, looking for companies which have the potential to deliver better-than-expected earnings growth. Over the long term, the Investment Manager aims to deliver the majority of returns through active stock picking and expects to achieve most of the added value from stock selection.

The Investment Manager has further appointed Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited as Sub-Investment Manager to the Unit

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



Investment Managers' Report

For the financial period ended 31 October 2023

Performance

Barings Korea Feeder Fund (the "Fund") generated a gross return of -7.85% on the Class A USD Acc unit class and over performed against the benchmark with a return of -9.76%* during the reporting period. The Fund generated a net return of -8.91% on the Class A USD Acc unit class.

Korean equities trended lower over the past 6 months, as market sentiment continued to be weighed by interest rates, amid a higher-for-longer rate environment, coupled with concerns that China's economic slowdown would create downward pressure on demand. Market performance was also weighed by notable foreign outflows over the period, as investors took profits.

Over the period, both stock selection and asset allocation contributed positively to the Fund's relative performance. Stylistically, Value orientated equities significantly over performed Growth over the period, however, strong stock selection offset this.

Stock selection within Communication Services and Information Technology were notable contributors to relative over performance over the period, notably holdings within the semiconductor industry. Here the Fund's exposures to chip manufacturer SK Hynix and semiconductor test socket supplier ISC, significantly over performed driven by expectations for a turnaround within the semiconductor industry as global inventories have rapidly destocked, whilst buoyed by upbeat Artificial Intelligence ("AI") demand.

Conversely, a lack of exposure to another leading chipmaker, Samsung Electronics, ended as a key detractor to relative performance as the company saw a period of share price appreciation. The Fund has a regulatory imposed restriction to hold a maximum of 10% of the portfolio in any one company. However, the benchmark weight in Samsung Electronics, an index heavy weight, currently exceeds 20%, encumbering the strategy with a structural underweight it is unable to mitigate.

Market outlook

In the short term, global markets are likely to remain vigilant as investors weigh up a potential peak in monetary tightening and evaluating the potential for a deterioration in corporate earnings.

We continue to remain constructive on Korean equities. Whilst US interest rates are now expected to stay higher for longer, falling inflation should become a benefit for Korean equities as medium-term expectations for rates fall, and as a result the relative strength of the US dollar should moderate, benefiting the Korean Won. In addition, Korea's ongoing current account improvement, together with the turnaround in the global chip cycle, should also give further benefit to its local currency, and provide its central bank with further policy flexibility.

While some of the external headwinds gradually abate, Korea's domestic economic momentum is also expected to remain robust, underpinned by supportive policies, increasing inbound tourists and ongoing capital expenditure by large tech and battery companies. The anticipated improvement in profitability for the hardware technology companies is paving the way for strong earnings growth outlook in 2024, and the rapid adoption of generative AI has helped accelerate this recovery, notably in unique and world leading parts of the semiconductor and tech hardware value chain only found in Korea. Meanwhile, the Inflation Reduction Act ("US IRA") is benefiting a number of companies within the Korean EV battery and solar power supply chains, who are benefiting from significant subsidies to build manufacturing capacity within the US. Beyond tech, the Korean market also offers interesting mid-cap opportunities, such as those in the medical aesthetics space where the country has competitive advantage.

* The Fund return uses the midday prices, whereas the return of the comparator is calculated using global close prices.

Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited, appointed as Sub-Investment Manager of Baring Korea Trust by Baring Asset Management Limited. November 2023

Baring Asset Management Limited (the "Investment Manager") gives its portfolio managers full authority to manage their funds as they see fit, within the established guidelines set down. This includes the views that managers may take of the markets and sectors they invest in, which may differ from the views of other Barings portfolio managers.



Statement of Financial Position

As at 31 October 2023

| Assets Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss Cash and cash equivalents Receivable for units sold Other assets Total assets | Notes 2 3 | Barings Korea Feeder Fund 31 October 2023 US\$ 29,182,443 144,336 16,929 149 29,343,857 | Barings Korea Feeder Fund 30 April 2023 US\$ 32,309,931 71,205 57,584 107 32,438,827 |
|--|-----------------|---|--|
| Liabilities Payable for units redeemed Securities purchased payable Other payables and accrued expenses Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units) | 5 | (94,653) ———————————————————————————————————— | (22,283) (38,930) (111,797) (173,010) |
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units | | 29,144,701 | 32,265,817 |

Statement of Comprehensive Income

For the financial period ended 31 October 2023

| | Notes | Barings Korea Feeder Fund 31 October 2023 US\$ | Barings Korea Feeder Fund 31 October 2022 US\$ |
|---|-------------|---|---|
| Income | | | |
| Bank interest income | | 994 | 208 |
| Dividend income | | 13,457 | _ |
| Net fair value loss on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through | _ | (0.700.004) | (0 -00 0-1) |
| profit or loss | 7 | (2,763,624) | (9,766,271) |
| Total expense | | (2,749,173) | (9,766,063) |
| Expenses Administration fees Depositary fees Operating expenses | 9 9 6 | (46,263) (3,953) (27,404) | (47,089) (4,024) (34,199) |
| Total operating expenses | | (77,620) | (85,312) |
| Net loss before finance costs and taxation | | (2,826,793) | (9,851,375) |
| Finance costs Bank interest expense Total finance costs | | (126) (126) | (76) (76) |
| Decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units | | (2,826,919) | (9,851,451) |

Gains and losses arose solely from continuing activities. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.



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

For the financial period ended 31 October 2023

| | Notes | Barings Korea Feeder Fund 31 October 2023 US\$ | Barings Korea Feeder Fund 31 October 2022 US\$ |
|--|--------|---|---|
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating | 110100 | 334 | 004 |
| units at the beginning of the financial period | | 32,265,817 | 41,734,260 |
| Decrease in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units | | (2,826,919) | (9,851,451) |
| Issue of redeemable participating units during the | | , | , |
| financial period | 4 | 2,721,484 | 2,194,363 |
| Redemption of redeemable participating units during the | | | |
| financial period | 4 | (3,015,681) | (4,078,806) |
| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating | | | |
| units at the end of the financial period | | 29,144,701 | 29,998,366 |



Notes to the financial statements

For the financial period ended 31 October 2023

1. Basis of measurement

The financial statements presented are unaudited condensed interim financial statements for the financial period ended 31 October 2023 that have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 104 ("FRS 104") "Interim Financial Reporting".

The condensed interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2023, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Irish statute, comprising the Unit Trust Ac, 1990 and the provisions of the Hong Kong Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds, supplemented or consolidated from time to time.

The accounting policies applied in these condensed interim financial statements are consistent with those used in Baring Korea Feeder Fund's (the "Fund") most recent annual financial statements for the financial year ended 30 April 2023.

The condensed interim financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss. These financial statements were prepared on the going concern basis.

The Fund meets all the conditions set out in FRS102, section 7 and consequently has availed of the exemption available to certain funds not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The comparative figures included for the Statement of Financial Position relate to the previous financial year ended 30 April 2023, while the comparative figures included for the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Units relate to the six month period ended 31 October 2022.

2. Significant accounting policies

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: Recognition and Measurement and only the disclosure requirements of FRS 102 relating to Basic Financial Instruments and Other Financial Instruments.

The use of 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 of all trades received up until 12:00p.m. (Irish time) on 31 October 2023, the valuation point for the Fund.

3. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents are valued at fair value with interest accrued, where applicable. Cash deposits of US\$144,336 (30 April 2023: US\$71,205) are maintained with Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited (the "Depositary").



Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the financial period ended 31 October 2023

4. Redeemable units

Financial period ended 31 October 2023

| | Class A USD Acc |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| | No. of Units |
| Balance as at 1 May 2023 | 1,588,256 |
| Issued | 128,262 |
| Redeemed | (142,335) |
| Balance as at 31 October 2023 | 1,574,183 |

Financial year ended 30 April 2023

| | Class A USD Acc No. of Units |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Balance as at 1 May 2022 | 1,705,787 |
| Issued | 167,651 |
| Redeemed | (285,182) |
| Balance as at 30 April 2023 | 1,588,256 |

5. Other payables and accrued expenses

| | 31 October 2023 | 30 April 2023 |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | US\$ | US\$ |
| Administration fees payable | (14,476) | (14,500) |
| Depositary fees payable | (2,624) | (2,586) |
| Audit fees payable | (19,552) | (13,152) |
| Legal fees payable | (42,388) | (52,594) |
| Professional fees payable | (5,015) | (14,529) |
| Other operating expenses payable | (20,448) | (14,436) |
| | (104,503) | (111,797) |

6. Operating expenses

| | 31 October 2023 | 31 October 2022 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| | US\$ | US\$ |
| Audit fees | (6,400) | (7,130) |
| Legal fees | (4,921) | (3,987) |
| Professional services | (9,368) | (4,823) |
| Other operating expenses | (6,715) | (18,259) |
| | (27,404) | (34,199) |

7. Net fair value loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

The following table analyses the realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments and currencies from the Statement of Comprehensive Income on page 6. This requirement complies with the Central Bank of Ireland's ("CBI's") Alternative Investment Fund ("AIF") Rulebook.

| | 31 October 2023 | 31 October 2022 |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| | US\$ | US\$ |
| Realised gains on sale of investments | 1,068 | 17,498 |
| Realised losses on sale of investments | (249,810) | (218,659) |
| Realised currency gains | 5,207 | 43,295 |
| Realised currency losses | (7,162) | (48,689) |
| Unrealised losses on investments | (2,512,668) | (9,559,645) |
| Unrealised currency gains | 69 | _ |
| Unrealised currency losses | (328) | (71) |
| | (2,763,624) | (9,766,271) |



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8. Distributions

It is not intended to distribute to unitholders any income, all such income being accumulated within the Fund.

9. Significant agreements and fees

Management fees

The Fund is managed by the Alternative Investment Fund Manager ("AIFM"), who has delegated investment responsibility to Baring Asset Management Limited (the "Investment Manager") an Investment management company incorporated in London on 6 April 1994. The Investment Manager is part of Barings LLC group and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company ("MassMutual"). The Investment Manager has further appointed Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited as the Sub-Investment Manager, who is also part of Barings LLC group.

The AIFM is entitled under the Trust Deed to charge a management fee at a rate not exceeding 0.5% per annum (or such higher percentage per annum as may be approved by an Extraordinary Resolution of unitholders) of the value of the net assets of the Fund (the "Management Charge"). The Management Fee is payable monthly in arrears and is accrued and calculated by reference to the Net Asset Value of the Unit Trust as at each day on which the Net Asset Value of the Unit Trust is calculated.

The management fees were waived on 9 December 2019, therefore there was no management fees charged by the Fund for the period ended 31 October 2023 (31 October 2022: US\$Nil). While the AIFM does not currently charge a management fee, it may do so in the future at an amount not exceeding 0.5% of Net Asset Value per annum on giving not less than three months' notice to the unitholders. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Unit Trust charges management fees in respect of investments therein. The Fund will bear its share of fees charged by the Unit Trust, and in turn such fees shall be proportionately born by the unitholders.

Barings Fund Manager Limited, the Manager of the Unit Trust, charges a periodic management charge at the rate of 1.5% of net asset value per annum. The trustee of the Barings Korea Trust is entitled to receive a periodic fee as agreed with Baring Fund Managers and is subject to a current maximum of 0.15% of net asset value per annum (plus Value added Tax) of the Barings Korea Trust. For further details please refer to the prospectus of the Unit Trust.

Administration fees

The AIFM shall be entitled to receive an administration fee out of the assets of the Fund at the rate of 0.275% per annum of the Net Asset Value of the Fund calculated by reference to the daily calculation of asset values and paid monthly in arrears. The fee will be subject to a minimum of £12,000 per annum. The AIFM will pay the fees of Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited (the "Administrator") and the Registrar out of the administration fee. The Administrator and Registrar are entitled to be reimbursed certain out-of-pocket expenses out of the assets of the Fund. Administration fees of US\$46,263 have been charged for the financial period ended 31 October 2023 (31 October 2022: US\$47,089) of which US\$14,476 (30 April 2023: US\$14,500) was outstanding at the financial period-end.

Depositary fees

The Depositary is entitled under the Trust Deed to receive out of the assets of the Fund a Trustee fee at the rate of up to 0.025% per annum of the value of the net assets of the Fund, payable monthly in arrears.

In addition, the Depositary will also charge transaction fees, safekeeping fees and account maintenance charges out of the assets of the Fund, which shall be at normal commercial rates. The Depositary is entitled to be reimbursed all fees and charges of sub-custodians appointed by it and all other out-of-pocket expenses incurred by it. Any sub-custodian fees will be charged at normal commercial fees. Depositary fees of US\$3,953 have been charged for the financial period ended 31 October 2023 (31 October 2022: US\$4,024) of which US\$2,624 (30 April 2023: US\$2,586) was outstanding at the financial period-end.

Transaction costs

There were no transaction costs incurred by the Fund for the period ended 31 October 2023 (31 October 2022: US\$Nil).



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9. Significant agreements and fees (continued)

Legal fees

The fees paid to Deacons during the financial period ended 31 October 2023 amounted to US\$6,197 (31 October 2022: US\$Nil). The fees paid to Matheson during the financial period ended 31 October 2023 amounted to US\$5,208 (31 October 2022: US\$7,284) and US\$1,152 (31 October 2022: US\$Nil) to Lexcel Partners, Attorneys at Law.

10. 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 AIFM. Syl O'Byrne and Barbara Healy are non-executive Directors, independent of the Investment Manager. The AIFM 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 (the "Sub-Investment Manager") is also part of the Barings LLC group. 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 operational decisions.

Significant unitholders

The following table details significant concentrations in unitholdings of the 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 31 October 2023, the following had significant unitholdings in the Fund:

Number of unitholders with beneficial interest greater than 20% of the units in issue Nil (30 April 2023: Nil)

Total % of unitholders with beneficial interest greater than 20% of the units in issue Nil (30 April 2023: Nil) Total % of units held by Investment Funds managed by Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited or affiliates Nil (30 April 2023: Nil)

Barings Korea Feeder Fund

Fund name

11. 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, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgement by the AIFM. The AIFM 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.



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11. Fair value hierarchy (continued)

The following table analyses within the fair value hierarchy the Funds' financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value.

As at 31 October 2023

| Barings Korea Feeder Fund Financial assets Investment Funds Total | Level 1 US\$ | Level 2 US\$ 29,182,443 29,182,443 | Level 3 US\$ | Total US\$ 29,182,443 29,182,443 |
|--|---------------------|---|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| As at 30 April 2023 | | | | |
| Barings Korea Feeder Fund Financial assets Investment Funds | Level 1 US\$ | Level 2 US\$ 32,309,931 | Level 3 US\$ | Total US\$ 32,309,931 |
| Total | | 32,309,931 | | 32,309,931 |

12. Efficient portfolio management

During the financial period ended 31 October 2023, the Fund did not engage in any efficient portfolio management techniques (30 April 2023: same).

13. NAV per redeemable participating units

| Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating units Barings Korea Feeder Fund | 31 October 2023 US\$29,144,701 | 30 April 2023 US\$32,265,817 | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| NAV per redeemable participating units Class A USD Acc | US\$18.51 | US\$20.32 | US\$24.47 |

14. Exchange rates

| | As at | As at |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| | 31 October 2023 | 30 April 2023 |
| Euro | 0.9384 | 0.9104 |
| Pound sterling | 0.8212 | 0.8023 |

15. 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 the broker to settle the trade (31 October 2022: same).

16. Contingent liabilities

There are no contingent liabilities at financial period-end 31 October 2023 and financial year-end 30 April 2023.

17. Transactions with connected parties

The CBI's AIF requires that any transaction carried out with the Fund by a Promoter, the AIFM, Depositary, and/or Investment Manager and/or an associate of these ("connected parties") are carried out as if negotiated at arm's length and are in the best interests of the unitholders.



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17. Transactions with connected parties (continued)

The Directors of the AIFM are satisfied that there are arrangements in place to ensure that this requirement is applied to all transactions with connected parties, and that all transactions with connected parties during the period complied with this requirement.

18. Taxation

Under current Irish law and practice, the Fund 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.

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 units for Irish tax purposes arising as a result of holding units in the Fund for a period of eight years or more, or the appropriation or cancellation of units of a unitholder by the Fund 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 Fund 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 Undertaking wishing to receive approval must apply in writing to the Revenue Commissioners, confirming compliance with the relevant conditions.

19. 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 Fund. During the financial period ended 31 October 2023 and during the financial year ended 30 April 2023, the Fund has not drawn down on this facility.

20. Material Changes to the Prospectus

An updated Prospectus of the Unit Trust was issued on 1 September 2023.

There were no material changes made to the Prospectus.

21. Significant events

The Prospectus of the Fund was updated on 1 September 2023. The material changes to the Prospectus are outlined in note 20.

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

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



Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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21. Significant events (continued)

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 Fund, 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 Fund and the Portfolio Investments.

There have been no other significant events during the financial period-end that, in the opinion of the Directors of the AIFM, that may have had an impact on the financial statements for the financial period ended 31 October 2023.

22. Subsequent events

There have been no events subsequent to the financial period-end that, in the opinion of the Directors of the AIFM, may have had an impact on the financial statements for the financial period ended 31 October 2023.

23. Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the Directors of the AIFM on 12 December 2023.



Schedule of Investments

As at 31 October 2023

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| Investment Unit Trust | Holding as at 30/04/2023 | Nominal purchases | Nominal sales | Holding as at 31/10/2023 | Fair value in US\$ as at 31/10/2023 | % of Net Assets |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Barings Korea Trust (cost US\$37,804,921.12) | 8,118,898 | 332,059 | (425,965) | 8,024,992 | 29,182,443 | 100.13 |
| Cash and cash equivalents Other net liabilities | | | | _ | 144,336 (182,078) | 0.50 (0.63) |
| Total net assets attributab | 29,144,701 | 100.00 | | | | |

As at 30 April 2023

| Investment Unit Trust | Holding as at 30/04/2022 | Nominal purchases | Nominal sales | Holding as at 30/04/2023 | Fair value in US\$ as at 30/04/2023 | % of Net Assets |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Barings Korea Trust (cost US\$38,424,971.17) | 8,763,897 | 370,048 | (1,015,047) | 8,118,898 | 32,309,931 | 100.14 |
| Cash and cash equivalents Other net liabilities | | | | _ | 71,205 (115,319) | 0.22 (0.36) |
| Total net assets attributable | 32,265,817 | 100.00 | | | | |



General information

General information

Barings Korea Feeder Fund (the "Fund") is a unit trust managed by Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (the "Alternative Investment Fund Manager ("AIFM")"). The Fund is a feeder fund investing solely in the units of Barings Korea Trust (the "Unit Trust"), a United Kingdom authorised unit trust scheme, which has also been authorised by the Securities and Futures Commission in Hong Kong.

Each redeemable participating unit in the Fund represents one undivided unit in the property of the Fund.

The Fund is valued on each dealing day following the initial issue of units of the relevant class, and such units may normally be purchased or realised by application to the AIFM c/o the Administrator on a dealing day. Dealing days are every business day and/or such other day or days as the AIFM may, with the approval of Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited (the "Depositary"), determine (as will be notified in advance to unitholders), provided that such day is also a dealing day in respect of the Unit Trust and provided further that there shall be at least two dealing days in each month. A business day is any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, on which banks in both Dublin and London are open for business.

The AIFM may decline any application for redeemable participating units in whole or in part and will not accept subscriptions for units of an amount (inclusive of the preliminary charge) which is less than US\$5,000. A preliminary charge of up to 6% (or such higher amounts as may be approved by an extraordinary resolution) of the amount invested may be made and retained by the AIFM, but it is the intention of the AIFM that such charge should not, until further notice, exceed 5%. Redeemable participating units in the Unit Trust will, however, be acquired by the Fund at the creation price, the effect of which is that there will be no initial charge made on the acquisition of units in the Unit Trust.

The Fund is constituted under the laws of Ireland by a Trust Deed dated 2 October 1992, (such deed as amended from time to time being hereinafter referred to as the "Trust Deed") made between the AIFM and the Depositary.

All unitholders are entitled to the benefit of, are bound by and are deemed to have notice of, the provisions of the Trust Deed.

Information in this section is selective and should be read in conjunction with the full text of the Prospectus.

Market timing

Repeatedly purchasing and selling redeemable participating units in the Fund in response to short-term market fluctuations – known as 'market timing' – can disrupt the AIFM's investment strategy and increase the Fund's expenses to the prejudice of all unitholders. The Fund is not intended for market timing or excessive trading. To deter these activities, the AIFM may refuse to accept an application for redeemable participating units from persons that it reasonably believes are engaged in market timing or are otherwise excessive or potentially disruptive to the Fund.

The AIFM reserves the right to redeem redeemable participating units from a unitholder on the basis of the circumstances of the unitholder concerned, or if it has reasonable grounds to believe that the unitholders are engaging in any activity which might result in the Fund or its unitholders as a whole suffering any legal, regulatory, reputational or other material disadvantage which the Fund or its unitholders as a whole might not otherwise have suffered.

Particulars relating to the Fund

Particulars relating to the Fund are contained in the Prospectus, copies of which, together with the latest published AIFM's report, can be obtained, free of charge, from Baring Asset Management Limited at 20 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BF, United Kingdom.



Appendix 1 – Additional information Hong Kong Code

For the financial period ended 31 October 2023

| Highest issue and lowest redemption prices | | | | | |
|--|-----------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| Highest issue price during the period/year | | | | | |
| Class A USD Acc | 31 October 2023 22.85 | 30 April 2023 24.87 | 30 April 2022 32.87 | 30 April 2021 33.73 | 30 April 2020 21.24 |
| | 30 April 2019 | 30 April 2018 | 08 August 2017 | 08 August 2016 | 08 August 2015 |
| Class A USD Acc | 27.61 | 28.19 | 24.16 | 24.27 | 25.95 |
| Lowest redemption price during the period/year | | | | | |
| Class A USD Acc | 31 October 2023 18.51 | 30 April 2023 17.19 | 30 April 2022 24.15 | 30 April 2021 16.97 | 30 April 2020 12.69 |
| | 30 April 2019 | 30 April 2018 | 08 August 2017 | 08 August 2016 | 08 August 2015 |
| Class A USD Acc | 20.18 | 22.15 | 18.54 | 18.87 | 20.63 |

Appendix 2 - AIFMD Related Periodic Investor Reporting

For the financial period ended 31 October 2023

Introduction

Pursuant to the European Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (Directive 2011/61/EU of the European Parliament and the Council of the European Union, or "AIFMD") Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited ("BIFMI"), as an Alternative Investment Fund Manager ("AIFM"), is required to periodically disclose certain information to investors in the Alternative Investment Funds ("AIFs") for which it acts as the AIFM. This impacts Barings Korea Feeder Fund as a RIAIF managed by BIFMI.

Periodic Reporting

In accordance with Article 23(4) of AIFMD and Articles 108 of Delegated Regulation (EU) No 231/2013, BIFMI is required to disclose to investors the following information for the financial period ended 31 October 2023, at the same time as the annual report is made available to investors of Barings Korea Feeder Fund (the "Fund"):

- · There were no assets held that are subject to special arrangements arising from their illiquid nature.
- · There were no new arrangements for managing the liquidity of the Fund.

The current risk profile of the Fund and the risk management systems employed by the AIFM to manage those risks are included on pages 19 - 20.

There have been no changes to the risk profiles or risk management systems for the Fund in the financial period ended 31 October 2023.



Appendix 3 - Risk Management Systems and Risk Profile Summary

For the financial period ended 31 October 2023

Overview of Risk Management Systems

Summary Organisational Features

The AIFMD related risk management Barings Korea Feeder Fund (the "Fund") is carried out by the Designated Person for Risk of Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (the "AIFM") and risk management team, who form part of the Permanent Risk Management function at the AIFM. The AIFM risk management team is also supported by the AIFM's intra company delegated risk management functions within Barings Asset Management Limited and Barings LLC. The Risk Management Function within Barings is independent of Barings' operating units, including the portfolio management teams. The Designated Person for Risk of the AIFM reports to the Chief Executive Officer and Board of the AIFM.

Primary Risk Types

The Fund primarily invests in equities via investing in units of Barings Korea Trust. Examples of the types of risk to which the Fund managed by the AIFM are exposed include:

- Market risks: including sensitivity of NAV to changes in interest rates, credit spreads, price volatility and currency exchange rates, extent of leverage permitted/utilised.
- Credit risks: including probability of default and loss on the debt instruments held by each sub-fund. The fund currently holds no debt instruments, but is allowed to do so as per the fund offering documents.
- Liquidity risks: including cash requirements for investment and hedging settlements, and cash requirements for servicing redemption requests.
- Counterparty risks: including those relating to open unsettled asset trades, and OTC derivative counterparty exposure on currency hedging trades.
- Operational risks: including those relating to the volume of trade activity in the assets of a fund and the shares issued by a fund, as well as the complexity of the asset types held by the Fund.

Risk Management Systems and Controls

For each fund, risk measures and limits are set to be consistent with the risk profile of each fund and monitored during the life of the Fund.

The risk management team undertakes periodic liquidity stress tests and scenario analysis, as applicable under the Fund mandate terms. Risk management also evaluate the impact of potential changes in interest rates, credit spreads and currency exchange rates that might adversely impact each Fund.

The table below lists third party and internal risk applications used by Barings to monitor investment risk.

| Asset Class | Risk System | Purpose |
|--------------|-------------------------|--|
| Equity | In-house liquidity tool | Liquidity Monitoring |
| | Risk Metrics | Stress Test Monitoring, VaR analysis, tracking error and used as |
| | | main risk tool for Funds using FDIs. |
| Fixed Income | Risk Metrics | Stress Test Monitoring, VaR analysis, tracking error and used as |
| | | main risk tool for Funds using FDIs. |
| | In-house liquidity tool | Liquidity Monitoring |
| Multi Asset | Risk Metrics | Monitoring of volatility and Stress Testing |
| | In-house liquidity tool | Liquidity Monitoring |



Appendix 3 – Risk Management Systems and Risk Profile Summary (continued)

For the financial period ended 31 October 2023

Fund Specific Summary Risk Profile

| Fund Name | Barings Korea Feeder Fund |
|---|---|
| As at Date | 31 October 2023 |
| Summary Investment Objective | The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve capital growth by investing in units of Barings Korea Trust (the "Unit Trust"), which is a unit trust constituted in the United Kingdom and authorised by the FCA. The investment objective of the Unit Trust is to provide a total return, including both capital growth and dividend income (after fees have been deducted), in excess of the Korea Composite Stock Price Index (KOSPI) over a rolling five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities in Korea. |
| | The Unit Trust will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its total assets directly and indirectly in equities and equity-related securities of companies incorporated in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in Korea, or quoted or traded on the stock exchanges in Korea. |
| | For the remainder of its total assets, the Unit Trust may invest directly or indirectly in equities and equity-related securities outside of Korea as well as in fixed income and cash. |
| Primary Asset Type(s) | Korean equities |
| Degree of diversification | Relatively Concentrated |
| Rating Profile | Large Cap unrated equities |
| Sensitivity of NAV to Price Volatility Risk | High – Majority of the fund is invested in equities, which have large exposure to price volatility by their nature |
| Sensitivity of NAV to Interest Rate Risk | Very Low – Fund allows for fixed income instrument investment, but has no debt exposure as of 31 October 2023 |
| Sensitivity of NAV to Credit Spread Risk | Very Low – Fund allows for fixed income instrument investment, but has no debt exposure as of 31 October 2023 |
| Sensitivity of NAV to Currency Movements | Medium – investments are primarily denominated in South Korean won dollars but portfolio base currency is USD |
| Extent of Leverage | No leverage for investment purposes |
| Short term liquidity facility in place | Yes |
| Dealing Frequency | Daily |
| Redemption Notice Period | 3 days |



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Important information:

This document is approved and issued by Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited.

Disclosure:

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Barings Korea Trust

Interim Report & Unaudited Financial Statements

for the half year ended 31 October 2023

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Introduction

This Interim Report and Unaudited Financial Statements covers the period from 1 May 2023 to 31 October 2023 and reviews the performance and market outlook for the Barings Korea Trust (the "Trust") which is managed by Baring Fund Managers Limited (the "Manager").

The functional and presentational currency of the Trust is Pound Sterling ("Sterling").

As an investor in the Trust, your money is pooled with that of other investors and invested by the Manager in the securities of South Korean companies listed on the Korean Stock Exchange. The Trust will also participate in investments such as convertible bonds, fixed interest stocks and mutual funds. As with all funds managed by the Manager, the risk assumed in this portfolio is carefully monitored.

The Trust is authorised by the Securities and Futures Commission ("SFC") pursuant to Section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance of Hong Kong ("SFO") and hence may be offered to the public of Hong Kong.

The SFC's authorisation is not a recommendation or endorsement of a scheme nor does it guarantee the commercial merits of a scheme or its performance. It does not mean the scheme is suitable for all investors nor is it an endorsement of its suitability for any particular investor or class of investors.

Russia/Ukraine Crisis

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 Manager, the Trust 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 Manager's operations, including the Trust and the Portfolio Investments.



Investment Objective and Policy and Trust at a Glance

Investment Objective and Policy

The investment objective of the Trust is to provide a total return, including both capital growth and dividend income (after fees have been deducted), in excess of the Korea Composite Stock Price Index (KOSPI) over a rolling five year period, by investing in equity and equity related securities in Korea.

The Trust will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its total assets directly and indirectly in equities and equity-related securities of companies incorporated in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in Korea, or quoted or traded on the stock exchanges in Korea.

For the remainder of its total assets, the Trust may invest directly or indirectly in equities and equity-related securities outside of Korea as well as in fixed income and cash.

In order to implement the investment policy, the Trust may gain indirect exposure through American Depositary Receipts, Global Depositary Receipts and other equity-related securities including participation notes, structured notes, equity-linked notes and debt securities convertible into equities. The Trust may also obtain indirect exposure through investments in collective investment schemes (including collective investment schemes which are managed by the Manager or an associate of the Manager) and other transferable securities. It may also use derivatives including futures, options, swaps, warrants and forward contracts for efficient portfolio management (including hedging).

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

Benchmark

The target benchmark is the Korea Composite Stock Price Index (KOSPI). The benchmark has been selected as it tracks the performance of the largest companies in the South Korean stock market.

The Trust is actively managed and targets outperformance of the benchmark over a five year period. There is however no guarantee that this objective will be achieved over any time period. The Trust is not constrained by the benchmark and can make investments in securities that are not included in the benchmark. Differences in the performance of the Trust compared to the benchmark may also arise as a result of application of the UK UCITS Rules prescribing portfolio concentration and liquidity limits, which are not applied to the benchmark. The Manager considers the benchmark is appropriate based on the investment policy of the Trust.

How the Trust is Managed

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 companies for their ability to outperform the market on a risk-adjusted basis. In particular, we believe that structured fundamental research and a disciplined investment process combining quality, growth, upside, and environment, social, governance ("ESG") considerations can allow us to identify attractively priced, long-term growth companies which will outperform the market. Our approach emphasises both growth and quality criterion when looking at companies and a three to five-year time horizon when forecasting company earnings. In determining upside, we use consistent and transparent methods to place emphasis on discounted earnings models. We value companies on a long term-term basis utilizing proprietary valuation models that incorporate ESG analysis and macro considerations.

Risk Profile

Please see detailed below the key risks applicable to the Trust:

- Changes in exchange rates between the base currency of the Trust and the currencies in which the assets of the Trust are valued can have the effect of increasing or decreasing the value of the Trust and any income generated.
- One of the main risk factors associated with South Korean investments is the proximity to North Korea and the possibility of increased political tension which may mean your money is at greater risk.
- Country-specific funds have a narrower focus than those which invest broadly across markets and are therefore
 considered to be more risky.
- Derivative instruments can make a profit or a loss and there is no guarantee that a financial derivative contract
 will achieve its intended outcome. The use of derivatives can increase the amount by which the Trust's value
 rises and falls and could expose the Trust to losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative
 as a relatively small movement may have a larger impact on derivatives than the underlying assets.



Investment Objective and Policy and Trust at a Glance (continued)

Risk Profile (continued)

- · Losses may occur if an organisation through which we buy an asset (such as a bank) fails to meet its obligations.
- Emerging markets or less developed countries may face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries. Coupled with less developed regulation, this means your money is at greater risk.
- Liquidity risk exists when a particular security or instrument is difficult to purchase or sell. If the amount of a transaction is particularly large or if the relevant market is illiquid (as is the case with many privately negotiated derivatives, structured products, etc), it may not be possible to initiate a transaction or liquidate a position at an advantageous time or price.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full risk profile.

The Trust at a Glance on 31 October 2023

| Total Trust size: 31 October 2023 | | £50.59 million |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Total Trust size: 30 April 2023 | | £55.10 million |
| OCF* | 31/10/2023 | 30/04/2023 |
| Class A GBP Acc | 1.71% | 1.70% |
| Class I GBP Acc | 0.96% | 0.95% |
| Class I GBP Inc | 0.96% | 0.95% |
| Class I USD Acc | 0.96% | 0.95% |
| | Initial charge | Annual charge |
| Class A GBP Acc | Up to 5.00% | 1.50% |
| Class I GBP Acc | Nil | 0.75% |
| Class I GBP Inc | Nil | 0.75% |
| Class I USD Acc | Nil | 0.75% |
| | Minimum initial investment | Minimum subsequent investment |
| Class A GBP Acc | £1,000 | £500 |
| Class I GBP Acc | £10,000,000 | £500 |
| Class I GBP Inc | £10,000,000 | £500 |
| Class I USD Acc | US\$10,000,000 | US\$2,500 |

^{*} The Ongoing Charge Figure ("OCF") reflects the payments and expenses which cover aspects of operating the Trust and is deducted from the assets over the period. It includes fees paid for investment management, trustee and general charges.

| Price per unit | (pence/cents per unit) |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| Class A GBP Acc | 298.70p |
| Class I GBP Acc | 323.60p |
| Class I GBP Inc | 313.10p |
| Class I USD Acc | 395.80c |



Trust Information

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|--|--|---|---|--|--|--|
| | 31/10/2023 | 30/04/2023 | 30/04/2022 | 31/10/2023 | Acc - Accumu 30/04/2023 | 30/04/2022 |
| | (p) | (p) | (p) | (p) | (p) | (p) |
| Change in net assets per unit | (1- / | (1-7 | (I- / | (1-7 | (1-7 | (1-7 |
| Opening net asset value per unit | 319.04 | 380.60 | 445.50 | 344.39 | 407.77 | 473.74 |
| Return before operating charges | (20.19) | (55.84) | (57.84) | (21.92) | (59.95) | (61.75) |
| Operating charges | (2.84) | (5.72) | (7.06) | (1.72) | (3.43) | (4.22) |
| Return after operating charges | (23.03) | (61.56) | (64.90) | (23.64) | (63.38) | (65.97) |
| Distributions | _ | (0.13) | _ | _ | (2.94) | (1.69) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation units | | 0.13 | _ | _ | 2.94 | 1.69 |
| Closing net asset value per unit | 296.01 | 319.04 | 380.60 | 320.75 | 344.39 | 407.77 |
| after direct transaction costs of* | 0.44 | 0.91 | 1.09 | 0.47 | 0.98 | 1.16 |
| Performance | | | | | | |
| Return after charges | (7.22)% | (16.17)% | (14.57)% | (6.86)% | (15.54)% | (13.93)% |
| Other information | _ | | | | | |
| Closing net asset value ('000) | £34,709 | £38,827 | £49,708 | £13,285 | £13,408 | £12,229 |
| Closing number of units | 11,725,651 | 12,169,764 | 13,060,303 | 4,141,783 | 3,893,246 | 2,999,072 |
| Operating charges | 1.71% | 1.70% | 1.70% | 0.96% | 0.95% | 0.95% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.13% | 0.27% | 0.26% | 0.13% | 0.27% | 0.26% |
| Prices** | 050.00 | 005.00 | 450.00 | 005.00 | 440.00 | 400.70 |
| Highest unit price | 356.30 | 385.30 303.10 | 459.90 | 385.00 | 413.00 326.00 | 489.70 |
| Lowest unit price | 298.70 | 303.10 | 360.40 | 323.60 | 320.00 | 385.70 |
| | | | | | | |
| | | P Inc - Distribu | | | Acc - Accumu | |
| | 31/10/2023 | 30/04/2023 | 30/04/2022 | 31/10/2023 | 30/04/2023 | 30/04/2022 |
| | | | | | | |
| Change in net assets per unit | 31/10/2023 (p) | 30/04/2023 (p) | 30/04/2022 (p) | 31/10/2023 (c) | 30/04/2023 (c) | 30/04/2022 (c) |
| Opening net asset value per unit | 31/10/2023 (p) 333.21 | 30/04/2023 (p) 397.90 | 30/04/2022 (p) 464.23 | 31/10/2023 (c) 431.09 | 30/04/2023 (c) 514.79 | 30/04/2022 (c) 661.92 |
| Opening net asset value per unit Return before operating charges | 31/10/2023 (p) 333.21 (21.21) | 30/04/2023 (p) 397.90 (58.50) | 30/04/2022 (p) 464.23 (60.51) | 31/10/2023 (c) 431.09 (36.70) | 30/04/2023 (c) 514.79 (79.40) | 30/04/2022 (c) 661.92 (141.82) |
| Opening net asset value per unit Return before operating charges Operating charges | 31/10/2023 (p) 333.21 (21.21) (1.67) | 30/04/2023 (p) 397.90 (58.50) (3.36) | 30/04/2022 (p) 464.23 (60.51) (4.13) | 31/10/2023 (c) 431.09 (36.70) (2.11) | 30/04/2023 (c) 514.79 (79.40) (4.30) | 30/04/2022 (c) 661.92 (141.82) (5.31) |
| Opening net asset value per unit Return before operating charges Operating charges Return after operating charges | 31/10/2023 (p) 333.21 (21.21) | 30/04/2023 (p) 397.90 (58.50) (3.36) (61.86) | 30/04/2022 (p) 464.23 (60.51) (4.13) (64.64) | 31/10/2023 (c) 431.09 (36.70) | 30/04/2023 (c) 514.79 (79.40) (4.30) (83.70) | 30/04/2022 (c) 661.92 (141.82) (5.31) (147.13) |
| Opening net asset value per unit Return before operating charges Operating charges Return after operating charges Distributions | 31/10/2023 (p) 333.21 (21.21) (1.67) | 30/04/2023 (p) 397.90 (58.50) (3.36) | 30/04/2022 (p) 464.23 (60.51) (4.13) | 31/10/2023 (c) 431.09 (36.70) (2.11) | 30/04/2023 (c) 514.79 (79.40) (4.30) (83.70) (3.65) | 30/04/2022 (c) 661.92 (141.82) (5.31) (147.13) (2.32) |
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^{*}Direct transaction costs comprise commission and taxes, principally applicable to equity investment purchases and sales. Unitholders should note that there are other additional transaction costs such as dealing spread and underlying costs with regard to Investment Fund holdings which will also have reduced the Trust and unit class returns before operating charges.



Report of the Investment Manager

Performance

Over the 6-month period to 31 October 2023, the Barings Korea Trust (the "Trust") declined by -6.45% on the Class A GBP Acc Unit Class (net of fees) but outperformed against the benchmark, which fell by -6.52%. The table below shows the 6 month, 1 year, and 5 year annualized net return for the Class A GBP Acc units against the benchmark.

| | 6 months | 1 year | 5 years |
|---------------------|----------|---------|---------|
| Barings Korea Trust | (6.45)% | (4.84)% | (0.94)% |
| KOSPI Korea PR KRW* | (6.52)% | (0.61)% | (0.06)% |

^{*}From 18 July 2022, the Korea Composite Stock Price Index (KOSPI) is the target benchmark.

Korean equities trended lower over the past 6 months, as market sentiment continued to be weighed by interest rates, amid a higher-for-longer rate environment, coupled with concerns that China's economic slowdown would create downward pressure on demand. Market performance was also weighed by notable foreign outflows over the period, as investors took profits.

Over the period, both stock selection and asset allocation contributed positively to the Trust's relative performance. Stylistically, Value orientated equities significantly outperformed Growth over the period, however, strong stock selection offset this.

Stock selection within Communication Services and Information Technology were notable contributors to relative outperformance over the period, notably holdings within the semiconductor industry. Here the Trust's exposures to chip manufacturer SK Hynix and semiconductor test socket supplier ISC, significantly outperformed, driven by expectations of a turnaround within the semiconductor industry as global inventories have rapidly destocked, whilst buoyed by upbeat Artificial Intelligence (AI) demand.

Conversely, a lack of exposure to another leading chipmaker, Samsung Electronics, ended as a key detractor to relative performance as the company saw a period of share price appreciation. The Trust has a regulatory imposed restriction to hold a maximum of 10% of the portfolio in any one company. The benchmark weight however in Samsung Electronics, an index heavy weight, currently exceeds 20%, encumbering the strategy with a structural underweight it is unable to mitigate.

Significant trades over the review period included purchases of Hansol Chemical, a leading specialty chemical/gas supplier for semiconductor manufacturing process. The company is well positioned to benefit a return to profitability within the broader sector and offers an attractive valuation. Sales over the period included SK Hynix, where we have taken some profits following its significant outperformance.

Over five years the Trust has underperformed relative to the benchmark, both the Trust and benchmark have not delivered capital growth.

Stock selection positively impacted relative performance over the five-year period, whilst sector allocation contributed negatively. Value has outperformed Growth over the period, which has proved to be a headwind for our Growth at a Reasonable Price (GARP) investment approach, which focuses on quality companies with sustainable growth prospects. This shift in style has followed large macro driven events, including changes in the inflationary environment, geopolitics and interest rates, resulting in marked underperformance by companies with higher quality characteristics.



Report of the Investment Manager (continued)

Performance (continued)

The top ten purchases and sales during the period were as follows:

| Purchases | Costs £'000 | Sales | Proceeds £'000 |
|--------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Hansol Chemical | 1,523 | SK Hynix | 1,845 |
| SK IE Technology | 1,224 | JYP Entertainment | 1,548 |
| COSMAX | 1,105 | Hanwha Solutions | 1,186 |
| Hyundai Heavy Industries | 1,090 | ВН | 1,101 |
| Classys | 1,067 | Samsung Electro-Mechanics | 1,075 |
| Hyundai Motor | 1,030 | LG Chem | 1,012 |
| HD Hyundai Electric | 932 | ISC | 1,006 |
| NongShim | 930 | Samsung Engineering | 964 |
| Korea Zinc | 876 | Big Hit Entertainment | 917 |
| Doosan Bobcat Inc | 875 | POSCO | 834 |

Market outlook

In the short term, global markets are likely to remain vigilant as investors weigh up a potential peak in monetary tightening and evaluating the potential for a deterioration in corporate earnings.

We continue to remain constructive on Korean equities. Whilst US interest rates are now expected to stay higher for longer, falling inflation should become a benefit for Korean equities as medium-term expectations for rates fall, and as a result the relative strength of the US dollar should moderate, benefiting the Korean Won. In addition, Korea's ongoing current account improvement, together with the turnaround in the global chip cycle, should also give further benefit to its local currency, and provide its central bank with further policy flexibility.

While some of the external headwinds gradually abate, Korea's domestic economic momentum is also expected to remain robust, underpinned by supportive policies, increasing inbound tourists and ongoing capital expenditure by large tech and battery companies. The anticipated improvement in profitability for the hardware technology companies is paving the way for strong earnings growth outlook in 2024, and the rapid adoption of generative AI has helped accelerate this recovery, notably in unique and world leading parts of the semiconductor and tech hardware value chain only found in Korea. Meanwhile, the Inflation Reduction Act (US IRA) is benefiting a number of companies within the Korean EV battery and solar power supply chains, who are benefiting from significant subsidies to build manufacturing capacity within the US. Beyond tech, the Korean market also offers interesting mid-cap opportunities, such as those in the medical aesthetics space where the country has competitive advantage.

Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited, appointed as Sub-Investment Manager; and Barings Singapore Pte. Limited, appointed as delegate of Sub-Investment Manager by Baring Asset Management Limited

Baring Asset Management Limited (the "Investment Manager") gives its portfolio managers full authority to manage their funds as they see fit, within the established guidelines set down. This includes the views that managers may take of the markets and sectors they invest in, which may differ from the views of other Barings portfolio managers.



Directors' Statement

The financial statements on pages 13 to 14 were approved by Baring Fund Managers Limited (the "Manager") and signed on its behalf by:

R. KENT

Director Robert 7 December 2023 A. BEHEN

Portfolio Statement

as at 31 October 2023

| | | Pe | Percentage | |
|------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------|--|
| | | Bid-Market of | | |
| | | Value | assets | |
| Holdings | Investments | (£) | (%) | |
| | Equities: 99.07% (98.39%) | | | |
| | Aerospace & Defense: 1.19% (1.09%) | | | |
| 9,767 | Hanwha Aerospace | 599,810 | 1.19 | |
| | Auto Manufacturers: 6.05% (6.24%) | | | |
| 10,400 | Hyundai Motor | 1,072,483 | 2.12 | |
| 15,533 | Hyundai Motor 2nd Preference | 945,411 | 1.87 | |
| 22,337 | Kia Motors | 1,044,437 | 2.06 | |
| | | 3,062,331 | 6.05 | |
| | Auto Parts & Equipment: 1.92% (1.43%) | | | |
| 7,696 | Hyundai Mobis | 973,329 | 1.92 | |
| | Biotechnology: 4.53% (4.48%) | | | |
| 6,701 | Celltrion | 608,726 | 1.20 | |
| 3,905 | Samsung Biologics | 1,683,443 | 3.33 | |
| | | 2,292,169 | 4.53 | |
| | Chemicals: 3.81% (7.27%) | | | |
| 11,191 | Hansol Chemical | 1,021,365 | 2.02 | |
| 3,391 | LG Chem | 906,187 | 1.79 | |
| | | 1,927,552 | 3.81 | |
| | Cosmetics/Personal Care: 5.50% (1.03%) | | | |
| 9,079 | Amorepacific | 697,224 | 1.38 | |
| 15,041 | Cosmax | 1,240,131 | 2.45 | |
| 21,202 | Kolmar Korea | 690,992 | 1.37 | |
| 31,381 | Silicon2 | 149,785 2,778,132 | 0.30 5.50 | |
| | | 2,110,132 | 3.30 | |
| 50.44 | Diversified Financial Services: 4.26% (4.68%) | 4 === 000 | 0.44 | |
| 50,447 | KB Financial | 1,576,629 | 3.11 | |
| 27,497 | Shinhan Financial | 580,158 2,156,787 | 1.15 4.26 | |
| | | <u> </u> | 4.20 | |
| | Electronics: 6.81% (7.23%) | 450.004 | 0.04 | |
| 3,802 | Daejoo Electronic Materials | 159,281 | 0.31 | |
| 22,032 | HD Hyundai Electric | 1,003,383 | 1.98 | |
| 19,599 18,197 | IsuPetasys LG Electronics | 258,002 1,103,129 | 0.51 2.18 | |
| 1,400 | LG Innotek | 189,404 | 0.38 | |
| 9,681 | Samsung Electro-Mechanics | 731,094 | 1.45 | |
| 0,001 | Cambang Liberto Modification | 3,444,293 | 6.81 | |
| | Energy 4.469/ (6.449/) | | | |
| 8,999 | Energy: 4.16% (6.41%) LG Energy Solution | 2,106,620 | 4.16 | |
| 0,000 | 5 , | | 7.10 | |
| 40 707 | Engineering & Construction: 2.84% (3.30%) | 000 504 | 4.04 | |
| 12,787 42,192 | Samsung C&T Samsung Engineering | 829,591 608,008 | 1.64 1.20 | |
| 42,192 | Samsung Engineening | 1,437,599 | 2.84 | |
| | | 1,401,000 | 2.04 | |

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 31 October 2023

| | | Pe Bid-Market o | ercentage f total net |
|----------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | Value | assets |
| Holdings | Investments | (£) | (%) |
| | Equities: 99.07% (98.39%) (continued) | | |
| | Financials: 0.20% (0.00%) | | |
| 8,959 | KakaoBank | 98,925 | 0.20 |
| | Food Producers: 4.27% (1.96%) | | |
| 13,671 | CJ | 698,250 | 1.38 |
| 3,752 | NongShim | 1,012,924 | 2.00 |
| 6,212 | Orion | 451,745 | 0.89 |
| | | <u>2,162,919</u> | 4.27 |
| | Insurance: 5.09% (4.82%) | | |
| 18,524 | DB Insurance | 990,045 | 1.96 |
| 21,401 | Hyundai Marine & Fire Insurance | 409,247 | 0.81 |
| 5,932 | Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance | 930,577 | 1.84 |
| 5,579 | Samsung Life Insurance | 244,920 | 0.48 |
| 3,010 | | 2,574,789 | 5.09 |
| | | | |
| 40.000 | Internet: 4.99% (6.35%) | 004.405 | 0.75 |
| 16,606 | Kakao | 381,165 | 0.75 |
| 18,813 | NAVER | 2,143,675 | 4.24 |
| | | 2,524,840 | 4.99 |
| | Iron/Steel: 3.36% (3.66%) | | |
| 6,803 | POSCO | 1,700,096 | 3.36 |
| | Madia 9 Entartainment: 2 C40/ (4 DE0/) | | |
| 2,157 | Media & Entertainment: 3.61% (4.95%) Big Hit Entertainment | 287,227 | 0.57 |
| 75,474 | Cheil Worldwide | 910,939 | 1.80 |
| 10,083 | JYP Entertainment | 628,413 | 1.24 |
| 10,000 | on Enoralment | 1,826,579 | 3.61 |
| | | 1,020,010 | |
| 50.040 | Medical Equipment and Services: 2.51% (1.05%) | 4 077 404 | 0.40 |
| 53,843 | Classys | 1,077,101 | 2.13 |
| 30,205 | Jeisys Medical | 193,208 1,270,309 | 0.38 |
| | | 1,270,309 | 2.51 |
| | Mining: 1.50% (0.77%) | | |
| 2,656 | Korea Zinc | 756,604 | 1.50 |
| | Oil & Gas: 0.74% (3.27%) | | |
| 5,023 | SK Innovation | 373,221 | 0.74 |
| 0,020 | OK IIIIOVation | 010,221 | 0.14 |
| | Retail: 0.00% (2.01%) | | |
| | Semiconductors: 24.31% (21.89%) | | |
| 1,124 | Asicland | 17,086 | 0.03 |
| 17,300 | HPSP | 327,669 | 0.65 |
| 11,015 | ISC | 463,470 | 0.92 |
| 8,261 | Leeno Industrial | 690,161 | 1.36 |
| 124,507 | Samsung Electronics | 5,057,098 | 10.00 |
| 45,051 | SIMMTECH | 901,221 | 1.78 |
| 68,464 | SK Hynix | 4,841,425 | 9.57 |
| | | 12,298,130 | 24.31 |
| | | | |

Portfolio Statement (continued)

as at 31 October 2023

| | | | Percentage Bid-Market of total net | |
|----------|---|----------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| | | Value | assets | |
| Holdings | Investments | (£) | (%) | |
| | Equities: 99.07% (98.39%) (continued) Technology: 1.62% (0.00%) | | | |
| 5,308 | Hyundai Autoever | 419,571 | 0.83 | |
| 11,084 | SK IE Technology | 399,652 | 0.79 | |
| | | <u>819,223</u> | 1.62 | |
| | Telecommunications: 4.04% (4.50%) | | | |
| 5,528 | Samsung SDI | 1,430,207 | 2.83 | |
| 20,491 | SK Telecom | 612,375 | 1.21 | |
| | | 2,042,582 | 4.04 | |
| | Transportation: 1.76% (0.00%) | | | |
| 14,383 | Hyundai Heavy Industries | <u>892,907</u> | 1.76 | |
| | Portfolio of investments: 99.07% (98.39%) | | | |
| | (Cost: £50,606,528) | 50,119,746 | 99.07 | |
| | Net other assets | 472,790 | 0.93 | |
| | Net assets | 50,592,536 | 100.00 | |

Note: Securities shown on the portfolio statement are ordinary shares admitted to official stock exchange listings or traded on a regulated market, unless otherwise stated.

Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 30 April 2023.

Statement of Total Return and Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders

for the period ended 31 October 2023

| Statement of Total Return | | | | | |
|---|---------|---------------------|---------|---------------------|--|
| | £'000 | 31/10/2023 £'000 | £'000 | 31/10/2022 £'000 | |
| Income | | | | | |
| Net capital losses | | (3,637) | | (11,107) | |
| Revenue | 259 | | 323 | | |
| Expenses | (414) | | (432) | | |
| Interest payable and other similar charges | (1) | | _ | | |
| Net expense before taxation | (156) | | (109) | | |
| Taxation | (55) | | (71) | | |
| Net expense after taxation | | (211) | | (180) | |
| Total return before distributions | - | (3,848) | _ | (11,287) | |
| Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities | | (3,848) | | (11,287) | |
| Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders | | | | | |
| | £'000 | 31/10/2023 £'000 | £'000 | 31/10/2022 £'000 | |
| Opening net assets attributable to unitholders* | | 55,099 | | 65,522 | |
| Amounts receivable on issue of units | 3,899 | | 5,389 | | |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of units | (4,557) | | (5,468) | | |
| | | (658) | | (79) | |

(3,848)

50,593

Changes in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities

Closing net assets attributable to unitholders



(11,287)

54,156

^{*}The opening net assets attributable to unitholders for 31 October 2023 differs to the closing position in 31 October 2022 by the movement between the two interim periods of the Trust.

Barings Korea Trust Balance Sheet

as at 31 October 2023

| | 31/10/2023 £'000 | 30/04/2023 £'000 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Investment assets | 50,120 | 54,211 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | 507 | 175 |
| Cash and bank balances | 416 | 1,096 |
| Total assets | 51,043 | 55,482 |
| | | |
| Liabilities | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Bank overdraft | _ | (170) |
| Distribution payable on income units | _ | (23) |
| Other creditors | (450) | (190) |
| Total liabilities | (450) | (383) |
| Net assets attributable to unitholders | 50,593 | 55,099 |

Notes to the Financial Statements

as at 31 October 2023

Note to the Financial Statements

for the period ended 31 October 2023

The interim financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as the annual audited financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2023. They are in accordance with the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 (the "IMA SORP 2014") and amended in June 2017. The financial statements have been prepared on a going-concern basis.

Post balance sheet events

Subsequent to the period end, the net asset value per unit of the A GBP Accumulation unit class increased from 298.70p to 322.60p, I GBP Accumulation unit class from 323.60p to 349.80p, I GBP Income unit class from 313.10p to 338.40p and I USD Accumulation unit class from 395.80c to 444.30c as at 1 December 2023. These movements take into account routine transactions.

The Manager continues to monitor investment performance in line with investment objectives.



The Risk and Reward Profile

| | SRRI risk category* 31/10/2023 | SRRI risk category* 30/04/2023 |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Class A GBP Acc | 6 | 6 |
| Class I GBP Acc | 6 | 6 |
| Class I GBP Inc | 6 | 6 |
| Class I USD Acc | 6 | 6 |

^{*} The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator ("SRRI") is not a measure of the risk of capital loss, but a measure of the Trust's price movement over time; the higher the number, the greater the price movement both up and down. It is based on historical data and is not a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Trust. The risk category shown is in line with the Key Information Document ("KID") at period-end, is not guaranteed and may change over time. The risk categories are measured from 1–7 (1 measuring typically lower risk/rewards and 7 measuring typically higher risk/rewards). The lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment. The Trust is classified in the category indicated due to past movements in the Trust's price. There is no capital guarantee. The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amount they invest. The SRRI figures shown have not changed during the period.



Important Information

Constitution

The Barings Korea Trust (the "Trust") is constituted by a Trust Deed between Baring Fund Managers Limited (the "Manager") and NatWest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited (the "Trustee").

The Trust is an authorised unit trust scheme as defined in section 243 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and has been established as an Undertakings for Collective Investments in Transferable Securities ("UCITS"). This document has been issued by the Manager, which is authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority.

Performance

Past performance is no indication of current or future performance. Investment involves risk. The value of any investments and any income generated may go down as well as up and is not guaranteed. Any references in the report to other investments held within the Trust should not be read as a recommendation to the investor to buy or sell the same, but are included as illustration only.

Key changes during the period

Julian Swayne resigned as a Director of the Manager on 31 July 2023.

Martin Horne was appointed as a Director of the Manager effective 31 July 2023.

The Prospectus of the Trust was updated on 31 July 2023.

The material change to the Prospectus on 31 July 2023 is outlined as follows:

· Added wording to allow the investor instructions and documentation to be sent by email.

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

Market timing

Repeatedly purchasing and selling units in the Trust in response to short-term market fluctuations – known as 'market timing' – can disrupt the Manager's investment strategy and increase the Trust's expenses to the prejudice of all unitholders.

The Trust is not intended for market timing or excessive trading. To deter these activities, the Manager may refuse to accept an application for units from persons that it reasonably believes are engaged in market timing or are otherwise excessive or potentially disruptive to the Trust.

The Manager also reserves the right to redeem units which it reasonably believes have been purchased by unitholders engaged in market timing.

Publication of prices

The prices of units are published on the Barings website at www.barings.com. You can also obtain prices by telephone by calling +44 (0) 333 300 0372.

Dealing basis

The Manager's basis for dealing in purchases and sales of the Trust's units is "forward". This means that the price used for any deal will be calculated at the next valuation point following receipt of the investor's instruction.

Fees and expenses

The Manager's periodic charge is calculated on each business day, based on the value of the property of the Trust on the immediately preceding business day, and is paid to the Manager monthly, in arrears, on the first business day of the calendar month immediately following. The current annual management fees charged to the Trust are shown on page 5.

Revenue allocations and reports

Revenue allocations are made on 31 July (final) of each year, where applicable, and forwarded to unitholders together with tax vouchers. The most recent annual report and audited financial statements and interim report and unaudited financial statements will be available on the Baring Asset Management Limited website at www.barings.com.



Important Information (continued)

Prospectus and Manager's reports

Copies of the Prospectus, the Key Information Document(s) ("KID(s)"), and the most recent annual or interim report and financial statements are available to all persons free of charge from the Manager upon request. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (the "Independent Auditor") expresses its opinion on the English version of the annual report and financial statements, and accepts no responsibility for any translations of those financial statements.

Value Assessment

As part of the FCA's Asset Management Market Study, Authorised Fund Managers are now required to produce an annual Value Assessment for all UK authorised funds. The Manager will publish its annual Value Assessment for the Barings funds as part of a broader composite report in December 2023. This is available on the Barings website at www.barings.com.



Disclosure for Overseas Investors

Special risks resulting from additional German tax publication requirements in Germany

A foreign investment company such as Baring Fund Managers Limited (the "Manager") must provide documentation to the German fiscal authorities upon request, e.g. in order to verify the accuracy of the additional German published tax information. German investors will use this for their tax returns. 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, you should be aware that 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 financial period. Consequently, the correction may positively or negatively affect the investors who receive a distribution or an attribution of deemed income distributions in the current financial period.

Information for investors in Switzerland

The Manager has appointed BNP PARIBAS, Paris, Zurich branch, Selnaustrasse 16, 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 latest annual and interim reports, copies of the Trust Deed (and any amendments thereto) as well as a list of the purchases and sales made on behalf of the Barings Korea Trust (the "Trust") from the representative at the above address. Official publications for the Trust are found on the internet at www.fundinfo.com. Unit prices (Net Asset Value with the words "plus commissions") are published daily on the internet at www.fundinfo.com.

Important information to the performance tables on page 19

The value of an investment can fall as well as rise as a result of market fluctuations and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Past performance is no indication of current or future performance. The performance data does not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of units, nor the effect of the Manager's preliminary charge.

In conformity with a Guideline of the Asset Management Association Switzerland ("AMAS") dated 16 May 2008, the Manager is providing the below additional information regarding performance.

Total Expense Ratio ("TER")

Following the Guideline of the Asset Management Association Switzerland ("AMAS") dated 16 May 2008, the Manager is required to publish a total expense ratio ("TER") for the Trust for the 6 months to 31 October 2023. The TER has been established by the Manager and draws upon the data contained in the "Statement of total return" (Manager's management fee, registration fees, trustee fees, safe custody charges, audit fees, Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") and other regulatory fees and taxation fees as well as any further fees and costs listed in the "Statement of total return" account which do not form part of the aforementioned categories). It is calculated with reference to these numbers and in conformity with the above guideline.

The TERs for each class for the period ended 31 October 2023 and the year ended 30 April 2023 are as follows:

| | TER as at 31 October 2023 % | TER as at 30 April 2023 % |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Class A GBP Acc | 1.71 | 1.70 |
| Class I GBP Acc | 0.96 | 0.95 |
| Class I GBP Inc | 0.96 | 0.95 |
| Class I USD Acc | 0.96 | 0.95 |



Disclosure for Overseas Investors (continued)

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 Schemes Act ("CISA");
- sales agents (distributors) exempted from the authorisation requirement within the meaning of Article 19, Para 4, CISA;
- sales partners who place trust units exclusively with institutional investors with professional treasury facilities; and/or;
- sales partners who place trust 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 trust units for third parties:

- life insurance companies (in respect of trust 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 trust units held for the account of beneficiaries);
- investment foundations (in respect of trust units held for the account of in-house funds);
- · Swiss fund management companies (in respect of trust units held for the account of the trusts managed); and
- foreign fund management companies and providers (in respect of trust units held for the account of managed trusts and investing unitholders).

Performance record to 31 October 2023 (including distribution payments where applicable)

| | 01/05/2023 - 31/10/2023 % | 01/05/2022 - 30/04/2023 % | 01/05/2021 - 30/04/2022 % | 01/05/2020 - 30/04/2021 % | 01/05/2019 - 30/04/2020 % |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Barings Korea Trust - Class A GBP Acc (GBP terms) | (6.45) | (15.84) | (14.93) | 63.55 | (12.23) |
| Korea SE Composite Index (KOSPI) (GBP terms) | (6.52) | (12.99) | (16.38) | 61.29 | (12.43) |
| Barings Korea Trust - Class I GBP Acc (GBP terms) | (6.12) | (15.18) | (14.32) | 64.80 | (11.56) |
| Barings Korea Trust - Class I GBP Inc (GBP terms) | (6.11) | (15.21) | (14.31) | 64.84 | (11.58) |
| Barings Korea Trust - Class I USD Acc (USD terms) | (8.25) | (15.92) | (22.57) | 67.10 | (12.10) |

Performance figures are shown net of fees and charges, on a published NAV per unit basis, with gross revenue reinvested.

Source: Morningstar/Barings/KOSPI.

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The Trust was launched on 3 November 1992.

Past performance is no indication of current or future performance. The performance data does not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of units. Please note that changes in the rates of exchange may have an adverse effect on the value, price or income of an investment.



Unit Price History

| | A GBP Acc (p) | I GBP Acc (p) | I GBP Inc (p) | I USD Acc† (c) |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2023** High Low | 356.30 298.70 | 385.00 323.60 | 372.50 313.10 | 486.40 395.70 |
| 2022 High Low | 459.90 360.40 | 489.70 385.70 | 479.80 378.00 | 681.70 505.80 |
| 2021 High Low | 476.60 261.30 | 505.80 275.70 | 496.40 270.60 | 695.20 343.30 |
| 2020 High Low | 311.20 211.50 | 326.00 223.00 | 321.19 220.20 | 427.10 258.20 |
| 2019 High Low | 389.50 304.60 | 405.40 318.40 | 400.90 314.90 | 546.90 403.20 |
| 2018 High Low | 381.80 320.00 | 396.20 331.20 | 393.20 328.80 | 555.70 433.80 |
| 2017 High Low | 349.80 271.90 | 361.50 279.80 | 286.50 273.90 | 473.00 359.50 |
| 2016 High Low | 332.30 243.40 | 324.90 248.80 | 324.20 248.30 | 462.30 358.60 |
| 2015 High Low | 331.10 249.00 | 320.50 252.50 | 320.30 252.30 | 493.00 440.00 |
| 2014 High Low | 300.40 236.90 | 289.40 238.60 | 289.20 238.40 | N/A N/A |

[†] Class I USD Acc units were launched on 26 May 2015, hence, no data available for 2014. ‡ The Trust changed its accounting year from 8 August to 30 April starting 2017.

*** Interim high low is for the period 1 May 2023 to 31 October 2023.

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The Prospectus, the Key Information Document(s) ("KID(s)"), a list of portfolio changes, the Trust Deed as well as the annual and the interim reports and financial statements are available on www.barings.com, or via the office of the paying agent and the Swiss representative and paying agent.

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