

FUND FACTS

Fund Size (NAV GBPm) 59.4

Inception Date November 3, 1992

Domiciled UK, UK - UCITS Fund

Dealing Frequency
Daily

Management Company
Baring Fund Managers Limited

Investment Manager
Baring Asset Management
Limited

Share Classes GBP (accumulating)

Distribution Frequency N/A

Base Currency GBP

Benchmark²
Korea Composite Stock Price
Index (KOSPI)

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Eunice Hong 17 years of experience

SooHai Lim, CFA 26 years of experience

Julie Lee 15 years of experience

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- The Trust invests primarily in securities of 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.
- The Trust is subject to risks, such as investment, equities and equity-related securities, liquidity, currency risks and the risks of investing in small and mid-capitalisation companies and convertible bonds.
- 3. The Trust's investments are concentrated in Korea and are subject to increased risks, including liquidity, currency, political and economic uncertainties, legal and taxation, settlement, custody, and volatility risk, and the risk of foreign exchange control and restrictions on capital transactions and payments under certain material adverse circumstances affecting Korea.
- 4. The Trust may invest in derivatives for efficient portfolio management (including hedging) purposes which may involve counterparty/credit, liquidity, valuation, volatility and over-the-counter transaction risks. Exposure to derivatives may lead to a high risk of significant loss by the Trust.
- 5. Investors may suffer substantial loss of their investments in the Trust.

OBJECTIVE**

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.

STRATEGY

Identify investment opportunities through a differentiated and innovative investment process using fundamental, bottom-up analysis.

Class A (Net) ¹	Benchmark ²	CA PE
4.69	2.95	202
2.80	-0.14	202
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6.49	4.96	202
-6.84	-6.26	201
-19.14	-17.62	
2.44	2.22	
12.79	11.59	
	(Net) ¹ 4.69 2.80 2.80 6.49 -6.84 -19.14 2.44	(Net)¹ Benchmark² 4.69 2.95 2.80 -0.14 2.80 -0.14 6.49 4.96 -6.84 -6.26 -19.14 -17.62 2.44 2.22

CALENDAR YEAR PERFORMANCE %	Class A (Net) ¹	Benchmark ²
2023	6.68	10.00
2022	-24.43	-20.50
2021	1.26	-4.43
2020	43.24	34.90
2019	-5.81	-0.12

PAST PERFORMANCE IS NOT NECESSARILY INDICATIVE OF FUTURE RESULTS.

Source: Morningstar/Barings. An investment entails a risk of loss. Performance is shown in GBP on a NAV per share basis, with gross income reinvested. If the investment return is denominated in currency other than USD/HKD, USD/HKD based investors are exposed to fluctuations in the exchange rate of the relevant currency against USD/HKD. Unless otherwise stated, all portfolio figures within this factsheet are as of the end of the month shown at the top of the front page.

- 1. Performance based on Class A GBP Acc Share.
- The benchmark is Korea Composite Stock Price Index (KOSPI) and is a target benchmark. The Trust performance includes dividend reinvestment and the benchmark is a price return index that does not include reinvestment of dividends.

The Trust name was changed as of 30 April 2018 from Baring Korea Trust to Barings Korea Trust.

- *Morningstar Rating as of previous month end, please refer to page 3 for additional detail.
- **The investment objective was changed on 18 July 2022. 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.

Barings Korea Trust



EQUITY PLATFORM¹

Barings manages USD406+ billion of equities, fixed income, real estate, and alternative assets globally

We focus on building highconviction, research-driven equity solutions for our clients. We have a long history of being early investors in new and established markets.

- Global Equities
- **Emerging Markets** Equities
- Small-Cap Equities

Equities investor base includes financial institutions, pensions, foundations and endowments and wholesale distributors

BARINGS CHARACTERISTICS^{2,3} **KOREA TRUST** Number of Holdings Active Share (%) 48.79 Off Benchmark (%) 6.23 Tracking Error (%) (3Y Ann) 5.39 Information Ratio (3Y Ann) 0.19 Standard Deviation (3Y Ann) 20.78 Alpha (3Y Ann) 0.45 Beta (Ex Ante) 0.97 Av. Market Cap (GBPb) 50.64

TOP SECTOR WEIGHTING (% OF NAV)3 Information Technology 27.0 Industrials 16.8 Financials Consumer Discretionary 11.2 Communication Services Materials Health Care Consumer Staples Utilities 0.9 Cash 1.5 0 5 10 15 20 25 30

TOP HOLDINGS (% OF NAV)3	
SK Hynix*	10.06
Samsung Electronics	9.45
Hyundai Motor	5.30
KB Financial Group	4.35
Kia Corp.	3.69
LG Chem	3.33
SAMSUNG BIOLOGICS	3.21
Shinhan Financial Group	3.14
LG Energy Solution	2.63
Samsung Fire & Marine Insurance Co., Ltd	2.32

*As of 31 March 2024, the Trust's largest holding was SK Hynix, accounting for 10.06% of net assets. This exceeded the UK-UCITS rule to limit investments to no more than 10% of net assets in transferable securities of the same body, owing to a passive breach. Please note that this was subsequently rectified as of 2 April 2024.

Offering documents can be downloaded here:

Key Facts Statement





- Source: Barings, assets as of 31 March 2024.
- Risk statistics based on gross performance.
- As of 31 March 2024.



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CLASS A FEE SCHEDULE		CLASS A ACTIVE IDS			
Investment Size	Fees	Name	ISIN	Bloomberg	Lipper
Initial: £1,000 Subsequent: £500	Initial: up to 5.00% Annual Management Fee: 1.50%	GBP ACC	GB0000840719	BRGKOTA LN	60008957

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Barings Korea Trust Class A GBP Acc Share was rated against the following numbers of EAA Fund Korea Equity investments over the following time periods: 27 investments in the last three years, 24 investments in the last five years, and 19 investments in the last ten years. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

Morningstar Rating is for Class A GBP Acc Share only; other classes may have different performance characteristics.

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