# **Barings Eastern Trust**

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#### **FUND FACTS**

NAV (£m) 35.9

Inception Date April 22, 1985

**Domiciled** UK, UK-UCITS Fund

Dealing Frequency
Daily

Management Company
Baring Fund Managers Limited

Investment Manager
Baring Asset Management
Limited

Share Classes GBP/USD

Distribution Frequency Annual

> Base Currency GBP

Benchmark<sup>1</sup> MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan

SFDR Classification Article 8

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

SooHai Lim, CFA 27 years of experience

Eunice Hong
18 years of experience

Kuldeep Khanapurkar, CFA 18 years of experience

#### **MAY 2025 / FACTSHEET**

# OVERALL MORNINGSTAR RATING™\*



## **KEY RISK**

During exceptional market conditions there may be insufficient buyers and sellers to allow the Fund to buy and sell investments, which could affect the Fund's ability to meet investors' redemption requests. Losses may occur if an organisation through which we buy an asset fails to meet its obligations. Custody of assets involves a risk of loss if a custodian becomes insolvent or breaches duties of care. Fund investments in derivatives are sensitive to changes in the value of the underlying asset on which they are based and their use may result in losses greater than the amount originally invested. Fund investments in overseas assets may lose value due to movements in foreign exchange rates. Fund investments in equities may be subject to significant fluctuations in value. The Fund can hold smaller company shares which can be more difficult to buy and sell and more volatile than those of larger companies. Fund investments in emerging markets may be subject to more risk due to economic, political or structural challenges. Region specific funds have a narrower focus than those which invest broadly across markets and are therefore more risky. Further information on the Fund's risks can be found in the offering (constitutional) documents.

#### **OBJECTIVE\*\***

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

#### STRATEGY & MARKETING OPPORTUNITY

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

- Sustainable Growth the region is fundamentally attractive underpinned by secular growth in consumption and technological innovation.
- · Rising competitiveness of Asian brands and companies gives potential investment advantages of Asia to be exploited.
- Dedicated investment team with long term track record and proven ability to add value through stock selection.

FUND PERFORMANCE (%)	Class A GBP Acc (Gross of Fees)	Class A GBP Acc (Net of Fees)	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Year to Date	0.90	0.16	0.26
1 Year	7.05	5.19	8.41
3 Years	-0.36	-2.08	3.14
5 Years	4.99	3.20	5.07
10 Years	7.33	5.47	5.86
Since Inception	10.72	8.73	8.97

ROLLING 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE (%)	Class A GBP Acc (Gross of Fees)	Class A GBP Acc (Net of Fees)	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
03/31/2024 - 03/31/2025	7.84	5.97	8.97
03/31/2023 - 03/31/2024	-3.06	-4.72	1.78
03/31/2022 - 03/31/2023	-8.13	-9.69	-2.99
03/31/2021 - 03/31/2022	-13.81	-15.26	-10.55
03/31/2020 - 03/31/2021	71.88	68.98	41.62

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Return) Index until August 31, 2020.
\*Morningstar Rating as of previous month end, please refer to page three for additional detail.

<sup>\*\*</sup>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.



# **EQUITY PLATFORM**<sup>1</sup>

Barings manages \$442+ 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.

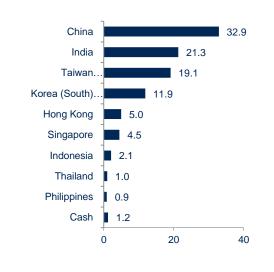
- · Global Equities
- Emerging Markets Equities
- · Small-Cap Equities

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

CHARACTERISTICS <sup>2,3,4</sup>	BARINGS EASTERN TRUST
Number Of Holdings	59
Active Share (%)	56.16
Off Benchmark (%)	4.04
Tracking Error (%) (3Y Ann)	3.07
Information Ratio (3Y Ann)	-1.10
Standard Deviation (3Y Ann)	16.45
Alpha (3Y Ann)	-3.38
Beta (3Y Ann)	1.01
Av. Market Cap (GBPb)	155.42

#### TOP SECTOR WEIGHTING (% OF MV)3 Financials Information Technology 25.5 Communication **1**3.8 Consumer Discretionary 11.9 Industrials 6.0 Energy 3.1 Health Care 2.3 Real Estate Consumer Staples 1.3 Utilities 0.9 Materials 0.8 Cash 1.2 10 15 20 25 35

TOP HOLDINGS (% OF MV) <sup>3</sup>	
TAIWAN SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING CO LTD	9.37
TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD	7.94
ALIBABA GROUP HOLDING LTD	5.28
HDFC BANK LTD	4.33
SAMSUNG ELECTRONICS CO LTD	4.24
KB FINANCIAL GROUP INC	2.97
HONG KONG EXCHANGES & CLEARING LTD	2.58
CHINA CONSTRUCTION BANK CORP	2.55
AXIS BANK LTD	2.46
AIA GROUP LTD	2.41



TOP COUNTRY WEIGHTING (% OF MV)3

- Barings assets as of March 31, 2025.
- 2. Risk statistics based on gross performance.
- 3. As of May 31, 2025.
- 4. Refer to glossary on our website for definitions of terms. Characteristics are subject to change.

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	FEE SC	HEDULE	
	Min Investment	Management Fee (p.a.)	OCF <sup>1</sup>
Class A USD ACC	Initial—\$5K Subsequent—\$2,500	Initial—5.00% Annual—1.50%	1.80%

Be aware of currency risk. If you are buying this product in a different currency to your local currency you will receive payments in a different currency, so the final return you will get will depend on the exchange rates between the two currencies.

1. The OCF represents annual charges and other payments taken from the Fund, including the Management Fee. The OCF excludes the costs of buying and selling assets for the Fund. The OCF is based on ex-post expenses for the year ended 02/28/2025 and may vary from year to year.

CLASS A ACTIVE SHARE CLASSES			
Name	ISIN	Bloomberg	Lipper
USD ACC	GB0033521955	BRGEATU LN	60087509
GBP ACC	GB0000799923	BRGEATA LN	60008949
GBP INC	GB00B2PSLG53	BRGETBS LN	68040060

<sup>\*</sup>Please refer to prospectus for additional currency class information.

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Barings Eastern A GBP Acc share class was rated against the numbers of EAA Fund Asia ex-Japan Equity investments over the following time periods: 912 investments in the last three years, 783 investments in the last five years, and 500 investments in the last ten years. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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