## **Barings German Growth Trust**

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## **FUND FACTS**

NAV (€m) 357.8

Inception Date May 8, 1990

**Domiciled** UK, UK-UCITS Fund

Dealing Frequency
Daily

Management Company
Baring Fund Managers Limited

Investment Manager
Baring Asset Management
Limited

Share Classes EUR/GBP/USD/ RMB Hedged/USD Hedged/ CHF Hedged

Distribution Frequency
Annual

Base Currency EUR

Benchmark<sup>1</sup> MSCI Germany Investable Market (Net Total Return) Index

> SFDR Classification Article 6

> > PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Paul Morgan, CFA 29 years of experience

Piers Aldred, CFA 23 years of experience

### APRIL 2025 / FACTSHEET



### **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. 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 MSCI Germany Investable Market (Net Total Return) Index over a rolling five year period by investing in equity and equity related securities in Germany.

## STRATEGY & MARKET OPPORTUNITY

The Trust has the flexibility to invest in companies across all market capitalizations, but is generally biased towards small and mid-cap companies as Barings believes they offer higher growth potential.

- The German equity market offers a rich source of companies operating in sectors that stand to benefit from cyclical as well as structural growth over the medium to long-term.
- The German equity market continues to be priced at a lower valuation to the wider Pan European market, and has historically generated superior earnings growth.
- No other country has as many "hidden champions" as Germany; these medium-sized companies are often global industry leaders in their specific niche sectors, but tend to be overlooked by investors.

FUND PERFORMANCE (%)	Class I EUR Acc (Gross of Fees)	Class I EUR Acc (Net of Fees)	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
Year to Date	16.30	15.98	13.31
1 Year	23.39	22.39	23.05
3 Years	15.24	14.30	14.64
5 Years	16.05	15.10	14.51
10 Years	7.89	7.02	6.99
Since Inception	6.16	5.30	5.38

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Source: Morningstar/Barings: Performance figures are shown in EUR on a NAV per unit basis, with gross income reinvested.

1. The benchmark is MSCI Germany Investable Market (Net Total Return) Index from 31 October 2024 and is a target benchmark, previously HDAX® (Total Return) Index. HDAX® is a registered trademark of Deutsche Börse AG.

\*Morningstar Rating as of previous month end, please refer to page 3 for additional detail.
\*\*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.

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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 GERMAN GROWTH TRUST
Number Of Holdings	41
Active Share (%)	39.29
Off Benchmark (%)	4.96
Tracking Error (%) (3Y Ann)	3.80
Information Ratio (3Y Ann)	0.09
Standard Deviation (3Y Ann)	15.06
Alpha (3Y Ann)	1.84
Beta (3Y Ann)	0.90
Av. Market Cap (EURb)	88.31



TOP HOLDINGS (% OF MV)3	
ALLIANZ SE	8.65
SIEMENS AG	8.13
SAP SE	8.11
RHEINMETALL AG	6.32
DEUTSCHE TELEKOM AG	5.41
COMMERZBANK AG	4.33
MUENCHENER RUECKVERSICHERUNGS-GESELLSCHAFT AG IN MUENCHEN	4.32
E.ON SE	3.24
INFINEON TECHNOLOGIES AG	2.90
HEIDELBERG MATERIALS AG	2.85

- 1. Barings assets as of March 31, 2025.
- 2. Risk statistics based on gross performance.
- 3. As of April 30, 2025.
- 4. Refer to glossary on our website for definitions of terms. Characteristics are subject to change.

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	FEE SCHEDULE		
	Min Investment	Management Fee (p.a.)	OCF <sup>1</sup>
Class I EUR ACC	Initial - €10M Subsequent - €1K	0.75%	0.82%

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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 I ACTIVE SHARE CLASSES					
Name	ISIN	Bloomberg	Lipper		
EUR ACC	GB00BY2ZN893	BRGGIEA LN	68317754		
EUR INC	GB00BYQCVR12	BAGGIEI LN	68399050		
GBP ACC	GB00B9M3QX41	BARGGIS LN	68206669		
GBP HEDGED ACC	GB00BX8ZV605	BAGIAHG LN	68396298		
GBP INC	GB00B8DDY871	BARGGGI LN	68163741		
USD ACC	GB00BF2H6J44	BRGGIAU LN	68238305		

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

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Barings German Growth Trust class I share was rated against the following numbers of EAA Fund Germany Equity investments over the following time periods: 157 investments in the last three years, 131 investments in the last five years, and 97 investments in the last ten years. **PAST PERFORMANCE IS NO GUARANTEE OF FUTURE RESULTS.** 

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