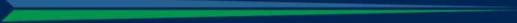


# BARINGS



**Baring Fund Managers Limited**  
Prospectus

29 August 2017

**THIS DOCUMENT COMPRISES  
THE PROSPECTUS OF:**

Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund  
Baring Eastern Trust  
Baring European Growth Trust  
Baring Europe Select Trust  
Baring German Growth Trust  
Baring Global Growth Trust  
Baring Japan Growth Trust  
Baring Korea Trust  
Baring Strategic Bond Fund  
Baring UK Growth Trust

This Prospectus has been prepared in accordance with The Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL) of the Financial Conduct Authority.

The Manager has taken all reasonable steps to ensure that the facts stated in this document are true and accurate in all material respects and that there are no other material facts the omission of which would make misleading any statement herein whether of fact or opinion as at the date of publication of this document. The Manager accepts responsibility accordingly.

Investment in Units in the Trusts involves risk and may not be suitable for all investors. Investment into the Trusts should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors. An investment in one Trust is not a complete investment programme. As part of an investor's long-term investment planning they should consider diversifying their portfolio by investing in a range of investments and asset classes. Potential investors' attention is drawn to the section headed "Factors". If you are in any doubt as to whether or not investment in the Trusts is suitable for you or about the contents of this Prospectus, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other financial adviser.

The Trusts offered hereby have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, nor any other relevant U.S. securities laws. The Trusts will not be registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The Trusts may not be directly or indirectly offered or sold in the U.S., any of its territories or possessions or areas subject to its jurisdiction nor to or for the benefit of any U.S. Persons. The Trusts are not offered for sale in any jurisdiction in which the Trusts are not authorised to be publicly sold. The Trusts are available only in jurisdictions where their offer and sale are permitted. If a Unitholder currently resident outside the U.S. becomes resident in the U.S., we reserve the right to compulsorily redeem the Unitholder's investment.

In order to comply with legislation implementing UK obligations under intergovernmental agreements relating to the automatic exchange of information to improve international tax compliance (including United States FATCA) the Manager will collect and report information about Unitholders, to include information to verify identity and tax status.

When requested to do so by the Manager or its agent, Unitholders must provide information to be passed on to HM Revenue & Customs, and to any relevant overseas tax authorities.

Before Investing you must have received and read the relevant Key Investor Information Document (KIID).

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## Definitions

“Accumulation Units”	Units in respect of which income is accumulated and added to the capital property of a Trust.
“Administrator”	Northern Trust Global Services Limited.
“Auditor”	PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.
“Baring Asset Management Group”	Baring Asset Management Limited, its subsidiaries and holding companies and all subsidiaries of any holding company.
“Base Currency”	The Base Currency of a Trust is sterling, unless otherwise stated.
“Bond Trust”	Baring Strategic Bond Fund.
“Business Day”	Any day on which The London Stock Exchange is open for business. As appropriate for each Trust, if the London Stock Exchange is closed as a result of a holiday or for any other reason, or there is a holiday in the jurisdiction of the principal market or markets of a Trust’s portfolio of securities which impedes the calculation of a Trust’s assets or a substantial portion thereof, the Manager may decide that any business day will not be construed as such.
“Class”	A particular division of Units in a Trust.
“COLL”	The FCA’s Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook (COLL) as amended from time to time.
“Conversion”	The conversion of Units in one Class of a Trust to Units in another Class of the same Trust and “Convert” shall be construed accordingly.
“Dealing Day”	Each Business Day (or such other day as the Manager may determine).
“Dealing Price”	The price at which Units are subscribed for or redeemed in accordance with the principles set out in the section headed ‘Valuation Basis’.
“European Economic Area (EEA)”	The EU Member States (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom) together with Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway and such other states which may join the EEA from time to time.
“European Union (EU)”	The economic and political union of 28 member states that are located primarily in Europe.
“FCA”	The Financial Conduct Authority Limited.
“FCA Handbook”	The FCA Handbook of Rules and Guidance, as amended from time to time.
“Income Units”	Units in respect of which income is distributed periodically to holders.
“Investment Manager” or “Barings”	Baring Asset Management Limited.
“Manager”	Baring Fund Managers Limited.
“Preliminary Charge”	A fee charged on subscriptions as specified in this Prospectus or such higher amount as may be approved by an Extraordinary Resolution. This is also commonly known as the “Manager Charge”, “initial Charge”, Front End Load”, “FEL” or “Entry Charge”.
“Register”	The register of Unitholders maintained for each of the Trusts.
“Rules”	COLL.
“Settlement Date”	Three Business Days following the relevant Dealing Day with the exception of Baring Japan Growth Trust, which is four Business Days following the relevant Dealing Day.
“Switch”	The exchange of Units in a Trust for Units in another Trust.
“Trust”	Any of the unit trusts of which this document forms the Prospectus.
“Trustee”	National Westminster Bank Plc.
“UCITS”	An Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities within the meaning of Article 1(2) of the UCITS Directive and which is authorised under Article 5 of the UCITS Directive.
“UCITS Directive”	Directive 2009/65/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the coordination of laws, regulations and administrative provisions relating to undertakings for collective investment in transferable securities (UCITS), as amended.
“UK”	United Kingdom.
“Unit” or “Units”	Units in any of the Trusts.
“Unitholder”	A person who is registered as a holder of Units on the Register of a Trust for the time being kept by or on behalf of the Manager, or the beneficial owner of Units, as the context requires.
“U.S. Person”	Any citizen or resident of the United States of America, its territories and possessions including the State and District of Columbia and all areas subject to its jurisdiction (including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico), any corporation, trust, partnership or other entity created or organised in or under the laws of the United States of America, any state thereof or any estate

or trust the income of which is subject to United States federal income tax, regardless of source. The expression also includes any person falling within the definition of the term "U.S. Person" under Regulation S promulgated under the United States Securities Act of 1933.

"Valuation Point"

12.00 noon London time on each Dealing Day.

# BARING FUND MANAGERS LIMITED

## Introduction

This document constitutes the Prospectus relating to the unit trust schemes managed by Baring Fund Managers Limited (the "Manager") and referred to in the table below (the "Trusts") as at 29 August 2017. This Prospectus has been prepared in accordance with The Collective Investment Scheme Sourcebook (COLL) (the "Rules") issued by the Financial Conduct Authority (the "FCA"). A copy has been delivered to the Trustee and to the FCA.

The Trusts were established and launched on the dates stated. Each of the Trusts is an authorised unit trust scheme and is a UCITS Scheme for the purposes of the Rules.

TRUST	DATE ESTABLISHED	DATE LAUNCHED	PRODUCT REFERENCE NUMBER
Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund*	04/11/68	06/11/68	106652
Baring Eastern Trust	12/04/85	22/04/85	106625
Baring European Growth Trust	23/06/83	30/06/83	106637
Baring Europe Select Trust	15/08/84	31/08/84	106631
Baring German Growth Trust	11/04/90	08/05/90	145788
Baring Global Growth Trust	05/06/86	09/06/86	106649
Baring Japan Growth Trust	12/04/85	22/04/85	106655
Baring Korea Trust	14/04/92	03/11/92	150014
Baring Strategic Bond Fund**	15/01/91	04/02/91	147509
Baring UK Growth Trust	18/11/87	30/11/87	106664

\* Further to Unitholder approval, from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2014, the investment objective and policy of the Trust was amended and its name also changed from Baring Portfolio Fund to Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund.

\*\*Further to Unitholder approval from 2 March 2015, the investment objective and policy of the Trust was amended and its name was changed from Baring Global Bond Trust to Baring Strategic Bond Fund,

Particulars relating to each of the Trusts and to the Manager and Trustee are set out in Part I of this document. Particulars specific to each of the Trusts appear in Parts II – IX.

The Trusts have been certified as complying with the conditions necessary to enjoy the rights conferred by EC Council Directive No. 2009/65/EC (the "UCITS Directive") and may apply to the regulatory authorities in member states of the EU to be marketed to the public in those states. A list of the member states in which the Trusts are currently permitted to be publicly marketed appears in Part VI. The list also includes certain territories where the Trusts are permitted to be public marketed pursuant to a specific permission of the competent regulatory authority in the territory concerned.

The Manager is the Authorised Corporate Director (ACD) of the following Investment Companies with Variable Capital (ICVC).

Baring Multi Asset Investment Funds

Baring Investment Umbrella Fund

Baring UK Umbrella Fund

Baring Fund Managers Limited is the manager for the following Common Investment Fund:

Targeted Return Fund

## Part I

### THE MANAGER

#### **Baring Fund Managers Limited**

The Manager of the Trusts is Baring Fund Managers Limited, a private company limited by shares and incorporated in England and Wales on 29 October 1968 under number 941405. Baring Fund Managers Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority and is entered on the FCA register with the Firm Reference Number: 119187. Baring Fund Managers Limited is a subsidiary of Baring Asset Management Limited. The Manager's ultimate holding company is Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company which is established in the United States of America. Barings is incorporated in England and Wales.

The Barings Group manages investments on behalf of clients, which include the pension funds of major international and national corporations, central and local government bodies, charitable foundations, investment and unit trusts and private individuals.

#### **Share Capital**

The issued share capital of the Manager is £1,650,000 made up of 1,650,000 ordinary £1 shares, all of which are fully paid.

#### **Directors**

C. Biggins  
D. Stevenson  
J. Swayne

The Manager has no other directors.

The above individuals also hold other Directorships within the Barings' group of companies, in which capacity they may engage in investment business.

#### **Registered Office**

155 Bishopsgate  
London EC2M 3XY  
Tel: 020 7628 6000  
Fax: 020 7638 7928

### THE TRUSTEE

#### **National Westminster Bank Plc**

National Westminster Bank Plc is a public company limited by shares and incorporated in England & Wales on 18 March 1968. The ultimate holding company of the Trustee is The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, incorporated in Scotland.

#### **Registered and Head Office**

135 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3UR

National Westminster Bank Plc is the Trustee of the Trusts for the purposes of the Rules under their respective Trust Deeds.

The Trustee is incorporated in England as a public limited company. Its registered and head office is at 135 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3UR. The ultimate holding company of the Trustee is the Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc, which is incorporated in Scotland. The principal business activity of the Trustee is banking.

#### Duties of the Trustee

The Trustee is responsible for the safekeeping of scheme property, monitoring the cash flows of the Trusts, and must ensure that certain processes carried out by the Manager are performed in accordance with the applicable rules and scheme documents.

The key duties of the Trustee consist of:

- (i) cash monitoring and verifying the Trusts' cash flows;
- (ii) safekeeping of the Trusts' scheme property;
- (iii) ensuring that the sale, issue, re-purchase, redemption, cancellation and valuation of Units in the Trusts are carried out in accordance with the Trust Deeds, the Prospectus, and applicable law, rules and regulations;
- (iv) ensuring that in transactions involving scheme property any consideration is remitted to the Trusts within the usual time limits;
- (v) ensuring that the Trusts' income is applied in accordance with the Trust Deeds, the Prospectus, applicable law, rules and regulations; and
- (vi) carrying out instructions from the Manager unless they conflict with the Trust Deeds, the Prospectus, or applicable law, rules and regulations.

#### Conflicts of interest

The Trustee may act as the depositary of other open-ended investment companies and as trustee or custodian of other collective investment schemes.

It is possible that the Trustee and/or its delegates and sub-delegates may in the course of its or their business be involved in other financial and professional activities which may on occasion have potential conflicts of interest with the UCITS or a particular Trust and/or other funds managed by the Manager or other funds for which the Trustee acts as the depositary, trustee or custodian. The Trustee will, however, have regard in such event to its obligations under the Depositary Agreement and the Rules and, in particular, will use reasonable endeavours to ensure that the performance of its duties will not be impaired by any such involvement it may have and that any conflicts which may arise will be resolved fairly and in the best interests of Unitholders collectively so far as practicable, having regard to its obligations to other clients.

Nevertheless, as the Depositary operates independently from the Trusts, Unitholders, the Manager and its associated suppliers and the Custodian, the Depositary does not anticipate any conflicts of interest with any of the aforementioned parties.

## Delegation of Safekeeping Functions

The Trustee is permitted to delegate (and authorise its delegate to sub-delegate) the safekeeping of scheme property.

The Trustee has delegated safekeeping of the scheme property to Northern Trust Global Services Limited ("the Custodian"). In turn, the Custodian has delegated the custody of assets in certain markets in which the Trusts may invest to various sub-delegates ("Sub-custodians"). A list of sub-custodians is given in Part VIII. Investors should note that the list of Sub-custodians is updated only at each Prospectus review. An updated list of Sub-custodians is maintained by the Manager at [www.barings.com](http://www.barings.com).

## Updated Information

Up-to-date information regarding the Trustee, its duties, its conflicts of interest and the delegation of its safekeeping functions will be made available to Unitholders on request.

## Terms of Appointment

The Trustee was appointed as the trustee of the UCITS by virtue of the Instrument of Incorporation and is a Bank authorised by the Regulator to act as depositary of a UCITS.

The Trustee was appointed as depositary under a Depositary Agreement dated 18 March 2016 between the Manager, the Trusts and the Trustee (the "Depositary Agreement"). Under the Depositary Agreement, the Trustee is free to render similar services to others and the Trustee, the Manager and the Trusts are subject to a duty not to disclose confidential information.

The powers, duties, rights and obligations of the Trustee, the Trusts and the Manager under the Depositary Agreement shall, to the extent of any conflict, be overridden by the Rules.

Under the Depositary Agreement the Trustee will be liable to the Trusts for any loss of financial instruments held in custody or for any liabilities incurred by the Trust.

However, the Depositary Agreement excludes the Trustee from any liability except in the case of fraud, wilful default, negligence or failure to exercise due care and diligence in the performance or non-performance of its obligations.

It also provides that the Trustee will have the right to an indemnity from the scheme property for any loss suffered in the performance or non-performance of its obligations except in the case of fraud, wilful default, negligence or failure to exercise due care and diligence on its part.

The Depositary Agreement may be terminated on 90 days' notice by the Manager or the Trustee or earlier on certain breaches or the insolvency of a party. However, termination of the Depositary Agreement will not take effect, nor may the Trustee retire voluntarily, until the appointment of a new Trustee.

Details of the fees payable to the Trustee are given in the section headed 'Charges and Expenses'.

## **THE INVESTMENT MANAGER**

The Manager is responsible for the overall investment management and administration of each of the Trusts.

The Manager has delegated its day to day investment management responsibilities in relation to each of the Trusts to Baring Asset Management Limited which is authorised and regulated by the FCA. The Investment Manager's principal business is the discretionary management on behalf of clients of their investment portfolios. The main terms of the contract between the Manager and the Investment Manager provide for the Investment Manager to exercise the Manager's discretionary powers including as follows:-

- i) To construct and maintain the portfolio in accordance with the investment objective and policy of each Trust;
- ii) To arrange all necessary purchases and sales of investments at the best terms available.

The Investment Manager is the sole investment Manager to each Trust unless otherwise stated in this Prospectus. An Investment Manager may, subject to the written consent of the Manager, delegate any of its functions, powers, discretions, privileges and duties under the terms of this Prospectus to any subsidiary, controller or associated company of that Investment Manager and may provide information about the Trust to any such delegate.

Fees paid by the Manager to an Investment Manager will be met out of the Manager's periodic charge for such Trust.

## **THE ADMINISTRATOR**

The Administrator is Northern Trust Global Services Limited. The Manager is responsible for the administration of the Trusts and has appointed the Administrator to exercise its duties, obligations and functions in connection with the general operation and administration of the Trusts.

The Administrator's principal business is the provision of investment administration services to external clients. The Administrator is a subsidiary of Northern Trust Holdings Limited, which is wholly owned by the Northern Trust Company, which is established in the United States of America. The main terms of the contract between the Manager and the Administrator provide for the Administrator to exercise the Manager's administration powers including as follows:-

- i) To effect the issue and cancellation of Units on behalf of the Trusts;
- ii) To prepare accounts on behalf of the Trusts.
- iii) To maintain the Trusts' Register and plan Register of Unitholders

Subject to certain conditions, the Administrator shall be entitled to delegate to any person the performance of any duty hereunder.

Fees paid by the Manager to the Administrator will be met out of the Manager's periodic charge for the Trusts.

## **THE REGISTRAR**

The Manager has appointed Northern Trust Global Services Limited as Registrar of the Trusts. The Registers of holders of Units of each Trust and the plan sub-Registers may be inspected at the following address:

Northern Trust Global Services Limited  
50 Bank Street  
Canary Wharf  
London E14 5NT

Telephone: +44 (0) 333 300 0372

## **THE AUDITOR**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP  
7 More London Riverside  
London  
SE1 2RT

## **Governing Law**

The laws of England and Wales are taken by Baring Fund Managers Limited as the basis for the establishment of relations prior to the conclusion of the contract. The contract shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of England and Wales. The English courts shall have exclusive jurisdiction to settle any disputes or claims which may arise out of, or in connection with, the contract and for this purpose, the Unitholder and the Manager agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the English courts.

## **Language**

The Manager shall supply all information and communicate with you in English during the course of the relationship with you, subject to applicable legal and regulatory requirements in the relevant jurisdiction(s).

## **Investment Powers and Limits**

The investment powers and limits of the Trusts are those set out in Part III and are more restrictive than the investment powers available under the Rules. The current eligible securities and derivatives markets are set out in Part VII..

## Risk

This section contains explanations of the key risks that apply to the Trusts at the date of the Prospectus.

### General

An investment in a Trust should be regarded as long-term in nature and only suitable for investors who understand the risks involved. An investment in one Trust is not a complete investment programme. The Trust's investment portfolio may fall in value due to any of the key risk factors below and therefore your investment in the Trust may suffer losses. There is no guarantee of the repayment of principal. As part of your long-term financial planning you should consider diversifying your portfolio by investing in a range of investments and asset classes

The value of investments and any income from them can go down as well as up and an investor may not get back the amount invested. An investor who realises (sells) Units after a short period may, in addition, not realise the amount originally invested in view of any Preliminary Charge made on the issue of Units.

There is no assurance that the investment objective of any of the Trusts will be achieved. Past performance is not a guide to future performance.

### No Investment Guarantee

Investment in a Trust is not in the nature of a deposit in a bank account and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account. Any investment in a Trust is subject to fluctuations in value and you may get back less than you invest.

### Currency Risk

The underlying investments of the Trust may be denominated in currencies other than the Base Currency of the Trust. Also, a Class of Units of a Trust may be designated in a currency other than the Base Currency of the Trust. The Net Asset Value of the Trust may be affected unfavourably by fluctuations in the exchange rates between these currencies and the Base Currency and by changes in exchange rate controls.

Unless the Class is specifically described as a hedged Class, no steps are taken to mitigate the effects of exchange rate fluctuations between the currency of denomination of the Units and the Base Currency.

### Counterparty Risk

A Trust may be exposed to counterparty risk. Counterparty risk, otherwise known as default risk, is the risk that an organisation does not pay out on a bond or other trade or transaction when it is supposed to. If a counterparty defaults on its obligation and the Trust is delayed or prevented from exercising its rights with respect to the investments in its portfolio, it may experience a decline in the value of its position, lose income and/or incur costs associated with asserting its rights.

### Credit Risk - General

Trusts may be exposed to the credit / default risk of issuers of debt securities that the Trust may invest in or credit / default risk of counterparties of other trades or transactions in which the Trust may be engaged. When a Trust invests in a security or other instrument which is guaranteed by a bank or other type of financial institution there can be no assurance that such guarantor will not itself be subject to credit difficulties, which may lead to the downgrading of such securities or instruments, or to the loss of some or all of the sums invested in such securities or instruments, or payments due on such securities or instruments.

### Custody Risk

The Trustee has a duty to ensure that it safeguards and administers scheme property in compliance with the FCA Handbook governing the protection of client assets ("Client Asset Rules"). The Trustee is not under a duty to comply with the FCA Handbook on handling money received or held for the purposes of buying or selling securities and investments ("Client Money"). Moreover, with respect to handling scheme property in the course of delivery versus payment transactions through a commercial settlement system ("CSS"), the scheme property may not be protected under the Client Asset Rules. In the event that the Trustee becomes insolvent or otherwise fails, there is a risk of loss or delay in return of any scheme property which consists of Client Money, client assets held in a CSS or any other client assets which the Trustee or any of its delegates is not required or has failed to hold in accordance with the Client Asset Rules.

### Hedged Unit Classes

Where the Manager attempts to mitigate the effect of currency fluctuations by hedging, investors should be aware that such hedging may not be successful in eliminating the effects of adverse changes in exchange rates. Currency hedging may not therefore provide a perfect hedge.

The financial instruments used to implement hedging strategies shall be assets and liabilities of the Trust as a whole, which means that the Net Asset Value of Unit Classes which are not Hedged Unit Classes may be adversely affected by the hedging strategies applied to the Hedged Unit Classes.

### *RMB Hedged Unit Classes*

RMB is subject to a managed floating exchange rate based on market supply and demand with reference to a basket of currencies. Currently, the RMB is traded in two markets: onshore RMB (CNY) in Mainland China and offshore RMB (CNH) primarily in Hong Kong. Onshore RMB (CNY) is not freely convertible and is subject to exchange controls and certain requirements by the government of PRC. Offshore RMB (CNH), on the other hand, is freely tradable. The exchange rate used for the RMB Hedged Unit Classes is the offshore RMB (CNH). The value of offshore RMB (CNH) could differ, perhaps significantly from that of the onshore RMB (CNY) due to a number of factors including without limitation those foreign exchange control policies and repatriation restrictions. Accordingly, RMB Hedged Unit Classes may be exposed to greater foreign exchange risks. There is no assurance that RMB will not be subject to devaluation or revaluation or that shortages in the availability of foreign currency will not develop.

### Inflation Risk

A Trust's assets or income from a Trust's investments may be worth less in real terms in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the real value of a Trust's portfolio will decline unless it grows by more than the rate of inflation.

## **Volatility and Liquidity Risk**

The debt instruments in which the Trust invests may not be traded on an active secondary market. The prices of securities traded in such markets may be subject to fluctuations. The bid and offer spreads of the price of such securities may be large and the Trust may incur significant trading costs. 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.

## **Market Disruption Risk**

The Trusts may be exposed to the risk of incurring large losses in the event of disrupted markets. Disruptions can include the suspension or limit on trading of a financial exchange and disruptions in one market sector can have an adverse effect on other market sectors. If this happens, the risk of loss to a Trust can be increased because many positions may become illiquid, making them difficult to sell. Finance available to a Trust may also be reduced which can make it more difficult for a Trust to trade.

## **Suspension of Trading**

A securities exchange typically has the right to suspend or limit trading in any instrument traded on that exchange. The Government or the regulators may also implement policies that may affect the financial markets. A suspension could render it impossible for the Investment Manager or an underlying fund manager to liquidate positions and thereby expose the Trust to losses and may have a negative impact on the Trust.

## **Taxation**

The amount and rate of taxation of distributions and capital gains suffered by the Trust will vary and is subject to change. Such changes may also be applied retrospectively.

As countries can change tax rules and apply them to previous periods any provisions made by the Trusts in respect of the potential taxation of and returns from investments held at any time may prove to be excessive or inadequate to meet any eventual tax liabilities. Consequently, investors in relevant Trusts may be advantaged or disadvantaged depending on the position of any relevant tax authorities in the future and the level of tax provisions proving to be either excessive or inadequate either when they subscribed or redeemed their Units in the Trusts.

## **Fund Closure Risk**

In the event of the early termination of a Trust, the Trust would have to distribute to the Unitholders their pro rata interest in the assets of the Trust. It is possible that at the time of such sale or distribution, certain investments held by the Trust may be worth less than the initial cost of such investments, resulting in a substantial loss to the Unitholders. Moreover, any organisational expenses with regard to the Trust that had not yet become fully amortised would be debited against the Trust's capital at that time. The circumstances under which the Trust may be terminated are set out under the heading "Termination of the Trusts".

## **Valuation Risk**

Valuation of the Trust's investments may involve uncertainties and judgmental determinations. If such valuation turns out to be incorrect, this may affect the NAV calculation of the Trust.

## **Investment in Equities**

The Trust's investment in equity securities is subject to general market risks, whose value may fluctuate due to various factors, such as changes in investment sentiment, political and economic conditions and issuer-specific factors. When the equity markets are extremely volatile the Trust's Net Asset Value may fluctuate substantially.

## **Risks of Investment in Equity Related Securities**

The Trust may invest in equity-related securities such as structured notes, participation notes or equity-linked notes. These are usually issued by a broker, an investment bank or a company and are therefore subject to the risk of insolvency or default of the issuer. If there is no active market in these instruments, this may lead to liquidity risk. Further, investment in equity-linked securities may lead to dilution of performance of the Trust when compared to the other funds which invest directly in similar underlying assets due to fees embedded in the notes. The aforesaid circumstances may adversely affect the net asset value per Unit of the Trust.

Convertible bonds are a hybrid between debt and equity, permitting shareholders to convert into shares in the company issuing the bond at a specified future date. As such, convertibles will be exposed to equity movement and greater volatility than straight bond investments. Investments in convertible bonds are subject to the same interest rate risk, credit risk, liquidity risk and prepayment risk associated with comparable straight bond investments

## **Investing in Fixed Income Securities**

Investment in bonds or fixed income securities is subject to liquidity, interest rate and credit risks (i.e. the risk of default). The value of a bond will usually fall if an issuer defaults

Fixed income securities are often rated by Credit Rating Agencies. Credit ratings indicate the probability that an issuer will fail to make timely payment of capital and / or interest that is due to be paid to investors under the terms of the security i.e. the risk of default. Certain credit rating agencies are designated by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission as Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (NRSROs). Each NRSRO has an alpha or alphanumeric scale that expresses their ratings. An example of an NRSRO is Standard and Poor's, their rating scale (expressed here in increasing order of default risk) is; AAA, AA+, AA, AA-, A+, A, A-, BBB+, BBB, BBB-, BB+, BB, BB-, B+, B, B-, CCC+, CCC, CCC-, CC, C. The identifier D is also used, in order to signify that a security has already defaulted.

Securities rated between the AAA rating level and the BBB- rating level are commonly referred to as 'investment grade'. These securities would be expected to have a very low risk of default.

Securities with ratings of BB+, and lower, are commonly referred to as 'sub-investment grade'. These securities would be expected to have a higher risk of default, and a greater sensitivity to economic conditions, than 'investment grade' securities.

A Trust may in accordance with its investment policy only be permitted to invest in securities / investments of a certain credit rating. Credit ratings may however not always be an accurate or reliable measure of the strength of the securities / investments being invested in. Credit ratings assigned by rating agencies are also subject to limitations and do not guarantee the creditworthiness of the security

and/or issuer at all times. Where such credit ratings prove inaccurate or unreliable, losses may be incurred by any Trust which has invested in such securities / investments.

The volume of transactions effected in certain international bond markets may be appreciably below that of the world's largest markets, such as the United States. Accordingly, a Trust's investment in such markets may be less liquid and their prices may be more volatile than comparable investments in securities trading in markets with larger trading volumes. Moreover, the settlement periods in certain markets may be longer than in others which may affect portfolio liquidity.

### **Interest Rate Risk**

The fixed income instruments in which a Trust may invest are subject to interest rate risk. In general, the prices of debt securities rise when interest rates fall, whilst their prices fall when interest rates rise.

### **Credit Risk – Fixed Income**

A Trust may invest in fixed income securities which have low credit status which may represent a higher credit risk than trusts which do not invest in such securities. Investment in securities issued by corporations may also represent a higher credit risk than investment in securities issued by governments.

There can be no assurance that the issuers of fixed income securities in which a Trust may invest will not be subject to credit difficulties, leading to either the downgrading of such securities or instruments, or to the loss of some or all of the sums invested in or payments due on such securities or instruments.

### **Investment in Emerging Markets (and/or Frontier Markets)**

The Trust invests in emerging markets which may involve increased risks and special considerations not typically associated with investment in more developed markets, such as liquidity risks, currency risks/control, political and economic uncertainties, legal and taxation risks, settlement risks, custody risk and the likelihood of a high degree of volatility. Currency conversion and repatriation of investment income, capital and proceeds of sale by a Trust may be limited or require governmental consents. A Trust could be adversely affected by delays in, or refusal to grant, any such approval for the repatriation of funds or by any official intervention affecting the process of settlement of transactions. Stock exchanges and other such clearing infrastructure may lack liquidity and robust procedures and may be susceptible to interference.

#### Political, Social and Economic Instability

Some countries have a higher than usual risk of nationalisation, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, any of which might have an adverse effect on a Trust's investments in those countries. Developing countries can be subject to a higher than usual risk of political change, government regulation, social instability or diplomatic developments (including war) which could adversely affect the economies of such countries and thus a Trust's investments in those countries. Furthermore, it may be difficult for the Trust to obtain effective enforcement of its rights in certain developing countries.

#### Market Liquidity and Foreign Investment Infrastructure

Trading volume on the stock exchange of most developing countries can be substantially less than in the leading stock markets of the developed world, so that the purchase and sale of holdings may take longer. Volatility of prices can be greater than in the developed world. This may result in considerable volatility in the value of the Trust and, if sales of a significant amount of securities have to be effected at short notice in order to meet redemption requests, such sales may have to be effected at unfavourable prices which could have an adverse effect on the value of the Trust and therefore the Dealing price.

In certain developing countries, portfolio investment by foreign investors (such as these Trusts) may require consent or be subject to restrictions. These restrictions and any further restrictions introduced in the future could limit the availability to these Trusts of attractive investment opportunities.

#### Corporate Disclosure, Accounting and Regulatory Standards

Companies in developing countries are generally not subject to accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, practices and disclosure requirements comparable to those applicable to companies in the developed world. In addition, there is generally less government supervision and regulation of stock exchanges, brokers and listed companies in most developing countries than in countries with more advanced securities markets. As a result, there may be less information available publicly to investors in developing country securities; such information as is available may be less reliable.

#### Availability and Reliability of Official Data

Less statistical data is available in relation to the securities markets of developing countries relative to the securities markets in, for example, the United Kingdom; such data as is available may be less reliable.

#### Legal Risk

Many laws in developing countries are new and largely untested. As a result the Trust may be subject to a number of risks, including but not limited to inadequate investor protection, contradictory legislation, incomplete, unclear and changing laws, lack of established avenues for legal redress and a lack of enforcement of existing regulations. Furthermore, it may be difficult to obtain and enforce a judgement in certain countries in which assets of the Trust are invested.

#### Taxation

Taxation of dividends and capital gains received by foreign investors varies among developing countries and, in some cases, is comparatively high. In addition, developing countries typically have less well defined tax laws and procedures and such laws may permit retroactive taxation so that these Trusts could in the future become subject to a local tax liability that had not reasonably been anticipated in the conduct of investment activities or the valuation of the assets of these Trusts. Such uncertainty could necessitate significant provisions being made in the Net Asset Values per Unit calculations for foreign taxes.

#### Settlement and Custody Risk

As these Trusts invest in markets where the trading, settlement and custodial systems are not fully developed, there is an increased risk of the assets of a Trust which are traded in such markets being lost through fraud, negligence, oversight or catastrophe such as a fire. High market volatility and potential settlement difficulties in the markets may also result in significant fluctuations in the prices of the securities traded on such markets and thereby may adversely affect the value of the Trust. In other circumstances such as the insolvency of a sub-custodian or registrar, or retroactive application of legislation, the Trusts may not be able to establish title to investments made and may suffer loss as a result. In such circumstances, the Trust may find it impossible to enforce its right against

third parties. As these Trusts may invest in markets where the trading, settlement and custodial systems are not fully developed, the assets of such Trust which are traded in such markets and which have been entrusted to sub-custodians in such markets may be exposed to risk in circumstances in which the Trustee will have no liability.

## **Investment in China**

Investing in the Chinese securities markets is subject to both emerging market risks as well as country specific risks. Political changes, restrictions on currency exchange, exchange monitoring, taxes, limitations on foreign capital investments and capital repatriation can also affect investment performance.

Whilst the number of available "A", "B" and "H" share issues continues to increase, availability remains limited as compared with the choice available in other developed financial markets. This can impact on the level of liquidity in the "A" and "B" shares markets which in turn can lead to price volatility.

The legal and regulatory framework for capital markets and joint stock companies in China is less developed when compared with those of developed countries. In addition, Chinese accounting standards may differ from international accounting standards

Investment in Chinese securities may involve certain custodial risks. For example, the evidence of title of exchange traded securities in the People's Republic of China ("PRC") consists only of electronic book-entries in the depository and/or registry associated with the relevant exchange. These arrangements of the depositories and registries are new and not fully tested with regard to their efficiency, accuracy and security.

Investment in mainland China remains sensitive to any major change in economic, social and political policy in the PRC. The capital growth and thus the performance of these investments may be adversely affected due to such sensitivity. The PRC government's control of future movements in exchange rates and currency conversion may have an adverse impact on the operations and financial results of the companies in which these Trusts invest.

Under the prevailing PRC tax policy, there are certain tax incentives available to PRC companies with foreign investments. However, there is no assurance that tax incentives currently offered to foreign companies will not be abolished in the future. Moreover, there is a possibility that the tax laws, regulations and practice in the PRC may be subject to change and that such changes may have retrospective effect. In addition, by investing in A-Shares (indirectly through investment in other CIS), these Trusts may be subject to withholding and other taxes imposed in the PRC which cannot be eliminated by any applicable double taxation treaty. Therefore such uncertainty could necessitate significant provisions being made in the Net Asset Value per Unit calculations for foreign taxes.

## **Investment in Korea**

The risks inherent in Korean securities are of a nature and degree not typically encountered in investment in securities of listed companies on other major securities markets. Due to the outbreak of natural calamities, wars, conflict of arms or grave and sudden changes in domestic or foreign economic circumstances or other equivalent situations, the Ministry of Finance and Economy (MOFE) may temporarily suspend payment, receipt of transactions to which the relevant Foreign Exchange Transactions laws and regulations apply, or impose an obligation to safekeep, deposit or sell means of payment in or to certain Korean governmental agencies or financial institutions.

If the international balance of payments and international finance are likely to be confronted with serious difficulty or the movement of capital between Korea and abroad is likely to bring about serious obstacles in carrying out Korean government's currency policies, exchange rate policies and other macroeconomic policies, the MOFE may require any person who intends to perform capital transactions to obtain permission or to deposit part of the payments received in such transactions at certain Korean governmental agencies or financial institutions, subject to certain limitations.

## **Investment in Derivatives**

Investments of a Trust may be composed of securities with varying degrees of volatility and may comprise, from time to time, financial derivative instruments. Since financial derivative instruments may be geared instruments, their use may result in greater fluctuations of the Net Asset Value of the Trust concerned. Risks associated with financial derivative instruments include counterparty/credit risk, liquidity risk, valuation risk, volatility risk and over-the-counter transaction risk. The leverage element/component of a financial derivative instrument can result in a loss significantly greater than the amount invested in the financial derivative instrument by the Trust. Exposure to financial derivative instruments may lead to a high risk of significant loss by the Trust.

The Trust may use financial derivative instruments for efficient portfolio management, including to attempting to hedge or reduce the overall risk of its investments, or financial derivative instruments may be used for investment purposes in pursuit of investment objective, policies and strategies. Such strategies might be unsuccessful and incur losses for the Trust, due to market conditions. A Trust's ability to use these strategies may be limited by market conditions, regulatory limits and tax considerations. Investments in financial derivative instruments are subject to normal market fluctuations and other risks inherent in investment in securities. In addition, the use of financial derivative instruments involves special risks, including:

- 1) dependence on the Investment Manager's ability to accurately predict movements in the price of the underlying security;
- 2) imperfect correlation between the movements in securities or currency on which a financial derivative instruments contract is based and movements in the securities or currencies in the relevant Trust;
- 3) the absence of a liquid market for any particular instrument at any particular time which may inhibit the ability of a Trust to liquidate a financial derivative instrument at an advantageous price;
- 4) due to the degree of leverage inherent in derivatives contracts, a relatively small price movement in a contract may result in an immediate and substantial loss to a Trust; and
- 5) possible impediments to efficient portfolio management or the ability to meet repurchase requests or other short term obligations because a percentage of a Trust's assets may be segregated to cover its obligations.

## **Hedging Techniques**

The Trust may utilise a variety of financial instruments, such as options, interest rate swaps, futures and forward contracts, etc to seek to hedge against declines in the values of the Trust's positions as a result of changes in currency exchange rates, equity markets, market interest rates and other events. Hedging against a decline in the value of Trust's positions will not eliminate fluctuations in the

values of the Trust's positions or prevent losses if the values of such positions decline, but it does establish other positions designed to gain from those same developments, thus reducing the decline in the Trust's value. However, such hedging transactions also limit the opportunity for gain if the value of the Trust's positions should increase. It may not be possible for the Trust to hedge against a change or event at a price sufficient to protect its assets from the decline in value of the Trust's positions anticipated as a result of such change. In addition, it may not be possible to hedge against certain changes or events at all or the Investment Manager may choose not to.

## **Leverage Risk**

When a Trust purchases a security or an option, the risk to the Trust is limited to the loss of its investment. In the case of a transaction involving futures, forwards, swaps, contracts for differences or options, the Trust's liability may be potentially unlimited until the position is closed.

## **High Leverage Risk**

The Trust may have a net leveraged exposure of more than 100% of the NAV of the Trust. This will further magnify any potential negative impact of any change in the value of the underlying asset on the Trust and also increase the volatility of the Trust's price and may lead to significant losses.

## **Futures Contracts**

A futures contract is a standardised contract between two parties to exchange a specified asset of standardized quantity and quality for a price agreed today (the futures price or the strike price) with delivery occurring at a specified future date, the delivery date. The contracts are traded on a futures exchange. The amount of loss (as well as profit) is unlimited.

Additionally, where the underlying specified asset is a commodity, the futures contract may be illiquid because certain commodity exchanges limit fluctuations in certain future contract prices during a single day by regulations referred to as "daily price fluctuation limits" or "daily limits". Once the price of a contract for a particular future has increased or decreased by an amount equal to the daily limit, positions in the future can neither be taken nor liquidated unless traders are willing to affect trades at or within the limit.

A Trust may also be exposed to a credit risk in relation to the counterparties with whom they transact or place margin or collateral in respect of transactions and may bear the risk of counterparty default. A Trust may be invested in certain futures contracts which may involve the assumption of obligations as well as rights and assets. Assets deposited as margin with brokers may not be held in segregated accounts by the brokers and may therefore become available to the creditors of such brokers in the event of their insolvency or bankruptcy.

## **Forward foreign exchange transactions**

Forward contracts, unlike futures contracts, are not traded on exchanges and are not standardised; rather, banks and dealers act as principals in these markets, negotiating each transaction on an individual basis, and therefore have an increased counterparty risk. If a counterparty defaults, the Trust may not get the expected payment or delivery of assets. This may result in the loss of an unrealised profit.

## **Over the Counter (OTC) Transactions**

An OTC transaction takes place when a financial instrument is traded directly between two parties rather than through a stock exchange. Where the Trust acquires securities through an OTC transaction, there is no guarantee that the Trust will be able to realise the fair value of such securities due to their tendency to have limited liquidity.

### Absence of Regulation

In general, there is less regulation and supervision of OTC transactions than for transactions entered into on stock exchanges. In addition, many of the protections afforded to participants on some stock exchanges, such as the performance guarantee of an exchange clearing house, might not be available in connection with OTC transactions.

### Counterparty Default

A Trust may also have credit exposure to counterparties by virtue of positions in swap agreements, repurchase transactions, forward exchange rate and other financial or derivative contracts held by the Trust. OTC transactions are executed in accordance with an agreed terms and conditions drawn up between the Trust and the counterparty. If the counterparty experiences credit issues and therefore defaults on its obligation and a Trust is delayed or prevented from exercising its rights with respect to the investments in its portfolio, it may experience a decline in the value of its position, lose income and/or incur costs associated with asserting its rights. Counterparty exposure will be in accordance with the Trust's investment restrictions. Regardless of the measures a Trust may implement to reduce counterparty risk, there can be no assurance that a counterparty will not default or that the Trust will not sustain losses on the transactions as a result.

## **Efficient Portfolio Management**

The Manager may utilise the scheme property of the Trusts to enter into transactions for the purposes of Efficient Portfolio Management ("EPM"). Permitted EPM transactions include transactions in derivatives to hedge against price or currency fluctuations, and these may be dealt or traded on an eligible derivatives market or may be OTC derivative instruments. EPM techniques may also involve the Manager entering into stock lending transactions or repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements in relation to a Trust. The Manager must ensure in entering into EPM transactions, the transaction is economically appropriate to the reduction of the relevant risks (whether in the price of investments, interest rates or exchange rates) or to the reduction of the relevant costs and/or to the generation of additional capital or income with an acceptably low level of risk. The Manager must also take steps to try and ensure that the counterparty exposure in such transactions is fully "covered" by cash and/or other acceptable and sufficiently liquid property sufficient to meet any obligation to pay or deliver that could arise.

EPM transactions will give rise to risks for the Trusts. There is no guarantee that the use of EPM transactions will achieve their objective. In particular, see the risk disclosures for "Hedging Techniques", "Futures Contracts", "Forward Foreign Exchange Transactions" and "Over the Counter (OTC) Transactions" above.

Where a Trust enters stock lending transactions, if there is a default by a counterparty, the Trust may suffer loss due to securities lent being recovered late or only in part.

To the extent that collateral is received by the Trust in relation to an EPM transaction to mitigate counterparty risk, there is no guarantee that, in the event of counterparty default, that collateral when realised will fully cover any exposure of the Trust to loss arising from that

counterparty's default. The Manager has a collateral management policy which sets out the eligible types of collateral the Trust may accept and further information in relation to that policy is set out below – see "Collateral Management".

## **Income Producing Funds**

Where the main aim of a Trust is to produce income and this income is paid out instead of being reinvested, there is little prospect of any real capital growth.

## **Investment in Small-Capitalisation / Mid-Capitalisation Companies**

The stock of small-capitalisation and mid-capitalisation companies may have lower liquidity and their prices are more volatile to adverse economic developments than those of larger capitalisation companies in general. Risks include economic risks, such as lack of product depth, limited geographical diversification and increased sensitivity to the business cycle. They also include organisational risk, such as concentration of management and shareholders and key-person dependence. Where smaller companies are listed on 'junior' sections of the stock exchange, they may be subject to a lighter regulatory environment. Furthermore, the shares in smaller companies can be more difficult to buy and sell, resulting in less flexibility, and sometimes higher costs, in implementing investment decisions.

## **Investment in Specific Countries, Regions or Sectors**

The Trust's investments are concentrated in specific industry sectors, instruments, countries or regions. The value of the Trust may be more volatile than that of a fund having a more diverse portfolio of investments.

The value of the Trust may be more susceptible to adverse economic, political, policy, foreign exchange, liquidity, tax, legal or regulatory events affecting a market in a country or region.

## **Renminbi Currency Risk**

RMB is currently not freely convertible and is subject to exchange controls and restrictions.

Non-RMB based investors are exposed to foreign exchange risk and there is no guarantee that the value of RMB against the investors' base currencies (for example HKD) will not depreciate.

Any depreciation of RMB could adversely affect the value of investor's investment in the Trust.

Although offshore RMB (CNH) and onshore RMB (CNY) are the same currency, they trade at different rates. Any divergence between CNH and CNY may adversely impact investors.

Under exceptional circumstances, payment of redemptions and/or dividend payment in RMB may be delayed due to the exchange controls and restrictions applicable to RMB.

## **Investment in Europe- European Sovereign Debt Crisis**

A Trust may invest substantially in Europe. The current Eurozone crisis continues to raise uncertainty with some or no clarity on an enduring solution. Any adverse events, such as among others, the downgrading of the credit rating of a European country, the default or bankruptcy of one or more sovereigns within the Eurozone, the departure of some, or all, relevant EU Member States from the Eurozone, or any combination of the above or other economic or political events may have a negative impact on the value of the Trusts. In light of ongoing concerns on the sovereign debt risk of certain countries within the Eurozone, the Trust's investments in the region may be subject to higher volatility, liquidity, currency and default risks associated with investments in Europe. These may lead to the partial or full break-up of the Eurozone, or with the result that the Euro may no longer be a valid trading currency. These events may increase volatility, liquidity and currency risks associated with investments in Europe and may adversely impact the performance and value of a Trust.

If certain countries cease to use Euro as their local currency, the transition by a EU Member State away from the Euro or the dissolution of the Euro may require the redenomination of some, or all, Euro-denominated sovereign debt, corporate debt and securities (including equity securities). This may have an adverse impact on the liquidity of the Trust's Euro-denominated assets and on the performance of a Trust which holds such assets. A Eurozone break-up or exit from the Euro might also lead to additional performance, legal and operational risks to a Trust and may cause uncertainty as to the operation of certain terms of agreements that are governed by the law of an exiting EU Member State.

While the governments of many European countries, the European Commission, the European Central Bank, the International Monetary Fund and other authorities are taking measures (such as undertaking economic reforms and imposing austerity measures on citizens) to address the current fiscal conditions, there are concerns that these measures may not have the desired effect and the future stability and growth of Europe remains uncertain. If a crisis occurs, economic recovery may take some time and future growth will be affected. The performance and value of a Trust may potentially be adversely affected by any or all of the above factors, or there may be unintended consequences in addition to the above arising from the potential European crisis that may adversely affect the performance and value of a Trust. It is also possible that a large number of investors could decide to redeem their investments in a Trust at the same time. Investors also need to bear in mind that the events in Europe may spread to other parts of the world, affecting the global financial system and other local economies, and ultimately adversely affecting the performance and value of a Trust.

## **Investment via the Connect Schemes**

### Risks Associated with the Connect Schemes

The relevant rules and regulations on Connect Schemes are subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. The Connect Schemes are subject to quota limitations. Where a suspension in the trading through the programme is effected, the Trust's ability to invest in China A-shares or access the PRC market through the programme will be adversely affected. In such event, the Trust's ability to achieve its investment objective could be negatively affected.

### Quota limitations

Trading under the Connect Schemes will be subject to a daily quota ("Daily Quota"). The Northbound Shanghai Trading Link under the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect Scheme, Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link under the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect Scheme, Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link under the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect Scheme and Southbound Hong Kong Trading Link under the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect Scheme will be respectively subject to a separate set of Daily Quota. The Daily Quota limits the maximum net buy value of cross-boundary trades under each of the Connect Schemes each day. The

Northbound Daily Quota is currently set at RMB13 billion for each of the Connect Schemes as of the date of this Prospectus. SEHK will monitor the quota and publish the remaining balance of the Northbound Daily Quota at scheduled times on the HKEX's website.

Once the remaining balance of the Northbound Daily Quota drops to zero or the Northbound Daily Quota is exceeded during the opening call session, new buy orders will be rejected (though investors will be allowed to sell their cross-boundary securities regardless of the quota balance). Therefore, quota limitations may restrict the relevant Trust's ability to invest in China A shares through the Connect Schemes on a timely basis, and the relevant Trust may not be able to effectively pursue its investment strategies.

Legal / Beneficial Ownership

The SSE Securities and SZSE Securities in respect of the Trust are held by the Depository in accounts in the Central Clearing and Settlement System ("CCASS") maintained by the HKSCC as central securities depository in Hong Kong. HKSCC in turn holds the SSE Securities and SZSE Securities, as the nominee holder, through an omnibus securities account in its name registered with ChinaClear for each of the Connect Schemes. The precise nature and rights of the Trusts as the beneficial owners of the SSE Securities and SZSE Securities through HKSCC as nominee is not well defined under PRC law. There is lack of a clear definition of, and distinction between, "legal ownership" and "beneficial ownership" under PRC law and there have been few cases involving a nominee account structure in the PRC courts. Therefore the exact nature and methods of enforcement of the rights and interests of the Trust under PRC law is uncertain. Because of this uncertainty, in the unlikely event that HKSCC becomes subject to winding up proceedings in Hong Kong it is not clear if the SSE Securities and SZSE Securities will be regarded as held for the beneficial ownership of the Trusts or as part of the general assets of HKSCC available for general distribution to its creditors.

Clearing and settlement risk

The HKSCC and ChinaClear have established the clearing links and each is a participant of each other to facilitate clearing and settlement of cross-boundary trades. For cross-boundary trades initiated in a market, the clearing house of that market will on one hand clear and settle with its own clearing participants, and on the other hand undertake to fulfil the clearing and settlement obligations of its clearing participants with the counterparty clearing house.

Should the remote event of ChinaClear default occur and ChinaClear be declared as a defaulter, HKSCC's liabilities in Northbound trades under its market contracts with clearing participants will be limited to assisting clearing participants in pursuing their claims against ChinaClear. HKSCC will in good faith, seek recovery of the outstanding stocks and monies from ChinaClear through available legal channels or through ChinaClear's liquidation. In that event, the Trust may suffer delay in the recovery process or may not be able to fully recover its losses from ChinaClear.

#### Currency risk

Hong Kong and overseas investors will trade and settle SSE Securities and SZSE Securities in RMB only. Hence, the Trust will need to use RMB to trade and settle SSE Securities and SZSE Securities.

#### No protection by Hong Kong Investor Compensation Fund

Investment through the Connect Schemes is conducted through brokers, and is subject to the risks of default by such brokers' in their obligations.

The Trust's investments through Northbound trading under the Connect Schemes are not covered by Hong Kong's Investor Compensation Fund. Hong Kong's Investor Compensation Fund is established to pay compensation to investors of any nationality who suffer pecuniary losses as a result of default of a licensed intermediary or authorised financial institution in relation to exchange-traded products in Hong Kong.

Since default matters in the Northbound Trading Link via the Connect Schemes does not involve products listed or traded in SEHK or Hong Kong Futures Exchange Limited, they will not be covered by the Investor Compensation Fund.

On the other hand, since a Trust is carrying out Northbound trading through securities brokers in Hong Kong but not the PRC brokers, therefore it is not protected by the China Securities Investor Protection Fund (中國證券投資者保護基金).

#### Corporate actions and shareholders' meetings

Notwithstanding the fact that HKSCC does not claim proprietary interests in the SSE Securities and SZSE Securities held in its omnibus stock account in ChinaClear, ChinaClear as the share registrar for SSE and SZSE listed companies will still treat HKSCC as one of the shareholders when it handles corporate actions in respect of such SSE Securities and SZSE Securities.

HKSCC will monitor the corporate actions affecting SSE Securities and SZSE Securities and keep the relevant brokers or custodians participating in CCASS ("CCASS participants") informed of all such corporate actions that require CCASS participants to take steps in order to participate in them.

SSE-/SZSE-listed companies usually announce information regarding their annual general meetings/extraordinary general meetings about two to three weeks before the meeting date. A poll is called on all resolutions for all votes. HKSCC will advise CCASS participants of all general meeting details such as meeting date, time, venue and the number of resolutions.

The HKSCC will keep CCASS participants informed of corporate actions of SSE Securities and SZSE Securities (as defined above). Where the articles of association of a listed company do not prohibit the appointment of proxy/multiple proxies by its shareholder, HKSCC will make arrangements to appoint one or more investors as its proxies or representatives to attend shareholders' meetings when instructed. Further, investors (with holdings reaching the thresholds required under the PRC regulations and the articles of associations of listed companies) may, through their CCASS participants, pass on proposed resolutions to listed companies via HKSCC under the CCASS rules. HKSCC will pass on such resolutions to the companies as shareholder on record if so permitted under the relevant regulations and requirements. Hong Kong and overseas investors (including the Trust) are holding SSE Securities and SZSE Securities traded via the Connect Schemes through their brokers or custodians, and they will need to comply with the arrangement and deadline specified by their respective brokers or custodians (i.e. CCASS participants). The time for them to take actions for some types of corporate actions of SSE Securities and SZSE Securities may be very short. Therefore, it is possible that the Trust may not be able to participate in some corporate actions in a timely manner.

#### Foreign Shareholding Restrictions

China Securities Regulatory Commission ("CSRC") stipulates that, when holding China A shares through the Connect Schemes, Hong Kong and overseas investors are subject to the following shareholding restrictions:

- shares held by a single foreign investor (such as the Trust) investing in a listed company must not exceed 10 % of the total issued shares of such listed company; and
- total shares held by all foreign investors (i.e. Hong Kong and overseas investors) who make investment in a listed company must not exceed 30 % of the total issued shares of such listed company.

When the aggregate foreign shareholding of an individual China A share reaches 26 %, SSE or SZSE, as the case may be, will publish a notice on its website (<http://www.sse.com.cn/disclosure/disclosure/qfii> for SSE and <http://www.szse.cn/main/disclosure/news/qfii/> for SZSE). If the aggregate foreign shareholding exceeds the 30% threshold, the foreign investors concerned will be requested to sell the shares on a last-in-first-out basis within five trading days.

#### Operational risk

The Connect Schemes provide a channel for investors from Hong Kong and overseas to access the China stock markets directly.

The Connect Schemes are premised on the functioning of the operational systems of the relevant market participants. Market participants are able to participate in this programme subject to meeting certain information technology capability, risk management and other requirements as may be specified by the relevant exchange and/or clearing house.

Market participants generally have configured and adapted their operational and technical systems for the purpose of trading China A shares through the Connect Schemes. However, it should be appreciated that the securities regimes and legal systems of the two markets differ significantly and in order for the program to operate, market participants may need to address issues arising from the differences on an on-going basis.

Further, the “connectivity” in the Connect Schemes requires routing of orders across the border. SEHK has set up an order routing system (“China Stock Connects System”) to capture, consolidate and route the cross boundary orders input by exchange participants. There is no assurance that the systems of the SEHK and market participants will function properly or will continue to be adapted to changes and developments in both markets. In the event that the relevant systems failed to function properly, trading in both markets through the programme could be disrupted. A Trust’s ability to access the China A share market (and hence to pursue its investment strategy) will be adversely affected.

#### Regulatory risk

The Connect Schemes will be subject to regulations promulgated by regulatory authorities and implementation rules made by the stock exchanges in the PRC and Hong Kong. Further, new regulations may be promulgated from time to time by the regulators in connection with operations and cross-border legal enforcement in connection with cross-border trades under the Connect Schemes.

It should be noted that the current regulations and rules on the Connect Schemes are subject to change which may have potential retrospective effect. There can be no assurance that the Connect Schemes will not be abolished. A Trust, which may invest in the PRC markets through the Connect Schemes, may be adversely affected as a result of such changes.

#### Suspension risk

Each of the SEHK, SSE and SZSE reserves the right to suspend Northbound and / or Southbound trading if necessary for ensuring an orderly and fair market and that risks are managed prudently. Consent from the relevant regulator would be sought before a suspension is triggered. Where a suspension in the Northbound trading through the Connect Schemes is effected, a Trust’s ability to access the PRC market will be adversely affected.

#### Restrictions on selling imposed by front-end monitoring

PRC regulations require that before an investor sells any share, there should be sufficient shares in the account; otherwise SSE or SZSE will reject the sell order concerned.

SEHK will carry out pre-trade checking on China A shares sell orders of its participants (i.e. the stock brokers) to ensure there is no over-selling

Generally, if a Trust desires to sell certain China A shares it holds, it must transfer those China A shares to the respective accounts of its brokers before the market opens on the day of selling (“trading day”). If it fails to meet this deadline, it will not be able to sell those shares on the trading day. Because of this requirement, a Trust may not be able to dispose of holdings of China A shares in a timely manner.

However, a Trust may request a custodian to open a special segregated account (“SPSA”) in CCASS to maintain its holdings in China A shares under the enhanced pre-trade checking model. Each SPSA will be assigned a unique “Investor ID” by CCASS for the purpose of facilitating China Stock Connects System to verify the holdings of an investor such as a Trust. Provided that there is sufficient holding in the SPSA when a broker inputs a Trust’s sell order, the Trust will be able to dispose of its holdings of China A shares (as opposed to the practice of transferring China A shares to the broker’s account under the current pre-trade checking model for non-SPSA accounts). Opening of the SPSA accounts for the Trust will enable it to dispose of its holdings of China A shares in a timely manner.

#### Differences in trading days

The Connect Schemes will only operate on days when both the PRC and the Hong Kong stock markets are open for trading and when banks in both markets are open on the corresponding settlement days. So it is possible that there are occasions when it is a normal trading day for the PRC stock markets but Hong Kong investors (such as the Trusts) cannot carry out any China A shares trading. Due to the differences in trading days, the Trust may be subject to a risk of price fluctuations in China A shares on a day that the PRC stock markets are open for trading but the Hong Kong stock market is closed.

#### Recalling of eligible stocks

When a stock is recalled from the scope of eligible stocks for trading via the Connect Schemes, the stock can only be sold but restricted from being bought. This may affect the investment portfolio or strategies of the Trust, for example, when the Trust wishes to purchase a stock which is recalled from the scope of eligible stocks.

#### Risks associated with the Small and Medium Enterprise Board of the SZSE (“SME Board”) and/or ChiNext Board

Certain Trusts may have exposure to stocks listed on SME Board and/or ChiNext Board.

## Higher fluctuation on stock prices

Listed companies on the SME Board and/or ChiNext Board are usually of emerging nature with smaller operating scale. Hence, they are subject to higher fluctuation in stock prices and liquidity and have higher risks and turnover ratios than companies listed on the Main Board of the SZSE ("Main Board").

## Over-valuation risk

Stocks listed on SME Board and/or ChiNext Board may be overvalued and such exceptionally high valuation may not be sustainable. Stock price may be more susceptible to manipulation due to fewer circulating shares.

## Differences in regulation

The rules and regulations regarding companies listed on ChiNext Board are less stringent in terms of profitability and share capital than those in the Main Board and SME Board.

## Delisting risk

It may be more common and faster for companies listed on the SME Board and/or ChiNext Board to delist. This may have an adverse impact on a Trust if the companies that it invests in are delisted.

Investments in the SME Board and/or ChiNext Board may result in significant losses for a Trust and its investors.

## **Additional risks specific to the Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund and the Baring Strategic Bond Fund**

### **Downgrading of Investment Grade Securities**

The credit rating of a debt instrument or its issuer may subsequently be downgraded. In the event of such downgrading, the value of the Trust may be adversely affected. The Investment Manager may or may not be able to dispose of the debt instruments that are being downgraded.

### **Investment in Sub-Investment Grade Securities**

The Trust may invest in debt securities rated sub-investment grade (e.g. with a credit rating of less than BBB- on the Standard & Poor's scale or as equivalent in respect of other internationally recognised credit rating agencies) or unrated. Such securities are generally subject to lower liquidity, higher volatility and greater risk of loss of principal and interest than high-rated debt securities. The risk of loss due to default by such issuers is significantly greater because sub-investment grade securities generally are unsecured and are lower in the hierarchy of creditors.

The value of sub-investment grade securities tends to go up and down more quickly than investment grade securities, reflecting short-term corporate and market developments. Investment grade securities respond primarily to fluctuations in the general level of interest rates.

There are fewer investors in sub-investment grade securities and it may be harder to sell such securities. Market quotations may not be available for high yield debt securities, and judgment plays a greater role in valuing high yield corporate debt securities than is the case for securities for which more external sources for quotations and last sale information is available.

### **Investment in Asset-Backed Securities and/or Mortgage-Backed Securities**

The Trust may invest in asset-backed securities and/or mortgage-backed securities, which may be highly illiquid and prone to substantial price volatility. These instruments may be subject to greater credit, liquidity and interest rate risk compared to other debt securities. An asset-backed security is a security whose value and income payments are derived from and collateralised (or "backed") by a specified pool of underlying assets. The pool of assets is typically a group of small and illiquid assets that are unable to be sold individually. Pooling the assets into financial instruments allows them to be sold to general investors, a process called securitization, and allows the risk of investing in the underlying assets to be diversified because each security will represent a fraction of the total value of the diverse pool of underlying assets. The pools of underlying assets can include common payments from credit cards, auto loans, and mortgage loans, to esoteric cash flows from aircraft leases, royalty payments and movie revenues.

The value and the quality of such securities depend on the value and the quality of the underlying assets against which such securities are backed.

Issuers of asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities may have limited ability to enforce the security interest in the underlying assets, and credit enhancements provided to support the securities, if any, may be inadequate to protect investors in the event of default.

Changes in interest rates may have a significant effect on investments in asset-backed securities and mortgage-backed securities. The return on, for example, holdings of mortgage-backed securities can reduce if the owners of the underlying mortgages repay their mortgages sooner than anticipated when interest rates go down. Investment in asset-backed and mortgage-backed securities may be subject to extension and prepayment risks and risks that the payment obligations relating to the underlying assets are not met which may adversely impact the returns of the securities

### **Credit Linked Securities**

A credit linked note is a debt instrument which assumes both credit risk of the relevant reference entity (or entities) and the issuer of the credit linked note. The note pays coupons (interest) and there is also a risk associated with the coupon payment; if a reference entity in a basket of credit linked notes suffers a credit event, the coupon will be re-set and is paid on the reduced nominal amount. Both the residual capital and coupon are exposed to further credit events. In extreme cases, the entire capital may be lost. There is also the risk that a note issuer may default.

### **Investment in Other Funds**

Where a Trust invests in underlying funds it will not have an active role in the day-to-day management of those funds and the Trust will be subject to the risks associated with the underlying funds. The Trust does not have control of the investments of the underlying funds and there is no assurance that the investment objective and strategy of the underlying funds will be successfully achieved which may have a negative impact to the Net Asset Value of the Trust. There may be additional costs when investing into these underlying funds.

There is also no guarantee that the underlying funds will have sufficient liquidity to meet the trust's redemption requests as and when made.

## **Duplication of Costs**

It should be noted that a Trust incurs costs of its own management and fees paid to the Manager and the Trustee. In addition, the Trust incurs similar costs in its capacity as an investor in underlying funds which in turn pay similar fees to their underlying fund manager and other service providers.

## **Swap Agreements**

Swap agreements can be individually negotiated and structured to include exposure to a variety of different types of investments or market factors. Depending on their structure, swap agreements may increase or decrease the Trusts exposure to strategies, long term or short term interest rates, foreign currency values, corporate borrowing rates or other factors. Swap agreements can take many different forms and are known by a variety of names.

Depending on how they are used, swap agreements may increase or decrease the overall volatility of the Trust. The most significant factor in the performance of swap agreements is the change in the specific interest rate, currency or other factors that determine the amounts of payments due to and from the counterparties. If a swap agreement calls for payments by the Trust, the Trust must be prepared to make such payments when due. In addition, if a counterparty's creditworthiness declines, the value of swap agreements with such counterparty can be expected to decline, potentially resulting in losses to the Trust.

## **Additional risks specific to the Baring Strategic Bond Fund**

### **Investment in Russia**

Investments in companies organised in or who principally do business in Russia pose special risks, including economic and political unrest and may lack a transparent and reliable legal system for enforcing the rights of creditors and Unitholders of the Trusts. Furthermore, the standard of corporate governance and investor protection in Russia may not be equivalent to that provided in other jurisdictions. Evidence of legal title to shares in a Russian company is maintained in book entry form. In order to register an interest of the Trust's units an individual must travel to the company's registrar and open an account with the registrar. The individual will be provided with an extract of the share register detailing his interests but the only document recognised as conclusive evidence of title is the register itself. Registrars are not subject to effective government supervision. There is a possibility that the Trust could lose their registration through fraud, negligence, oversight or catastrophe such as a fire. Registrars are not required to maintain insurance against these occurrences and are unlikely to have sufficient assets to compensate the Trust in the event of loss. In other circumstances such as the insolvency of a sub-custodian or registrar, or retroactive application of legislation, the Trusts may not be able to establish title to investments made and may suffer loss as a result. In such circumstances, the Trust may find it impossible to enforce its right against third parties.

## Historic Performance

The historic performance record for each Trust appears in Part IX of this document. Past performance should not be seen as indicative of future returns.

## Type of Investor

The Trusts are capable of being marketed to all types of investor, subject to applicable legal and regulatory requirements in the relevant jurisdiction(s).

## Units in the Trusts

The Trusts may issue Income Units or Accumulation Units or both. Details of the types of Units available in each Trust are shown in Part IV. Income Units distribute income to Unitholders, Accumulation Units accumulate income within the property of the relevant Trust. Please see the section headed 'Distribution Policy' below. The nature of the right represented by Units is that of a beneficial interest under a Trust. Classes of Unit are differentiated by their charging structures, entry and redemption requirements and minimum subsequent and holding requirements. Units are available to all investors, subject to meeting the minimum and ongoing investment requirements set out in the 'Minimum Investment' and 'How to Sell Units' sections below.

The Trustee has appointed Northern Trust Global Services Limited to establish and maintain a Register of holders in each Trust (the "register") at its office at 50 Bank Street, Canary Wharf, London E14 5NT. The register is conclusive evidence as to the persons respectively entitled to the Units entered in the Register. No notice of any trust, express, implied or constructive which may be entered on the Register in respect of any Unit shall be binding on the Manager and Trustee of a Trust.

## Classes of Units

The Manager may, from time to time, issue additional Unit Classes for each Trust. In so doing the additional Classes of Units will not result in prejudice to Unitholders of any other Class. Details of the Units available in each Trust are shown in Part IV.

## Hedged Unit Classes

Hedged Unit Classes attempt to mitigate the effect of fluctuations in the exchange rate of the currency of the relevant Hedged Unit Class relative to the Base Currency of the Trust. The Manager may try but is not obliged to mitigate this risk by using financial instruments such as Over The Counter (OTC) forward foreign exchange contracts, currency futures, or currency option transactions to hedge the currency of the Unit Class provided that such instruments shall not result in hedged positions exceeding 105% of the Net Asset Value attributable to the relevant Unit Class. The value of each Unit Class to be hedged will be made up of both capital and income. In practice the Manager intends to hedge 90%-105% of the Net Asset Value attributable to the relevant Hedged Unit Class.

There is no guarantee that a hedging transaction will be successful and even where the Manager hedges 100% of the assets attributable to the relevant Hedged Unit Class this will not be a perfect hedge. Whilst hedging transactions aim to protect Hedged Unit Classes from adverse fluctuations in currencies, this may not always be achieved. In addition, investors should also be aware that this strategy may substantially limit Unitholders of the relevant Class from benefiting if the designated currency falls against the Base Currency and/or the currency in which assets of the relevant Trust are designated. The Manager has procedures in place to monitor the hedging strategies of the Trusts and will review the hedging position of each Hedged Unit Class on each Dealing Day and on each day on which there is a Valuation Point and may adjust the hedges following such review. The Manager may in addition adjust hedges where the Manager considers that there has been a material change to dealing volume.

Hedging techniques incur transaction costs which are borne by the relevant Hedged Unit Class. Gains and losses resulting from hedging transactions will be treated as a capital return or loss and accrue to the relevant Hedged Unit Class although there is a risk that if the assets attributed to the relevant Hedged Unit Class are not sufficient to cover any costs or losses resulting from a hedging transaction, then other Classes within the Trust may be adversely affected. The financial instruments used to implement such hedging strategies shall be assets or liabilities of the Trust as a whole. This may adversely affect the Net Asset Value of the other Classes within the Trust as well as the Hedged Unit Class in question.

## Termination of the Trusts

The Trustee may proceed to wind up a Trust in accordance with the Rules if the order declaring the Trust to be an authorised unit trust scheme is revoked by the FCA or if the FCA has agreed to a request of the Manager or the Trustee for the revocation of the order declaring the Trust to be an authorised unit trust scheme or upon the effective date of a duly approved scheme of amalgamation or reconstruction.

Where the winding-up has commenced as a result of an approved scheme of amalgamation or reconstruction, the Trustee shall wind the scheme up in accordance with the approved scheme and the Rules. Where the winding-up has commenced for some other reason the Trustee shall as soon as practicable after the scheme falls to be wound up, realise the property of the scheme and, after paying out of the proceeds all liabilities properly so payable and retaining provision for the costs of winding up, distribute the net proceeds to the holders and the Manager (upon production by them of evidence as to their entitlement) proportionately to their relevant respective interests or deemed interests in the Trust.

Any unclaimed net proceeds or other cash held by the Trustee after the expiration of 12 months from the date upon which the same became payable shall be paid by the Trustee into court (or, in Scotland, as the Court may direct) subject to the Trustee having a right to retain thereout any expenses incurred by him in making and relating to that payment.

The Trust may, in addition, be wound up upon a direction to such effect made under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.

## Distribution Policy

### General

The income available for each Trust is calculated by taking the aggregate of income received or receivable by such Trust in respect of the period, deducting charges and expenses paid or payable by such Trust out of income in respect of the period, adding the Manager's

best estimate of any relief from tax on such charges and expenses, and making other adjustments permitted by the Rules that the Manager considers appropriate in relation to both income and expenses (including taxation), after consulting the Auditor when required to do so.

Except where an average income payment to holders in a Trust would be less than £5, all available income must be allocated at the end of each annual accounting period but an interim allocation may involve less than the whole amount considered available for allocation.

The Manager may make an additional allocation of income during an accounting period in accordance with COLL and subject to the Trust Deeds.

Any distribution unclaimed after a period of six years from the date of declaration of such distribution shall be forfeited and shall revert to the relevant Trust.

#### Income Units

Holders of Income Units will be entitled to annual and, where prescribed, interim income distributions in respect of each annual accounting period. The distribution dates (referred to as interim and annual allocation dates) in respect of each Trust are shown in Part V of this document. In the case of each interim distribution, holders of Units will be entitled to that portion of the income of the Trust for the interim accounting period attributable to the holders of Units. In the case of each annual distribution, holders of Units will be entitled to the portion of the income of the Trust for the whole annual accounting period attributable to holders of Units less the amount of any interim distribution. Income available for allocation in respect of the relevant accounting period will be distributed among holders and the Manager rateably in accordance with the number of Units held or deemed to be held at the end of the relevant accounting period.

In relation to the Income Units, payment will be made on or before the interim and/or annual income allocation date by electronic transfer. Arrangements may be made for the payment of distributions by cheque (at the risk of the persons entitled thereto) by contacting the Administrator

Unitholders in these Trusts may elect to have their net distribution of income automatically re-invested in further units. Where a Unitholder has requested income to be automatically reinvested to acquire further Units of the same Class in the relevant Trust they must provide 30 days' notice prior to a distribution date, to receive all the income allocated to their Income Units in cash, and in each case provides relevant bank account details. Where income is reinvested the price of such Units is based on the creation price on the applicable date.

The Manager will automatically reinvest any distribution entitlements in further Units of the same Class in the relevant Trust where the Unitholder's anti-money laundering documentation is incomplete or has not been completed to the satisfaction of the Manager or the Administrator.

Unitholders who have their income re-invested will receive a tax voucher in respect of each deemed income distribution and will be liable to United Kingdom taxation in the same manner, and to the same extent, as if they had received their distribution in cash. New investors who wish to re-invest their income entitlement should tick the appropriate box on the application form.

Payment will be made on or before the annual / interim income allocation date by electronic transfer. Arrangements can be made for the payment of distributions by cheque (at the risk of persons thereto) by contacting the Administrator.

#### Accumulation Units

In the case of the Accumulation Units, the income available for allocation in respect of the relevant accounting period will be transferred from the income property of the relevant Trust to the capital property of the Trust on or before the last day of the annual accounting period of the Trust. No distributions are made to Unitholders nor are additional Units issued in lieu of distributions. The amount of income earned by a Trust since the end of the last annual accounting period (or the end of the last interim accounting period if more recent for the Trust) is reflected in the price of Units.

The price of Units therefore remains unchanged at the ex-accumulation date. Unitholders will nonetheless be liable to United Kingdom taxation in the same manner, and to the same extent, as if the income accumulated for their benefit had instead been distributed to them. An appropriate tax voucher will be issued to each Unitholder of Accumulation Units in respect of the amount of income accumulated for his benefit in any accounting period.

#### Equalisation

On the first distribution following the issue of a Unit in any of the Trusts, the Unitholder may receive as part of that distribution a capital sum representing that part of the purchase price of the Unit which represents the value of accrued income at the time of sale. The amount so paid, known as "income equalisation" will be an amount arrived at by taking the aggregate of the amounts of income included in the creation price in respect of Units issued or reissued in a particular accounting period (the "grouping period") and dividing that aggregate by the number of those Units and applying the resultant average to the Trusts in question. Such grouping of income equalisation is permitted by the Trust Deeds. The grouping periods in respect of those Schemes to which equalisation applies appear in Part V.

The Trust Deeds permit the grouping of Units in the same Class and the same Trust for equalisation; grouping will be operated in respect of each accounting period (including interim accounting periods) for which income is allocated. Units purchased during each such period will carry an entitlement to equalisation which is the amount arrived at on an average basis of the accrued net income per Unit included in the price of the Units purchased during the period.

#### Meetings and Voting

The convening and conduct of meetings of Unitholders and the voting rights of holders at such meetings is governed by the Rules, the provisions of which are summarised below. The Trustee or the Manager are entitled upon due notice to convene a meeting of holders at such time and place as the Trustee, after consulting with the Manager, may think fit. The Trustee of a Trust is required, on the request in writing of holders registered as holding not less than one tenth in value of Units deemed for such purposes to be in issue, to convene a meeting of holders.

The quorum required to conduct business at a meeting of Unitholders is two Unitholders present in person or by proxy. The Manager may not be counted in the quorum of, and the Manager and its associates may not vote at, any meeting of a Trust, provided that this restriction shall not apply to any Units held on behalf of, or jointly with, a person who, if himself the registered Unitholder would be

entitled to vote and from whom the Manager or its associates have received voting instructions. A meeting of holders duly convened and held in accordance with the Rules is competent by extraordinary resolution to require, authorise or approve any act, matter or document in respect of which any such resolution is required or expressly contemplated by the Rules, but has no further powers.

At a meeting of holders, an extraordinary resolution put to the vote shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is before or on the declaration of the show of hands demanded by the Chairman, the Trustee or by at least two holders present in person or by proxy. On a show of hands every holder who (being an individual) is present in person or by proxy (or being a corporation) is present by its representative properly authorised in that regard, shall have one vote. On a poll the voting right for each Unit will be the proportion of the voting rights attached to all of the Units in issue that the value of the Unit bears to the aggregate value of all the Units in issue. On a poll votes may be given either personally or by proxy.

A holder of Units which is a corporation may authorise such person as it thinks fit to act as its representative at any meeting of holders and the person so authorised shall be entitled to exercise the same powers on behalf of the corporation as the corporation could exercise if it were an individual holder.

In the case of joint holders, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, shall be accepted to the exclusion of the other joint holders, seniority being determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register.

An instrument of proxy may be in the usual common form or in any form which the Trustee shall approve. The proxy shall be in writing, executed under the hand of the appointer or of his attorney duly authorised in writing or, if the appointer is a corporation, either under the common seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney so authorised. A person appointed to act as a proxy need not be a holder.

For the purposes of conducting meetings of holders, a holder is deemed by the Rules to be a person who was the holder of the Units on the date falling 7 days before the giving of notice of the meeting in question excluding persons known not to be holders on the meeting date.

### **Base Currency**

The base currency of the Trusts is sterling, unless otherwise stated (see Part IV).

### **Regular Valuations**

For the purposes of determining the prices at which Units may be issued, cancelled, sold or redeemed, the Manager will carry out a valuation of the property of each of the Trusts on each Business Day (a day on which The London Stock Exchange is open for business) with reference to a Valuation Point of 12:00 noon London time and commencing thereafter, other than such a day or days as the Manager may from time to time determine. Such a determination may be made where in the reasonable opinion of the Manager it is not possible in respect of 40% or more in value of the property of the Trust to ascertain a valuation of such property in accordance with and on the assumptions set out in the Rules.

### **Additional Valuations**

The Manager may at any time during a Dealing Day carry out additional valuations of the property of a Trust where they consider it desirable to do so.

### **Valuation Basis**

All Trusts are single priced. Valuations for Trusts will be on a mid-market basis, which will form the basis for the single price at which Units are both issued and redeemed, subject to the imposition of any dilution adjustment as described below. The property of such Trusts (other than cash) shall be valued as follows:

- a) if a single price for buying and selling Units is quoted, at the most recent available such price; or
- b) if separate buying or selling prices are quoted for a collective investment scheme, the average of the two prices provided the buying price has been reduced by a Preliminary Charge included therein and the selling price has been increased by any exit or redemption charge attributable thereto; or
- c) if no price or recent available price exists, at a price which, in the opinion of the Manager, is fair and reasonable.

Cash and amounts held in current and deposit accounts and in other time related deposits shall be valued at their nominal values.

Where the Manager has reasonable grounds for believing that no reliable price exists for an investment at a Valuation Point, or that the most recent price available does not reflect the Manager's best estimate of the value of the investment at the relevant Valuation Point, then the Manager may value the investment at a price which, in its opinion, reflects a fair and reasonable price for that investment.

The Base Currency of each of the Trusts is set out in Part IV under the heading 'Trust Base Currency'.

### **Fair Value Pricing**

Fair value pricing (FVP) may be defined as the application of a Manager's best estimate of the amount a Trust might receive on a sale, or expect to pay on a purchase, of one or more securities or even an entire portfolio of securities, at the time of the Trust's Valuation Point, with the intention of producing a fairer Dealing Price, thereby protecting ongoing, incoming and outgoing investors.

FVP may be necessary when the price of a security or securities could be considered to be "stale" i.e. out of date because the security's market is closed at the Trust's Valuation Point. It may also be necessary to use FVP in the event of a market remaining closed unexpectedly due to a force majeure event. In both of these situations it may be possible for an investor to profit, at the expense of other investors in the Trust, by buying or selling Units in a Trust on the assumption of a substantial price movement when the markets open. This practice is known as market timing.

Barings' general policy, where a real time price is not available, is to continue to price securities at the last available market price.

In the opinion of the Manager, where market conditions may be such that the last applicable real time quoted price or the Valuation Point does not capture the best reflection of the buying and selling price of a stock, consideration is to be given to that of FVP.

Suspended securities may provide an exception to this general policy. When individual securities are suspended for trading, for example, because of financial irregularities, Barings will suggest what it believes to be a reasonable price for that security. This is normally, but not always, achieved by applying a percentage discount to the last traded price prior to suspension, and which will be justified to Barings' Pricing Committee and to the Trustee.

## **Dilution Adjustment**

All Trusts operate on a single, as opposed to bid and offer, pricing basis. The Trusts may suffer a reduction or dilution in value as a result of the costs incurred in dealing in its underlying investments and of any spread between the buying and selling prices of such investments.

In order to mitigate this, the Manager has the ability to apply a dilution adjustment ("dilution adjustment") as defined in the Rules, on the subscription and redemption of Units. A dilution adjustment is an adjustment to the price of a Unit to reduce the effect of dilution where in the Manager's opinion it is sufficiently material for the interests of Unitholders to require it.

The Manager shall comply with the Rules in their application of any such dilution adjustment.

The Manager may make a dilution adjustment in the following circumstances:

1. where the aggregate net investor inflows or outflows exceed a pre-determined threshold (as determined from time to time by the Manager); and / or
2. where in any case the Manager is of the opinion that the interests of Unitholders require the imposition of a dilution adjustment.

In the above circumstances dilution adjustments may be made by moving, or 'swinging', the price of a Trust upwards or downwards to reflect the costs attributable to the Trust's net inflows or net outflows

In determining the size of dilution adjustments, factors the Manager may take into account include any provision for market spreads (bid/offer spread of underlying securities, duties (for example transaction taxes) and charges (for example settlement costs or dealing commission) and other dealing costs related to the buying and selling of investments.

The Manager would normally seek to adjust, or swing, the price in this way when the effect of a net inflow or outflow is regarded as material for a Trust, which could be daily.

On the occasions when the dilution adjustment is not applied, the impact of market spreads, duties and charges and other dealing costs may have an immaterial impact on the Trust's performance on such date.

**As dilution is directly related to inflows and outflows of monies from a Trust it is not possible to accurately predict whether dilution will occur at any future point in time.** Consequently it is also not possible to accurately predict how frequently the Manager will need to apply a dilution adjustment.

If a dilution adjustment is required then, based on historical data and future projections, the estimated amount of the adjustment is likely to be up to 1% of the price of a Unit. A pricing committee is responsible for reviewing the pricing calculation methodology. In addition, this committee reviews and signs off all dilution adjustments made by a Trust on a quarterly basis. Part IV sets out how often a dilution adjustment was imposed over the last year from the date of this Prospectus.

The Manager may alter its current policy on dilution by giving Unitholders notice and amending the Prospectus at least 60 days before the change to the dilution policy is to take effect.

## **Switching Policy**

There is no charge by the Manager for switching between Trusts, however, your agents may charge up to 3% commission on the purchase of the Trust.

## **Pricing Basis**

All Trusts are single priced, as set out in Part IV.

A single priced Trust has a single price for buying and selling Units on any Business Day and may be subject to the imposition of a dilution adjustment.

Except in the case of a large deal, described elsewhere in this Prospectus with respect to dilution adjustment and to Stamp Duty Reserve Tax Charges, the Manager's price for the sale of Units must not exceed the maximum sale price of the relevant Unit Class; that is a price fixed by the Manager which is to be notified to the Trustee in respect of the next Valuation Point. The maximum sale price for the Manager's sale of Units to the investor must not exceed the total of the issue price (i.e. the price at which the Manager purchases Units from the Trustee) and the current Preliminary Charge, and must not be less than the minimum redemption price (the price paid by the Manager for each Unit it redeems from a Unitholder).

Except in the case of a large deal, described elsewhere in this Prospectus with respect to dilution adjustment and to Stamp Duty Reserve Tax Charges, the Manager's price for any redemption of Units must not be less than the relevant minimum redemption price, as above, of a Unit of the relevant Class which is to be notified to the Trustee in respect of the next Valuation Point.

The minimum redemption price must not be less than the relevant cancellation price (this is the price for each Unit payable by the Trustee to the Manager on that cancellation).

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In the case of a large deal, the Manager's price for redemption may be less than the minimum redemption price, but must not be less than the relevant cancellation price.

The Manager's price for redemption of Units must not exceed the relevant issue price (this is the price for each Unit payable by the Manager to the Trustee on that issue).

## Dealing Prices

Units will be bought or sold on a forward price basis, that is the price calculated at the next valuation following receipt of investors' instructions by the Manager.

## Minimum Investment

For investments in the Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund and the Baring Strategic Bond Fund, please see the tables below. For the other Trusts, the minimum initial investment in Class A Units is not less than £1,000, €5,000, CHF5,000 or US\$5,000 where appropriate, other than through the monthly savings plan, where the minimum investment is £50 per month. For Class I Units, the minimum initial investment in the Trust is Units with a value of not less than £10,000,000, €10,000,000 or US \$10,000,000 as appropriate and for Class D Units is Units with a value of not less than £30,000,000. There is no monthly savings plan for Class I Units or Class D Units. The minimum additional investment for existing Unitholders is £500, €1,000, CHF1,000 or US \$2,500 where appropriate or £10,000 in the case of Class D Units. It is at the Manager's discretion to accept investments below the prescribed minimum investment levels.

Units in the Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund are available in the following Classes and have the following features:

Unit Class	Minimal Initial Investment Amount*	Minimum Holding Amount*	Minimum Additional Investment*
Class A	£1,000	£1000	£500
Class D	£20,000,000	£20,000,000	£500
Class I	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£500/
Class X	At the discretion of the Manager	At the discretion of the Manager	£500

The minimum investment in Class A GBP Acc and Class A GBP Inc through a monthly savings plan is £50 per month.

\*It is at the Manager's discretion to accept investments below the prescribed minimum investment levels.

Units in the Baring Strategic Bond Fund are available in the following Classes and have the following features:

Unit Class	Minimal Initial Investment Amount*	Minimum Holding Amount*	Minimum Additional Investment*
Class A GBP Inc	£1,000	£1,000	£500
Class A EUR Hedged Acc	€5,000	€5,000	€1,000
Class A EUR Hedged Inc	€5,000	€5,000	€1,000
Class A CHF Hedged Acc	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 1,000
Class A CHF Hedged Inc	CHF 5,000	CHF 5,000	CHF 1,000
Class A USD Hedged Acc	US\$5,000	US\$5,000	US\$2,500
Class A USD Hedged Inc	US\$5,000	US\$5,000	US\$2,500
Class I GBP Acc	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£500
Class I GBP Inc	£10,000,000	£10,000,000	£500
Class I EUR Hedged Acc	€10,000,000	€10,000,000	€1,000
Class I EUR Hedged Inc	€10,000,000	€10,000,000	€1,000
Class I CHF Hedged Acc	CHF10,000,000	CHF10,000,000	CHF1,000
Class I CHF Hedged Inc	CHF10,000,000	CHF10,000,000	CHF1,000
Class I USD Hedged Acc	US\$10,000,000	US\$10,000,000	US\$2,500
Class I USD Hedged Inc	US\$10,000,000	US\$10,000,000	US\$2,500
Class R GBP Inc**	£1,000,000	£1,000,000	£500
Class X GBP Acc***	At the discretion of the Manager	At the discretion of the Manager	£500

Further information regarding Units in the Baring Strategic Bond Fund:

\*It is at the Manager's discretion to accept investments below the prescribed minimum investment levels. The minimum investment in Class A Units through a monthly savings plan is £50, €100, CHF100, US\$250 per month as appropriate.

\*\*Class R Units are only available for subscription by certain distributors who have in place a placing agency or distribution arrangement with the Manager or Investment or their delegates or otherwise at the discretion of the Manager.

\*\*\*Class X Units are only available for subscription by investors who have in place an agreement with the Investment Manager or Managers in relation to the collection of an investment management fee or similar fee agreement.

## Buying Units

Investors may apply to purchase Units in the Trusts directly from the Manager by application in writing through a financial adviser between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. London time on each Business Day subject to the aforementioned policy on pricing and, for the Baring Europe Select Trust, to the limited issue provision in the paragraph below.

### a) Application in Writing

Investors should complete and sign an application form and send it to Baring Fund Managers Limited, P.O. Box 3733, Royal Wootton Bassett, Swindon, SN4 4BG with a cheque payable to **Baring Fund Managers Limited**. On acceptance of an application, Units will be issued at the relevant price, and a contract note ("Contract Note") confirming the subscription price and the number of Units subscribed, will be despatched. No other acknowledgement of the application for Units will be given. Certificates will not be issued. Investors will have no rights to cancel any application.

It is the Unitholder's responsibility to advise the Manager in writing of any changes that they wish to make to their account, following an application, such as changing address, contact details or bank account details. Instructions to make any changes should be sent by letter or fax to the Manager's address as detailed above. Fax: 020 7643 3744.

### b) Application by Telephone

The Manager does not offer a facility to purchase Units by telephone to investors. This service is only available to professional advisers.

Units may be purchased by telephone through a professional adviser. On acceptance of telephone instructions Units will be issued at the relevant price and a contract note will be despatched. Payment is due on receipt of the contract note and a cheque made payable to Baring Fund Managers Limited together with the name ticket giving full registration details should be returned to the Manager.

### c) Electronic Messaging Service

Investors can, with the agreement of the Manager, subscribe via electronic messaging services such as EMX or swift.

The Manager reserves the right to limit deals without prior receipt of cleared funds.

It should be noted that telephone calls may be recorded by the Manager and its agents (for example to help verify transactions or for training purposes).

Without prejudice to all other rights of the Manager and the Trustee in respect of a default by a purchaser in payment of any moneys under his application, any such default will entitle the Trustee to cancel any rights of the purchaser in the Units.

Moneys received by the Manager in the form of cheques or other remittances in respect of applications for Units which are not accepted or rejected by the following Dealing Day are, pending acceptance or rejection, paid into a client account maintained by the Manager. No interest is payable by the Manager on monies credited to this account.

The Manager reserves the right subject to the Rules to reject any application for Units in whole or in part. In the event of such rejection, the application money or any balance thereof will be returned by post at the risk of the applicant. Applications to purchase Units will not be accepted unless the investor confirms that they have been provided with the latest key investor information document in respect of the Class to which the application relates.

A purchaser of Units who returns the application form accompanying the Prospectus will not generally have any right to cancel the contract under the FCA Conduct of Business Sourcebook. Any money which is received by the Manager prior to investment in a Trust or following redemption of Units will be held in accordance with the FCA's client money rules in a client money account. The bank will hold the cash on the Manager's behalf in an account separate from any money the bank holds for the Manager in its own right. If the bank becomes insolvent the Manager will have a claim on behalf of its clients against the bank.

No interest is payable by the Manager on monies credited to a client money bank account.

## Limited Issue of Units (Baring Europe Select Trust only)

During such period as the Net Asset Value of the Baring Europe Select Trust amounts to and/or exceeds £1.5 billion, the Manager may, at its absolute discretion and after giving at least 60 days' notice, to Unitholders in the Trust, limit the issue of Units in the Trust in circumstances where it believes that further investment in those Units after the expiry of that 60 day notice period would be detrimental to the Trust, in one of the following ways:

- a) the further issue of Units might cause material prejudice to existing Unitholders;
- b) the further issue of Units might require the Investment Manager to consider restructuring the Trust's investment model and approach; or
- c) the further issue of Units might result in the inability of the Trust to liquidate holdings in a timely manner.

Notwithstanding the implementation of such limitation, Units may still be issued in the Trust at the discretion of the Manager where the proceeds of that issue can be invested without compromising the Trust's investment objective or materially prejudicing existing Unitholders in the Trust, such as on further reinvestment of distributable income, further purchases of Units by existing investors or under an existing monthly savings plan.

At any time after notification has been given to Unitholders as envisaged above the Manager may, at its absolute discretion, on further notification to Unitholders, immediately wholly limit the issue of Units in the Trust in circumstances where it believes that further investment in those Units would be detrimental to the Trust in one of the ways set out above. In this event, no further Units may be issued in the Trust unless the Manager believes the proceeds of the issue of Units can be invested without compromising the Trust's investment objective or materially prejudicing existing Unitholders in the Trust, and further notification to Unitholders is given.

Any changes to the status of the Trust as set out above will be notified by the Manager in writing and on the website.

The issue of Units as envisaged in either case above may remain limited at the discretion of the Manager if the Net Asset Value of the Trust subsequently falls below £1.5 billion. In such circumstances, to avoid if possible the issue of Units being resumed only for a short time before becoming limited again, the Manager will review relevant factors including the amount by which the Net Asset Value is lower than £1.5 billion and for how long it has been or is likely to remain so.

### **In specie applications**

The Manager may, by special arrangement and at its discretion, agree to arrange for the issue of Units in exchange for assets other than cash but will only do so where the Trustee has taken reasonable care to determine that the acquisition of those assets in exchange for the Units concerned by the relevant Trust is not likely to result in any material prejudice to the interests of Unitholders in that Trust.

### **Settlement**

Settlement of purchase orders is due within three Business Days (four Business Days in the case of Baring Japan Growth Trust) of the Dealing Day on which the order was affected. Payment may be made by cheque or banker's draft, or alternatively may be made directly to the bank account, or in such other manner as the Manager shall inform the applicant.

If subscription monies are not received by the Manager within three Business Days (four Business Days in the case of Baring Japan Growth Trust) from the Dealing Day on which the contract note is issued by the Manager, the Units may be cancelled.

### **Money Laundering**

The Manager is bound by law to abide by the money laundering legislation and to verify the identity of investors. This verification usually happens when an investment is made or Units are transferred. It may also be required at other times whilst the investment is held. Verification will also be required for any third party making payments. If you are investing through an adviser, part of their duty will be to provide us with verification of your identity. Verification of identity may be achieved through the use of a credit reference agency however this will not affect your credit record. In some circumstances the Manager may require independent evidence of your identity and permanent address. If the Manager does not receive acceptable evidence it reserves the right to delay or reject your application or withhold payment of the proceeds of redemption and income on Units until verification has satisfactorily been completed.

### **Data Protection Notice**

The Trustee acts as data controller for the purposes of relevant data protection legislation and accordingly personal data may be processed, transferred, and/or disclosed by the Trusts, the Trustee, its agents, appointees (including the Manager, Administrator, Registrar, Transfer Agent and Trustee) and associates for the following purposes:

- Subscribing, redeeming, or transferring Units and complying with your instructions in connection therewith;
- Providing ancillary administrative and management services in connection with your investment;
- Analysis of the Trusts or Group companies services;
- Compliance with Anti-Money laundering and other foreign and domestic legal and regulatory obligations;
- Monitoring, and/or recording of telephone calls and emails in order to detect and prevent fraud and/or to confirm and aid the accurate implementation of your instructions;
- To send you information on other products and services which may be of interest to you (unless you have indicated on the application form that you do not wish to receive such information).

Where necessary or consequent upon the way the Baring Asset Management Group organises its business, data may be transferred outside the European Economic Area, which may not have the same laws as the United Kingdom.

### **How to sell Units**

Unitholders can sell (redeem) Units in a Trust by selling them back to the Manager. Redeeming Units by selling them back to the Manager amounts to a transfer of the Units to the Manager in exchange for the cash proceeds of the sale.

Instructions to sell Units can be made between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. on any Dealing Day. Sale requests received and accepted by the Manager by 12:00 noon on a Dealing Day will be dealt with at the price calculated on that day. Any sale requests received and accepted after 12:00 noon will be dealt with at the price calculated on the next Dealing Day.

Save for sales of Units in the Baring Strategic Bond Fund and the Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund, the minimum amount of a sale for Unitholders who apply to sell Units is £100, € 1000 or US \$1000. No valid instruction to sell Units will be accepted where, following the sale by the Unitholder, the balance of Units held would fall below a minimum value of £1000, € 5000 or US \$5000 or in the case of holders of Class I Units below a minimum value of £10,000,000, €10,000,000 or US \$10,000,000 as appropriate.

In relation to the Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund the minimum amount of a sale for Unitholders is £100 for all Unit Classes with the exception of Class X Units, for which the minimum is at the discretion of the Manager.

In relation to the Baring Strategic Bond Fund, the minimum amount of a sale for Unitholders is as follows for all Unit Classes with the exception of Class X Units, for which the minimum is at the discretion of the Manager.

No valid instruction to sell Units in the Baring Strategic Bond Fund or the Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund will be accepted where, following the sale by the Unitholder, the balance of Units held would fall below the minimum holding amounts.

An instruction to sell Units is irrevocable.

**The Manager will accept requests to sell/redeem Units as follows;**

## **a) Notice in Writing**

Requests to redeem Units are to be made to the Manager in writing. Unitholders should complete and sign a form of renunciation and return it to the Manager with their instructions. Once the instruction has been received and accepted a contract note confirming the transaction will be sent to you (or the first-named on the Register, in the case of joint Unitholders) and a copy to your financial adviser (where applicable). Proceeds from the sale will be paid to you by electronic transfer; within three Business Days following receipt of a duly completed and signed form of renunciation (or four Business Days in the case of Baring Japan Growth Trust). Where proceeds are to be remitted abroad, the cost of making such overseas remittance will be deducted from the proceeds payable. Please contact the Manager in advance to ascertain the cost.

Instructions by fax will be accepted, but a duly completed and signed form of renunciation will be required.

Instructions to sell via email are not accepted.

## **b) Notice by Telephone**

Telephone dealing requests are only accepted from Regulated Financial Institutions, including investment advisers, Independent Financial Advisers (IFAs) and stockbrokers to the Manager's Dealing Department telephone + 44 (0) 333 300 0372.

Telephone requests from individual Unitholders will not be accepted.

On acceptance of telephone instructions, Units will be redeemed at the relevant price and a contract note confirming the transaction will be sent to you (or the first-named on the Register, in the case of joint Unitholders) and a copy to your financial adviser (where applicable), along with a form of renunciation which must be completed and signed and returned to the Manager. Proceeds from the sale of your Units will be paid to you not later than the close of business on the third Business Day following receipt of the duly completed and signed form of renunciation (or fourth Business Day in the case of Baring Japan Growth Trust). Where proceeds are to be remitted abroad, the cost of making such overseas remittance will be deducted from the proceeds payable. Please contact the Manager in advance to ascertain the cost.

## **c) Notice via Electronic Messaging Service**

Regulated financial institutions, including investment advisers, IFAs and Stockbrokers can, with the agreement of the Manager, sell Units to the Manager via electronic messaging services such as EMX or SWIFT. Instructions to redeem Units via such electronic methods constitute renunciation of Units.

Once an order has been received and acknowledged, Units will be redeemed at the relevant price and a contract note confirming the transaction will be sent to you (or the first-named on the Register, in the case of joint Unitholders) and a copy to your financial adviser (where applicable). Proceeds from the sale of the Units will be paid to the Unitholder not later than the close of business on the third Business Day after the Dealing Day (or fourth Business Day in the case of Baring Japan Growth Trust). Where proceeds are to be remitted abroad, the cost of making such overseas remittance will be deducted from the proceeds payable. Please contact the Manager in advance to ascertain the cost.

## **Transferring Units to another person or entity**

Unitholders can transfer Units to another person. A request to transfer title to Units must be made in writing. Transfer requests made over the telephone or via electronic messaging services such as EMX or SWIFT will not be accepted.

The transferee must complete and sign a stock transfer form, which can be obtained from your IFA or Agent or by contacting the Manager. Completed stock transfer forms must be returned to the Manager in order for the transfer to be registered by the Manager.

An instruction to transfer Units is irrevocable.

The Manager will require verification of the identity of all transferees. Please refer to the section headed 'Money Laundering' for more details.

## **Deferral Policy**

The Manager is entitled, with the approval of the Trustee, to limit the net number of Units which may be redeemed at a particular Valuation Point (whether by sale to the Manager or by cancellation by the Trustee) to 10% of the total number of Units in issue in a Trust. In this event, the limitation will apply pro rata. This means that all Unitholders wishing to redeem Units at that Valuation Point will be able to redeem a proportion of the quantity constituting 10% of Units in issue equal to the proportion of the total redemption for the day represented by their original redemption request. Where the Manager elects to invoke the Deferral Policy, the excess of Units above 10% of total Units in issue for which redemption requests have been received will be carried forward for redemption to the next Valuation Point. Where redemption requests received on the next Valuation Point again exceed 10% of Units in issue, the deferral policy will again operate, any deferral applying both to new redemption requests and also to deferrals brought forward. The Manager will also ensure that all redemptions relating to an earlier Valuation Point are completed before those relating to a later Valuation Point are considered. Whenever redemption requests are carried forward, the Manager will inform all affected Unitholders.

Where a redeeming Unitholder is to receive settlement by in specie transfer of stock (see paragraph below), the Units being settled in this way will not be included in the calculation of the percentage of the Units for which redemption requests have been received for the purpose of determining whether the Deferral Policy may be invoked. The Manager may therefore alert a redeemer of Units representing 5% or more of the Net Asset Value of any Units in issue to the possibility of receiving the redemption by an in specie transfer of stock, and also to the possible deferral of a proportion of the redemption if cash settlement is required. An in specie transfer of stock in settlement may reduce the total net redemption for the Valuation Point to less than 10% of Units in issue, and cause the Manager to revoke deferral.

## **In Specie Redemptions**

The normal course of action would be to settle any redemption or cancellation of Units in cash, however, the Manager may, where it considers the redemption to be substantial in relation to the total size of the Trust concerned (for example, where a Unitholder wishes to redeem 5% or more of the net asset value of any Class of Unit in issue on a single Business Day) or in some way advantageous or detrimental to the Trust or otherwise at its discretion, subject to the prior approval of the relevant redeeming Unitholders, arrange that in place of payment of the price of the Units in cash, the Manager cancels the Units and transfers Scheme Property or, if required by the Unitholder, the net proceeds of sale of relevant scheme property, to the Unitholder.

Before the redemption proceeds of the Units become payable, the Manager must give written notice to the Unitholder that the relevant property or the proceeds of sale of the relevant property will be transferred to that Unitholder so that the Unitholder can elect to receive the relevant property rather than the net proceeds of redemption if desired. If no response is received by the Manager within the time frame indicated on the notice the stock will be redeemed and the proceeds net of any costs will be paid to the Unitholder.

The Manager will select the property to be transferred or sold and then consult with the Trustee. They must ensure that the selection is made with a view to achieving no more advantage or disadvantage to the Unitholder requesting the redemption than to the continuing Unitholders.

Payment of redemption proceeds in specie may only be made in accordance with the COLL Sourcebook, the Trust Deeds and where the Trustee is satisfied that the in specie redemption is not likely to result in any material prejudice to the interests of any Unitholder.

## **Publication of Prices**

The most recent sale/redemption prices are notified to the Trustee and which are capable of publication together with the current Preliminary Charge are available on the Barings website at [www.baring.com](http://www.baring.com) or on the "Daily Fund Prices" page of the Investment Association website at [www.theinvestmentassociation.org](http://www.theinvestmentassociation.org). Units in the Trusts are not listed or dealt on any investment exchange. Prices can also be obtained by telephone on +44 (0) 333 300 0372. Prices are published in the currencies shown in Part IV.

## **Use of Dealing Commission**

The Investment Manager, as part of providing investment management services to the Trust, has entered into arrangements with certain brokers under which a proportion of commission paid to them on equity transactions may be used to pay for execution and/or research services provided by the broker and/or a third party. Further information is available from the Manager on request.

## **Suspension of Dealing in Units**

The Manager may, with the prior agreement of the Trustee, and shall if the Trustee so requires, without prior notice to Unitholders, temporarily suspend the issue, cancellation, sale and redemption of Units where, due to exceptional circumstances, it is in the interests of all Unitholders in the relevant Trust or Trusts to do so. Unitholders will be notified of such suspension in dealings as soon as is practicable after suspension commences and will be kept informed about the suspension. Suspension will continue only for so long as it is justified having regard to the interests of the Unitholders.

Examples of circumstances in which the Manager may consider that it is in the interests of Unitholders to suspend dealing in Units include:

- a) any period when any stock exchange on which any of the Trust's investments for the time being are quoted is closed, otherwise than for ordinary holidays, or during which dealings are restricted or suspended;
- b) the existence of any state of affairs as a result of which disposals of an investment by a Trust cannot, in the opinion of the Manager, be affected normally without seriously prejudicing the interests of Unitholders;
- c) any breakdown of the means of communication normally employed in determining the value of any of the Trust's investments or for any reason of value of the investments owned by a Trust cannot be promptly and accurately ascertained;
- d) any period when the realisation of investments or the transfer of funds involved in such realisation cannot, in the opinion of the Manager, be affected at normal prices or rates of exchange respectively; and/or
- e) any period during which the Manager is unable to repatriate funds required for making payments due on realisation of Units

The Manager or the Trustee (as appropriate) will immediately inform the FCA of the suspension and the reasons for it and will follow this up as soon as practicable with written confirmation of the suspension and the reasons for it to the FCA and the regulator in each EEA state where the relevant Trust is offered for sale.

The Manager shall notify Unitholders as soon as is practicable after the commencement of the suspension, including giving details of the exceptional circumstances which led to the suspension in a clear, fair and not misleading way and details of how Unitholders may find out further information about the suspension. In the event of suspension, the Manager shall publish sufficient details on its website or by other general means to keep Unitholders appropriately informed about the suspension including, if known, its possible duration.

The Manager and the Trustee will formally review the suspension at least every 28 days and will inform the FCA of such review and any change to the information supplied to Unitholders.

Suspension will cease as soon as practicable after the exceptional circumstances leading to the suspension have ceased. On a resumption of dealings following suspension, it is anticipated that Unit pricing and dealing will take place at the Dealing Days and times stated in this Prospectus.

During any suspension, a Unitholder may withdraw his redemption notice provided that such withdrawal is in writing and is received before the end of the suspension. Any notice not withdrawn will be dealt with on the Dealing Day next following the end of the suspension.

## **Market Timing**

Repeatedly purchasing and selling Units in the Trusts in response to short-term market fluctuations - known as 'market timing' - can disrupt the Manager's investment strategy and increase the Trusts' expenses to the prejudice of all Unitholders. The Trusts are 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 they reasonably believe are engaged in market timing or are otherwise excessive or potentially disruptive to the Trusts.

The Manager also reserves the right to redeem Units which it reasonably believe have been purchased by Unitholders engaged in market timing.

## **Liquidity Risk Management**

The Manager has established a liquidity management policy which enables it to identify, monitor and manage the liquidity risks of the Trusts and to ensure the liquidity profile of the investments of each Trust will facilitate compliance with the Trust's underlying obligations. The Manager's liquidity policy takes into account the investment strategy, the liquidity profile, redemption policy and other underlying obligations of the Trusts. The liquidity management systems and procedures include appropriate escalation measures to address anticipated or actual liquidity shortages or other distressed situations of the Trusts.

In summary, the liquidity management policy monitors the profile of investments held by the each Trust and ensures that such investments are appropriate to the redemption policy as stated under 'How to Sell Units' above, and will facilitate compliance with each Trust's underlying obligations. Further, the liquidity management policy includes details on periodic stress testing carried out by the Investment Manager to manage the liquidity risk of each Trust in exceptional and extraordinary circumstances.

The Manager seeks to ensure that the investment strategy, the liquidity profile and the redemption policy of each Trust are consistent. The investment strategy, liquidity profile and redemption policy of the Trusts will be considered to be aligned when investors have the ability to redeem their investments in a manner consistent with the fair treatment of all investors and in accordance with the Manager's redemption policy and its obligations. In assessing the alignment of the investment strategy, liquidity profile and redemption policy, the Manager shall have regard to the impact that redemptions may have on the underlying prices or spreads of the individual assets of each Trust.

Details of the redemption rights of Unitholders, including redemption rights of Unitholders in normal and exceptional circumstances and existing redemption arrangements are set above in this section.

**Expenses of the Trusts**

**i) Manager's Preliminary Charge**

The Manager is permitted to levy a Preliminary Charge set as a percentage of the price of a Unit of a Trust, out of which remuneration is payable to qualified intermediaries. The Preliminary Charge in respect of each of the Trusts is specified in the particulars relating to each Trust in Part IV of this document. Any increase to the Preliminary Charge may only be made after the Manager has given 60 days' prior notice in writing to those holders of Units who ought reasonably be known to the Manager to have made an arrangement for the purchase of Units at regular intervals. The Manager will also revise this Prospectus to reflect the new rate of the Preliminary Charge and the date of its commencement. The Manager may reduce or waive the Preliminary Charge at its discretion.

**ii) Manager's Periodic Management Charge**

The Manager is entitled under the Trust Deed of each Trust to make a periodic management charge, set by the Manager, in the amount set out in Part IV. The value of the property of a Trust is determined on a mid-market basis in accordance with the Rules. The periodic charge is calculated daily on each Business Day, based on the value of the property of the relevant Trust on the immediately preceding Business Day and shall be paid to the Manager monthly in arrears on the first Business Day of the calendar month immediately following. The present periodic charge made by the Manager in respect of each Trust is specified in the particulars relating to each Trust in Part IV.

Any increase to the current periodic charge may only be made after the Manager has given 60 days prior notice in writing to Unitholders. The Manager will also revise this Prospectus to reflect the proposed new rate of the periodic charge and the date of its commencement.

**iii) Trustee Charges and Expenses**

In consideration for the services performed by the Trustee the Trustee shall be entitled to receive out of the scheme property of the Trusts, with effect from the Dealing Day on which Units of any Class are first allotted a fee, which is calculated and payable in the same manner as the management charge. The rate of the periodic fee is agreed between the Manager and the Trustee and is calculated on a sliding scale for the Trust on the following basis.

**Value of Property of Trust**

The value of the property of a Trust is determined on a mid-market basis in accordance with the Rules. The rate of the periodic fee is agreed between the Manager and the Trustee.

The current charge is calculated on a sliding scale as set out below:

VALUE OF PROPERTY OF THE TRUST	BELOW £150 MILLION	£150-£350 MILLION	OVER £350 MILLION
All Trusts excluding Bond Trusts	0.0200%	0.0175%	0.0100%

VALUE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE TRUST	BELOW £200 MILLION	£200-£400 MILLION	OVER £400 MILLION
All Bond Trusts	0.0175%	0.0150%	0.0100%

These rates can be varied from time to time in accordance with the COLL.

The first accrual in relation to a Trust will take place in respect of the period beginning on the day on which the first valuation of the Trust is made and ending on the last Business Day of the month in which that day falls.

In addition to the periodic fee referred to above, the Trustee shall also be entitled to be paid transaction and custody charges in relation to transaction handling and safekeeping of the scheme property as follows:

Item	Range
Transaction Charges	£8.50 to £110
Custody Charges	0.0035% per annum to 1.0800% (per annum)

These charges vary from country to country depending on the markets and the type of transaction involved. Transaction charges accrue at the time the transactions are effected and are payable as soon as is reasonably practicable, and in any event not later than the last Business Day of the month when such charges arose or as otherwise agreed between the Trustee and the Manager. Custody charges accrue and are payable as agreed from time to time by the Manager and the Trustee.

Where relevant, the Trustee may make a charge for its services in relation to: distributions, the provision of banking services, holding money on deposit, lending money, or engaging in stock lending or derivative transactions, in relation to the Trust and may purchase or sell or deal in the purchase or sale of scheme property, provided always that the services concerned and any such dealing are in accordance with the provisions of COLL.

The Trustee will also be entitled to payment and reimbursement of all costs, liabilities and expenses properly incurred in the performance of, or arranging the performance of, functions conferred on it by the relevant Trust Deed, COLL or by the general law.

On a winding up of a Trust the Trustee will be entitled to its pro rata fees, charges and expenses to the date of winding up, the termination, or the redemption (as appropriate) and any additional expenses necessarily realised in settling or receiving any outstanding obligations.

Any value added tax on any fees, charges or expenses payable to the Trustee will be added to such fees, charges or expenses.

In each such case such payments, expenses and disbursements may be payable to any person (including the Manager or any associate or nominee of the Trustee or of the Manager) who has had the relevant duty delegated to it pursuant to COLL by the Trustee.

#### iv) **Other Expenses**

The following expenses may be paid out of the property of the Trust:-

- (a) broker's commission, fiscal charges and other disbursements which are:-
  - (i) necessary to be incurred in effecting transactions for the Trust, and
  - (ii) normally shown in Contract Notes, confirmation notes and difference accounts as appropriate;
- (b) interest on borrowings permitted under the Trust and charges incurred in effecting or terminating such borrowings or in negotiating or varying the term of such borrowings;
- (c) taxation and duties (if any) payable in respect of the property of the Trust, the Trust Deed or the issue of Units;
- (d) any costs incurred in modifying the Trust Deed, including costs incurred in respect of meetings of Unitholders convened for purposes which include the purpose of modifying the Trust Deed, where the modification is:-
  - (i) necessary to implement or necessary as a direct consequence of changes in the law (including changes in the Rules) or expedient having regard to any change in the law made by or under any fiscal enactment and which the Manager and the Trustee agree is in the interests of Unitholders, or
  - (ii) to remove from the Trust Deed obsolete provisions;
  - (iii) to remove from the Trust Deed obsolete provisions;
- (e) any costs incurred in respect of meetings of Unitholders convened on a requisition by Unitholders not including the Manager or an associate of the Manager;
- (f) liabilities on unitisation, amalgamation or reconstruction arising in certain circumstances specified in the Rules;
- (g) the audit fees properly payable to the Auditor and Value Added Tax thereon and any proper expenses of the Auditor;
- (h) the fees of the FCA under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 or the corresponding periodic fees of any regulatory authority in a country or territory outside the United Kingdom in which Units in the Trust are or may be marketed;
- (i) fees and expenses in respect of establishing and maintaining the Register of Unitholders, including any sub-Registers kept for the purpose of the administration of ISAs; and
- (k) Value Added Tax applicable from time to time to the items sets out in (a) to (i) above.

#### v) **Stamp Duty Reserve Tax Charges**

SDRT on dealings in Units in authorised investment funds was abolished with effect from 1 April 2014. As a result subscriptions and redemptions of Units are exempt from SDRT.

It should be noted that, subject to certain exemptions, where a transfer of Units in a Trust is made by an investor, other than by the Manager transferring Units on the Register, SDRT is currently and it is envisaged will continue to be chargeable at the rate of 0.5% of the consideration.

Also, if a Unitholder redeems Units in specie in return for an appropriate value of assets out of the Trusts, there will be no SDRT on UK equities provided the Unitholder receives a proportionate part of each holding. Otherwise the Unitholder will be liable to SDRT at 0.5% on the value of any UK equities transferred.

#### **Dealing by The Manager, The Trustee and The Investment Manager**

- a) The Rules contain provisions governing any transaction concerning the Scheme which is carried out by or with an "affected person", that is to say:-
  - i) the Manager;
  - ii) an associate of the Manager;
  - iii) the Trustee;
  - iv) an associate of the Trustee;
  - v) any Investment Manager; and
  - vi) any associate of any Investment Manager.

These provisions enable an affected person (inter alia) to sell or deal in the sale of property to the Trustee for the account of the Trust; vest property in the Trustee against the issue of Units in the Trust; purchase property from the Trustee acting for the account of the Trust; or provide services for the Trust. Any such transactions with or for the Trust are subject to best execution or (alternatively) independent valuation or arms-length transaction requirements set out in the Rules.

- b) Investment of the property of the Trust may be made on arms-length terms through a member of an investment exchange (acting as principal) who is an associate of the Manager. Such a person may make a profit out of such dealings, although the Manager will always deal on best execution terms, and neither the Manager nor any such associate will be liable to account for any such profit.
- c) The Manager may enter into soft commission arrangements for the provision to the Manager or associates of goods and services which are of demonstrable benefit to Unitholders, details of which will be disclosed in the periodic report of the Trusts.

#### **Reports & Accounts**

Each Trust will prepare a long report and a short report in relation to each annual and interim accounting period, which are shown in Part V. Annual reports will be published within four months after the year end of each annual accounting period and half-yearly accounts within two months after the end of each half-yearly accounting period. Copies of the reports will be on the website at [www.barings.com](http://www.barings.com) and will be available for inspection at the offices of the Manager.

## Taxation

The information below is a general guide based on United Kingdom law and United Kingdom Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs (HMRC) practice which are subject to change as are the levels of taxation. It outlines, based on the position following the enactment of Finance Act 2017, the UK tax position of the Trusts (including distributions from the Trusts) and of Unitholders who are United Kingdom residents and who hold Units as investments. It is envisaged that a further Finance Act could be enacted in 2017 which might impact on the tax position of investors.

**Prospective investors who are in any doubt about their tax position, or may be subject to tax in a jurisdiction other than the United Kingdom or Ireland are recommended to take professional advice before investing in Units in the Trusts.**

### i) Taxation of the Trusts

As each of the Trusts is an authorised unit trust, it does not suffer any liability to United Kingdom taxation in respect of any capital gains accruing to it either on the disposal of its investments or in any other circumstances. It is, however, liable to United Kingdom corporation tax at the rate specified below on the excess of its taxable income for any accounting period over its deductible expenses of management and interest costs for that period. Any distributions paid by a Trust to its unitholders will not be deductible in computing the Trust's taxable income, except in the case of an "interest distribution", as explained below.

The taxable income of a Trust does not include any dividends or other distributions received by the Trust from United Kingdom resident companies or from most overseas companies, which are exempt from corporation tax. The tax treatment of any distributions received by a Trust from any other authorised unit trust in which it has acquired units will follow the same principles as apply to distributions paid by any of the Trusts to a unitholder that is itself an authorised unit trust, as explained below. Any other income derived by a Trust from UK or foreign sources, such as interest paid on UK bonds or cash deposits, will be included in the Trust's taxable income. In computing the Trust's liability to corporation tax on any such income, credit will generally be available for any non-recoverable foreign withholding taxes that the income has borne.

The rate of corporation tax payable by any of the Trusts for any of its accounting periods will be equivalent to the basic rate of income tax in the financial year or years in which that period falls, which is currently 20% for 2017/2018. Where a Trust's accounting period does not coincide with a financial year (i.e. a year from 1 April to the following 31 March), so that its accounting period commences in one financial year and ends in the next financial year, and the basic rate of income tax in force for the first of those financial years is different from that in force for the second of those financial years, the Trust's total taxable income for that accounting period will be apportioned between those two financial years, so that each part of that income may be charged to corporation tax at the appropriate rate.

### ii) Taxation of Distributions General

Each of the Trusts will be treated, for tax purposes, as distributing to its unitholders (in one of the ways specified below) the whole of the income shown in its accounts for each of its distribution periods as being available for distribution to unitholders or for investment. Where a Trust has only an annual income allocation date, its "distribution period" will normally coincide with its annual accounting period; but where a Trust has one or more interim income allocation dates, each of the Trust's interim accounting periods will normally constitute a separate "distribution period".

The making of a distribution, for tax purposes, includes both paying an amount in respect of a holding of income units to the unitholder concerned (or reinvesting that amount in further units on behalf of a unitholder who has elected for such reinvestment) and also investing an amount within a Trust in respect of a holding of accumulation units on behalf of the unitholder concerned. Any reference in this section to the "payment" of a "distribution" should be construed accordingly.

The distribution accounts of any of the Trusts for any distribution period may show the relevant Trust's income as being available for distribution in either (but not both) of the ways set out below, the type of distribution selected depending on the source and composition of the income of the Trust concerned for the distribution period in question (as explained further below):

- 1) As a dividend distribution.
- 2) As an interest distribution.

### Dividend Distributions

Any dividend distribution paid (or accumulated) by any of the Trusts for any distribution period will be treated as if it were a dividend paid to the unitholders in that Trust. No tax is deducted from dividend distributions.

For tax year 2017/18, for individual Unitholders resident in the United Kingdom, the first £5,000 of dividends and dividend distributions received in each tax year will be free of income tax (the dividend allowance). Where dividends and dividend distributions from all sources exceed the dividend allowance, the excess will be liable to income tax at dividend tax rates which depend upon the Unitholder's marginal rate of tax. Dividend tax rates are 7.5% for basic rate taxpayers, 32.5% for higher rate taxpayers and 38.1% for additional rate taxpayers. Dividends received within the allowance will still count towards total taxable income and so may still affect the rate of tax paid on dividends received in excess of the allowance.

There is no longer any tax credit attached to dividend distributions.

Corporate Unitholders who receive dividend distributions may have to divide them into two (the division will be indicated on the tax voucher). Any part representing income which has been subject to corporation tax in the Trust will be received as an annual payment after deduction of income tax at the basic rate, and corporate Unitholders may be liable to tax on the grossed up amount, with the benefit of a 20% deemed income tax deduction or to reclaim part of deemed tax deducted as shown on the tax voucher. The remainder (including any part representing dividends received by the Trust from a company) will be treated as dividend income and no further tax will be due on it.

### Interest Distributions

A Trust may not pay an interest distribution in respect of any distribution period unless, at all times in that period, the market value of the Trust's "qualifying investments" exceeds 60% of the market value of all the investments of that Trust in that period (a Trust's "investments", for these purposes, excluding any cash balances awaiting investment that may be held by the Trust from time to time). "Qualifying investments" are money placed at interest, securities other than shares and certain other economically similar categories of investment. A Trust that satisfies that condition relating to its "qualifying investments" for any distribution period and that pays an interest

distribution for that period will normally be able to deduct the amount of that distribution in computing its taxable income for corporation tax purposes, thereby reducing or eliminating the Trust's liability to corporation tax for the period in question.

A Trust that derives all or most of its income from interest-bearing and economically similar investments will, in general, be entitled to pay out that income as an interest distribution and will do so.

From tax year 2017/18, all interest distributions paid for any investors will be made gross so that no tax will be deducted from any interest distributions. As a result, where individuals' gross interest distributions exceed their personal savings allowances then they will be liable to pay income tax at their marginal rates (normally 20% for basic rate taxpayers, 40% for higher rate and 45% for additional rate taxpayers) on the excess amount. For tax year 2017/18, individual UK taxpayers will be entitled a personal savings allowance and this will mean for basic rate taxpayers that the first £1,000 of interest distributions will be free of tax. For higher rate taxpayers, the allowance is £500, and for additional rate taxpayers the amount is nil.

For any Trust that pays interest distributions a unitholder that is liable to UK corporation tax (including a unitholder that is itself an authorised unit trust) must account for its holding in that Trust in accordance with the loan relationships regime (see Chapter 3 of Part 6 CTA 2009). This requires the unitholder's interest in the Trust (including any distributions received) to be taken into account for corporation tax on a fair value basis.

#### iv) **Taxation of Capital Gains arising in respect of Units**

Unitholders in a Trust who are resident in the United Kingdom for taxation purposes may, unless holding units in the relevant Trust as securities to be realised in the course of trade when different rules apply, be liable to capital gains tax or corporation tax in respect of any gains arising from the realisation for tax purposes of units in a Trust, whether as a result of redemption, sale or other disposal. In the case of individuals to the extent that their chargeable gains for the tax year in question exceed their annual allowance or tax-free gains (which, for the tax year 2017/2018, is £11,100). Chargeable gains are currently taxed at 20% for individuals subject to higher rate and additional rate tax and 10% for the other individuals. For investors subject to corporation tax, chargeable gains are taxable at the corporation tax rate (20% in 2017/2018).

It should be noted that, conversions between classes in the same Trust will not result in a realisation for UK tax purposes other than when a hedged class is involved, when such conversion might constitute a realisation for the purposes of UK tax purposes depending on circumstances.

In the case of the first distribution of income received in respect of a unit purchased during an accounting period, the amount representing the income equalisation is a return of capital and is not taxable in the hands of the unitholder concerned. That amount should, however, except in the case of equalisation in respect of accumulation Units, be deducted from the cost of the unit in computing any capital gain realised on a subsequent disposal of the unit.

#### v) **Irish Taxation**

The Manager intends to conduct the affairs of each Trust so that it does not become resident in Ireland for taxation purposes. Accordingly, provided the Trust does not exercise a trade within Ireland or carry on a trade in Ireland through a branch or agency, the Trust will not be subject to Irish tax on its income and gains rather than on certain Irish source income and gains.

Subject to personal circumstances, unitholders resident in Ireland for taxation purposes will be liable to Irish income tax or corporation tax in respect of any income distributions of the Trust (whether distributed or reinvested in new units).

The attention of individuals ordinarily resident in Ireland for tax purposes is drawn to Chapter 1 of Part 33 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 (as amended), which may render them liable to income tax in respect of undistributed income or profits of the Trust. These provisions are aimed at preventing the avoidance of income tax by individuals through a transaction resulting in the transfer of assets or income to persons (including companies) resident or domiciled abroad and may render them liable to income or corporation tax in respect of undistributed income or profits of the Trust on an annual basis.

The attention of persons resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland (and who, if they are individuals, are domiciled in Ireland) is drawn to the fact that the provisions of Chapter 4 (Section 590) of Part 19 of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997 (as amended) could be material to any person who holds 5 per cent or more of the units in the Trust if, at the same time, the Trust is controlled in such a manner as to render it a company that would, were it to have been resident in Ireland, be a "close" company for Irish taxation purposes. These provisions could, if applied, result in a person being treated, for the purposes of the Irish taxation of chargeable gains, as if part of any gain accruing to the Trust (such as on a disposal of its investments that constitute a chargeable gain for those purposes) had accrued to that person directly; that part being equal to the proportion of the assets of the Trust to which that person would be entitled to on the winding up of the Trust at the time when the chargeable gain accrued to the Trust.

Chapter 4 (sections 747B to 747D) of Part 27 of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997 (as amended) provides that if an investor resident or ordinarily resident in Ireland for taxation purposes holds a "material interest" in an offshore fund and that fund is located in an offshore state (including a Member State of the European Union, a Member State of the EEA or a member of the OECD with which Ireland has a double taxation treaty) then, dividends paid by the fund to such investor that is not a company and any gain accruing to the investor upon the sale or on the disposal of the interest will be charged to tax currently at the rate of 41%.

There is a deemed disposal and reacquisition of a material interest in an offshore fund at the ending of each period of 8 years beginning with the acquisition of the interest and each subsequent 8 year period. An investor is deemed to have disposed of their material interest immediately before the ending of the period and to have immediately reacquired it at market value at that time.

The Finance Act 2007 has introduced new provisions regarding the taxation of Irish Resident individuals or individuals Ordinarily Resident in Ireland who hold Shares in investment undertakings. The new provisions introduce the concept of a personal portfolio investment undertaking ("PPIU"). Essentially, an investment undertaking will be considered a PPIU in relation to a specific investor where that investor has influence over the selection of some or all of the property held by the investment undertaking, either directly or through persons acting on behalf of or connected to the investor. Any gain arising on a Chargeable Event in relation to an investment undertaking which is a PPIU in respect of an individual and where that Chargeable Event occurs on or after 20th February 2007, will be taxed currently at the rate of 60%. Specific exemptions apply where the property invested has been clearly identified in the investment undertaking's marketing and promotional literature and the investment is widely marketed to the public. Further restrictions may be required in the case of investments in land or unquoted shares deriving their value from land.

Attention is drawn to the fact that the above rules may not be relevant to corporate unitholders and particular types of unitholders (such as financial institutions), which may be subject to special rules.

US FATCA: The Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act (the "Hire Act") was signed into US law in March 2010. It includes provisions generally known as FATCA. The purpose of these provisions is to ensure that details of US investors, as defined under FATCA, holding assets outside the US will be reported by financial institutions to the IRS, as a safeguard against US tax evasion. The United Kingdom has signed an inter-governmental agreement (IGA) with the US which is implemented in the United Kingdom by the International Tax Compliance Regulations 2015 under which UK Financial institutions (including the Trusts) are deemed compliant with the FATCA regime. Compliance with the UK regulations means that there will be no FATCA withholding taxes suffered. UK regulations have been put into place which together with the detailed guidance published by HM Revenue and Customs set out how the IGA is being implemented and applied to financial institutions located in the UK including the Trusts.

While unlikely, if the Trusts become subject to a withholding tax as a result of the FATCA regime, the value of the Units held by Unitholders may suffer material losses.

Following on from FATCA, the 'Common Reporting Standard' for the Automatic Exchange of Information (AEOI) has now been agreed by most countries and the UK law provides for compliance with this also.

UK regulations requiring reporting of personal and account information for persons who are or may be tax-resident in other territories apply:

From 1 July 2014 for information reportable to the US.

From 1 January 2015 for information reportable to certain UK Crown dependencies and Gibraltar.

From 1 January 2016 for all early adopting signatories to the international 'Common Reporting Standard'.

From 1 January 2017 for all later adopting signatories to the international 'Common Reporting Standard'.

In order to comply with the legislation implementing the United Kingdom's obligations under various intergovernmental agreements relating to FATCA and the AEOI, the Manager (or its agent) will collect and report information about Unitholders for this purpose, including information to verify their identity and tax status. Therefore when requested to do so by the Manager or its agent, Unitholders must provide information when requested to be passed on to HM Revenue & Customs, while further information in respect of income earned and gains realised by Unitholders will also be passed to HM Revenue & Customs who may also pass on the information received to any relevant overseas tax authorities.

If you are in any doubt as to your US tax status or the implications of AEOI or FATCA for you and the Trusts then you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant, or other financial adviser. All prospective Unitholders should consider consulting their own tax advisors on the possible implications of FATCA on an investment in the Trusts.

## **Remuneration Policy**

The Manager has put in place a remuneration policy (the "Remuneration Policy") that is in accordance with the requirements of SYSC 19 E of the FCA Handbook (UCITS Remuneration Code).

The Remuneration Policy is designed to ensure that the Manager's remuneration practices are:

- consistent with and promote sound and effective risk management;
- do not encourage risk taking and are consistent with the risk profiles, or the Trust Deed or Prospectus of the UCITS funds it manages;
- do not impair the Manager's compliance with its duty to act in the best interests of those funds; and
- include fixed and variable components of remuneration including salaries and discretionary pension benefits.

The Manager considers the Remuneration Policy to be appropriate to the size, internal organisation and the nature, scope and complexity of the Manager's activities.

In respect of any portfolio management delegates, the Manager requires that the entities to which such activities have been delegated are subject to regulatory requirements on remuneration that are equally as effective to the remuneration rules applicable to the Manager set out in the ESMA Guidelines or the FCA Handbook.

The Remuneration Policy will apply to the fixed and variable (if any) remuneration received by the staff covered by the Remuneration Policy. Details of the remuneration policy including, but not limited to, a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated and the identity of the persons responsible for awarding the remuneration and benefits are available at [www.barings.com/remuneration](http://www.barings.com/remuneration) and a paper copy will be made available to investors upon request.

## General Information

- 1) Copies of the Trust Deeds and of any Supplemental Deeds and, as available, the Key Investor Information Documents, the Prospectus, the most recent annual and interim reports in respect of each Trust may be inspected at and copies may be obtained from the registered office of the Manager.
- 2) Unitholders may obtain on request from the Manager information relating to the quantitative limits applying in the risk management of the Trust, the risk management methods which are used in relation to the Trust and any recent development of the risk and yields of the main categories of investment.
- 3) Persons interested in buying Units should inform themselves as to:
  - a) the legal requirements within their own countries relating to the purchase of Units;
  - b) any foreign exchange restrictions which may be encountered;
  - c) the income, estate and other tax consequences of becoming a Unitholder.
- 4) The Manager is covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme (FSCS). If we cannot meet our obligations, investors in our funds may be entitled to compensation under the scheme. For this type of investment, the scheme currently covers 100% of the first £50,000. For further information please refer to [www.fscs.org.uk](http://www.fscs.org.uk) or phone 0800 678 1100.

If your complaint relates to advice you have received from your financial adviser please contact them. If your complaint relates to any other aspect please contact the complaints officer:

Complaints Officer  
Baring Asset Management Limited  
PO Box 3733  
Royal Wootton Bassett  
Swindon  
SN4 4BG

Telephone: +44 (0) 333 300 0372  
Email: BFMUK@ntrs.co.uk

Any complaint will be handled in accordance with our complaints handling procedures. If we are unable to resolve your complaint satisfactorily, you may refer your complaint to the Financial Ombudsman Service by writing to them at the address below:

The Financial Ombudsman Service  
Exchange Tower  
London  
E14 9SR

Telephone: 0800 023 4567  
Email: [complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk](mailto:complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk)  
Website: [www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk](http://www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk)

- 5) All notices or documents required to be served on Unitholders shall be served by post to the address of such Unitholder as evidenced on the Register. All documents and remittances are sent at the risk of the Unitholder.
- 6) The Manager is under no obligation to account to the Trustee or to the Unitholders of a Trust for any profit or loss made on the issue of Units or in the re-issue or cancellation of Units which have been redeemed and accordingly will not do so.
- 7) The Trusts should be regarded as long term investments.
- 8) It is not intended that the Trusts will have an interest in any immovable property or tangible movable property.

## 9) Proxy Voting Policy

The Manager will vote client proxies in accordance with the procedures of the Manager and the Investment Manager and for the benefit of the relevant Trust. The Manager may rely on independent third party service provider's proxy voting recommendations in exercising voting rights for a Trust. The Manager has established a proxy voting policy which is overseen by a proxy voting committee. The policy is designed to ensure that votes are exercised to the exclusive benefit of the Trust concerned. The Manager uses the services of an independent third party service provider to provide proxy analysis, information on events requiring voting, vote recommendations, and to execute the voting decisions of the Investment Manager. Proxies on all proposals are voted, except in those instances when the Investment Manager, with guidance from the proxy voting committee if desired, determines that the economic benefit to the Trust concerned of voting those proxies is outweighed by the cost.

The Manager's Proxy Voting Policy is available on request from the Manager.

## 10) Best Execution

The Manager relies on the execution policy of the Investment Manager. Best execution is the term used to describe the objective of taking all reasonable steps to obtain the best possible result for each transaction carried out by the Investment Manager on the scheme property of the Trusts. In order to obtain the best possible result the Investment Manager takes into account a number of factors including price, both the explicit and implicit costs of trading, size and speed of execution and any other specific considerations relevant to that transaction.

The Manager's execution policy is available on request from the Manager.

- 11) The Manager receives and pays certain fees. The Manager receives fees in the form of Annual Management Charge (AMC) from the funds and any Preliminary Charges. Subject to the FCA Rules, the Manager may pay this out to intermediaries and may also pay rebates to intermediaries. The Manager will not enter into any fee arrangements that give rise to conflicts with the Manager's duties to act honestly, fairly and professionally in accordance with the best interests of the Trust(s). For further details in relation to inducements, please see the paragraph at page 22 of this Prospectus titled "**Dealing by The Manager, The Trustee and The Investment Manager.**"

The Manager will make disclosures to the Trustee in relation to inducements as required under the FCA Rules. The provision of benefits described above will not result in any additional cost to the Trusts. Further details of the Manager's policy on inducements is available on request.

12) **Conflicts of Interest**

The directors of the Manager, the Investment Manager, the Administrator and the Trustee and their respective affiliates, officers, directors and unitholders, employees and agents (collectively "the Parties") are or may be involved in other financial, investment and professional activities which may on occasion cause a conflict of interest with the management of the Trusts and/or their respective roles with respect to the Trusts.

The activities noted in the following paragraph may include managing or advising other funds, purchases and sales of securities, banking and investment management services, brokerage services, valuation of unlisted securities (in circumstances in which fees payable to the entity valuing such securities may increase as the value of assets increases) and serving as directors, officers, advisers or agents of other funds or companies, including funds or companies in which the Trusts may invest. In particular, the Investment Manager may advise or manage other funds and other collective investment schemes in which the Trusts may invest or which have similar or overlapping investment objectives to or with the Trusts.

Each of the Parties will use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that the performance of their respective duties will not be impaired by any such involvement they may have and that any conflicts which may arise will be resolved fairly. The Parties are further subject to a duty under their relevant agreements not to disclose confidential information.

The Manager has a policy in relation to the identification, prevention, management and monitoring of conflicts which is available at [www.barings.com](http://www.barings.com). The policy is subject to on-going updates as new possible conflicts arise and is subject to a formal review by the Manager on at least an annual basis.

13) **Treating Investors Fairly**

The fair treatment of investors is embedded throughout the Manager's policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the principles of Treating Customers Fairly ("TCF"). These principles include, but are not limited to:

1. acting in the best interests of the Trusts and of the investors;
2. executing the investment decisions taken for the account of the Trusts in accordance with the objectives, the investment policy and the risk profile of the Trusts;
3. ensuring that the interests of any group of investors are not placed above the interests of any other group of investors;
4. ensuring that fair, correct and transparent pricing models and valuation systems are used for the Trusts managed;
5. preventing undue costs being charged to the Trusts and investors;
6. taking all reasonable steps to avoid conflicts of interests and, when they cannot be avoided, identifying, managing, monitoring and, where applicable, disclosing those conflicts of interest to prevent them from adversely affecting the interests of investors; and,
7. recognising and dealing with complaints fairly.

14) **Inspection of Documents**

Copies of the Trust Deeds and of any Supplemental Deeds and, as available, the Key Investor Information Documents, the Prospectus, the most recent annual and interim reports in respect of each Trust may be inspected at and copies may be obtained from the registered office of the Manager.

The Registers of the Trusts are kept at 50 Bank Street, Canary Wharf, London E14 5NT and may be inspected at that address on any Business Day between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m.

Unitholders may obtain on request from the Manager information relating to the quantitative limits applying in the risk management of the Trusts, the risk management methods which are used in relation to the Trusts and any recent development of the risk and yields of the main categories of investment.

15) **Unitholders' Rights**

Unitholders are entitled to participate in the Trusts on the basis set out in this Prospectus (as amended from time to time). The sections headed 'Meetings and Voting', 'Report and Financial Statements', 'Complaints', and 'Inspection of Documents' of this Prospectus set out important rights about Unitholders' participation in the Trusts.

Unitholders may have no direct rights against the service providers set out in this Prospectus.

Unitholders may be able to take action if the contents of this document are inaccurate or incomplete.

Unitholders have statutory and other legal rights which include the right to complain and may include the right to cancel an order or seek compensation.

Unitholders who are concerned about their rights in respect of the Trusts should seek legal advice.

16) **Professional Liability Risks**

The Manager covers potential professional liability risks arising from its activities as the Trusts' Manager through a combination of professional liability insurance covering liability risks arising from professional negligence and additional own funds.

17) **Collateral management**

The Trust has a collateral management policy which defines “eligible” types of collateral which the Trust may receive to mitigate counterparty exposure (including any applicable haircuts) arising from the use of derivatives and EPM techniques. A haircut is a reduction to the market value of collateral received in order to allow for a cushion in case the market value of that collateral falls. Collateral received by the Trust will generally be of high quality and liquid e.g. cash and government securities. The policy sets out the permitted types of collateral which will include cash, government securities, certificates of deposit: bonds or commercial paper issued by relevant institutions. All collateral received to reduce counterparty risk will comply with the following criteria:

- it will be highly liquid and traded on a regulated market;
- it must be valued at least daily;
- it must be of high quality;
- it will not be highly correlated with the performance of the counterparty;
- it will be sufficiently diversified in terms of country, markets and issuers;
- it will be held by the Trustee or a third party custodian, subject to prudential supervision, who is unrelated to the provider of the collateral; and
- it will be capable of being fully enforced by the Trust at the time without reference or approval from the counterparty.

The collateral policy will set appropriate levels of collateral required to cover counterparty risk in respect of derivatives and other EPM transactions. The Manager, through the Investment Manager, will also employ a clear haircut policy (i.e. a policy in which a pre-determined percentage will be subtracted from the market value of an asset that is being used as collateral) for each class of assets received as collateral taking account of the characteristics of the assets received as collateral such as the credit standing or the price volatility and the outcome of any liquidity stress testing policy.

Where cash collateral is received, if it is reinvested it will be diversified in accordance with the requirements of the European Securities and Markets Authority’s Guidelines on ETFs and other UCITS issues (ESMA/2012/832EN). Where cash collateral is reinvested in one or more permitted types of investment, there is a risk that the investment will earn less than the interest that is due to the counterparty in respect of that cash and that it will return less than the amount of cash that was invested. Non-cash collateral will not be sold, reinvested or pledged.

## 18) **Client Assets**

Any cash (except unclaimed distributions which may be returned to the relevant Trust) or assets due to Unitholders which are unclaimed for a period of six years (for cash) or twelve years (for assets) will cease to be client money or client assets and may be paid to a registered charity of the Manager’s choice. The Manager will take reasonable steps to contact Unitholders regarding unclaimed cash or assets in accordance with the requirements set out in the FCA Rules before it makes any such payment to charity. Payment of any unclaimed balance to charity will not prevent Unitholders from claiming the money or assets in the future.

If the client money or client assets (except for unclaimed distributions) are equal to or below a de minimis amount set by the FCA (£25 or less for retail Unitholders and £100 or less for professional Unitholders) the steps the Manager must take to trace the relevant Unitholders before paying the money or assets to charity are fewer but the Manager will still make efforts to contact affected Unitholders.

If in the future, the Manager transfers its business to another authorised fund manager or third party, it may transfer any client money it holds at that time to that other authorised fund manager or third party without obtaining Unitholders specific consent at that time, provided that the Manager complies with its duties under the client money rules which are set out in the FCA Rules at the time of the transfer.

## Part II

### Cash Policy

The Manager's investment policy may mean that, at times, it is appropriate for a Trust not to be fully invested and to hold cash and near cash instead.

### Hedging Policy

Derivative and forward transactions may be used by the Trusts for hedging purposes. The Manager's investment policy in respect of all the Trusts (save in respect of the Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund, Baring Multi Asset Income Fund and the Baring Strategic Bond Fund) is that few, if any, hedging transactions will normally be entered into, although hedging transactions are permitted under the Rules. Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund, Baring Multi Asset Income Fund and Baring Strategic Bond Fund may use derivatives and forward transactions for efficient portfolio management (including hedging) and investment purposes.

### Hong Kong Stock Connect Schemes

A Trust may invest in China A or China B securities provided that such investment is in accordance with the requirements of the relevant regulatory authorities in the People's Republic of China. Currently, shares of Chinese companies listed on PRC Stock Exchanges include A-shares denominated and traded in Renminbi and B-shares denominated in Renminbi but traded in either US Dollars or Hong Kong Dollars. Currently, foreign investors may only invest in China A shares and the PRC domestic securities market; (1) through quotas approved under the QFII Regulations; (2) through the Shanghai Hong Kong Stock Connect Scheme and Shenzhen Hong Kong Stock Connect Scheme (the "Connect Schemes"); or (3) as a strategic investor under applicable PRC regulations. Foreign investors may invest in China B shares directly. It is anticipated that a Trust's exposure to China A shares listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange ("SSE") and Shenzhen Stock Exchange ("SZSE") may be obtained directly via the Connect Schemes and exposure to China A Shares listed on other exchanges and China B shares will be obtained through indirect exposure through investment in other eligible collective investment schemes or participation notes and details of any such investment is set out in the investment objectives and policies section for each Trust. Details of the risks associated with investment in China A or China B securities is set out under the heading "Risk – Investment in China" and specific risk factors regarding investment directly in China A shares via the Connect Schemes is set out under the heading 'Risk- Investment via the Connect Schemes'. Further details on the Connect Schemes are set out below.

The Shanghai Hong Kong Stock Connect Scheme is a securities trading and clearing linked programme developed by the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong ("SEHK"), Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Limited ("HKEx"), SSE and China Securities Depository and Clearing Corporation Limited ("ChinaClear"), and the Shenzhen Hong Kong Stock Connect Scheme is a securities trading and clearing linked programme developed by SEHK, HKEx and the SZSE and ChinaClear. The aim of the Connect Schemes is to achieve mutual stock market access between mainland China and Hong Kong.

The Shanghai Hong Kong Stock Connect Scheme enables Hong Kong and overseas investors, to invest in China A shares listed in the SSE ("SSE Securities") through their Hong Kong brokers and a securities trading service company to be established by SEHK using the Northbound Shanghai Trading Link. Under the Northbound Shanghai Trading Link, investors, through their Hong Kong brokers and a securities trading service company established by the SEHK, may be able to trade SSE Securities, listed on the SSE, subject to the rules of the Shanghai Hong Kong Stock Connect Scheme. SSE Securities, as of the date of this Prospectus, include shares listed on the SSE that are (a) constituent stocks of SSE 180 Index; (b) constituent stocks of SSE 380 Index; (c) China A shares listed on the SSE that are not constituent stocks of the SSE 180 Index or SSE 380 Index but which have corresponding China H shares accepted for listing and trading on SEHK, provided that: (i) they are not traded on the SSE in currencies other than RMB (ii) they are not under risk alert. SEHK may include or exclude securities as SSE Securities and may change the eligibility of shares for trading on the Northbound Shanghai Trading Link.

The Shenzhen Hong Kong Stock Connect enables Hong Kong and overseas investors, to invest in China A shares listed in the SZSE ("SZSE Securities") through their Hong Kong brokers and a securities trading service company established by SEHK using the Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link. Under the Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link, through their Hong Kong brokers and a securities trading service company established by SEHK, Hong Kong and Overseas investors may be able to trade SZSE Securities, listed on the SZSE, subject to the rules of the Shenzhen Hong Kong Stock Connect Scheme. SZSE Securities, as of the date of this Prospectus, include (a) all the constituent stocks of the SZSE Component Index and SZSE Small/Mid Cap Innovation Index which has a market capitalisation of not less than RMB 6 billion, and (b) China A shares listed on the SZSE which have corresponding China H shares accepted for listing and trading on SEHK, provided that: (i) they are not traded on the SZSE in currencies other than RMB (ii) they are not included in the risk alert board or under delisting arrangement.

At the initial stage of the Shenzhen Hong Kong Stock Connect, investors eligible to trade shares that are listed on the ChiNext Board under Northbound trading will be limited to institutional professional investors (which the Trusts will qualify as such) as defined in the relevant Hong Kong rules and regulations.

SEHK may include or exclude securities as SZSE Securities and may change the eligibility of shares for trading on the Northbound Shenzhen Trading Link.

Under the Connect Schemes, the Hong Kong Securities Clearing Company Limited ("HKSCC"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of HKEx, will be responsible for the clearing, settlement and the provision of depository, nominee and other related services of the trades executed by Hong Kong market participants and investors.

In the case of each Trust, exposure via the Connect Schemes will each be limited to less than 10% of their total assets with the exceptions of Baring Eastern Trust and Baring Global Growth Trust which will be limited to less than 30% of their total assets.

### Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing globally.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing directly and indirectly across a range of asset classes such as equities and equity related securities, fixed income, currencies, deposits, cash and money market instruments. Exposure may be gained indirectly to alternative investments.

While the Fund will aim to diversify its investments, allocation to certain asset classes, countries, including developed and emerging markets, or sectors may be more than 30% of its total assets depending on the Investment Manager's assessment at different times.

In order to implement the investment policy the Fund may gain exposure through transferable securities, or collective investment schemes. It may also use derivatives including futures, options, warrants, swaps and forward contracts for efficient portfolio management and for investment purposes.

## **Leverage and Value at Risk**

When derivatives are used the Trust may be leveraged through the leverage inherent in the use of derivatives.

- Leverage when calculated as the sum of the notionals of all derivatives used, will be as prescribed in the Committee of European Securities Regulator's Guidelines on Risk Measurement and the Calculation of Global Exposure and Counterparty Risk for UCITS. The level of the Trust's leverage is expected to vary between 0% and 100% of its net asset value.
- Leverage may vary over time and higher leverage levels are possible, in particular during periods of significant net subscriptions or redemptions into the Trust where futures could be used for exposure management. In such circumstances, leverage, when calculated as the sum of notionals of all derivatives used, is not expected to exceed 250% of the Trust's net asset value at any one time.

In order to measure market risk volatility the Trust will use a relative "Value at Risk" methodology ("VaR") which is an advanced risk measurement methodology. The VaR approach is a measure of the maximum potential loss due to market risk rather than leverage. More particularly, the VaR approach measures the maximum potential loss at a given confidence level (probability) over a specific time period under normal market conditions. The VaR of the Trust will not be greater than twice the VaR of the Trust's reference portfolio. The reference portfolio for the purpose of the Trust's relative VaR calculation is a notional long-only portfolio which is also a dynamic asset allocation portfolio and comprises of securities contained in global equity and bond indices. The composition as at the date of this prospectus is 40% MSCI UK Index, 25% MSCI All Countries World Index, 20% BoA Merrill Lynch Sterling Broad Market Index and 15% BoA Merrill Lynch Global Broad Market Index. Details of the most recent composition of the reference portfolio will be available on request from the Manager. The Trust shall, at all times, comply with the limits on levels of market risk measured through the use of the Value at Risk methodology as set out above.

## **Baring Eastern Trust**

The investment objective of the Trust is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in the Asia Pacific region excluding Japan.

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 the Asia Pacific region excluding Japan, or quoted or traded on the stock exchanges in those countries, including developed and emerging markets.

For the remainder of its total assets, the Trust may invest outside of the Asia Pacific region, excluding Japan, as well as in fixed income and cash.

While the Trust will aim to diversify its investments, allocation to certain countries, industries or sectors may be more than 30% of its total assets depending on the Investment Manager's assessment at different times.

In order to implement the investment policy the Trust may gain 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 invest in collective investment schemes and other transferable securities. It may also use derivatives including futures, options, swaps, warrants and forward contracts for efficient portfolio management (including hedging).

## *Investment Strategy*

The Investment Manager considers that equity markets are inefficient and looks to exploit this inefficiency through fundamental analysis. Equity investment teams at the Investment Manager share a common investment approach, best described as Growth at a Reasonable Price (GARP).

The Investment Manager considers that long term earnings growth is the driver of stock market performance and that structured fundamental research and a disciplined investment process combining growth, upside/valuation and quality disciplines can identify attractively priced, growth companies. The Investment Manager also considers that the best way of finding unrecognised growth is to identify quality companies with visibility of earnings over a longer time period of three to five years especially as market consensus data tends to be only available for shorter term periods.

The Investment Manager's strategy favours companies with well-established business franchises, strong management and improving balance sheets. We regard these companies as higher quality as they provide transparency and allow our investment professionals to forecast earnings with greater confidence. This should facilitate the construction of funds which exhibit lower volatility over time.

"Bottom up" investment analysis is therefore central to the Investment Manager's investment thesis. However, macro concerns are integral to the Investment Manager's company analysis and country and other macro factors are incorporated in the Investment Manager's analysis through the use of an appropriate Cost of Equity to arrive at price targets for the equities of companies held by the Fund or which the Investment Manager is considering purchasing.

## **Leverage and Value at Risk**

When derivatives are used the Trust may be leveraged through the leverage inherent in the use of derivatives.

- Leverage when calculated as the sum of the notionals of all derivatives used, will be as prescribed in the Committee of European Securities Regulator's Guidelines on Risk Measurement and the Calculation of Global Exposure and Counterparty Risk for UCITS. The level of the Trust's leverage is expected to vary between 0% and 25% of its net asset value.
- Leverage may vary over time and higher leverage levels are possible, in particular during periods of significant net subscriptions or redemptions into the Trust where futures could be used for exposure management. In such circumstances, leverage, when calculated as the sum of notionals of all derivatives used, is not expected to exceed 25% of the Trust's net asset value at any one time.

In order to measure market risk volatility the Trust will use a relative "Value at Risk" methodology ("VaR") which is an advanced risk measurement methodology. The VaR approach is a measure of the maximum potential loss due to market risk rather than leverage. More particularly, the VaR approach measures the maximum potential loss at a given confidence level (probability) over a specific time period under normal market conditions. The VaR of the Trust will not be greater than twice the VaR of the Trust's reference portfolio. As at the date of this prospectus, the reference portfolio for the purpose of the Trust's relative VaR calculation is the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Index. Details of the most recent composition of the reference portfolio will be available on request from the Manager. The Trust

shall, at all times, comply with the limits on levels of market risk measured through the use of the Value at Risk methodology as set out above.

## **Baring European Growth Trust**

The investment objective of the Trust is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in Europe.

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 Europe, or quoted or traded on the stock exchanges in Europe.

For the remainder of its total assets, the Trust may invest outside of Europe as well as in fixed income and cash.

While the Trust will aim to diversify its investments, allocation to certain countries, industries or sectors may be more than 30% of its total assets depending on the Investment Manager's assessment at different times.

In order to implement the investment policy the Trust may gain 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 invest in collective investment schemes and other transferable securities. It may also use derivatives including futures, options, swaps, warrants and forward contracts for efficient portfolio management (including hedging).

### *Investment Strategy*

The Investment Manager considers that equity markets are inefficient and looks to exploit this inefficiency through fundamental analysis. Equity investment teams at the Investment Manager share a common investment approach, best described as Growth at a Reasonable Price (GARP).

The Investment Manager considers that long term earnings growth is the driver of stock market performance and that structured fundamental research and a disciplined investment process combining growth, upside/valuation and quality disciplines can identify attractively priced, growth companies. The Investment Manager also considers that the best way of finding unrecognised growth is to identify quality companies with visibility of earnings over a longer time period of three to five years especially as market consensus data tends to be only available for shorter term periods.

The Investment Manager's strategy favours companies with well-established business franchises, strong management and improving balance sheets. We regard these companies as higher quality as they provide transparency and allow our investment professionals to forecast earnings with greater confidence. This should facilitate the construction of funds which exhibit lower volatility over time.

"Bottom up" investment analysis is therefore central to the Investment Manager's investment thesis. However, macro concerns are integral to the Investment Manager's company analysis and country and other macro factors are incorporated in the Investment Manager's analysis through the use of an appropriate Cost of Equity to arrive at price targets for the equities of companies held by the Fund or which the Investment Manager is considering purchasing.

## **Leverage and Value at Risk**

When derivatives are used the Trust may be leveraged through the leverage inherent in the use of derivatives.

- Leverage when calculated as the sum of the notionals of all derivatives used, will be as prescribed in the Committee of European Securities Regulator's Guidelines on Risk Measurement and the Calculation of Global Exposure and Counterparty Risk for UCITS. The level of the Trust's leverage is expected to vary between 0% and 25% of its net asset value.
- Leverage may vary over time and higher leverage levels are possible, in particular during periods of significant net subscriptions or redemptions into the Trust where futures could be used for exposure management. In such circumstances, leverage, when calculated as the sum of notionals of all derivatives used, is not expected to exceed 25% of the Trust's net asset value at any one time.

In order to measure market risk volatility the Trust will use a relative "Value at Risk" methodology ("VaR") which is an advanced risk measurement methodology. The VaR approach is a measure of the maximum potential loss due to market risk rather than leverage. More particularly, the VaR approach measures the maximum potential loss at a given confidence level (probability) over a specific time period under normal market conditions. The VaR of the Trust will not be greater than twice the VaR of the Trust's reference portfolio. As at the date of this prospectus, the reference portfolio for the purpose of the Trust's relative VaR calculation is the MSCI Europe ex UK Index. Details of the most recent composition of the reference portfolio will be available on request from the Manager. The Trust shall, at all times, comply with the limits on levels of market risk measured through the use of the Value at Risk methodology as set out above.

## **Baring Europe Select Trust**

The investment objective of the Trust is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in Europe.

The Trust will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 75% of its total assets directly and indirectly in equities and equity-related securities of smaller companies incorporated in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in Europe or quoted or traded on the stock exchanges in Europe.

Smaller European companies can be defined as those companies which are constituents of the bottom 30% of total market capitalisation of Europe's listed companies.

For the remainder of its total assets, the Trust may invest outside of Europe, as well as in larger companies, and in fixed income and cash.

While the Trust will aim to diversify its investments, allocation to certain countries, industries or sectors may be more than 30% of its total assets depending on the Investment Manager's assessment at different times.

In order to implement the investment policy the Trust may gain 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 invest in collective investment schemes and other transferable securities. It may also use derivatives including futures, options, swaps, warrants and forward contracts for efficient portfolio management (including hedging).

## *Investment Strategy*

The Investment Manager considers that equity markets are inefficient and looks to exploit this inefficiency through fundamental analysis. Equity investment teams at the Investment Manager share a common investment approach, best described as Growth at a Reasonable Price (GARP).

The Investment Manager considers that long term earnings growth is the driver of stock market performance and that structured fundamental research and a disciplined investment process combining growth, upside/valuation and quality disciplines can identify attractively priced, growth companies. The Investment Manager also considers that the best way of finding unrecognised growth is to identify quality companies with visibility of earnings over a longer time period of three to five years especially as market consensus data tends to be only available for shorter term periods.

The Investment Manager's strategy favours companies with well-established business franchises, strong management and improving balance sheets. We regard these companies as higher quality as they provide transparency and allow our investment professionals to forecast earnings with greater confidence. This should facilitate the construction of funds which exhibit lower volatility over time.

"Bottom up" investment analysis is therefore central to the Investment Manager's investment thesis. However, macro concerns are integral to the Investment Manager's company analysis and country and other macro factors are incorporated in the Investment Manager's analysis through the use of an appropriate Cost of Equity to arrive at price targets for the equities of companies held by the Fund or which the Investment Manager is considering purchasing.

Investors' attention is drawn to the fact that the Trust is eligible to the personal equity plan ("plan d'épargne en actions" or "PEA") in France. In this context, the Manager undertakes that the Trust will invest on a permanent basis at least 75% of its assets in securities or rights eligible to the French PEA Savings Plan "PEA" regime, that is shares and warrants issued by companies where the head office is in the European Union (EU) or a European Economic Area (EEA) Country, except Liechtenstein, and subject to corporate income tax under normal conditions the Trust will be suitable for French investors.

## **Leverage and Value at Risk**

When derivatives are used the Trust may be leveraged through the leverage inherent in the use of derivatives.

- Leverage when calculated as the sum of the notionals of all derivatives used, will be as prescribed in the Committee of European Securities Regulator's Guidelines on Risk Measurement and the Calculation of Global Exposure and Counterparty Risk for UCITS. The level of the Trust's leverage is expected to vary between 0% and 25% of its net asset value.
- Leverage may vary over time and higher leverage levels are possible, in particular during periods of significant net subscriptions or redemptions into the Trust where futures could be used for exposure management. In such circumstances, leverage, when calculated as the sum of notionals of all derivatives used, is not expected to exceed 25% of the Trust's net asset value at any one time.

In order to measure market risk volatility the Trust will use a relative "Value at Risk" methodology ("VaR") which is an advanced risk measurement methodology. The VaR approach is a measure of the maximum potential loss due to market risk rather than leverage. More particularly, the VaR approach measures the maximum potential loss at a given confidence level (probability) over a specific time period under normal market conditions. The VaR of the Trust will not be greater than twice the VaR of the Trust's reference portfolio. As at the date of this prospectus, the reference portfolio for the purpose of the Trust's relative VaR calculation is the HSBC European Smaller Companies ex UK Index. Details of the most recent composition of the reference portfolio will be available on request from the Manager. The Trust shall, at all times, comply with the limits on levels of market risk measured through the use of the Value at Risk methodology as set out above.

## **Baring German Growth Trust**

The investment objective of the Trust is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in Germany.

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

For the remainder of its total assets, the Trust may invest outside of Germany as well as in fixed income and cash.

While the Trust will aim to diversify its investments, allocation to certain industries or sectors may be more than 30% of its total assets depending on the Investment Manager's assessment at different times.

In order to implement the investment policy the Trust may gain 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 invest in collective investment schemes and other transferable securities. It may also use derivatives including futures, options, swaps, warrants and forward contracts for efficient portfolio management (including hedging).

## *Investment Strategy*

The Investment Manager considers that equity markets are inefficient and looks to exploit this inefficiency through fundamental analysis. Equity investment teams at the Investment Manager share a common investment approach, best described as Growth at a Reasonable Price (GARP).

The Investment Manager considers that long term earnings growth is the driver of stock market performance and that structured fundamental research and a disciplined investment process combining growth, upside/valuation and quality disciplines can identify attractively priced, growth companies. The Investment Manager also considers that the best way of finding unrecognised growth is to identify quality companies with visibility of earnings over a longer time period of three to five years especially as market consensus data tends to be only available for shorter term periods.

The Investment Manager's strategy favours companies with well-established business franchises, strong management and improving balance sheets. We regard these companies as higher quality as they provide transparency and allow our investment professionals to forecast earnings with greater confidence. This should facilitate the construction of funds which exhibit lower volatility over time.

"Bottom up" investment analysis is therefore central to the Investment Manager's investment thesis. However, macro concerns are integral to the Investment Manager's company analysis and country and other macro factors are incorporated in the Investment

Manager's analysis through the use of an appropriate Cost of Equity to arrive at price targets for the equities of companies held by the Fund or which the Investment Manager is considering purchasing.

The attention of investors is drawn to the fact that the Trust is eligible to the personal equity plan ("plan d'épargne en actions" or "PEA") in France. In this context, the Manager undertakes that the Trust will invest on a permanent basis at least 75% of its assets in securities or rights eligible to the French PEA Savings Plan "PEA" regime, that is shares and warrants issued by companies where the head office is in the European Union (EU) or a European Economic Area (EEA) Country, except Liechtenstein, and subject to corporate income tax under normal conditions the Trust will be suitable for French investors.

## **Leverage and Value at Risk**

When derivatives are used the Trust may be leveraged through the leverage inherent in the use of derivatives.

- Leverage when calculated as the sum of the notional of all derivatives used, will be as prescribed in the Committee of European Securities Regulator's Guidelines on Risk Measurement and the Calculation of Global Exposure and Counterparty Risk for UCITS. The level of the Trust's leverage is expected to vary between 0% and 25% of its net asset value.
- Leverage may vary over time and higher leverage levels are possible, in particular during periods of significant net subscriptions or redemptions into the Trust where futures could be used for exposure management. In such circumstances, leverage, when calculated as the sum of notional of all derivatives used, is not expected to exceed 25% of the Trust's net asset value at any one time.

In order to measure market risk volatility the Trust will use a relative "Value at Risk" methodology ("VaR") which is an advanced risk measurement methodology. The VaR approach is a measure of the maximum potential loss due to market risk rather than leverage. More particularly, the VaR approach measures the maximum potential loss at a given confidence level (probability) over a specific time period under normal market conditions. The VaR of the Trust will not be greater than twice the VaR of the Trust's reference portfolio. As at the date of this prospectus, the reference portfolio for the purpose of the Trust's relative VaR calculation is the HDAX 110 Index. Details of the most recent composition of the reference portfolio will be available on request from the Manager. The Trust shall, at all times, comply with the limits on levels of market risk measured through the use of the Value at Risk methodology as set out above.

## **Baring Global Growth Trust**

The investment objective of the Trust is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing globally.

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 listed, quoted or traded on global markets, including developed and emerging markets.

For the remainder of its total assets, the Trust may invest in fixed income and cash.

While the Trust will aim to diversify its investments, allocation to certain countries, industries or sectors may be more than 30% of its total assets depending on the Investment Manager's assessment at different times.

In order to implement the investment policy the Trust may gain 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 invest in collective investment schemes and other transferable securities. It may also use derivatives including futures, options, swaps, warrants and forward contracts for efficient portfolio management (including hedging).

## *Investment Strategy*

The Investment Manager considers that equity markets are inefficient and looks to exploit this inefficiency through fundamental analysis. Equity investment teams at the Investment Manager share a common investment approach, best described as Growth at a Reasonable Price (GARP).

The Investment Manager considers that long term earnings growth is the driver of stock market performance and that structured fundamental research and a disciplined investment process combining growth, upside/valuation and quality disciplines can identify attractively priced, growth companies. The Investment Manager also considers that the best way of finding unrecognised growth is to identify quality companies with visibility of earnings over a longer time period of three to five years especially as market consensus data tends to be only available for shorter term periods.

The Investment Manager's strategy favours companies with well-established business franchises, strong management and improving balance sheets. We regard these companies as higher quality as they provide transparency and allow our investment professionals to forecast earnings with greater confidence. This should facilitate the construction of funds which exhibit lower volatility over time.

"Bottom up" investment analysis is therefore central to the Investment Manager's investment thesis. However, macro concerns are integral to the Investment Manager's company analysis and country and other macro factors are incorporated in the Investment Manager's analysis through the use of an appropriate Cost of Equity to arrive at price targets for the equities of companies held by the Fund or which the Investment Manager is considering purchasing.

## **Leverage and Value at Risk**

When derivatives are used the Trust may be leveraged through the leverage inherent in the use of derivatives.

- Leverage when calculated as the sum of the notional of all derivatives used, will be as prescribed in the Committee of European Securities Regulator's Guidelines on Risk Measurement and the Calculation of Global Exposure and Counterparty Risk for UCITS. The level of the Trust's leverage is expected to vary between 0% and 25% of its net asset value.
- Leverage may vary over time and higher leverage levels are possible, in particular during periods of significant net subscriptions or redemptions into the Trust where futures could be used for exposure management. In such circumstances, leverage, when calculated as the sum of notional of all derivatives used, is not expected to exceed 25% of the Trust's net asset value at any one time.

In order to measure market risk volatility the Trust will use a relative "Value at Risk" methodology ("VaR") which is an advanced risk measurement methodology. The VaR approach is a measure of the maximum potential loss due to market risk rather than leverage. More particularly, the VaR approach measures the maximum potential loss at a given confidence level (probability) over a specific time period under normal market conditions. The VaR of the Trust will not be greater than twice the VaR of the Trust's reference portfolio. As at the date of this prospectus, the reference portfolio for the purpose of the Trust's relative VaR calculation is the MSCI AC World Index.

Details of the most recent composition of the reference portfolio will be available on request from the Manager. The Trust shall, at all times, comply with the limits on levels of market risk measured through the use of the Value at Risk methodology as set out above.

## **Baring Japan Growth Trust**

The investment objective of the Trust is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in Japan.

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 Japan, or quoted or traded on the stock exchanges in Japan.

For the remainder of its total assets, the Trust may invest outside of Japan as well as in fixed income and cash.

While the Trust will aim to diversify its investments, allocation to certain industries or sectors may be more than 30% of its total assets depending on the Investment Manager's assessment at different times.

In order to implement the investment policy the Trust may gain 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 invest in collective investment schemes and other transferable securities. It may also use derivatives including futures, options, swaps, warrants and forward contracts for efficient portfolio management (including hedging).

### *Investment Strategy*

The Investment Manager considers that equity markets are inefficient and looks to exploit this inefficiency through fundamental analysis. Equity investment teams at the Investment Manager share a common investment approach, best described as Growth at a Reasonable Price (GARP).

The Investment Manager considers that long term earnings growth is the driver of stock market performance and that structured fundamental research and a disciplined investment process combining growth, upside/valuation and quality disciplines can identify attractively priced, growth companies. The Investment Manager also considers that the best way of finding unrecognised growth is to identify quality companies with visibility of earnings over a longer time period of three to five years especially as market consensus data tends to be only available for shorter term periods.

The Investment Manager's strategy favours companies with well-established business franchises, strong management and improving balance sheets. We regard these companies as higher quality as they provide transparency and allow our investment professionals to forecast earnings with greater confidence. This should facilitate the construction of funds which exhibit lower volatility over time.

"Bottom up" investment analysis is therefore central to the Investment Manager's investment thesis. However, macro concerns are integral to the Investment Manager's company analysis and country and other macro factors are incorporated in the Investment Manager's analysis through the use of an appropriate Cost of Equity to arrive at price targets for the equities of companies held by the Fund or which the Investment Manager is considering purchasing.

### **Leverage and Value at Risk**

When derivatives are used the Trust may be leveraged through the leverage inherent in the use of derivatives.

- Leverage when calculated as the sum of the notionals of all derivatives used, will be as prescribed in the Committee of European Securities Regulator's Guidelines on Risk Measurement and the Calculation of Global Exposure and Counterparty Risk for UCITS. The level of the Trust's leverage is expected to vary between 0% and 25% of its net asset value.
- Leverage may vary over time and higher leverage levels are possible, in particular during periods of significant net subscriptions or redemptions into the Trust where futures could be used for exposure management. In such circumstances, leverage, when calculated as the sum of notionals of all derivatives used, is not expected to exceed 25% of the Trust's net asset value at any one time.

In order to measure market risk volatility the Trust will use a relative "Value at Risk" methodology ("VaR") which is an advanced risk measurement methodology. The VaR approach is a measure of the maximum potential loss due to market risk rather than leverage. More particularly, the VaR approach measures the maximum potential loss at a given confidence level (probability) over a specific time period under normal market conditions. The VaR of the Trust will not be greater than twice the VaR of the Trust's reference portfolio. As at the date of this prospectus, the reference portfolio for the purpose of the Trust's relative VaR calculation is the Topix 1<sup>st</sup> section Index. Details of the most recent composition of the reference portfolio will be available on request from the Manager. The Trust shall, at all times, comply with the limits on levels of market risk measured through the use of the Value at Risk methodology as set out above.

## **Baring Korea Trust**

The investment objective of the Trust is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing 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 outside of Korea as well as in fixed income and cash.

While the Trust will aim to diversify its investments, allocation to certain industries or sectors may be more than 30% of its total assets depending on the Investment Manager's assessment at different times.

In order to implement the investment policy the Trust may gain 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 invest in collective investment schemes and other transferable securities. It may also use derivatives including futures, options, swaps, warrants and forward contracts for efficient portfolio management (including hedging).

### *Investment Strategy*

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The Investment Manager considers that long term earnings growth is the driver of stock market performance and that structured fundamental research and a disciplined investment process combining growth, upside/valuation and quality disciplines can identify attractively priced, growth companies. The Investment Manager also considers that the best way of finding unrecognised growth is to identify quality companies with visibility of earnings over a longer time period of three to five years especially as market consensus data tends to be only available for shorter term periods.

The Investment Manager's strategy favours companies with well-established business franchises, strong management and improving balance sheets. We regard these companies as higher quality as they provide transparency and allow our investment professionals to forecast earnings with greater confidence. This should facilitate the construction of funds which exhibit lower volatility over time.

"Bottom up" investment analysis is therefore central to the Investment Manager's investment thesis. However, macro concerns are integral to the Investment Manager's company analysis and country and other macro factors are incorporated in the Investment Manager's analysis through the use of an appropriate Cost of Equity to arrive at price targets for the equities of companies held by the Fund or which the Investment Manager is considering purchasing.

### **Leverage and Value at Risk**

When derivatives are used the Trust may be leveraged through the leverage inherent in the use of derivatives.

- Leverage when calculated as the sum of the notionals of all derivatives used, will be as prescribed in the Committee of European Securities Regulator's Guidelines on Risk Measurement and the Calculation of Global Exposure and Counterparty Risk for UCITS. The level of the Trust's leverage is expected to vary between 0% and 25% of its net asset value.
- Leverage may vary over time and higher leverage levels are possible, in particular during periods of significant net subscriptions or redemptions into the Trust where futures could be used for exposure management. In such circumstances, leverage, when calculated as the sum of notionals of all derivatives used, is not expected to exceed 25% of the Trust's net asset value at any one time.

In order to measure market risk volatility the Trust will use a relative "Value at Risk" methodology ("VaR") which is an advanced risk measurement methodology. The VaR approach is a measure of the maximum potential loss due to market risk rather than leverage. More particularly, the VaR approach measures the maximum potential loss at a given confidence level (probability) over a specific time period under normal market conditions. The VaR of the Trust will not be greater than twice the VaR of the Trust's reference portfolio. As at the date of this prospectus, the reference portfolio for the purpose of the Trust's relative VaR calculation is the Korea SE Composite Index. Details of the most recent composition of the reference portfolio will be available on request from the Manager. The Trust shall, at all times, comply with the limits on levels of market risk measured through the use of the Value at Risk methodology as set out above.

### **Baring Strategic Bond Fund**

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term capital growth together with income by investing globally.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing directly and indirectly in fixed income securities globally, as well as cash, near cash and money market instruments.

While the Fund will aim to diversify its investments, allocation to a single issuer, currency, specific ratings, maturities or durations may be more than 30% of its total assets depending on the Investment Manager's assessment at different times.

In order to implement the investment policy the Fund may gain exposure through investment grade, sub-investment grade and unrated bonds issued by governments, sovereigns, supranationals and corporates in developed and emerging markets. The Fund Manager has the ability to invest in debt securities of any maturity, duration or credit rating (including unrated). Forward currency transactions will be used to gain exposure to currencies and may be used to manage currency risk when considered appropriate. The Fund may also invest in collective investment schemes and other transferable securities. It may also use derivatives including futures, options, swaps, warrants and forward contracts for efficient portfolio management and for investment purposes.

### **Leverage and Value at Risk**

When derivatives are used the Trust may be leveraged through the leverage inherent in the use of derivatives.

- Leverage when calculated as the sum of the notionals of all derivatives used, will be as prescribed in the Committee of European Securities Regulator's Guidelines on Risk Measurement and the Calculation of Global Exposure and Counterparty Risk for UCITS. The level of the Trust's leverage is expected to vary between 0% and 400% of its net asset value.
- Leverage may vary over time and higher leverage levels are possible, in particular during periods of significant net subscriptions or redemptions into the Trust where futures could be used for exposure management. In such circumstances, leverage, when calculated as the sum of notionals of all derivatives used, is not expected to exceed 400% of the Trust's net asset value at any one time.

In order to measure market risk volatility the Trust will use an absolute "Value at Risk" methodology ("VaR") which is an advanced risk measurement methodology. The VaR approach is a measure of the maximum potential loss due to market risk rather than leverage. More particularly, the VaR approach measures the maximum potential loss at a given confidence level (probability) over a specific time period under normal market conditions. The VaR of the Trust will not be greater than 20%. The Trust shall, at all times, comply with the limits on levels of market risk measured through the use of the Value at Risk methodology as set out above.

### **Baring UK Growth Trust**

The investment objective of the Trust is to achieve long-term capital growth through selective investment in economic sectors in the United Kingdom through securities in any country and/or economic sectors throughout the world represented in the United Kingdom markets.

The Managers' policy is to invest primarily in a variety of companies ranging from those offering strong growth potential to those offering recovery potential.

## Part III

### Investment and Borrowing Powers of the Trusts

#### 1. General

The scheme property of a Trust will be invested with the aim of achieving the investment objective of a Trust but subject to the limits set out in that Trust's investment policy and the limits set out in Chapter 5 of COLL ("COLL 5") and this Prospectus.

From time to time and in particular during periods of uncertain or volatile markets, the Manager may choose to hold a substantial proportion of the property of a Trust in money-market instruments and/or cash deposits.

#### 1.1 Prudent spread of risk

The Manager must ensure that, taking account of the investment objective and policy of a Trust, the Scheme property of that Trust aims to provide a prudent spread of risk.

#### 1.2 Cover

1.2.1 Where the COLL Sourcebook allows a transaction to be entered into or an investment to be retained only (for example, investment in nil and partly paid securities and the general power to accept or underwrite) if possible obligations arising out of the investment transactions or out of the retention would not cause any breach of any limits in COLL 5, it must be assumed that the maximum possible liability of a Trust under any other of those rules has also to be provided for.

1.2.2 Where the COLL Sourcebook permits an investment transaction to be entered into or an investment to be retained only if that investment transaction, or the retention, or other similar transactions, are covered:

1.2.2.1 it must be assumed that in applying any of those rules, a Trust must also simultaneously satisfy any other obligation relating to cover; and

1.2.2.2 no element of cover must be used more than once.

#### 2. UCITS Schemes - general

2.1 Subject to the investment objective and policy of a Trust, the scheme property of a Trust must, except where otherwise noted below or provided in COLL 5, consist mainly of any or all of transferable securities, and, in the case of the Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund and Baring Strategic Bond Fund, may also consist of approved money-market instruments, units or shares in collective investment schemes, derivatives and forward transactions and deposits..

#### 3. Transferable Securities

3.1 A transferable security is an investment falling within article 76 (Shares etc), article 77 (Instruments creating or acknowledging indebtedness), article 77A (alternative debentures), article 78 (Government and public securities), article 79 (Instruments giving entitlement to investments) and article 80 (Certificates representing certain securities) of the "Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Regulated Activities) Order 2001 (the "Regulated Activities Order").

3.2 An investment is not a transferable security if the title to it cannot be transferred, or can be transferred only with the consent of a third party.

3.3 In applying paragraph 3.2 of this Part III to an investment which is issued by a body corporate, and which is an investment falling within articles 76 (Shares, etc) or 77 (Instruments creating or acknowledging indebtedness) or article 77A (alternative debentures) of the Regulated Activities Order, the need for any consent on the part of the body corporate or any members or debenture holders of it may be ignored.

3.4 An investment is not a transferable security unless the liability of the holder of it to contribute to the debts of the issuer is limited to any amount for the time being unpaid by the holder of it in respect of the investment.

3.5 A Trust may invest in a transferable security only to the extent that the transferable security fulfils the following criteria:

3.5.1 the potential loss which a Trust may incur with respect to holding the transferable security is limited to the amount paid for it;

3.5.2 its liquidity does not compromise the ability of the Manager to comply with its obligation to redeem units at the request of any qualifying unitholder under the FCA Handbook;

3.5.3 reliable valuation is available for it as follows:

- 3.5.3.1 in the case of a transferable security admitted to or dealt in on an eligible market, where there are accurate, reliable and regular prices which are either market prices or prices made available by valuation systems independent from issuers;
    - 3.5.3.2 in the case of a transferable security not admitted to or dealt in on an eligible market, where there is a valuation on a periodic basis which is derived from information from the issuer of the transferable security or from competent investment research;
  - 3.5.4 appropriate information is available for it as follows:
    - 3.5.4.1 in the case of a transferable security admitted to or dealt in on an eligible market, where there is regular, accurate and comprehensive information available to the market on the transferable security or, where relevant, on the portfolio of the transferable security;
    - 3.5.4.2 in the case of a transferable security not admitted to or dealt in on an eligible market, where there is regular and accurate information available to the Manager on the transferable security or, where relevant, on the portfolio of the transferable security;
  - 3.5.5 it is negotiable; and
  - 3.5.6 its risks are adequately captured by the risk management process of the Manager.
- 3.6 Unless there is information available to the Manager that would lead to a different determination, a transferable security which is admitted to or dealt in on an eligible market shall be presumed:
  - 3.6.1 not to compromise the ability of the Manager to comply with its obligation to redeem Units at the request of any qualifying Unitholder; and
  - 3.6.2 to be negotiable.
- 3.7 No more than 5% of the scheme property of a Trust may be invested in warrants or other instruments entitling a holder to subscribe for securities.
- 4. **Closed end funds constituting transferable securities**
  - 4.1 A unit or a share in a closed end fund shall be taken to be a transferable security for the purposes of investment by a Trust, provided it fulfils the criteria for transferable securities set out in paragraph 3.5 and either:
    - 4.1.1 where the closed end fund is constituted as an investment company or a unit trust:
      - 4.1.1.1 it is subject to corporate governance mechanisms applied to companies; and
      - 4.1.1.2 where another person carries out asset management activity on its behalf, that person is subject to national regulation for the purpose of investor protection; or
    - 4.1.2 where the closed end fund is constituted under the law of contract:
      - 4.1.2.1 it is subject to corporate governance mechanisms equivalent to those applied to companies; and
      - 4.1.2.2 it is managed by a person who is subject to national regulation for the purpose of investor protection.
- 5. **Transferable securities linked to other assets**
  - 5.1 A Trust may invest in any other investment which shall be taken to be a transferable security for the purposes of investment by a Trust provided the investment:
    - 5.1.1 fulfils the criteria for transferable securities set out in 3.5 above; and
    - 5.1.2 is backed by or linked to the performance of other assets, which may differ from those in which a Trust can invest.
  - 5.2 Where an investment in 5.1 contains an embedded derivative component, the requirements of this section with respect to derivatives and forwards will apply to that component.
- 6. **Approved Money Market Instruments**
  - 6.1 An approved money-market instrument is a money-market instrument which is normally dealt in on the money market, is liquid and has a value which can be accurately determined at any time.
  - 6.2 A money-market instrument shall be regarded as normally dealt in on the money market if it:

- 6.2.1 has a maturity at issuance of up to and including 397 days;
  - 6.2.2 has a residual maturity of up to and including 397 days;
  - 6.2.3 undergoes regular yield adjustments in line with money market conditions at least every 397 days; or
  - 6.2.4 has a risk profile, including credit and interest rate risks, corresponding to that of an instrument which has a maturity as set out in paragraphs 6.2.1 or 6.2.2 or is subject to yield adjustments as set out in paragraph 6.2.3.
- 6.3 A money-market instrument shall be regarded as liquid if it can be sold at limited cost in an adequately short time frame, taking into account the obligation of the Manager to redeem Units at the request of any qualifying Unitholder.
- 6.4 A money-market instrument shall be regarded as having a value which can be accurately determined at any time if accurate and reliable valuations systems, which fulfil the following criteria, are available:
- 6.4.1 enabling the Manager to calculate a net asset value in accordance with the value at which the instrument held in the portfolio could be exchanged between knowledgeable willing parties in an arm's length transaction; and
  - 6.4.2 based either on market data or on valuation models including systems based on amortised costs.
- 6.5 A money-market instrument that is normally dealt in on the money market and is admitted to or dealt in on an eligible market shall be presumed to be liquid and have a value which can be accurately determined at any time unless there is information available to the Manager that would lead to a different determination.
- 7. Transferable securities and money market instruments generally to be admitted or dealt in on an Eligible Market**
- 7.1 Transferable securities and money market instruments held within a Trust must be:
- 7.1.1 admitted to or dealt in on an eligible market as described in 8.3.1; or
  - 7.1.2 dealt in on an eligible market as described in 8.3.2; or
  - 7.1.3 admitted to or dealt in on an eligible market as described in 8.4; or
  - 7.1.4 for an approved money market instrument not admitted to or dealt in on an eligible market within paragraph 9.1; or
  - 7.1.5 recently issued transferable securities provided that:
    - 7.1.5.1 the terms of issue include an undertaking that application will be made to be admitted to an eligible market; and
    - 7.1.5.2 such admission is secured within a year of issue.
- 7.2 However, a Trust may invest no more than 10% of the scheme property of a Trust in transferable securities and approved money market instruments other than those referred to in 7.1.
- 8. Eligible markets regime: purpose and requirements**
- 8.1 To protect Unitholders the markets on which investments of a Trust are dealt in or traded on should be of an adequate quality ("eligible") at the time of acquisition of the investment and until it is sold.
- 8.2 Where a market ceases to be eligible, investments on that market cease to be approved securities. The 10% restriction in 7.2 above on investing in non approved securities applies and exceeding this limit because a market ceases to be eligible will generally be regarded as an inadvertent breach.
- 8.3 A market is eligible for the purposes of the rules if it is:
- 8.3.1 a regulated market as defined in the FCA Handbook; or
  - 8.3.2 a market in an EEA State which is regulated, operates regularly and is open to the public.
- 8.4 A market not falling within paragraph 8.3 of this Part III is eligible for the purposes of COLL 5 if:
- 8.4.1 the Manager, after consultation with and notification to the Trustee, decides that market is appropriate for investment of, or dealing in, the scheme property of a Trust;
  - 8.4.2 the market is included in a list in this Prospectus; and
  - 8.4.3 the Trustee has taken reasonable care to determine that:
    - 8.4.3.1 adequate custody arrangements can be provided for the investment dealt in on that market; and

8.4.3.2 all reasonable steps have been taken by the Manager in deciding whether that market is eligible.

8.5 In paragraph 8.4.1, a market must not be considered appropriate unless it is regulated, operates regularly, is recognised by an overseas regulator, is open to the public, is adequately liquid and has adequate arrangements for unimpeded transmission of income and capital to or for the order of Unitholders.

8.6 The eligible securities and derivatives markets for the Trusts are set out in Part VII (Eligible Securities and derivatives Markets) of this prospectus.

## 9. Money-market instruments with a regulated issuer

9.1 In addition to instruments admitted to or dealt in on an eligible market, a Trust may invest in an approved money-market instrument provided it fulfils the following requirements:

9.1.1 the issue or the issuer is regulated for the purpose of protecting investors and savings; and

9.1.2 the instrument is issued or guaranteed in accordance with paragraph 10.

9.2 The issue or the issuer of a money-market instrument, other than one dealt in on an eligible market, shall be regarded as regulated for the purpose of protecting investors and savings if:

9.2.1 the instrument is an approved money-market instrument;

9.2.2 appropriate information is available for the instrument (including information which allows an appropriate assessment of the credit risks related to investment in it), in accordance with paragraph 11; and

9.2.3 the instrument is freely transferable.

## 10. Issuers and guarantors of money-market instruments

10.1 A Trust may invest in an approved money-market instrument if it is:

10.1.1 issued or guaranteed by any one of the following:

10.1.1.1 a central authority of an EEA State or, if the EEA State is a federal state, one of the members making up the federation;

10.1.1.2 a regional or local authority of an EEA State;

10.1.1.3 the European Central Bank or a central bank of an EEA State;

10.1.1.4 the European Union or the European Investment Bank;

10.1.1.5 a non-EEA State or, in the case of a federal state, one of the members making up the federation;

10.1.1.6 a public international body to which one or more EEA States belong; or

10.1.2 issued by a body, any securities of which are dealt in on an eligible market; or

10.1.3 issued or guaranteed by an establishment which is:

10.1.3.1 subject to prudential supervision in accordance with criteria defined by European Community law; or

10.1.3.2 subject to and complies with prudential rules considered by the FCA to be at least as stringent as those laid down by European Community law.

10.2 An establishment shall be considered to satisfy the requirement in paragraph 10.1.3.2 if it is subject to and complies with prudential rules, and fulfils one or more of the following criteria:

10.2.1 it is located in the European Economic Area;

10.2.2 it is located in an OECD country belonging to the Group of Ten;

10.2.3 it has at least investment grade rating;

10.2.4 on the basis of an in-depth analysis of the issuer, it can be demonstrated that the prudential rules applicable to that issuer are at least as stringent as those laid down by European Community law.

## 11. Appropriate information for money-market instruments

11.1 In the case of an approved money-market instrument within paragraph 10.1.2 or which is issued by an authority within paragraph 10.1.1.2 or a public international body within paragraph 10.1.1.6 but is not guaranteed by a central authority within paragraph 10.1.1.1, the following information must be available:

11.1.1 information on both the issue or the issuance programme, and the legal and financial situation of the issuer prior to the issue of the instrument, verified by appropriately qualified third parties not subject to instructions from the issuer;

- 11.1.2 updates of that information on a regular basis and whenever a significant event occurs; and
- 11.1.3 available and reliable statistics on the issue or the issuance programme.
- 11.2 In the case of an approved money-market instrument issued or guaranteed by an establishment within paragraph 10.1.3, the following information must be available
  - 11.2.1 information on the issue or the issuance programme or on the legal and financial situation of the issuer prior to the issue of the instrument updates of that information on a regular basis and whenever a significant event occurs; and
  - 11.2.2 available and reliable statistics on the issue or the issuance programme, or other data enabling an appropriate assessment of the credit risks related to investment in those instruments.
- 11.3 In the case of an approved money-market instrument:
  - 11.3.1 within paragraphs 10.1.1.1, 10.1.1.4 or 10.1.1.5; or
  - 11.3.2 which is issued by an authority within paragraph 10.1.1.2 or a public international body within paragraph 10.1.1.6 and is guaranteed by a central authority within paragraph 10.1.1.1;

information must be available on the issue or the issuance programme, or on the legal and financial situation of the issuer prior to the issue of the instrument.
- 12. **Spread: general**
- 12.1 This rule on spread does not apply in respect of a transferable security or an approved money market instrument to which paragraph 14 'Spread: government and public securities' applies.
- 12.2 For the purposes of this requirement companies included in the same group for the purposes of consolidated accounts as defined in accordance with Directive 83/349/EEC or in the same group in accordance with international accounting standards are regarded as a single body.
- 12.3 Not more than 20% in the value of the scheme property of a Trust is to consist of deposits with a single body.
- 12.4 Not more than 5% in value of the scheme property of a Trust is to consist of transferable securities issued by any single body, except that the limit of 5% is raised to 10% in respect of up to 40% in value of the scheme property of a Trust (covered bonds need not be taken into account for the purposes of applying the limit of 40%). For these purposes certificates representing certain securities are treated as equivalent to the underlying security.
- 12.5 The limit of 5% in paragraph 12.4 above is raised to 25% in value of the scheme property of a Trust in respect of covered bonds provided that when a Trust invests more than 5% in covered bonds issued by a single body, the total value of covered bonds held must not exceed 80% in value of the scheme property of a Trust. The Trusts do not currently invest in covered bonds.
- 12.6 The exposure to any one counterparty in an OTC derivative transaction must not exceed 5% in value of the scheme property of a Trust. This limit is raised to 10% where the counterparty is an Approved Bank. A bank is an "Approved Bank", in relation to a bank account opened by a Trust:
  - 12.6.1 if the account is opened at a branch in the United Kingdom:
    - 12.6.1.1 the Bank of England; or
    - 12.6.1.2 the central bank of a member state of the OECD; or
    - 12.6.1.3 a bank; or
    - 12.6.1.4 a building society; or
    - 12.6.1.5 a bank which is supervised by the central bank or other banking regulator of a member state of the OECD; or
  - 12.6.2 if the account is opened elsewhere:
    - 12.6.2.1 a bank in (12.6.1); or
    - 12.6.2.2 a credit institution established in an EEA State other than in the United Kingdom and duly authorised by the relevant Home State Regulator; or
    - 12.6.2.3 a bank which is regulated in the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands; or
    - 12.6.2.4 a bank supervised by the South African Reserve Bank.
- 12.7 Not more than 20% in value of the scheme property of a Trust is to consist of transferable securities issued by the same group.

- 12.8 Not more than 20% in value of the scheme property of a Trust is to consist of the Units of any one collective investment scheme.
- 12.9 The COLL Sourcebook provides that in applying the limits in 12.3, 12.4 and 12.6 and subject to 12.5 in relation to single body, not more than 20% in value of the scheme property of a Trust is to consist of any combination of two or more of the following:
- 12.9.1 transferable securities (including covered bonds) issued by; or
  - 12.9.2 deposits made with; or
  - 12.9.3 exposures from OTC derivatives or EPM transactions made with;
- a single body.
13. **Counterparty risk and issuer concentration**
- 13.1 The Manager must ensure that counterparty risk arising from an OTC derivative is subject to the limits set out in paragraph 12.6 and 12.9 above.
- 13.2 When calculating the exposure of a Trust to a counterparty in accordance with the limits in paragraph 12.6 the Manager must use the positive mark-to-market value of the OTC derivative contract with that counterparty.
- 13.3 The Manager may net the OTC derivative positions of a Trust with the same counterparty, provided they are able legally to enforce netting agreements with the counterparty on behalf of the Trust.
- 13.4 The netting agreements in paragraph 13.3 above are permissible only with respect to OTC derivatives with the same counterparty and not in relation to any other exposures the Trust may have with that same counterparty.
- 13.5 The Manager may reduce the exposure of scheme property to a counterparty of an OTC derivative through the receipt of collateral. Collateral received must be sufficiently liquid so that it can be sold quickly at a price that is close to its pre-sale valuation and must in all other respects comply with the requirements of ESMA's Guidelines on ETFs and other UCITS issues (ESMA/2012/832EN).
- 13.6 The Manager must take collateral into account in calculating exposure to counterparty risk in accordance with the limits in paragraph 12.6 when it passes collateral to an OTC counterparty on behalf of a Trust.
- 13.7 Collateral passed in accordance with paragraph 12.6 may be taken into account on a net basis only if the Manager is able legally to enforce netting arrangements with this counterparty on behalf of that Trust.
- 13.8 In relation to the exposure arising from OTC derivatives as referred to in paragraph 12.6 the Manager must include any exposure to OTC derivative counterparty risk in the calculation. The Manager must calculate the issuer concentration limits referred to in paragraph 12.6 on the basis of underlying exposure created through the use of OTC derivatives pursuant to the commitment approach.
14. **Spread: government and public securities**
- 14.1 The following section applies to in respect of a transferable security or an approved money market instrument ("such securities") that is issued by:
- (a) an EEA State;
  - (b) a local authority of an EEA State;
  - (c) a non-EEA State; or
  - (d) a public international body to which one or more EEA States belong.
- 14.2 Where no more than 35% in value of the scheme property of a Trust is invested in such securities issued by or guaranteed by a single state, local authority or public international body, there is no limit on the amount which may be invested in such securities or in any one issue.
- 14.3 A Trust may invest more than 35% in value of the scheme property of a Trust in such securities issued or guaranteed by a single state, local authority or public international body provided that:
- 14.3.1 the Manager has before any such investment is made consulted with the Trustee and as a result considers that the issuer of such securities is one which is appropriate in accordance with the investment objective of a Trust;
  - 14.3.2 no more than 30% in value of the scheme property of a Trust consists of such securities of any one issue;
  - 14.3.3 the scheme property of a Trust includes such securities issued by that or another issuer, of at least six different issues;

- 14.3.4 the disclosures required by the FCA have been made.
- 14.4 Except in the case of the Baring Strategic Bond Fund, each Trust does not currently invest more than 35% in value of the scheme property of a Trust in government and public securities issued by any one body.
- 14.5 The Baring Strategic Bond Fund may invest up to 100% in value of its scheme property in government and public securities issued by any Member State, its local authorities, non-Member States or public international bodies of which one or more Member States are members. The individual issuers must be listed in the Prospectus and may be drawn from the following list:
- OECD Governments (provided the relevant issues are investment grade), European Investment Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Finance Corporation, International Monetary Fund, Euratom, The Asian Development Bank, European Central Bank, Council of Europe, Eurofima, African Development Bank, International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (The World Bank), The Inter American Development Bank, European Union, Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), Government National Mortgage Association (Ginnie Mae), Student Loan Marketing Association (Sallie Mae), Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Tennessee Valley Authority.
- The Trust must hold securities from at least 6 different issues, with securities from any one issue not exceeding 30% of net assets.
- 14.6 Notwithstanding 12.1 and subject to 14.2 and 14.3 above, in applying the 20% limit in paragraph 12.9 with respect to a single body, government and public securities issued by that body shall be taken into account.
- 15. Investment in collective investment schemes**
- 15.1 Notwithstanding the UCITS investment powers set out below, no Trust (with the exception of Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund) may invest more than 10% of its scheme property in Units in other collective investment schemes ("Second Schemes". Up to 100% of the scheme property of the Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund may be invested in Units or shares in the Second Scheme.
- 15.2 A Trust may not be invested in units or shares in Second Schemes unless the Second Scheme satisfies all of the following conditions within 15.1.2.1- 15.1.2.5 below. Additionally, in the case of the Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund, no more than 30% of its scheme property may be invested in Second Schemes within 15.2.1.2-15.2.1.5 below. Investments may only be made in Second Schemes whose maximum preliminary charge does not exceed 5% and in the case of the Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund, where the maximum level of annual management fees which may be charged to the Trust and each Second Scheme does not exceed 3%.
- 15.2.1 The Second Scheme must:
- 15.2.1.1 satisfy the conditions necessary for it to enjoy the rights conferred by the UCITS Directive; or
  - 15.2.1.2 be recognised under the provisions of s.272 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000; or
  - 15.2.1.3 be authorised as a non-UCITS retail scheme (provided the requirements of Article 50(1)(e) of the UCITS Directive are met);
  - 15.2.1.4 be authorised in another EEA State provided the requirements of Article 50(1)(e) of the UCITS Directive are met; or
  - 15.2.1.5 be authorised by the competent authority of an OECD member country (other than another EEA State) which has:
    - (a) signed the IOSCO Multilateral Memorandum of Understanding; and
    - (b) approved the Second Scheme's management company, rules and trustee/custody arrangements;

(provided the requirements of article 50(1)(e) of the UCITS Directive are met).
- 15.2.2 The Second Scheme has terms which prohibit more than 10% in value of the scheme property of a Trust consisting of units in collective investment schemes. Where the Second Scheme is an umbrella, the provisions in this paragraph 15.2.2, paragraph 15.2.3 and paragraph 9 (Spread: General) apply to each sub fund as if it were a separate scheme.
- 15.2.3 Investment may only be made in other collective investment schemes managed by the Manager or an associate of the Manager if the Prospectus clearly states that a Trust may enter into such investments and the rules on double charging contained in COLL are complied with.
- 15.3 A Trust may, subject to the limits set out in 15.1 and 15.2 above, invest in collective investment schemes managed or operated by, or whose authorised corporate director is, the Manager or one of its associates.

16. **Investment in nil and partly paid securities**

A transferable security on which any sum is unpaid falls within a power of investment only if it is reasonably foreseeable that the amount of any existing and potential call for any sum unpaid could be paid by a Trust, at the time when payment is required, without contravening the rules in COLL 5.

17. **Derivatives: general**

**The Manager may use derivatives and forward transactions for the purposes of hedging using Efficient Portfolio Management (“EPM”) type techniques as described below, and in the case of the Barings Strategic Bond Fund, the Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund and the Baring Multi Asset Income Fund, also for investment purposes.**

**It is not intended that the use of derivatives in this way will cause the net asset value of a Trust to have high volatility or otherwise cause its existing risk profile to change. However, where derivatives are used for investment purposes there remains a possibility that the Unit price of the Trust may be more volatile than would otherwise have been the case. Please refer to the “Risk” section above for a more detailed description of the risk factors associated with investments in derivatives.**

17.1 A transaction in derivatives or a forward transaction must not be effected for a Trust unless the transaction is of a kind specified in paragraph 19 (Permitted transactions (derivatives and forwards)) below, and the transaction is covered, as required by paragraph 32 (Cover for transactions in derivatives and forward transactions) of this Part III.

17.2 Where a Trust invests in derivatives, the exposure to the underlying assets must not exceed the limits set out in the COLL Sourcebook in relation to COLL 5.2.11R (Spread: general) and COLL 5.2.12R (Spread: government and public securities) except for index based derivatives where the rules below apply.

17.3 Where a transferable security embeds a derivative, this must be taken into account for the purposes of complying with this section.

17.4 A transferable security will embed a derivative if it contains a component which fulfils the following criteria:

17.4.1 by virtue of that component some or all of the cash flows that otherwise would be required by the transferable security which functions as host contract can be modified according to a specified interest rate, financial instrument price, foreign exchange rate, index of prices or rates, credit rating or credit index or other variable, and therefore vary in a way similar to a stand-alone derivative;

17.4.2 its economic characteristics and risks are not closely related to the economic characteristics and risks of the host contract; and

17.4.3 it has a significant impact on the risk profile and pricing of the transferable security.

17.5 A transferable security does not embed a derivative where it contains a component which is contractually transferable independently of the transferable security. That component shall be deemed to be a separate instrument.

17.6 Where a Trust invests in an index based derivative, provided the relevant index falls within paragraph 20 (Financial Indices underlying derivatives), the underlying constituents of the index do not have to be taken into account for the purposes of COLL 5.2.11R and COLL 5.2.12R.

18. **Efficient Portfolio Management**

18.1 A Trust may utilise the scheme property of a Trust to enter into transactions for the purposes of EPM. Permitted EPM transactions (excluding stock lending arrangements) are transactions in derivatives e.g. to hedge against price or currency fluctuations, dealt with or traded on an eligible derivatives market; off-exchange options or contracts for differences resembling options; or synthetic futures in certain circumstances. The Manager must take reasonable care to ensure that the transaction is economically appropriate to the reduction of the relevant risks (whether in the price of investments, interest rates or exchange rates) or to the reduction of the relevant costs and/or to the generation of additional capital or income with an acceptably low level of risk. The exposure must be fully “covered” by cash and/or other property sufficient to meet any obligation to pay or deliver that could arise.

18.2 Permitted transactions are those that a Trust reasonably regards as economically appropriate to EPM, that is:

18.2.1 Transactions undertaken to reduce risk or cost in terms of fluctuations in prices, interest rates or exchange rates where the Manager reasonably believes that the transaction will diminish a risk or cost of a kind or level which it is sensible to reduce; or

18.2.2 Transactions for the generation of additional capital growth or income for a Trust by taking advantage of gains which the Manager reasonably believes are certain to be made (or certain, barring events which are not reasonably foreseeable) as a result of:

18.2.2.1 pricing imperfections in the market as regards the property which a Trust holds or may hold; or

18.2.2.2 receiving a premium for the writing of a covered call option or a cash covered put option on the scheme property of a Trust which a Trust is willing to buy or sell at the exercise price; or

18.2.2.3 stock lending arrangements.

A permitted arrangement in this context may at any time be closed out.

18.3 All revenue arising from EPM transactions (including stock lending and reverse repurchase arrangements, if any) will be returned to the relevant Trust, net of direct and indirect operational costs.

## 19. Permitted transactions (derivatives and forwards)

19.1 A transaction in a derivative must be in an approved derivative; or be one which complies with paragraph 23 (OTC transactions in derivatives).

19.2 A transaction in a derivative must have the underlying consisting of any one or more of the following to which a Trust is dedicated:

19.2.1 transferable securities;

19.2.2 approved money-market instruments permitted under COLL;

19.2.3 deposits permitted

19.2.4 derivatives under this paragraph;

19.2.5 collective investment scheme units permitted under paragraph 15 (Investment in collective investment schemes);

19.2.6 financial indices which satisfy the criteria set out in paragraph 20 (Financial indices underlying derivatives);

19.2.7 interest rates;

19.2.8 foreign exchange rates; and

19.2.9 currencies.

19.3 A transaction in an approved derivative must be effected on or under the rules of an eligible derivatives market.

19.4 A transaction in a derivative must not cause a Trust to diverge from its investment objective as stated in the Trust Deed constituting a Trust and the most recently published version of this Prospectus.

19.5 A transaction in a derivative must not be entered into if the intended effect is to create the potential for an uncovered sale of one or more, transferable securities, units in collective investment schemes, or derivatives, provided that a sale is not to be considered as uncovered if the conditions in paragraph 22.2 are satisfied.

19.6 Any forward transaction must be with an Eligible Institution or an Approved Bank.

19.7 A derivative includes an investment which fulfils the following criteria:

19.7.1 it allows transfer of the credit risk of the underlying independently from the other risks associated with that underlying;

19.7.2 it does not result in the delivery or the transfer of assets other than those referred to in COLL 5.2.6AR, including cash;

19.7.3 in the case of an OTC derivative, it complies with the requirements in paragraph 23; and

19.7.4 its risks are adequately captured by the risk management process of the Manager and by its internal control mechanisms in the case of risk asymmetry of information between the Manager and the counterparty to the derivative resulting from the potential access of the counterparty to non-public information on persons whose assets are used as the underlying by that derivative.

19.8 A Trust may not undertake transactions in derivatives on commodities.

## 20. Financial Indices underlying derivatives

20.1 The financial indices referred to in 19.2 are those which satisfy the following criteria:

20.1.1 the index is sufficiently diversified;

- 20.1.2 the index represents an adequate benchmark for the market to which it refers;
  - 20.1.3 the index is published in an appropriate manner; and
  - 20.1.4 complies in all other respects with the requirements of ESMA's Guidelines on ETFs and other UCITS issues (ESMA/2012/832EN).
- 20.2 A financial index is sufficiently diversified if:
- 20.2.1 it is composed in such a way that price movements or trading activities regarding one component do not unduly influence the performance of the whole index;
  - 20.2.2 where it is composed of assets in which a Trust is permitted to invest, its composition is at least diversified in accordance with the requirements with respect to spread and concentration set out in this section; and
  - 20.2.3 where it is composed of assets in which a Trust cannot invest, it is diversified in a way which is equivalent to the diversification achieved by the requirements with respect to spread and concentration set out in this section.
- 20.3 A financial index represents an adequate benchmark for the market to which it refers if:
- 20.3.1 it measures the performance of a representative group of underlyings in a relevant and appropriate way;
  - 20.3.2 it is revised or rebalanced periodically to ensure that it continues to reflect the markets to which it refers, following criteria which are publicly available; and
  - 20.3.3 the underlyings are sufficiently liquid, allowing users to replicate it if necessary.
- 20.4 A financial index is published in an appropriate manner if:
- 20.4.1 its publication process relies on sound procedures to collect prices, and calculate and subsequently publish the index value, including pricing procedures for components where a market price is not available; and
  - 20.4.2 material information on matters such as index calculation, rebalancing methodologies, index changes or any operational difficulties in providing timely or accurate information is provided on a wide and timely basis.
- 20.5 Where the composition of underlyings of a transaction in a derivative does not satisfy the requirements for a financial index, the underlyings for that transaction shall where they satisfy the requirements with respect to other underlyings pursuant to 19.2, be regarded as a combination of those underlyings.
21. **Transactions for the purchase of property**
- 21.1 A derivative or forward transaction which will or could lead to the delivery of property for the account of a Trust may be entered into only if that property can be held for the account of a Trust, and the Manager having taken reasonable care determines that delivery of the property under the transaction will not occur or will not lead to a breach of COLL .
22. **Requirement to cover sales**
- 22.1 No agreement by or on behalf of a Trust to dispose of property or rights may be made unless the obligation to make the disposal and any other similar obligation could immediately be honoured by a Trust by delivery of property or the assignment (or, in Scotland, assignation) of rights, and the property and rights above are owned by a Trust at the time of the agreement. This requirement does not apply to a deposit.
- 22.2 The above does not apply where:
- 22.2.1 the risks of the underlying financial instrument of a derivative can be appropriately represented by another financial instrument and the underlying financial instrument is highly liquid; or
  - 22.2.2 the Manager or the Trustee has the right to settle the derivative in cash and cover exists within the scheme property of a Trust which falls within one of the following asset classes:
    - 22.2.2.1 cash;
    - 22.2.2.2 liquid debt instruments (e.g. government bonds of first credit rating) with appropriate safeguards (in particular, haircuts); or
    - 22.2.2.3 other highly liquid assets having regard to their correlation with the underlying of the financial derivative instruments, subject to appropriate safeguards (e.g. haircuts where relevant).

- 22.3 In the asset classes referred to in paragraph 22.2.2, an asset may be considered as liquid where the instrument can be converted into cash in no more than seven Business Days at a price closely corresponding to the current valuation of the financial instrument on its own market.
23. **OTC transactions in derivatives**
- 23.1 Any transaction in an OTC derivative under paragraph 19.1 must be:
- 23.1.1 in a future or an option or a contract for differences;
- 23.1.2 with an approved counterparty; a counterparty to a transaction in derivatives is approved only if the counterparty is an Eligible Institution or an Approved Bank; or a person whose permission (including any requirements or limitations), as published in the FCA Register or whose Home State authorisation, permits it to enter into the transaction as principal off-exchange;
- 23.1.3 on approved terms; the terms of the transaction in derivatives are approved only if, before the transaction is entered into, the Trustee is satisfied that the counterparty has agreed with the Manager: to provide at least daily and at any other time at the request of the Manager a reliable and verifiable valuation in respect of that transaction corresponding to its fair value (being the amount for which an asset could be exchanged or a liability settled between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction) and which does not rely only on market quotations by the counterparty; and that it or an alternative counterparty will, at the request of the Manager, enter into a further transaction to sell, liquidate or close out that transaction at any time, at a fair value arrived at under the reliable market value basis or pricing model agreed under the following paragraph; and
- 23.1.4 capable of reliable valuation; a transaction in derivatives is capable of reliable valuation only if the Manager having taken reasonable care determines that, throughout the life of the derivative (if the transaction is entered into), it will be able to value the investment concerned with reasonable accuracy:
- 23.1.4.1 on the basis of an up-to-date market value which the Manager and the Trustee have agreed is reliable; or
- 23.1.4.2 if the value referred to in 23.1.4.1 is not available, on the basis of a pricing model which the Manager and the Trustee have agreed uses an adequate recognised methodology; and
- 23.1.5 subject to verifiable valuation: a transaction in derivatives is subject to verifiable valuation only if, throughout the life of the derivative (if the transaction is entered into) verification of the valuation is carried out by:
- 23.1.5.1 an appropriate third party which is independent from the counterparty of the derivative at an adequate frequency and in such a way that the Manager is able to check it; or
- 23.1.5.2 a department within the Manager which is independent from the department in charge of managing a Trust and which is adequately equipped for such a purpose.
24. **Valuation of OTC derivatives**
- 24.1 For the purposes of paragraph 23.1.3, the Manager must:
- 24.1.1 establish, implement and maintain arrangements and procedures which ensure appropriate, transparent and fair valuation of the exposures of a Trust to OTC derivatives; and
- 24.1.2 ensure that the fair value of OTC derivatives is subject to adequate, accurate and independent assessment.
- 24.2 Where the arrangements and procedures referred to in paragraph 23.1 above involve the performance of certain activities by third parties, the Manager must comply with the requirements in SYSC 8.1.13 R (Additional requirements for a management company) and COLL 6.6A.4 R (4) to (6) (Due diligence requirements of AFMs of UCITS schemes).
- 24.3 The arrangements and procedures referred to in this rule must be:
- 24.3.1 adequate and proportionate to the nature and complexity of the OTC derivative concerned; and
- 24.3.2 adequately documented.
25. **Risk management**
- 25.1 The Manager uses a risk management process, enabling it to monitor and measure at any time the risk of a Trust's positions and their contribution to the overall risk profile of a Trust.
- 25.2 The following details of the risk management process must be regularly notified by the Manager to the FCA and at least on an annual basis:

25.2.1 a true and fair view of the types of derivatives and forward transactions to be used within a Trust together with their underlying risks and any relevant quantitative limits; and

25.2.2 the methods for estimating risks in derivative and forward transactions.

## 26. Investment in deposits

A Trust may invest in deposits only with an Approved Bank and which are repayable on demand or have the right to be withdrawn, and maturing in no more than 12 months.

## 27. Cash and near cash

27.1 Cash and near cash must not be retained in the Scheme Property except to the extent that, where this may reasonably be regarded as necessary in order to enable:

27.1.1 (in the case of the Baring Strategic Bond Fund and the Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund only) the pursuit of the Trust's investment objectives; or

27.1.2 redemption of Units; or

27.1.3 efficient management of the Trust in accordance with its investment objectives; or

27.1.4 other purposes which may reasonably be regarded as ancillary to the investment objectives of the Trust..

27.2 During the period of the initial offer the Scheme Property may consist of cash and near cash without limitation.

## 28. Significant influence

28.1 The Manager must not acquire, or cause to be acquired for a Trust, transferable securities issued by a body corporate and carrying rights to vote (whether or not on substantially all matters) at a general meeting of that body corporate if:

28.1.1 immediately before the acquisition, the aggregate of any such securities held for a Trust, taken together with any such securities already held for other authorised unit trusts of which it is also the Manager, gives the Manager power significantly to influence the conduct of business of that body corporate; or

28.1.2 the acquisition gives the Manager that power.

28.2 For the purposes of paragraph 28.1, the Manager is to be taken to have power significantly to influence the conduct of business of a body corporate if it can, because of the transferable securities held for all the authorised unit trusts of which it is the Manager, exercise or control the exercise of 20% or more of the voting rights in that body corporate (disregarding for this purpose any temporary suspension of voting rights in respect of the transferable securities of that body corporate).

## 29. Concentration

A Trust:

29.1 must not acquire transferable securities other than debt securities which:

29.1.1 do not carry a right to vote on any matter at a general meeting of the body corporate that issued them; and

29.1.2 represent more than 10% of these securities issued by that body corporate;

29.2 must not acquire more than 10% of the debt securities issued by any single issuing body;

29.3 must not acquire more than 25% of the units in a collective investment scheme;

29.4 must not acquire more than 10% of the approved money-market instruments issued by any single body; and

29.5 need not comply with the limits in paragraphs 29.2, 29.3 and 29.4 of this Part III if, at the time of the acquisition, the net amount in issue of the relevant investment cannot be calculated.

29.6 must not hold more than 10% of:-

29.6.1 transferable securities in any company carrying rights to vote at a general meeting if the acquisition would give the Trust or the Manager power significantly to influence the conduct of business of that company, and the Trust or the Manager is taken to have such a power if it may exercise or control the exercise of 20% or more of the votes cast at a general meeting;

29.6.2 the non-convertible debentures of a private issuer; or

29.6.3 the convertible debentures of a private issuer.

## 30. **Derivative exposure**

30.1 A Trust may invest in derivatives and forward transactions as long as the exposure to which a Trust is committed by that transaction itself is suitably covered from within the scheme property of a Trust. Exposure will include any initial outlay in respect of that transaction.

30.2 Cover ensures that a Trust is not exposed to the risk of loss of property, including money, to an extent greater than the net value of the scheme property of a Trust. Therefore, a Trust must hold scheme property of a Trust sufficient in value or amount to match the exposure arising from a derivative obligation to which a Trust is committed. Paragraph 32 (Cover for transactions in derivatives and forward transactions) below sets out detailed requirements for cover of a Trust.

30.3 A future is to be regarded as an obligation to which a Trust is committed (in that, unless closed out, the future will require something to be delivered, or accepted and paid for); a written option as an obligation to which a Trust is committed (in that it gives the right of potential exercise to another thereby creating exposure); and a bought option as a right (in that the purchaser can, but need not, exercise the right to require the writer to deliver and accept and pay for something).

30.4 Cover used in respect of one transaction in derivatives or forward transaction must not be used for cover in respect of another transaction in derivatives or a forward transaction.

## 31. **Schemes replicating an index**

31.1 Notwithstanding paragraph 9 (Spread: general), a Trust may invest up to 20% in value of the scheme property of a Trust in shares and debentures which are issued by the same body where the stated investment policy is to replicate the composition of a relevant index as defined below.

31.2 Replication of the composition of a relevant index shall be understood to be a reference to a replication of the composition of the underlying assets of that index, including the use of techniques and instruments permitted for the purpose of efficient portfolio management.

31.3 The 20% limit in paragraph 31.1 can be raised up to 35% in value of the scheme property of a Trust, but only in respect of one body and where justified by exceptional market conditions.

31.4 In the case of a Trust replicating an index the scheme property of a Trust need not consist of the exact composition and weighting of the underlying in the relevant index in cases where a Trust's investment objective is to achieve a result consistent with the replication of an index rather than an exact replication.

31.5 The indices referred to above are those which satisfy the following criteria:

31.5.1 the composition is sufficiently diversified;

31.5.2 the index represents an adequate benchmark for the market to which it refers;

31.5.3 the index is published in an appropriate manner; and

31.5.4 the index complies with the requirements of ESMA's Guidelines on ETFs and other UCITS issues (ESMA/2012/832EN).

31.6 The composition of an index is sufficiently diversified if its components adhere to the spread and concentration requirements in this section.

31.7 An index represents an adequate benchmark if its provider uses a recognised methodology which generally does not result in the exclusion of a major issuer of the market to which it refers.

31.8 An index is published in an appropriate manner if:

31.8.1 it is accessible to the public;

31.8.2 the index provider is independent from the index-replicating UCITS scheme; this does not preclude index providers and the UCITS scheme from forming part of the same group, provided that effective arrangements for the management of conflicts of interest are in place.

## 32. **Cover for transactions in derivatives and forward transactions**

32.1 A Trust may invest in derivatives and forward transactions as part of its investment policy provided:

32.1.1 its global exposure relating to derivatives and forward transactions held in the Trust does not exceed the net value of the scheme property; and

- 32.2 its global exposure to the underlying assets does not exceed in aggregate the investment limits laid down in paragraph 9 above.
33. **Daily calculation of global exposure**
- 33.1 The Manager must calculate the global exposure of a Trust on at least a daily basis.
- 33.2 For the purposes of this section, exposure must be calculated taking into account the current value of the underlying assets, the counterparty risk, future market movements and the time available to liquidate the positions.
34. **Calculation of global exposure**
- 34.1 The Manager must calculate the global exposure of any Trust it manages either as:
- 34.1.1 the incremental exposure and leverage generated through the use of derivatives and forward transactions (including embedded derivatives as referred to in paragraph 17 (Derivatives: general), which may not exceed 100% of the net value of the scheme property of a Trust, by way of the commitment approach; or
- 34.1.2 the market risk of the scheme property of a Trust, by way of the value at risk approach.
- 34.2 The Manager must ensure that the method selected above is appropriate, taking into account:
- 34.2.1 the investment strategy pursued by the Trust;
- 34.2.2 the types and complexities of the derivatives and forward transactions used; and
- 34.2.3 the proportion of the scheme property comprising derivatives and forward transactions.
- 34.3 Where a Trust employs techniques and instruments including repo contracts or stock lending transactions in accordance with paragraph 44 (Stock lending) in order to generate additional leverage or exposure to market risk, the Manager must take those transactions into consideration when calculating global exposure.
- 34.4 For the purposes of paragraph 34.1, value at risk means a measure of the maximum expected loss at a given confidence level over the specific time period.
35. **Commitment approach**
- 35.1 Where the Manager uses the commitment approach for the calculation of global exposure, it must:
- 35.1.1 ensure that it applies this approach to all derivative and forward transactions (including embedded derivatives as referred to in paragraph 17 (Derivatives: general)), whether used as part of the Trust's general investment policy, for the purposes of risk reduction or for the purposes of efficient portfolio management in accordance with paragraph 44 (Stock lending); and
- 35.1.2 convert each derivative or forward transaction into the market value of an equivalent position in the underlying asset of that derivative or forward (standard commitment approach).
- 35.2 The Manager may apply other calculation methods which are equivalent to the standard commitment approach.
- 35.3 For the commitment approach, the Manager may take account of netting and hedging arrangements when calculating global exposure of a Trust, where these arrangements do not disregard obvious and material risks and result in a clear reduction in risk exposure.
- 35.4 Where the use of derivatives or forward transactions does not generate incremental exposure for the Trust, the underlying exposure need not be included in the commitment calculation.
- 35.5 Where the commitment approach is used, temporary borrowing arrangements entered into on behalf of the Trust in accordance with paragraph 39 (General power to borrow) need not form part of the global exposure calculation.
36. **Borrowing**
- 36.1 Cash obtained from borrowing, and borrowing which the Manager reasonably regards an Eligible Institution or an Approved Bank to be committed to provide, is not available for cover under paragraph 32 (Cover for transactions in derivatives and forward transactions) except where 36.2 below applies.
- 36.2 Where, for the purposes of this paragraph a Trust borrows an amount of currency from an Eligible Institution or an Approved Bank; and keeps an amount in another currency, at least equal to such borrowing for the time being in 36.1 on deposit with the lender (or his agent or nominee), then this paragraph 36.2 applies as if the borrowed currency, and not the deposited currency, were part of the scheme property of a Trust.
37. **General**

- 37.1 Where a Trust invests in or disposes of units or shares in another collective investment scheme which is managed or operated by the Manager or an associate of the Manager, the Manager must pay to a Trust by the close of business on the third Business Day (or fourth Business Day in the case of Baring Japan Growth Trust) the amount of any preliminary charge in respect of a purchase, and in the case of a sale, any charge made for the disposal.
- 37.2 A potential breach of any of these limits does not prevent the exercise of rights conferred by investments held by a Trust but, in the event of a consequent breach, the Manager must then take such steps as are necessary to restore compliance with the investment limits as soon as practicable having regard to the interests of Unitholders.
- 37.3 The COLL Sourcebook permits the Manager to use certain techniques when investing in derivatives in order to manage a Trust's exposure to particular counterparties and in relation to the use of collateral to reduce overall exposure with respect to over-the-counter ("OTC") derivatives; for example a Trust may take collateral from counterparties with whom they have an OTC derivative position and use that collateral to net off against the exposure they have to the counterparty under that OTC derivative position, for the purposes of complying with counterparty spread limits. The COLL Sourcebook also permits a Trust to use derivatives to effectively short sell (agree to deliver the relevant asset without holding it in the scheme) under certain conditions.
38. **Underwriting**
- Underwriting and sub underwriting contracts and placings may also, subject to certain conditions set out in the COLL Sourcebook, be entered into for the account of a Trust.
39. **General power to borrow**
- 39.1 The Trustee on the instruction of the Manager may, in accordance with this paragraph, borrow money for the use of a Trust on terms that the borrowing is to be repayable out of the scheme property of a Trust. This power to borrow is subject to the obligation of a Trust to comply with any restriction in the Trust Deed. The Trustee may borrow money only from an Eligible Institution or an Approved Bank.
- 39.2 The Manager must ensure that any borrowing is on a temporary basis and that borrowings are not persistent, and for this purpose the Manager must have regard in particular to the duration of any period of borrowing; and the number of occasions on which resort is had to borrowing in any period.
- 39.3 The Manager must ensure that no period of borrowing exceeds three months, whether in respect of any specific sum or at all, without the prior consent of the Trustee; the Trustee's consent may be given only on such conditions as appear to the Trustee appropriate to ensure that the borrowing does not cease to be on a temporary basis only.
- 39.4 The Manager must ensure that a Trust's borrowing does not, on any Business Day, exceed 10% of the value of the scheme property of a Trust.
- 39.5 These borrowing restrictions do not apply to "back to back" borrowing for currency hedging purposes (i.e. borrowing permitted in order to reduce or eliminate risk arising by reason of fluctuations in exchange rates).
- 39.6 Borrowings may be made from the Trustee or an associate of it at a normal commercial interest rate.
40. **Restrictions on lending of money**
- 40.1 None of the money in the scheme property of a Trust may be lent and, for the purposes of this paragraph, money is lent by a Trust if it is paid to a person ("the payee") on the basis that it should be repaid, whether or not by the payee.
- 40.2 Acquiring a debenture is not lending for the purposes of paragraph 40.1, nor is the placing of money on deposit or in a current account.
41. **Restrictions on lending of property other than money**
- 41.1 Scheme property of a Trust other than money must not be lent by way of deposit or otherwise.
- 41.2 Transactions permitted by paragraph 44 (Stock lending) are not to be regarded as lending for the purposes of paragraph 41.1.
- 41.3 The scheme property of a Trust must not be mortgaged.
- 41.4 Nothing in this paragraph prevents the Trustee at the request of the Manager from lending, depositing, pledging or charging scheme property of a Trust for margin requirements where transactions in derivatives or forward transactions are used for the account of a Trust in accordance with COLL 5.
42. **General power to accept or underwrite placings**
- 42.1 Any power in COLL 5 to invest in transferable securities may be used for the purpose of entering into transactions to which this section applies, subject to compliance with any restriction in the Trust Deed. This section applies, to any agreement or understanding: which is an underwriting or sub-underwriting agreement, or which contemplates that securities will or may be issued or subscribed for or acquired for the account of a Trust.

- 42.2 This ability does not apply to an option, or a purchase of a transferable security which confers a right to subscribe for or acquire a transferable security, or to convert one transferable security into another.
- 42.3 The exposure of a Trust to agreements and understandings as set out above, on any Business Day be covered and be such that, if all possible obligations arising under them had immediately to be met in full, there would be no breach of any limit in the COLL Sourcebook.
43. **Guarantees and indemnities**
- 43.1 The Trustee for the account of a Trust must not provide any guarantee or indemnity in respect of the obligation of any person.
- 43.2 None of the scheme property of a Trust may be used to discharge any obligation arising under a guarantee or indemnity with respect to the obligation of any person.
- 43.3 Paragraphs 43.1 and 43.2 do not apply to in respect of a Trust:
- 43.3.1 any indemnity or guarantee given for margin requirements where the derivatives or forward transactions are being used in accordance with COLL 5; and
- 43.3.2 an indemnity given to a person winding up a body corporate or other scheme in circumstances where those assets are becoming part of the Scheme property of a Trust by way of a unitisation.
44. **Stock lending**
- 44.1 The entry into stock lending transactions or repo contracts for the account of a Trust is permitted for the generation of additional income for the benefit of a Trust, and hence for its unitholders.
- 44.2 The specific method of stock lending permitted in this section is in fact not a transaction which is a loan in the normal sense. Rather it is an arrangement of the kind described in section 263B of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, under which the lender transfers securities to the borrower otherwise than by way of sale and the borrower is to transfer those securities, or securities of the same type and amount, back to the lender at a later date. In accordance with good market practice, a separate transaction by way of transfer of assets is also involved for the purpose of providing collateral to the "lender" to cover him against the risk that the future transfer back of the securities may not be satisfactorily completed.
- 44.3 The stock lending permitted by this section may be exercised by a Trust when it reasonably appears to a Trust to be appropriate to do so with a view to generating additional income with an acceptable degree of risk.
- 44.4 The Trustee at the request of the Manager may enter into a stock lending arrangement or repo contract of the kind described in section 263B of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 (without extension by section 263C), but only if all the terms of the agreement under which securities are to be reacquired by the Trustee for the account of a Trust, are in a form which is acceptable to the Trustee and are in accordance with good market practice, the counterparty meets the criteria set out in COLL 5.4.4, and collateral is obtained to secure the obligation of the counterparty. Collateral must be acceptable to the Trustee, adequate and sufficiently immediate.
- 44.5 The terms of any stock lending or repurchase agreement should ensure that the Trust is able to recall at any time any security that has been lent out or to terminate the agreement.
- 44.6 The Trustee must ensure that the value of the collateral at all times is at least equal to the value of the securities transferred by the Trustee. This duty may be regarded as satisfied in respect of collateral the validity of which is about to expire or has expired where the Trustee takes reasonable care to determine that sufficient collateral will again be transferred at the latest by the close of business on the day of expiry.
- 44.7 Any agreement for transfer at a future date of securities or of collateral (or of the equivalent of either) may be regarded, for the purposes of valuation under the COLL Sourcebook, as an unconditional agreement for the sale or transfer of property, whether or not the property is part of the property of the scheme property of a Trust.
- 44.8 There is no limit on the value of the scheme property of a Trust which may be the subject of stock lending transactions or repo contracts.
- 44.9 The Trusts do not currently engage in any stock lending transactions or repurchase / reverse repurchase transactions.

# BARING FUND MANAGERS LIMITED

## Part IV

### Classes of Units available and pricing information

Trust and Class	ISIN	Preliminary Charge	Management Charge (Per Annum)*	Trust Base Currency	Pricing Basis	Dilution Policy	Applied In Last Year	
<b>Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund</b>								
Class A GBP Inc	GB0000804665	5%	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment	0	
Class A GBP Acc	GB0000804996	5%	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class D GBP Acc	GB00B7K0NV05	Nil	0.3%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class I GBP Acc	GB00B9M3RS62	Nil	0.5%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class I GBP Inc	GB00B8DFR284	Nil	0.5%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class X GBP Acc +	GB00BP84SJ37	Nil	Nil	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
<b>Baring Eastern Trust</b>								
Class A GBP Acc	GB0000799923	5%	1.5%	GBP	Single	Adjustment	1	
Class A GBP Inc	GB00B2PSLG53	5%	1.5%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class A USD Acc	GB0033521955	5%	1.5%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class A USD Inc +	GB00B2PSLH60	5%	1.5%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class D GBP Inc	GB00B8N7P312	Nil	0.60%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class I GBP Acc	GB00B9M3QP66	Nil	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class I GBP Inc	GB00B85JKH42	Nil	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class R GBP Inc** +	GB00B7V2PC01	5%	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
<b>Baring European Growth Trust</b>								
Class A GBP Inc	GB0000804335	5%	1.5%	GBP	Single	Adjustment	0	
Class I GBP Inc	GB00B8DDXV30	Nil	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class R GBP Inc** +	GB00B8382889	5%	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
<b>Baring Europe Select Trust</b>								
Class A CHF Hedged Acc +	GB00BQSTG357	5%	1.5%	GBP	Single	Adjustment	8	
Class A EUR Acc	GB00B3NSX137	5%	1.5%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class A EUR Inc	GB0030655780	5%	1.5%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class A GBP Inc	GB0000796242	5%	1.5%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class A RMB Hedged Acc +	GB00BPFJJCW23	5%	1.5%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class A USD Acc	GB00BF2H6H20	5%	1.5%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class I CHF Hedged Acc +	GB00BQSTG464	Nil	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class I EUR Inc	GB00BF2H6F06	Nil	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class I EUR Acc	GB00BY2ZMR17	Nil	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class I GBP Inc	GB00B7NB1W76	Nil	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class I USD Acc +	GB00BF2H6G13	Nil	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class R GBP Inc** +	GB00B760K805	5%	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
<b>Baring German Growth Trust</b>								
Class A CHF Hedged Acc	GB00BQSTG571	5%	1.5%	EUR	Single	Adjustment	0	
Class A EUR Acc	GB0008192063	5%	1.5%	EUR	Single	Adjustment		
Class A EUR Inc	GB00B2PSLK99	5%	1.5%	EUR	Single	Adjustment		
Class A GBP Acc	GB0000822576	5%	1.5%	EUR	Single	Adjustment		
Class A GBP Inc	GB00B2PSLJ84	5%	1.5%	EUR	Single	Adjustment		
Class A RMB Hedged Acc	GB00BPFJJCX30	5%	1.5%	EUR	Single	Adjustment		
Class A USD Acc	GB00BF2H6K58	5%	1.5%	EUR	Single	Adjustment		
Class A USD Hedged Acc	GB00BXVMKV60	5%	1.5%	EUR	Single	Adjustment		
Class I CHF Hedged Acc	GB00BQSTG688	Nil	0.75%	EUR	Single	Adjustment		
Class I EUR Acc	GB00BY2ZN893	Nil	0.75%	EUR	Single	Adjustment		
Class I EUR Inc	GB00BYQCVR12	Nil	0.75	EUR	Single	Adjustment		
Class I GBP Acc	GB00B9M3QX41	Nil	0.75%	EUR	Single	Adjustment		
Class I GBP Hedged Acc	GB00BX8ZV605	Nil	0.75%	EUR	Single	Adjustment		
Class I GBP Inc	GB00B8DDY871	Nil	0.75%	EUR	Single	Adjustment		
Class I GBP Hedged Inc +	GB00BX8ZV597	Nil	0.75%	EUR	Single	Adjustment		
Class I USD Acc	GB00BF2H6J44	Nil	0.75%	EUR	Single	Adjustment		
Class I USD Hedged Acc	GB00BWXS9N09	Nil	0.75%	EUR	Single	Adjustment		
Class R GBP Inc**	GB00B8BC6G80	5%	0.75%	EUR	Single	Adjustment		
<b>Baring Global Growth Trust</b>								

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Class A GBP Inc	GB0000807676	5%	1.5%	GBP	Single	Adjustment	0	
Class I GBP Inc	GB00B8DF2345	Nil	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class R GBP Inc**	GB00B8L6LD25	5%	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
<b>Baring Japan Growth Trust</b>								
Class A GBP Acc	GB0000798628	5%	1.5%	GBP	Single	Adjustment	4	
Class I GBP Inc	GB00B9M3QZ64	Nil	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class I GBP Acc	GB00B8DD3H94	Nil	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class R GBP Inc**	GB00B8DV1T11	5%	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
<b>Baring Korea Trust</b>								
Class A CHF Hedged Acc +	GB00BQSTG795	5%	1.5%	GBP	Single	Adjustment	4	
Class A EUR Acc +	GB00BDSTW709	5%	1.5%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class A GBP Acc	GB0000840719	5%	1.5%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class A USD Acc +	GB00BDSTW584	5%	1.5%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class A RMB Hedged Acc +	GB00BPJFD073	5%	1.5%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class I CHF Hedged Acc +	GB00BQSTG803	Nil	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class I GBP Acc	GB00B9M3RQ49	Nil	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class I GBP Inc	GB00B8DD3Y69	Nil	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class I USD Acc	GB00BX9BP762	Nil	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class R GBP Inc** +	GB00B7115M72	5%	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
<b>Baring Strategic Bond Fund</b>								
Class A CHF Hedged Acc +	GB00BWXS9B86	5%	1.25%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		0
Class A CHF Hedged Inc +	GB00BWXS9C93	5%	1.25%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class A EUR Hedged Acc +	GB00BWXS9859	5%	1.25%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class A EUR Hedged Inc +	GB00BWXS9966	5%	1.25%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class A GBP Inc	GB0000831759	5%	1.25%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class A USD Hedged Acc +	GB00BWXS9F25	5%	1.25%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class A USD Hedged Inc +	GB00BWXS9D01	5%	1.25%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class I CHF Hedged Acc +	GB00BWXS9J62	Nil	0.65%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class I CHF Hedged Inc +	GB00BWXS9K77	Nil	0.65%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class I EUR Hedged Acc +	GB00BWXS9G32	Nil	0.65%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class I EUR Hedged Inc +	GB00BWXS9H49	Nil	0.65%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class I GBP Inc	GB00B8DF1J32	Nil	0.65%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class I GBP Acc +	GB00BVZ6RQ46	Nil	0.65%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class I USD Hedged Acc +	GB00BWXS9L84	Nil	0.65%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class I USD Hedged Inc +	GB00BWXS9M91	Nil	0.65%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class R GBP Inc** +	GB00B8CRY139	5%	0.65%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class X GBP Acc*** +	GB00BVZ6RS69	Nil	Nil	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
<b>Baring UK Growth Trust</b>								
Class A GBP Inc	GB0000819085	5%	1.5%	GBP	Single	Adjustment	2	
Class I GBP Inc	GB00B8DFR516	Nil	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		
Class R GBP Inc**	GB00B8J4HB86	5%	0.75%	GBP	Single	Adjustment		

\* The current periodic charge is charged against the income of the Trusts

\*\* Class R Units are only available for subscription by certain distributors who have in place a placing agency or distribution arrangement with the Manager or the Investment Manager or their delegates or otherwise at the discretion of the Manager

\*\*\* Class X Units are only available for subscription by investors who have in place an agreement with the Manager or Investment Manager in relation to the collection of an investment management fee or a similar fee agreement

+ These Unit Classes are not launched as at the date of this Prospectus

All of the above charges are stated exclusive of value added tax.

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## Part V

### Income Allocation Dates

Name of Scheme	Accounting Period	XD Date	Income Distribution Dates
Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund	15 February (annual) 15 August (interim)	16 February (annual) 16 August (interim)	30 April (annual) 6 October (interim)
Baring Eastern Trust	The last day in February (annual) 31 August (interim)	1 March (annual)	15 May (annual)
Baring European Growth Trust	30 April (annual) 31 October (interim)	1 May (annual)	10 July (annual)
Baring Europe Select Trust	31 May (annual) 30 November (Interim)	1 June (annual) 1 December (interim)	10 August (annual) 30 January (interim)
Baring German Growth Trust	15 May(annual) 15 November (interim)	16 May (annual)	24 July (annual)
Baring Global Growth Trust	15 November (annual) 15 May (interim)	16 November (annual)	30 January (annual)
Baring Japan Growth Trust	31 January (annual) 31 July (interim)	1 February (annual)	10 April (annual)
Baring Korea Trust	8 August (annual) 8 February (interim)	9 August (annual)	17 October (annual)
Baring Multi Asset Income Fund	The last day in February (annual) 31 August (interim)	First Business Day in each month	Paid no later than the last Business Day in each month
Baring Strategic Bond Fund	12 July (annual) 12 January (interim)	13 July (annual) 13 January (interim)	20 September (annual) 6 March (interim)
Baring UK Growth Trust	15 June (annual) 15 December (interim)	16 June (annual) 16 December (interim)	20 August (annual) 6 February (interim)

Part VI

UK Authorised Unit Trust – Registration Status

	Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund	Baring Eastern Trust	Baring Europe an Growth Trust	Baring Europe Select Trust	Baring German Growth Trust	Baring Global Growth Trust	Baring Japan Growth Trust	Baring Korea Trust	Baring Strategic Bond Fund	Baring UK Growth Trust
<b>Austria</b>	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X
<b>Chile</b>	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Finland</b>	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	X	X
<b>France</b>	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Germany</b>	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X
<b>Hong Kong</b>	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X
<b>Ireland</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
<b>Italy</b>	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Korea</b>	X	X	X	✓ <sup>1</sup>	✓ <sup>2</sup>	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Luxembourg</b>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	X
<b>Macau</b>	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	✓
<b>Netherlands</b>	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Peru</b>	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Singapore</b>	X	X	X	RFS	RFS	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Spain</b>	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	X	X	X
<b>Sweden</b>	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	X	X
<b>Switzerland</b>	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	X
<b>Taiwan</b>	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X
<b>UK</b>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

**Notes**

- ✓ confirmation that the Trust is registered for public marketing as at the date of the Prospectus.
- X not registered.
- RFS means the Trust is registered as a Restricted Foreign Scheme and investment for investors in Singapore is only available on a restricted basis.
- <sup>1</sup> Class A GBP Inc, Class A EUR Inc, Class A EUR Acc, Class I GBP Inc, Class I EUR Inc, Class I EUR Acc, Class A USD Acc
- <sup>2</sup> Class A EUR Inc, Class A GBP Acc, Class I EUR Acc, Class I USD Acc, Class A EUR Acc, Class A GBP Inc

**Part VII**

**Eligible Securities and Derivatives Markets**

With the exception of permitted investments in unlisted securities, the Trusts will only invest in securities traded on a stock exchange or market which meets with certain regulatory criteria (regulated, operated regularly, be recognised and open to the public) and which are listed below.

For the purpose of the Trusts, a market shall be:-

In relation to any investment which constitutes a transferable security:

- (i) Any country, stock exchange or market which is:

Located in any member state of the EEA; or

Located in any of the following countries:-

Australia  
 Canada  
 Japan  
 Hong Kong  
 New Zealand  
 Switzerland  
 United States of America; or

- (ii) Any stock exchange included in the following list

Brazil	-	BM&F Bovespa SA
Channel Islands	-	Channel Islands Stock Exchange
Colombia	-	Bolsa de Valores de Colombia
China	-	Shanghai Stock Exchange Shenzhen Stock Exchange
India	-	Bombay Stock Exchange National Stock Exchange (NSE)
Indonesia	-	The Indonesia Stock Exchange (IDX)
Israel	-	Tel Aviv Stock Exchange
The Republic of Korea	-	The Korea Exchange (KRX)
Malaysia	-	Bursa Malaysia Berhad
Mexico	-	Bolsa Mexicana de Valores
Pakistan	-	Pakistan Stock Exchange
Peru	-	Bolsa de Valores de Lima
Philippines	-	The Philippine Stock Exchange
South Africa	-	JSE Limited
Singapore	-	Singapore Exchange Limited
Sri Lanka	-	Colombo Stock Exchange
Taiwan	-	Taiwan Stock Exchange (TWSE)
Thailand	-	Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET)
Turkey	-	Borsa Istanbul
United Arab Emirates	-	Abu Dhabi Market Dubai Financial Markets
Vietnam	-	Ho Chi Minh Stock Exchange Hanoi Stock Exchange

- (iii) Any exchange traded derivative market in the following list

American Stock Exchange  
 Australian Stock Exchange's Derivatives Division  
 ASX Limited (Australian Securities Exchange)  
 Athens Stock Exchange  
 Bolsa Mexicana de Valores  
 Borsa Italiana  
 TSX Venture Exchange  
 Chicago Board of Trade  
 Chicago Board Options Exchange  
 Chicago Mercantile Exchange  
 Eurex  
 Euronext Amsterdam  
 Euronext Brussels  
 Euronext LIFFE

Euronext Derivatives Lisbon  
Euronext Paris  
Hong Kong Futures Exchange  
ICE Futures  
Irish Future and Options Exchange (IFOX)  
Kansas City Board of Trade  
Korea Exchange (KRX)  
London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange  
Luxembourg Stock Exchange  
Madrid Stock Exchange  
Meff Renta Variable Madrid  
Mercado Mexicano de Derivados  
Montreal Stock Exchange  
NASDAQ  
NASDAQ OMX Copenhagen  
NASDAQ OMX Helsinki  
NASDAQ OMX Stockholm  
New York Futures Exchange  
New York Mercantile Exchange  
New York Stock Exchange  
New York Stock Exchange LIFFE  
New Zealand Futures and Options Exchange  
NZX Limited  
OMX  
Osaka Securities Exchange  
Pacific Stock Exchange  
Philadelphia Stock Exchange  
Singapore Exchange  
South Africa Futures Exchange (SAFEX)  
Stock Exchange of Hong Kong  
Sydney Futures Exchange  
Tokyo Stock Exchange  
Toronto Futures Exchange  
Toronto Stock Exchange  
Warsaw Stock Exchange  
Wiener Börse

**Part VIII**

**Custodian / Sub Custodians**

The Custodian for the Trusts is Northern Trust. A list of the Sub-Custodians is as follows:

<b>Market</b>	<b>Sub Custodian</b>
Australia	HSBC Bank Australia Limited
Austria	UniCredit Bank Austria A.G
Bahrain	HSBC Bank Middle East Limited
Bangladesh	Standard Chartered Bank
Belgium	Deutsche Bank AG
Bermuda	HSBC Bank Bermuda Limited
Bosnia and Herzegovina (Federation of Bosnia-Herzegovina)	Raiffeisen Bank International AG
Bosnia and Herzegovina (Republic of Srpska)	Raiffeisen Bank International AG
Botswana	Standard Chartered Bank Botswana Limited
Brazil	Citibank, N.A.
Bulgaria	Citibank Europe plc
Canada	The Northern Trust Company, Canada
Chile	Banco de Chile
China A Share	HSBC Bank (China) Company Limited
China B Share	HSBC Bank (China) Company Limited
Colombia	Cititrust Colombia S.A. Sociedad Fiduciaria
Costa Rica	Banco Nacional de Costa Rica
Cyprus	Citibank Europe plc, Greece Branch
Czech Republic	UniCredit Bank Czech Republic and Slovakia, a. s
Denmark	Nordea Bank Danmark A/S
Egypt	Citibank, N.A.
Estonia	Swedbank AS
Euroclear	Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V.
Finland	Nordea Bank Finland plc
France	Deutsche Bank AG
Germany	Deutsche Bank AG
Ghana	Standard Chartered Bank Ghana Limited
Greece	Citibank Europe plc, Greece Branch
Hong Kong	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
Hong Kong – HK Stock Connect	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
Hungary	UniCredit Bank Hungary Zrt
India	Citibank, N.A
Indonesia	Standard Chartered Bank
Ireland	The Northern Trust Company, London
Israel	Bank Leumi Le-Israel B.M.
Italy	Deutsche Bank SpA
Japan	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
Jordan	Standard Chartered Bank
Kazakhstan	JSC Citibank Kazakhstan
Kenya	Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Limited
Kuwait	HSBC Bank Middle East Limited
Latvia	Swedbank AS
Lebanon	HSBC Bank Middle East Limited
Lithuania	AB SEB Bankas
Luxembourg	Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V.
Malaysia	HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad
Mauritius	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
Mexico	Banco Nacional de Mexico, S.A.
Morocco	Societe Generale Marocaine de Banques
Namibia	Standard Bank Namibia Ltd
Netherlands	Deutsche Bank AG
New Zealand	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
Nigeria	Stanbic IBTC Bank Plc
Norway	Nordea Bank Norge ASA
Oman	HSBC Bank Oman SAOG
Pakistan	Citibank, N.A.
Palestinian Territories	HSBC Bank Middle East Limited
Panama	Citibank, N.A.
Peru	Citibank del Peru S.A.
Philippines	The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
Poland	Bank Polska Kasa Opieki SA
Portugal	BNP Paribas Securities Services

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Qatar	HSBC Bank Middle East Limited
Romania	Citibank Europe plc
Russia	AO Citibank
Saudi Arabia	HSBC Saudi Arabia Limited
Serbia	UniCredit Bank Austria A.G.
Singapore	DBS Bank Ltd
Slovakia	Citibank Europe plc
Slovenia	UniCredit Banka Slovenija d.d.
South Africa	The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited
South Korea	The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited
Spain	Deutsche Bank SAE
Sri Lanka	Standard Chartered Bank
Swaziland	Standard Bank Swaziland Limited
Sweden	Svenska Handelsbanken AB (publ)
Switzerland	Credit Suisse AG
Taiwan	Bank of Taiwan
Tanzania	Standard Chartered Bank (Mauritius) Limited
Thailand	Citibank, N.A.
Tunisia	Banque Internationale Arabe de Tunisie
Turkey	Deutsche Bank A.S.
UAE - ADX	HSBC Bank Middle East Limited
UAE - DFM	HSBC Bank Middle East Limited
UAE - NASDAQ Dubai	HSBC Bank Middle East Limited
Uganda	Standard Chartered Bank Uganda Limited
Ukraine	PJSC Citibank
United Kingdom	The Northern Trust Company, London
United States	The Northern Trust Company
Uruguay	Banco Itau Uruguay S.A.
Venezuela	Citibank, N.A.
Vietnam	HSBC Bank (Vietnam) Ltd
West Africa (UEMOA)	Standard Chartered Bank (Mauritius) Limited (Hub arrangement used to access this market)
Zambia	Standard Chartered Bank Zambia plc
Zimbabwe	Standard Chartered Bank (Mauritius) Limited (Hub arrangement used to access this market)

**Part IX**

**Historic Performance**

The following details the past performance of the Trusts. The past performance is shown in two formats. **Please note the use of an index is for comparative purposes only.**

- 1) Discrete annual performance over the last 5 years (or since the Trust's inception), including annual charges, but not entry or exit charges, shown as a percentage on a NAV per Unit basis with net revenue reinvested.
- 2) Cumulative returns invested over five years (or since the Trust's inception) taking account of all charges, on a NAV per Unit basis with net revenue reinvested.
- 3) The Trusts are not managed against the stated performance comparators, which are provided for information purposes only.

Warning: The information shown is not a guide to how the Fund will perform in future. You may get back less money than you invest.

**Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund – Class A GBP Acc**

**Discrete annual performance**

	01/08/16 - 31/07/17 %	01/08/15 - 31/07/16 %	01/08/14 - 31/07/15 %	01/08/13 - 31/07/14 %	01/08/12 - 31/07/13 %
Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund	6.54	3.24	6.19	1.57	13.65

**Cumulative returns over 5 years to 31/07/17**

	1 year %	2 years %	3 years %	4 years %	5 years %
Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund	6.54	9.98	16.79	18.62	38.82

Further to Unitholder approval, from 1 November 2014, the investment objective and policy of the Trust was amended and its name was changed from Baring Portfolio Fund to Baring Dynamic Capital Growth Fund

**Baring Eastern Trust – Class A GBP Acc**

**Discrete annual performance**

	01/08/16 - 31/07/17 %	01/08/15 - 31/07/16 %	01/08/14 - 31/07/15 %	01/08/13 - 31/07/14 %	01/08/12 - 31/07/13 %
Baring Eastern Trust	29.16	16.12	13.62	3.77	10.24
MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Total, Gross Return*	28.61	16.15	1.68	6.76	11.94

**Cumulative returns over 5 years to 31/07/17**

	1 year %	2 years %	3 years %	4 years %	5 years %
Baring Eastern Trust	29.16	49.98	70.40	76.82	94.92
MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Total, Gross Return*	28.61	49.37	51.89	62.15	81.51

\* Performance comparator changed from MSCI AC FE ex Japan Total, Gross Return to MSCI AC Asia ex Japan Total, Gross Return on 2 August 2010.

### Baring Europe Select Trust – Class A GBP Inc

#### Discrete annual performance

	01/08/16 - 31/07/17 %	01/08/15 - 31/07/16 %	01/08/14 - 31/07/15 %	01/08/13 - 31/07/14 %	01/08/12 - 31/07/13 %
Baring Europe Select Trust	25.25	20.49	16.86	2.00	43.60
Euromoney Smaller European Companies (ex UK) Index	30.01	17.60	8.81	11.67	45.07

#### Cumulative returns over 5 years to 31/07/17

	1 year %	2 years %	3 years %	4 years %	5 years %
Baring Europe Select Trust	25.25	50.92	76.37	79.90	158.32
Euromoney Smaller European Companies (ex UK) Index	30.01	52.89	66.36	85.78	169.51

### Baring European Growth Trust – Class A GBP Inc

#### Discrete annual performance

	01/08/16 - 31/07/17 %	01/08/15 - 31/07/16 %	01/08/14 - 31/07/15 %	01/08/13 - 31/07/14 %	01/08/12 - 31/07/13 %
Baring European Growth Trust	30.15	3.49	11.81	2.56	40.14
MSCI Europe (ex UK) Net Index	23.25	5.91	9.38	3.49	35.32

#### Cumulative returns over 5 years to 31/07/17

	1 year %	2 years %	3 years %	4 years %	5 years %
Baring European Growth Trust	30.15	34.70	50.60	54.47	116.46
MSCI Europe (ex UK) Net Index	23.25	30.53	42.78	47.76	99.94

### Baring German Growth Trust – Class A GBP Acc

#### Discrete annual performance

	01/08/16 - 31/07/17 %	01/08/15 - 31/07/16 %	01/08/14 - 31/07/15 %	01/08/13 - 31/07/14 %	01/08/12 - 31/07/13 %
Baring German Growth Trust	31.30	10.89	10.00	3.92	39.35
HDAX® Total*	25.16	10.33	9.92	2.40	37.89

**Cumulative returns over 5 years to 31/07/17**

	1 year %	2 years %	3 years %	4 years %	5 years %
Baring German Growth Trust	31.30	45.60	60.16	66.45	131.95
HDAX ®Total*	25.16	38.08	51.78	55.42	114.30

\* Performance comparator changed from 50% HDAX 30, 30% MDAX, 20% SDAX to HDAX ® Total on 1 July 2007.

**Baring Global Growth Trust – Class A GBP Inc****Discrete annual performance**

	01/08/16 - 31/07/17 %	01/08/15 - 31/07/16 %	01/08/14 - 31/07/15 %	01/08/13 - 31/07/14 %	01/08/12 - 31/07/13 %
Baring Global Growth Trust	17.59	12.81	16.36	1.07	17.19
MSCI AC World Index	18.53	17.68	11.84	4.62	25.22

**Cumulative returns over 5 years to 31/07/17**

	1 year %	2 years %	3 years %	4 years %	5 years %
Baring Global Growth Trust	17.59	32.65	54.36	56.01	82.83
MSCI AC World Index	18.53	39.49	56.00	63.20	104.36

**Baring Japan Growth Trust – Class A GBP Acc****Discrete annual performance**

	01/08/16 - 31/07/17 %	01/08/15 - 31/07/16 %	01/08/14 - 31/07/15 %	01/08/13 - 31/07/14 %	01/08/12 - 31/07/13 %
Baring Japan Growth Trust	17.35	18.23	11.11	-3.88	33.67
Japan (TSE) First Section Index	16.81	15.66	17.74	-0.20	28.99

**Cumulative returns over 5 years to 31/07/17**

	1 year %	2 years %	3 years %	4 years %	5 years %
Baring Japan Growth Trust	17.35	38.75	54.16	48.18	98.06
Japan (TSE) First Section Index	16.81	35.10	59.06	58.75	104.77

**Baring Korea Trust – Class A GBP Inc****Discrete annual performance**

	01/08/16 - 31/07/17 %	01/08/15 - 31/07/16 %	01/08/14 - 31/07/15 %	01/08/13 - 31/07/14 %	01/08/12 - 31/07/13 %
Baring Korea Trust	9.37	9.67	5.26	6.43	4.47
Korea SE Composite Index	20.13	21.94	-7.07	6.46	5.78

**Cumulative returns over 5 years to 31/07/17**

	1 year %	2 years %	3 years %	4 years %	5 years %
Baring Korea Trust	9.37	19.94	26.26	34.37	40.38
Korea SE Composite Index	20.13	46.49	36.13	44.92	53.30

**Baring Strategic Bond Fund – Class A GBP Inc****Discrete annual performance**

	01/08/16 - 31/07/17 %	01/08/15 - 31/07/16 %	01/08/14 - 31/07/15 %	01/08/13 - 31/07/14 %	01/08/12 - 31/07/13 %
Baring Strategic Bond Fund	1.29	-0.27	3.44	-3.02	1.59

**Cumulative returns over 5 years to 31/07/17**

	1 year %	2 years %	3 years %	4 years %	5 years %
Baring Strategic Bond Trust	1.29	1.02	4.49	1.33	2.95

Further to Unitholder approval, from 2 March 2015, the investment objective and policy of the Trust was amended and its name was changed from Baring Global Bond Trust to Baring Strategic Bond Fund.

**Baring UK Growth Trust – Class A GBP Acc****Discrete annual performance**

	01/08/16 - 31/07/17 %	01/08/15 - 31/07/16 %	01/08/14 - 31/07/15 %	01/08/13 - 31/07/14 %	01/08/12 - 31/07/13 %
Baring UK Growth Trust	16.50	2.19	6.64	3.28	24.23
FTSE All Share Index	14.90	3.82	5.38	5.61	24.28

**Cumulative returns over 5 years to 31/07/17**

	1 year %	2 years %	3 years %	4 years %	5 years %
Baring UK Growth Trust	16.50	19.05	26.95	31.11	62.88
FTSE All Share Index	14.90	19.28	25.70	32.75	64.98

**Past performance is no indication of current or future performance. The performance data does not take account of the commissions or costs incurred on the issue and redemption of Units.**

Investment involves risk. The value of any investments any income generated may go down as well as up and is not guaranteed.

Source: Barings / Morningstar as at 31 July 2017

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