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Unless otherwise stated, capitalised terms in this notice shall have the same meaning as defined in the relevant Highlights.

Date: 27 September 2017

Dear Unitholder,

- **Baring Global Umbrella Fund - Baring Eastern Europe Fund**
- **Baring Global Umbrella Fund - Baring Global Leaders Fund**
- **Baring Global Umbrella Fund - Baring Global Resources Fund**
- **Baring Global Umbrella Fund - Barings Developed and Emerging Markets High Yield Bond Fund**

(each a “Fund”, collectively the “Funds”)

We are writing to notify you of amendments made to the Highlights (as amended from time to time) (the “**Highlights**”) of the Baring Global Umbrella Fund (the “**Unit Trust**”) which came into effect on 6 September 2017 (the “**Effective Date**”) unless otherwise stated. A summary of the key amendments to the Highlights are explained below.

Please note that these changes do not require any action from you, but are nonetheless important.

Change 1 – Updates to investment objective and policy wordings of Baring Eastern Europe Fund

The investment objective and policy wordings of Baring Eastern Europe Fund have been updated to better and/or more clearly explain how the Fund is managed and to reflect the following:

- (i) It is clarified that, assets which are not invested in equities and equity-related securities falling within the Fund's primary investment objective and policy may be invested in markets outside of emerging markets including developed and frontier markets as well as in fixed income instruments and cash.
- (ii) The reference regarding the limit on the Fund's direct investment in Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States, being 20% and 10% respectively of the Fund's Net Asset Value, has been removed.

For the avoidance of doubt, the proposed removal of such limit would provide more flexibility in respect of the means to achieve exposure to Russia and to the Commonwealth of Independent States although there is currently no change of practice concerning the aggregate exposure to investment in Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States. Please note that the Investment Manager may review and change the asset allocation to Russia, the Commonwealth of Independent States and other emerging markets of Europe from time to time. Investors should pay attention to the risk disclosure in “Investment Russia” in the “Fund Specific Risks” section of the Highlights.

- (iii) It is clarified that, the reference to the minimum credit rating “BBB” intended to include the modifier “-” and this does not represent a change to the credit rating requirement.

Please refer to the attached Appendix 1 for current and updated investment objective, policy and strategy wordings of the Baring Eastern Europe Fund.

The changes set out above do not affect the Fund's risk profile. The Fund will continue to be managed in a manner which is in accordance with its investment objective and policies.

Change 2 – Updates to investment objective and policy wordings of Baring Global Leaders Fund

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Authorised and regulated by the Central Bank of Ireland

The investment objective and policy wordings of Baring Global Leaders Fund have been simplified to more clearly set out how the Fund is managed and to reflect the following:

- (i) To clarify that while the Fund will seek global investment opportunities, it is possible that the Fund could be concentrated in emerging markets at any one time and to clarify that while the Investment Manager will aim to diversify its investment allocation to certain countries, industries or sectors, it may invest more than 30% of its total assets in any country, industry or sector depending on the Investment Manager's assessment at different times.
- (ii) To clarify that assets which are not invested in equities and equity-related securities falling within the Fund's primary investment objectives and policy may be invested in fixed income and cash. Up to 10% of the Fund's net asset value may also be invested in other collective investment schemes.

Please refer to the attached Appendix 2 for current and updated investment objective, policy and strategy wordings of the Fund.

The changes set out above do not affect how the Fund is managed or its risk profile. The Investment Manager will continue to seek to enhance total return by taking positions in securities which in their opinion have relatively superior prospects and intend to remain focused on those securities, sectors and regions which in their view have the greatest long-term attractiveness, while retaining the ability to respond to changes in opportunities in equity markets.

Change 3 – Provisions for flexibility for Baring Global Leaders Fund and Baring Global Resources Fund to invest via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect Scheme and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect Scheme

Currently, Baring Global Leaders Fund and Baring Global Resources Fund may invest in China A shares and China B shares directly or indirectly. Prior to the Effective Date, it was stated that it was anticipated that exposure to China A shares will be obtained indirectly.

In order to gain more cost efficient exposure to China A shares, with effect from the Effective Date, the investment policy of the Baring Global Leaders Fund and Baring Global Resources Fund has been revised to provide flexibility to invest in China A shares listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange or the Shenzhen Stock Exchange directly through the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect Scheme and the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect Scheme (the “**Connect Schemes**”).

In addition, for better consistency with the disclosure under the section headed “Investment Policy: General”, the investment policy of the Baring Global Leaders Fund and Baring Global Resources Fund under the section headed “Investment Objectives and Policies” has also been updated to clarify that the Funds may invest indirectly in China A shares via participation notes.

For the avoidance of doubt, the direct and indirect exposure to China A shares and B shares will remain unchanged (i.e. not more than 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund(s)).

Notwithstanding investments via the Connect Schemes are not expected to materially affect the overall risk profile of the Funds, please note that investments through the Connect Schemes are subject to additional risks, namely, quota limitations, legal / beneficial ownership, clearing and settlement risk, currency risk, corporate actions and shareholders' meetings, foreign shareholding restrictions, operational risk, regulatory risk, suspension risk, restrictions on selling imposed by front-end monitoring, differences in trading days and recalling of eligible stocks. Further, the Funds' investments through Northbound trading under Connect Schemes will not be covered by Hong Kong's Investor Compensation Fund. When investing in eligible China A shares through the Shenzhen-Hong Kong Stock Connect Scheme, the Funds will also be subject to the risks associated with the Small and Medium Enterprise Board of the Shenzhen Stock Exchange and/or ChiNext Board of the Shenzhen Stock Exchange.

For further information about the Connect Schemes, please refer to the “Investment Policy: General” section of the Highlights. Investors should also pay attention to the risk disclosure in “Investment via the Connect Schemes” in the “Fund Specific Risks” section of the Highlights.

Change 4 - Amendments to the Highlights regarding umbrella cash account and its associated risks

The sub-section of the Highlights entitled ‘Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorist Financing Measures’, a sub-section of the section entitled ‘Application Procedure’ and ‘Termination of the Fund’ has been updated to make certain clarificatory updates and to reflect that:

- (i) Where Units have been compulsorily repurchased for failure to provide the information required for verification purposes, the proceeds of realisation will be held in an “Umbrella Cash Account” (i.e. an account opened in the name of the Depositary on behalf of the Unit Trust for the purpose of holding realisation proceeds due to an investor which cannot be transferred to the relevant investor) and such proceeds shall be treated as an asset of the relevant Fund. The relevant investor will rank as an unsecured creditor of the relevant Fund until such time as the Managers or the Administrator are satisfied that its anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing procedures have been fully complied with, following which realisation proceeds will be released.
- (ii) In the event of an insolvency of the relevant Fund or the Unit Trust, there is no guarantee that the relevant Fund or the Unit Trust will have sufficient funds to pay unsecured creditors in full. Investors due realisation proceeds which are held in an Umbrella Cash Account will rank equally with all other unsecured creditors of the relevant Fund and will be entitled to a pro-rata share of monies which are made available to all unsecured creditors by the insolvency practitioner. Therefore, in such circumstances, the investor may not recover all monies originally paid into an Umbrella Cash Account for onward transmission to that investor.
- (iii) Accordingly, investors should ensure that all documentation required by the Managers or Administrator to comply with anti-money laundering and anti-fraud procedures are submitted promptly to the Managers or Administrator when subscribing for Units, as well as during the business relationship.
- (iv) Following the termination of a Fund, any unclaimed proceeds or monies which cannot be distributed to investors (e.g. where an investor has not provided the documentation required for client identification and verification purposes or where an investor cannot be traced) will be held in an Umbrella Cash Account.

Change 5 – Enhancement of disclosures on securities financing transactions

Additional disclosure has been added to the Highlights to reflect the recent regulatory changes following the entry into force of the Securities Financing Transaction Regulation 2015 (2015/2365). In particular, the disclosures on maximum gross exposure and expected exposure to total return swaps has been included in the Highlights; please refer to attached Appendix 3 for details.

Investors should also note that entering into total return swaps are subject to risks such as counterparty risk, liquidity risk, legal risk, operational risks and the risk of loss resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people and systems or from external events. Investors should pay attention to the enhanced risk disclosure in “Risks Associated with Securities Financing Transactions” in the “Fund Specific Risks” section of the Highlights.

For the avoidance of doubt, please note that this is an enhancement of disclosures only and there is no change to the maximum gross exposure and expected exposure that can be subject to total return swaps. This will not affect the way the Funds are currently managed or the overall risk profile of the Funds.

Change 6 – Clarification and enhancement to the investment policies and strategies of the Funds

- (i) The Highlights currently provide that requirements on the exposure to a specific type or range of investments may not apply to a Fund under extraordinary market conditions. The Highlights have been updated to clarify that:
 - a. under extraordinary market conditions, each Fund may temporarily invest up to 100% of its total assets in cash, deposits, treasury bills, government bonds or short-term money market instruments or have substantial holdings in cash and cash equivalents;
 - b. extraordinary markets conditions include economic conditions, political risks or world events, high downside risks during uncertainties, or closure of relevant market(s) due to unexpected events, such as political unrest, war or bankruptcy of large financial institutions.
- (ii) In respect of Baring Eastern Europe Fund, Baring Global Leaders Fund and Baring Global Resources Fund, the disclosure concerning our investment approach currently described as “Growth at a Reasonable Price” has been enhanced to more fully describe the factors taken into account during the stock selection process.

Change 7 – Clarificatory update of the disclosure regarding hedged classes

Due to a recent European Securities and Markets Authority's opinion on UCITS classes, the disclosure regarding hedged classes has been updated to include the lower hedging limit for hedged positions (i.e. 95% of the Net Asset Value of the Class). This is a clarification update and there is no change to the lower hedging limit for hedged positions.

Change 8 – Reduction of administration fee for Class I

The current rate of administration fee for the following Unit Classes of the following Funds has been reduced as follows:

Unit Class	Current Administration Fee (per annum) (as a % of the Fund's net asset value)	Administration Fee from the Effective Date (per annum) (as a % of the Fund's net asset value attributable to the Class)
Baring Eastern Europe Fund		
Class I	0.45%	0.25%
Baring Global Leaders Fund		
Class I	0.45%	0.25%
Baring Global Resources Fund		
Class I	0.45%	0.25%
Barings Developed and Emerging Markets High Yield Bond Fund		
Class I	0.45%	0.25%
	In respect of Class I GBP Hedged Inc, there is an additional charge of £500 per month.	

Please note that the administration fee is subject to a monthly minimum fee of £ 2,500 for each Fund.

Change 9 – Clarificatory updates to the dilution adjustment policy

The disclosure regarding dilution adjustment policy has been updated to clarify that the Net Asset Value of the Unit Trust or a Fund may be adjusted downward where on any Dealing Day, the aggregate value of all realisation requests received exceeds the value of all applications for Units or upward where on any Dealing Day the value of all applications for Units received for that Dealing Day exceeds the aggregate value of all realisation requests and that the application of the pricing methodology will comply with the requirements of the Central Bank of Ireland. For the avoidance of doubt, this is a clarification only and there is no change to current practice.

Change 10 – Clarificatory update to the application procedures for buying Units

The Highlights have been updated to remind Unitholders that if any of the details that are provided change, including the Unitholder's address, other contact details (e.g. Unitholder's telephone number, email address) or bank account details, the Unitholder should inform the Hong Kong Representative immediately by letter at the address listed below. Failure to do so may cause a delay in processing any subsequent orders.

Change 11 – Report and accounts

With effect from 1 November 2017, copies of the reports and accounts (available in English only) will be available at www.barings.com¹ and may be obtained at the office of the Hong Kong Representative within the timeframe as set out in the Highlights and notified to Unitholders. Hard copies of the reports and accounts will no longer be sent to Unitholders.

Change 12 – Change of address of Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited

With effect from 1 July 2017, the office of Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited, the Hong Kong Representative of the Unit Trust, has moved to Room 3401, 3409-3410 & 35/F, Gloucester Tower, 15 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong.

¹ Please note that the website has not been authorised by the SFC and may contain information relating to funds which are not authorised in Hong Kong and information which is not targeted to Hong Kong investors.

For your easy reference, the Hong Kong Representative's contact details are as follows:

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15 Queen's Road Central
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The registered office address of the Hong Kong Representative is:

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Change 13 – Barings Developed and Emerging Markets High Yield Bond Fund: Renaming of Existing Unit Classes

With effect from the Effective Date, the names of certain classes of Barings Developed and Emerging Markets High Yield Bond have changed. The changes are as follows:

Existing Class Name	New Class Name
Class A AUD Hedged Inc Monthly Dividend	Class A AUD Hedged Inc Monthly
Class A CAD Hedged Inc Monthly Dividend	Class A CAD Hedged Inc Monthly
Class A HKD Inc Monthly Dividend	Class A HKD Inc Monthly
Class A NZD Hedged Inc Monthly Dividend	Class A NZD Hedged Inc Monthly
Class A USD Inc Monthly Dividend	Class A USD Inc Monthly

Change 14 – Miscellaneous updates to the Highlights

The Highlights have been updated to include other miscellaneous updates summarized as follows and have become effective on the Effective Date:

1. Insertion of the definitions of "Data Protection Legislation", "EMIR", "Extraordinary Resolution", "Global Exchange Market", "SFTR" and "Specified US Person" and the related consequential amendments;
2. Updates to the definitions of "Administrator Agreement", "Irish Stock Exchange", "Preliminary Charge" and "UCITS Regulations";
3. Updating references from "Dublin time" to "Irish time";
4. Updates to clarify that the Preliminary Charge is charged on the Dealing Price (i.e. up to 5% of the Dealing Price) instead of up to 5% of the amount invested as currently disclosed under the section headed "Classes of Units" in the Highlights. For the avoidance of doubt, there is no change to actual practice and that the Preliminary Charge has been always been charged against the Dealing Price and that the Highlights are updated for clarity and consistency;
5. Updates under the section headed "Investment Objectives and Policies" to include clarificatory disclosure relating to the use of derivatives and to reflect that the "Value at Risk" methodology for the Funds will be calculated daily using the Monte Carlo approach, one-tailed 99% confidence level, a 10 day holding period and a one year (instead of two or three years, as the case may be) historical observation period with an 11 day half-life;
6. The reference portfolio for the purpose of Baring Global Resources Fund's relative Value at Risk calculation has been changed from "60% MSCI AC World Metals & Mining Index/40% MSCI AC World Energy Index" to "60% MSCI AC World Energy Index / 40% MSCI AC World Materials Index";
7. Enhancement of disclosures regarding investment in derivatives, counterparty requirements and collateral management;

8. Enhancement of risk disclosures;
9. Updates to the amount of assets under custody of the Northern Trust Group;
10. Enhancement of disclosure regarding the administrator and registrar of the Unit Trust;
11. Enhancement of disclosure to reflect that the fees and expenses payable by the Managers to the Investment Manager out of its management fee are for the discretionary managements of the assets of the Unit Trust;
12. Enhancement of disclosure under the sub-section headed "Commissions/Brokerage" under the section headed "Charges and Expenses" to reflect that the Investment Manager, as part of providing investment management services to the Funds, has entered into arrangements with certain brokers under which a proportion of the 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;
13. Updates to clarify that the Realisation Charge is charged on the Dealing Price instead of the Net Asset Value as currently disclosed under the section headed "Realisation Charge" in the Highlights. The Product Key Facts Statements of Baring Global Resources Fund has also been updated to clarify that in respect of Class C Units, the Realisation Charge is charged on the Dealing Price (i.e. up to 1% of the Dealing Price attributable to Class C Units) instead of up to 1% of the Net Asset Value attributable to Class C Units as currently disclosed. For the avoidance of doubt, there is no change to the current practice in respect of Class C Units for Baring Global Resources Fund. For the Funds (except Class C Units for Baring Global Resources Fund), they do not currently charge any Realisation Charge and that it has always been intended that Realisation Charge (if any) would be charged against the Dealing Price; thus the Highlights are updated for clarity;
14. Enhancement of disclosure under the section headed "Calculation of Net Asset Value", for example, to reflect that the Managers have delegated the determination of the Net Asset Value and the Net Asset Value per Unit to the Administrator and to set out the duties and liabilities of the Administrator;
15. Updates to the initial offer period of unlaunched Classes of Units of the Funds and removal of the launched Classes from the table under section headed "Application Procedures";
16. Insertion of a summary of the liquidity risk management policy of the Unit Trust and the Funds;
17. Enhancement of disclosure regarding the Data Protection Legislation;
18. Update to taxation disclosure (including foreign account tax compliance provisions (FATCA));
19. Enhancement of disclosures regarding the automatic exchange of information for international tax compliance;
20. Change of directors of the Managers (for details of the resignation dates of resigned directors and appointment dates of new directors, please contact the Hong Kong Representative at the contact details listed below);
21. Updates to the list of permissible markets and exchanges in Appendix I of the Highlights;
22. The contents of the First and Second Addenda to the Highlights dated 5 July 2016 and 23 February 2017 respectively have been incorporated into the Highlights; and
23. Other miscellaneous formatting, administrative and/or clarificatory updates to address latest regulatory requirements, for better consistency with the Irish Prospectus and/or for better clarity.

Updates to the Highlights and Product Key Facts Statements

The Highlights and Product Key Facts Statements for the Funds have been updated to reflect the above changes where appropriate. A copy of these documents are available free of charge at the office of the Hong Kong Representative at the address listed below.

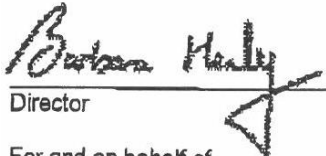
Action to be taken

The updates described above will not result in any material change in the investment objective and policy of the Funds and the risk profiles of the Funds. The changes will not amount to a material change to the Unit Trust and the Funds and do not materially prejudice the rights or interests of the Unitholders.

There is no action required on your part and these changes have been implemented on 6 September 2017 (unless otherwise specified). If, when you purchased your Units in the Unit Trust, you used the services of a financial adviser you should consult him or her for advice on what the above changes mean for you.

Should you have any questions with regard to the contents of this letter, please contact Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited, the Hong Kong Representative, by telephone on (852) 2841 1411, by e-mail at HK.Mutual.Fund.Sales@barings.com, or by letter at the following address: 35th Floor, Gloucester Tower, 15 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong. Alternatively you may wish to speak to your Financial Adviser.

Yours faithfully,


Director

For and on behalf of,
Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited

Appendix 1

The current and updated investment objective, policy and strategy wordings of Baring Eastern Europe Fund is set out below:

Current investment objective, policy and strategy wordings
<p>The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term capital appreciation through investment in a diversified portfolio of securities of issuers located in or with a significant exposure to the emerging markets of Europe.</p> <p>The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its total assets at any one time in equities and equity related securities, such as convertible bonds and warrants, of companies incorporated in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan ("Commonwealth of Independent States") and in other emerging European countries such as Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Slovakia and Turkey, or quoted or traded on the stock exchanges in those countries. A description of equity-related securities can be found under the section headed "Investment Policy: General". For this purpose, total assets exclude cash and ancillary liquidities.</p> <p>Investment may also be made in securities listed or traded on recognised exchanges or markets in other countries where the issuer is located in or has a significant exposure to emerging European countries and in government and corporate debt securities.</p> <p>Debt securities acquired for the Fund will generally be rated not lower than B- by Standard & Poor's ("S&P") or another internationally recognised rating agency or will be, in the opinion of the Managers, of similar credit status. The Managers may invest in lower grade securities but it is their policy that the value of all such securities does not comprise more than 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. In addition, the Managers will not invest more than 5% of the assets of the Fund in debt securities of any one corporate issuer rated lower than BBB by S&P or another internationally recognised rating agency or which are, in the opinion of the Managers, of similar credit status.</p> <p>In view of the lack of liquidity and settlement difficulties that can occur in some emerging European markets, the Managers intend to restrict investment to securities listed or traded on markets in the Commonwealth of Independent States and in other emerging European countries listed above, as well as depository receipts and similar securities offering exposure to these markets and which are listed or traded on markets in OECD countries. The Managers will also limit direct investment in Russia to 20% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund and the Commonwealth of Independent States to a total of 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund until the Managers determine that satisfactory facilities for settlement of investment transactions are available in these markets. The Managers will only invest in additional markets or increase these limits with the prior approval of the Central Bank.</p> <p>The policy of the Managers is to maintain diversification in terms of the countries to which investment exposure is maintained but, save as indicated above; there is no limit to the proportion of the assets which may be invested in any one country.</p> <p>Investment by foreign investors in many developing countries is currently restricted. Indirect foreign investment, may, however, be permitted or facilitated in certain of those countries through investment funds which have been specifically authorised for the purpose. Subject to the restrictions set out under the section headed "Investment Restrictions", it is the policy of the Managers to invest in such funds from time to time, and similar investment funds offering exposure to any particular emerging European markets where such funds are considered attractive investments in their own right.</p> <p>Strategy</p> <p>The Fund is managed using a quality "Growth at a Reasonable Price" or GARP investment philosophy, based on earnings growth as the principal driver of equity market performance over the medium to long-term and the Investment Manager's conviction that high quality companies can outperform the market on a risk-adjusted basis. This approach emphasises structured fundamental research and a disciplined investment process combining quality, growth and valuations as a way of identifying attractively priced, long-term growth companies with the potential to outperform the market.</p>

The Fund may invest in various FDIs as detailed under the section headed “Investment Policy: General” for investment purposes or for efficient portfolio management, including investment in FDI on commodity indices.

Updated investment objective, policy and strategy wordings

The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term capital appreciation through investment in a diversified portfolio of securities of issuers located in or with a significant exposure to the emerging markets of Europe.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its total assets at any one time in equities and equity related securities, such as convertible bonds and warrants, of companies incorporated in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan (“Commonwealth of Independent States”) and in other emerging European countries such as Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Kosovo, Latvia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Slovakia and Turkey, or quoted or traded on the stock exchanges in those countries. There is no limit to the extent of direct investment in Russia. Investment may also be made in securities listed or traded on recognised exchanges or markets in other countries where the issuer is located in or has a significant exposure to emerging European countries and in government and corporate debt securities.

A description of equity-related securities can be found under the section headed “Investment Policy: General”. For this purpose, total assets exclude cash and ancillary liquidities.

For the remainder of the Fund’s total assets, the Fund may invest outside of emerging markets including developed and frontier markets as well as in fixed income instruments and cash.

Debt securities acquired for the Fund will generally be rated not lower than B- by Standard & Poor’s (“S&P”) or another internationally recognised rating agency or will be, in the opinion of the Managers, of similar credit status. The Managers may invest in lower grade securities but it is their policy that the value of all such securities does not comprise more than 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund. In addition, the Managers will not invest more than 5% of the assets of the Fund in debt securities of any one corporate issuer rated lower than BBB- by S&P or another internationally recognised rating agency or which are, in the opinion of the Managers, of similar credit status.

The policy of the Managers is to maintain diversification in terms of the countries to which investment exposure is maintained but, save as indicated above; there is no limit to the proportion of the assets which may be invested in any one country.

Investment by foreign investors in many developing countries is currently restricted. Indirect foreign investment, may, however, be permitted or facilitated in certain of those countries through investment funds which have been specifically authorised for the purpose. Subject to the restrictions set out under the section headed “Investment Restrictions”, it is the policy of the Managers to invest in such funds from time to time, and similar investment funds offering exposure to any particular emerging European markets where such funds are considered attractive investments in their own right.

The Fund may use derivatives (including warrants, exchange traded futures and options on securities, indices, currencies and interest rates, forward currency contracts (including non-deliverable forwards) and swap agreements) and other various FDIs as detailed under the section headed “Investment Policy: General” for efficient portfolio management, hedging and investment purposes. Although derivatives may be used they will not be used extensively for investment purposes.

The derivative techniques may include, but are not limited to: (i) using exchange traded futures and options to take active positions, gain immediate market exposure on new subscriptions into the Fund or to hedge risk within the Fund; (ii) using swaps to hedge risk within the Fund or synthetically gain exposure to a particular security or index; and (iii) using forward currency contracts and non-deliverable forwards to hedge against currency risk arising within the Fund.

Strategy

The Investment Manager believes that equity markets contain unrecognised growth potential and seeks to identify this through the analysis of a company’s business model whilst incorporating wider economic and social

governance trends, often referred to as fundamental analysis. Equity investment teams at the Investment Manager share a common investment approach, best described as Growth at a Reasonable Price (GARP).

GARP seeks to identify reasonably priced growth companies whose qualities are unrecognised by market participants by performing structured fundamental analysis with a disciplined investment process. Based on the region, country or sector bias of a Fund, analysis of potential growth companies' includes their future financial performance as well as their business model and management style, while focussing on long-term earnings growth of three to five years.

The Investment Manager's strategy favours companies with well-established or improving business franchises, profitability focused management and strong balance sheets that enable the company to execute its business strategy. The Investment Manager regards these companies as higher quality as they provide transparency and allow investment professionals to forecast earnings with greater confidence. This allows the Investment Manager to offer funds which should exhibit lower volatility over time.

Appendix 2

The current and updated investment objective, policy and strategy wordings of Baring Global Leaders Fund is set out below:

Current investment objective, policy and strategy wordings
<p>The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in equities (subject to “Permitted Markets” below) listed or traded on a wide range of international markets.</p> <p>The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its total assets at any one time in equities and equity-related securities (subject to “Permitted Markets” below) listed or traded on a wide range of international markets. A description of equity-related securities can be found under the section headed “Investment Policy: General”. For this purpose, total assets exclude cash and ancillary liquidities.</p> <p>The Managers’ policy is that the Fund will seek to enhance total return by taking positions in securities which in the Managers’ opinion have relatively superior prospects. The Managers intend to remain focused on those securities, sectors, and regions which in their view have the greatest long-term attractiveness, while retaining the ability to respond to changes in opportunities in equity markets. Allocation will alter from time to time to reflect the Managers assessment of changes in relative attractiveness and current investment themes. Investments will be made on a global basis in companies with a broad range of capitalisations.</p> <p>Subject to the percentage of the Fund’s assets which may be invested in unlisted securities (see under “Investment Restrictions”), the Managers will only acquire securities for the Fund which are traded on exchanges and markets which are regulated, operate regularly, are recognised and which are open to the public.</p> <p>With regard to investment in China, no more than 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund at any one time may be invested directly or indirectly in China A-Shares or China B-shares. It is anticipated that this exposure will be obtained indirectly through investment in other eligible collective investment schemes.</p> <p>Strategy</p> <p>The Fund is managed using a quality “Growth at a Reasonable Price” or GARP investment philosophy, based on earnings growth as the principal driver of equity market performance over the medium to long-term and the Investment Manager’s conviction that high quality companies can outperform the market on a risk-adjusted basis. This approach emphasises structured fundamental research and a disciplined investment process combining quality, growth and valuations as a way of identifying attractively priced, long-term growth companies with the potential to outperform the market.</p> <p>The Fund may invest in various FDIs as detailed under the section headed “Investment Policy: General” for investment purposes or for efficient portfolio management.</p>
Updated investment objective, policy and strategy wordings
<p>The investment objective of the Fund is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in equities listed or traded on a wide range of international markets.</p> <p>The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its total assets in equities and equity-related securities listed, quoted or traded on global markets, all of which could be in emerging markets. For this purpose, total assets exclude cash and ancillary liquidities.</p> <p>While the Fund 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.</p> <p>For the remainder of its total assets, the Fund may invest in fixed income instruments and cash.</p> <p>In order to implement the investment policy the Fund 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 Fund may also invest in collective investment schemes in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank up to a maximum of 10% of the</p>

Net Asset Value of the Fund.

With regard to investment in China, no more than 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund at any one time may be invested directly or indirectly in China A shares or China B shares. It is anticipated that this exposure will be obtained either directly through investment in China A shares listed on the Shanghai Stock Exchange and Shenzhen Stock Exchange via the Connect Schemes (as further described in the section of the Highlights entitled 'Investment Policies; General') or indirectly through investment in other eligible collective investment schemes or participation notes.

The Fund may use derivatives (including warrants, exchange traded futures and options on securities, indices, currencies and interest rates, forward currency contracts (including non-deliverable forwards) and swap agreements) and other various FDIs as detailed under the section headed "Investment Policy: General" for efficient portfolio management, hedging and investment purposes. Although derivatives may be used they will not be used extensively for investment purposes.

The derivative techniques may include, but are not limited to: (i) using exchange traded futures and options to take active positions, gain immediate market exposure on new subscriptions into the Fund or to hedge risk within the Fund; (ii) using swaps to hedge risk within the Fund or synthetically gain exposure to a particular security or index; and (iii) using forward currency contracts and non-deliverable forwards to hedge against currency risk arising within the Fund.

Strategy

The Investment Manager believes that equity markets contain unrecognised growth potential and seeks to identify this through the analysis of a company's business model whilst incorporating wider economic and social governance trends, often referred to as fundamental analysis. Equity investment teams at the Investment Manager share a common investment approach, best described as Growth at a Reasonable Price (GARP).

GARP seeks to identify reasonably priced growth companies whose qualities are unrecognised by market participants by performing structured fundamental analysis with a disciplined investment process. Based on the region, country or sector bias of a Fund, analysis of potential growth companies' includes their future financial performance as well as their business model and management style, while focussing on long-term earnings growth of three to five years.

The Investment Manager's strategy favours companies with well-established or improving business franchises, profitability focused management and strong balance sheets that enable the company to execute its business strategy. The Investment Manager regards these companies as higher quality as they provide transparency and allow investment professionals to forecast earnings with greater confidence. This allows the Investment Manager to offer funds which should exhibit lower volatility over time.

Appendix 3

Fund Name	Maximum gross exposure of total return swaps	Expected exposure calculated using the sum of the notionals
Baring Eastern Europe Fund	200% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund	0%-10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund
Baring Global Resources Fund		0%-10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund
Baring Global Leaders Fund		0%-10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund
Barings Developed and Emerging Markets High Yield Bond Fund		0%-70% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund