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30 December 2015

#### Dear Investor,

- Baring Emerging Markets Umbrella Fund Baring Emerging Opportunities Fund
- Baring Emerging Markets Umbrella Fund Baring Global Emerging Markets Fund
- Baring Emerging Markets Umbrella Fund Baring Latin America Fund
- Baring International Umbrella Fund Baring ASEAN Frontiers Fund
- Baring International Umbrella Fund Baring Asia Growth Fund
- Baring International Umbrella Fund Baring Australia Fund
- Baring International Umbrella Fund Baring Europa Fund
- Baring International Umbrella Fund Baring Hong Kong China Fund
- Baring International Umbrella Fund Baring International Bond Fund
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- Baring Investment Funds plc Baring China Select Fund
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- Baring Investment Funds plc Baring MENA Fund
- Baring Investment Funds plc Baring European Opportunities Fund (each a "Fund", collectively the "Funds")

We are writing to inform you of the following changes relating to the Funds, which have been reflected in the latest offering documents by way of addendum to the Highlights of Fund.

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

### 1. Change of the means to publish price per Unit/Share

From 1 February 2016 onwards, the price per Unit/Share of the Funds will no longer be published daily in the South China Morning Post, the Hong Kong Economic Journal and the Hong Kong Economic Times. The price per Unit/Share will continue to be available on the Manager's website <a href="www.barings.com">www.barings.com</a> and may be ascertained at the registered office of the Managers and from the office of the Hong Kong Representative. Such prices will also be available in any other manner as considered appropriate by the Managers.

The above-mentioned website has not been reviewed by the Securities and Futures Commission and may contain information relating to funds which are not authorised in Hong Kong and information which is not targeted at Hong Kong investors.

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## 2. Provisions for flexibility for the investment via the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect Scheme (the "Connect Scheme")

Currently, certain Funds may invest in China A shares and China B shares through indirect exposure through investment in other eligible collective investment schemes or participation notes. In order to gain more cost efficient exposure to the China A shares, with effect from 14 December 2015, the general investment policy of the Funds has been revised to provide flexibility to invest directly in China A shares through the Connect Scheme.

The investment policies of the below Funds have also been revised to provide flexibility to invest directly in China A shares via the Connect Scheme:

- Baring Emerging Markets Umbrella Fund Baring Global Emerging Markets Fund
- Baring International Umbrella Fund Baring ASEAN Frontiers Fund
- Baring International Umbrella Fund Baring Asia Growth Fund
- Baring International Umbrella Fund Baring Hong Kong China Fund
- Baring Investment Funds plc Baring China Select Fund

It is expected that each of the above Funds will invest (directly or indirectly) no more than 10% of its net assets in China A and China B shares. Notwithstanding investments via the Connect Scheme are not expected to materially affect the overall risk profile of the relevant Funds, please note that investments through the Connect Scheme are subject to additional risks, namely, quota limitations, registration/default risk, short swing profit rule, participation in corporate actions and shareholders' meeting, operational risk, regulatory risk and other China specific investment requirements, risk of suspension, front-end monitoring, differences in trading day and recalling of eligible stocks. Further, the Fund's investments through Northbound trading under Connect Scheme will not be covered by Hong Kong's Investor Compensation Fund.

For further information about the Connect Scheme, please refer to the "Investment Policies: General" section of the Highlights. Investors should also pay attention to the enhanced risk disclosure in "Risk associated with the Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect" in the "Fund Specific Risks" section of the Highlights.

### Action to be taken

There is no action required on your part. If you have any questions concerning the above changes, please contact Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited, the Hong Kong Representative, Edmund Chong, by telephone on (852) 2841 1411, by e-mail at edmund.chong@barings.com, or by letter at the following address: 19th Floor, Edinburgh Tower, 15 Queen's Road Central, Central Hong Kong. Alternatively you may wish to speak to your Financial Adviser. The revised offering documents have been updated and are available at the office of the Hong Kong Representative at the address stated above.

Yours faithfully,

DIRECTOR

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