

IMPORTANT: This document is important and requires your immediate attention. If you have any questions about the content of this document, you should seek independent professional advice. The Directors of Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (the "Managers") accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this document and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of our knowledge and belief there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement in this document misleading at the date of issuance.

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

Date: 9 August 2017

Dear Unitholder,

- Baring Global Opportunities Umbrella Fund Baring Asia Balanced Fund
- Baring Korea Feeder Fund
- Baring Currency Umbrella Fund Baring US\$ Reserve Fund (each a "Unit Trust", collectively the "Unit Trusts")

We are writing to notify you of (i) amendments made to the Highlights (as amended from time to time) of each of the Unit Trusts (collectively, the "Highlights") and (ii) for Unitholders of Baring Korea Feeder Fund, upcoming updates to the Baring Korea Trust. 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.

### I. Amendments to the Highlights of each of the Unit Trusts

### Change 1 - 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 the section entitled 'Duration of The Unit Trust' or 'Termination of the Fund' (as applicable) 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 relevant 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 Unit Trust or the relevant sub-fund of a Unit Trust (as the case may be). The relevant investor will rank as an unsecured creditor of the relevant Unit Trust or the relevant sub-fund of a Unit Trust (as the case may be) 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 Unit Trust or the relevant sub-fund of a Unit Trust (as the case may be), there is no guarantee that the relevant Unit Trust or the relevant sub-fund of a Unit Trust (as the case may be) 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 Unit Trust or the relevant sub-fund of a Unit Trust (as the case may be) 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.

(iv) Following the termination of the Unit Trust or the relevant sub-fund of a Unit Trust (as the case may be), 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 2 - 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). The Highlights have been enhanced to provide that the Unit Trusts do not currently use total return swaps, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, buy-sell back or sell-buy back transactions and securities lending. Should the directors of the Managers elect to change this policy for any of the Unit Trusts in the future, due notification will be given to the affected Unitholders and the relevant Highlights will be updated accordingly.

## Change 3 - 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 Trusts, has moved to 35<sup>th</sup> Floor, Gloucester Tower, 15 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong.

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

Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited 35th Floor, Gloucester Tower 15 Queen's Road Central Hong Kong

Telephone: 2841 1411 Facsimile: 2845 9050

The registered office address of the Hong Kong Representative is:

Room 3401, 3409-3410 & 35/F Gloucester Tower 15 Queen's Road Central Hong Kong

# Change 4 - Miscellaneous updates to the Highlights

The Highlights have been updated to include other miscellaneous updates summarized as follows:

- 1. (for Baring Korea Feeder Fund only) Updates to clarify that the realisation charge is charged on the dealing price per unit instead of the Net Asset Value as currently disclosed under the section headed "Realisation Charge" in the Highlights. For the avoidance of doubt, Baring Korea Feeder Fund does not currently charge any realisation charge and that it has always been intended that any realisation charge (if any) would be charged against the dealing price; thus the Highlights are updated for clarity;
- 2. (for Baring Global Opportunities Umbrella Fund only) Clarificatory updates to the disclosure relating to the use of financial derivative instruments. For the avoidance of doubt, there is no change to purpose or extent of use of derivatives by the Baring Asia Balanced Fund.
- 3. Change of the directors of the Managers;
- 4. (for Baring Korea Feeder Fund only) Clarificatory updates to the definition of 'European Economic Area (EEA)" to include Croatia;
- 5. (for Baring Currency Umbrella Fund and Baring Korea Feeder Fund only) Change of the sponsoring brokers from Dillon Eustace to Matheson;

- 6. Updates to asset under management for MassMutual Financial Group;
- 7. (for Baring Global Opportunities Umbrella Fund and Baring Currency Umbrella Fund only) Updates to asset under management for Baring Asset Management Limited;
- 8. Enhancement of risk disclosures;
- 9. Immaterial update to the application procedures for buying Units and updating the reference from "Subscription Agreement" to "Application Form";
- 10. Update to taxation disclosure;
- 11. Enhancement of disclosures regarding the automatic exchange of information for international tax compliance:
- 12. Other miscellaneous formatting, administrative and/or clarificatory updates to address latest regulatory requirements, for better consistency with the Irish prospectuses, for better consistency with the offering documents of Baring Korea Trust and/or for better clarity.

### Updates to the Highlights and action to be taken

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

We confirm that the amendments to the Highlights as summarised in section I. above do not result in any change in the risk profile of the Unit Trusts, do not amount to a material change to the Unit Trusts and do not materially prejudice the rights or interests of Unitholders.

There is no action required on your part and these changes have been implemented on 13 July 2017 unless otherwise specified.

### II. Upcoming updates to the Baring Korea Trust

Unitholders of the Baring Korea Feeder Fund should note that a number of updates will be made to the prospectus of the Baring Korea Trust with effect from 29 August 2017. In particular, the investment objective and policy of the Baring Korea Trust will be updated to better and more clearly explain how the Baring Korea Trust is managed.

As a summary, with effect from 29 August 2017, the investment objective and policy of the Baring Korea Trust will be updated:

- (i) to state that the investment objective of the Baring Korea Trust is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in Korea.
- (ii) to clarify that a minimum of 70% of the total assets of the Baring Korea Trust will be invested in equities (i.e. shares) and equity-related securities of companies incorporated in Korea, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in Korea. For the remainder of its total assets, the Baring Korea Trust may invest in markets outside of Korea, as well as in fixed income and cash, if required. The Baring Korea Trust continues to be able to invest in other funds and other transferable securities.
- (iii) to clarify that the Baring Korea Trust may use derivatives including futures, options, swaps, warrants and forward contracts for efficient portfolio management (including hedging) however it may not use derivatives extensively for investment purposes.
- (iv) to provide that Baring Korea Trust may obtain exposure in China A shares directly through the Shanghai Hong Kong Stock Connect Scheme and Shenzhen Hong Kong Stock Connect Scheme (the "Connect Schemes"). Currently, the Baring Korea Trust does not have any exposure to China A and/or

B shares. With effect from 29 August 2017, the Baring Korea Trust's exposure to China A shares via the Connect Schemes will be limited to less than 10% of its total assets.

Notwithstanding investments via the Connect Schemes are not expected to materially affect the overall risk profile of the Baring Korea Trust, 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 frontend monitoring, differences in trading days and recalling of eligible stocks. Further, its 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 Baring Korea Trust 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, Unitholders should refer to the "Hong Kong Stock Connect Schemes" section and the enhanced risk disclosure in "Investment via the Connect Schemes" in the "Fund Specific Risks" section of the prospectus of Baring Korea Trust which is expected to be available at the office of the Hong Kong Representative on or around 29 August 2017.

In addition to the above, other updates are made to the Baring Korea Trust. Unitholders of the Baring Korea Feeder Fund should refer to the latest prospectus of the Baring Korea Trust, which includes the notice dated 28 June 2017 issued to all unitholders of Baring Korea Trust, for full and up-to-date details of the Baring Korea Trust. The prospectus of Baring Korea Trust is available on the website www.barings.com<sup>1</sup> and free of charge at the office of the Hong Kong Representative at the address listed below.

The updates to the Baring Korea Trust do not affect how the Baring Korea Trust is managed and will not result in any material change in the investment objective and policy and risk profile of the Baring Korea Trust. There will be no overall increase in the level of fees payable by the Baring Korea Trust and its unitholders and will not materially prejudice the interests of its unitholders. Accordingly, the updates to the Baring Korea Trust will not materially prejudice the interests of the Unitholders of the Baring Korea Feeder Fund.

If, when you purchased your Units in the Unit Trusts, you used the services of a financial adviser you should consult him or her for advice on what the changes described in this notice 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, 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

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