



**Baring Investment Funds Plc**

Interim Report & Unaudited

Financial Statements

for the period ended 31 October 2016

# Baring Investment Funds Plc

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# Baring Investment Funds Plc

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\*\* With effect from 18 March 2016, Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited ("the Custodian") has assumed the responsibilities of a Depository in accordance with the UCITS V Regulations.

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# **Baring Investment Funds Plc**

## **Management and administration** (continued)

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## Introduction

Baring Investment Funds Plc (“the Company”) is an open-ended umbrella investment company with segregated liability between Funds and with variable capital incorporated in Ireland on 18 October 2004 under the Companies Act 2014. It is authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland (“the CBI”), pursuant to the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011 (as amended) (“the UCITS Regulations”). The Company’s registration number is 392526 and is designed to give both individual and institutional investors the benefit of experienced professional portfolio management.

The Company is an umbrella fund in that different Funds may be issued from time to time by the Directors with the prior approval of the CBI. The assets of each Fund are invested in accordance with the investment objective and policy applicable to such Fund.

The Company has thirteen Funds, Baring China Bond Fund, Baring China Select Fund, Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund, Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund, Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund, Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund, Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund, Baring European Opportunities Fund, Baring Frontier Markets Fund, Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund, Baring Global Mining Fund, Baring India Fund and Baring MENA Fund.

Further details of the Funds are contained in individual supplements to the full Prospectus.

Accumulation (“Acc”) and Income (“Inc”) shares are available in the following Funds (referring collectively to each Fund within the Company (“the Funds”)) and in the following denominations and classes:

Fund and class	Share type (Acc/Inc)	Base currency	Share denomination	Share class launch date	ISIN
<b>Baring China Bond Fund**</b>					
Class A	Acc	USD	EUR	TBC	IE00B7VXJT86*
Class A	Acc	USD	HKD	TBC	IE00B88QMG51*
Class A	Acc	USD	RMB	TBC	IE00B846SS38*
Class A	Acc	USD	USD	06/12/2012	IE00B7WFFV424
Class A	Inc	USD	EUR Hedged	TBC	IE00BFDGTGT96*
Class A	Inc	USD	GBP	TBC	IE00B83W0T71*
Class A	Inc	USD	HKD	TBC	IE00B84BWJ73*
Class A	Inc	USD	RMB	TBC	IE00B83M2S06*
Class A	Inc	USD	USD	TBC	IE00B88QJ315*
Class D****	Inc	USD	GBP	TBC	IE00B83P7K69*
Class I	Acc	USD	EUR	TBC	IE00B8BGHH86*
Class I	Acc	USD	HKD Hedged	TBC	IE00B7C1R752*
Class I	Acc	USD	RMB	TBC	IE00B7N61J92*
Class I	Acc	USD	USD	06/12/2012	IE00B848Y143
Class I	Inc	USD	GBP	06/12/2012	IE00B6Z0NH40
Class I	Inc	USD	RMB	TBC	IE00B8GBG151*
Class R****	Inc	USD	GBP	TBC	IE00B83RK700*
Class X***	Inc	USD	USD	TBC	IE00B7Y8JJ05*

## Introduction (continued)

Fund and class	Share type (Acc/Inc)	Base currency	Share denomination	Share class launch date	ISIN
<b>Baring China Select Fund**</b>					
Class A	Acc	USD	HKD	08/01/2010	IE00B5KXKH09
Class A	Inc	USD	EUR	18/04/2008	IE00B2NG2V30
Class A	Inc	USD	USD	18/04/2008	IE00B2NG2T18
Class D****	Inc	USD	GBP	TBC	IE00B84PHN88*
Class I	Acc	USD	EUR	18/04/2008	IE00B2NG2Y60
Class I	Acc	USD	USD	18/04/2008	IE00B2NG2X53
Class I	Inc	USD	GBP	30/05/2014	IE00B8BY9984
Class R****	Inc	USD	GBP	TBC	IE00B84SK052*
<b>Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund*****</b>					
Class A	Acc	USD	USD	23/06/2016	IE00BD9Y1D34
Class A	Acc	USD	EUR Hedged	TBC	IE00BD9Y1F57*
Class A	Inc	USD	EUR Hedged	TBC	IE00BDC5PL90*
Class A	Acc	USD	CHF Hedged	TBC	IE00BD9Y1G64*
Class F	Acc	USD	USD	TBC	IE00BD9Y1H71*
Class F	Acc	USD	EUR Hedged	TBC	IE00BD9Y1J95*
Class F	Acc	USD	GBP Hedged	TBC	IE00BD9Y1K01*
Class I	Acc	USD	USD	23/06/2016	IE00BD9Y1L18
Class I	Acc	USD	EUR Hedged	TBC	IE00BD9Y1M25*
Class I	Inc	USD	EUR Hedged	TBC	IE00BDC5PM08*
Class I	Acc	USD	GBP Hedged	TBC	IE00BD9Y1N32*
Class I	Inc	USD	GBP Hedged	TBC	IE00BDC5PN15*
Class I	Acc	USD	CHF Hedged	TBC	IE00BD9Y1P55*
Class I	Acc	USD	DKK Hedged	TBC	IE00BD9Y1Q62*
Class I	Acc	USD	NOK Hedged	TBC	IE00BD9Y1R79*
Class I	Acc	USD	SEK Hedged	TBC	IE00BD9Y1S86*
Class I	Acc	USD	SGD Hedged	TBC	IE00BD9Y1T93*
Class X***	Acc	USD	USD	TBC	IE00BD9Y1V16*
Class X***	Acc	USD	EUR Hedged	TBC	IE00BD9Y1W23*
Class X***	Acc	USD	GBP Hedged	TBC	IE00BD9Y1X30*

## Introduction (continued)

Fund and class	Share type (Acc/Inc)	Base currency	Share denomination	Share class launch date	ISIN
<b>Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund**</b>					
Class A	Acc	GBP	CHF	TBC	IE00B5VW2X64*
Class A	Acc	GBP	EUR	19/10/2011	IE00B404P481
Class A	Acc	GBP	GBP	25/08/2011	IE00B4MW4988
Class A	Acc	GBP	USD	TBC	IE00B4JQ5566*
Class A	Inc	GBP	EUR	TBC	IE00BFDTGV19*
Class A	Inc	GBP	HKD	TBC	IE00B40VFX83*
Class A	Inc	GBP	USD	TBC	IE00B7H1NG12*
Class I	Acc	GBP	EUR	TBC	IE00B60KWW73*
Class I	Acc	GBP	GBP	29/06/2011	IE00B5SPP393
Class I	Acc	GBP	USD	20/01/2016	IE00B4Y3QN77
Class I	Inc	GBP	EUR	TBC	IE00BFDTGW26*
Class R****	Inc	GBP	GBP	TBC	IE00B8BZ3J94*
Class X***	Acc	GBP	EUR	TBC	IE00B408B862*
<b>Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund**</b>					
Class A	Acc	USD	EUR	TBC	IE00B86R5162*
Class A	Acc	USD	EUR Hedged	17/01/2013	IE00B86NYM88
Class A	Acc	USD	USD	02/11/2012	IE00B7YBPW45
Class A	Inc	USD	AUD Hedged	TBC	IE00B86R3F69*
Class A	Inc	USD	CAD Hedged	TBC	IE00B55TL702*
Class A	Inc	USD	EUR	TBC	IE00B86P0S20*
Class A	Inc	USD	EUR Hedged	TBC	IE00B86P2F31*
Class A	Inc	USD	GBP	TBC	IE00B86PYY66*
Class A	Inc	USD	GBP Hedged	TBC	IE00B7LBZ161*
Class A	Inc	USD	HKD	TBC	IE00B86SDD71*
Class A	Inc	USD	NZD Hedged	TBC	IE00B83KV215*
Class A	Inc	USD	RMB Hedged	TBC	IE00B86SG055*
Class A	Inc	USD	USD	23/10/2012	IE00B7Z4PZ57
Class D****	Inc	USD	GBP	TBC	IE00B78BNQ08*
Class I	Acc	USD	EUR	TBC	IE00B86X2021*
Class I	Acc	USD	GBP	TBC	IE00B86X3G58*
Class I	Acc	USD	USD	17/10/2012	IE00B7XWR334
Class R****	Inc	USD	GBP	TBC	IE00B766LG35*
Class X***	Acc	USD	EUR	TBC	IE00B7Y0BT09*
Class X***	Acc	USD	USD	TBC	IE00B3Y11D90*

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Fund and class	Share type (Acc/Inc)	Base currency	Share denomination	Share class launch date	ISIN
<b>Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund**</b>					
Class A	Acc	USD	EUR	17/05/2011	IE00B51HXB65
Class A	Acc	USD	USD	23/08/2010	IE00B51V3X06
Class A	Inc	USD	CAD Hedged	TBC	IE00BBNBL519*
Class A	Inc	USD	EUR	31/07/2007	IE00B1L2TN78
Class A	Inc	USD	GBP Hedged	31/07/2007	IE00B1L2TP92
Class A	Inc	USD	HKD	27/08/2010	IE00B51JPW76
Class A	Inc	USD	RMB Hedged	TBC	IE00B8L4YP98*
Class A	Inc	USD	USD	14/12/2006	IE00B1HM8V28
Class D****	Inc	USD	GBP Hedged	TBC	IE00B8FN9W49*
Class I	Acc	USD	USD	20/01/2016	IE00B7XF7M10
Class I	Inc	USD	EUR	31/07/2007	IE00B1L2TR17
Class I	Inc	USD	GBP	TBC	IE00B51M6T08*
Class I	Inc	USD	USD	14/12/2006	IE00B1L2TQ00
Class R****	Inc	USD	GBP Hedged	TBC	IE00B8FNWD62*
Class X***	Acc	USD	USD	30/03/2007	IE00B1HMBX51
<b>Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund**</b>					
Class A	Acc	EUR	EUR	15/03/2013	IE00B7Z2JW43
Class A	Acc	EUR	USD Hedged	TBC	IE00B7GYWR55*
Class A	Inc	EUR	EUR	15/09/2014	IE00BFDTGX33
Class A	Acc	EUR	SEK	TBC	IE00BZ2GSW89*
Class A	Acc	EUR	SEK Hedged	TBC	IE00BZ2GT696*
Class I	Acc	EUR	EUR	11/12/2013	IE00B8VZBY01
Class I	Acc	EUR	USD Hedged	TBC	IE00B91T4P13*
Class I	Inc	EUR	EUR	20/01/2016	IE00BFDTGY40
Class I	Acc	EUR	SEK	TBC	IE00BQY77Q33*
Class I	Acc	EUR	SEK Hedged	TBC	IE00BZ2GSK67*
Class X***	Acc	EUR	EUR	13/03/2013	IE00B920TW55
Class X***	Acc	EUR	USD Hedged	TBC	IE00B7W2Y224*



## Introduction (continued)

Fund and class	Share type (Acc/Inc)	Base currency	Share denomination	Share class launch date	ISIN
<b>Baring European Opportunities Fund**</b>					
Class A	Acc	EUR	EUR	29/10/2013	IE00BDSTXR76
Class A	Acc	EUR	USD	25/06/2015	IE00BDSTXT90
Class A	Inc	EUR	EUR	TBC	IE00BDSTXS83*
Class D****	Inc	EUR	GBP	TBC	IE00BDSTXV13*
Class I	Acc	EUR	EUR	29/10/2013	IE00BDSTY523
Class I	Acc	EUR	USD	02/11/2015	IE00BDSTXY44
Class I	Inc	EUR	EUR	02/11/2015	IE00BDSTY630
Class I	Inc	EUR	GBP	29/10/2013	IE00BDSTXW20
Class I	Inc	EUR	GBP Hedged	TBC	IE00BDSTXX37*
Class R****	Inc	EUR	GBP	TBC	IE00BDSTXZ50*
Class X***	Acc	EUR	EUR	TBC	IE00BDSTY077*
Class X***	Acc	EUR	GBP	29/10/2013	IE00BDSTY184
Class X***	Acc	EUR	JPY	TBC	IE00BDSTY291*
Class X***	Acc	EUR	USD	TBC	IE00BDSTY309*
<b>Baring Frontier Markets Fund**</b>					
Class A	Acc	USD	AUD Hedged	TBC	IE00B90YHL40*
Class A	Acc	USD	EUR	TBC	IE00B8YTM352*
Class A	Acc	USD	HKD	TBC	IE00B76C9676*
Class A	Acc	USD	RMB Hedged	TBC	IE00B90TRC04*
Class A	Acc	USD	USD	24/04/2013	IE00B8BVS817
Class A	Inc	USD	GBP	24/04/2013	IE00B3SS8W43
Class D****	Inc	USD	GBP	TBC	IE00B8YXTN60*
Class I	Acc	USD	EUR	30/01/2014	IE00B832J890
Class I	Acc	USD	USD	20/01/2016	IE00B7X3PV08
Class I	Inc	USD	GBP	06/03/2014	IE00B8TS4Q42
Class R****	Inc	USD	GBP	TBC	IE00B8H80919*
Class X***	Acc	USD	USD	24/04/2013	IE00B90Z1S20
<b>Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund*****</b>					
Class I	Inc	USD	USD	20/10/2016	IE00BYZDBZ35
Class A	Acc	USD	USD	20/10/2016	IE00BYZDBF39
Class I	Acc	USD	GBP	20/10/2016	IE00BYZDC169

## Introduction (continued)

Fund and class	Share type (Acc/Inc)	Base currency	Share denomination	Share class launch date	ISIN
<b>Baring Global Mining Fund**</b>					
Class A	Acc	USD	EUR	TBC	IE00B5VDNH07*
Class A	Acc	USD	RMB Hedged	TBC	IE00B8KSXS88*
Class A	Acc	USD	USD	29/02/2012	IE00B55BZX02
Class A	Inc	USD	GBP	29/02/2012	IE00B704RW18
Class D****	Inc	USD	GBP	TBC	IE00B842N867*
Class I	Acc	USD	EUR	TBC	IE00B706TC18*
Class I	Acc	USD	USD	20/01/2016	IE00B6WXWS07
Class I	Inc	USD	GBP	30/09/2015	IE00B70FL999
Class R****	Inc	USD	GBP	TBC	IE00B88KLF91*
Class X***	Acc	USD	USD	29/02/2012	IE00B6T5VJ38
<b>Baring India Fund**</b>					
Class A	Acc	USD	EUR	TBC	IE00B3RPY285*
Class A	Acc	USD	RMB Hedged	TBC	IE00B7MJ5L91*
Class A	Acc	USD	USD	07/12/2011	IE00B3TWKS59
Class A	Inc	USD	GBP	07/12/2011	IE00B3RB3965
Class A	Inc	USD	HKD	TBC	IE00B3XG2C14*
Class D****	Inc	USD	GBP	TBC	IE00B8KJNH01*
Class I	Acc	USD	EUR	TBC	IE00B3T45G45*
Class I	Acc	USD	USD	20/01/2016	IE00B3W6LN67
Class I	Inc	USD	GBP	19/03/2014	IE00B3Z0R488
Class R****	Inc	USD	GBP	TBC	IE00B84B5766*
<b>Baring MENA Fund**</b>					
Class A	Acc	USD	EUR	29/03/2010	IE00B63QVC53
Class A	Acc	USD	RMB Hedged	TBC	IE00B8QCN170*
Class A	Acc	USD	USD	29/03/2010	IE00B63QVB47
Class A	Inc	USD	GBP	29/03/2010	IE00B63QVD60
Class D****	Inc	USD	GBP	TBC	IE00B8K52H14*
Class I	Acc	USD	EUR	TBC	IE00B63QVG91*
Class I	Acc	USD	USD	20/01/2016	IE00B63QVF84
Class I	Inc	USD	GBP	24/02/2014	IE00B63QVH09
Class R****	Inc	USD	GBP	TBC	IE00B88NFD49*

## Introduction (continued)

\* Share class not yet launched.

\*\* Trade receipt and valuation deadline was 12.00pm on 28 October 2016, the last business day of the period.

\*\*\* Class X shares: No management fees are charged to the Fund. Fees are charged outside of the Fund under a separate agreement between the investor and the Investment Manager.

\*\*\*\* Class D and Class R shares will be available to certain distributors who have in place a placing agency or distribution arrangement with the Company or its delegates.

\*\*\*\*\* The Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund was launched on 23 June 2016.

\*\*\*\*\* The Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund was launched on 20 October 2016.

## **Key changes since the last report**

### **New Funds launched**

The below listed Funds were launched during the year:

Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund – 23 June 2016

Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund – 20 October 2016

## Baring China Bond Fund – Investment Manager’s report

### Performance record

#### Summary of Fund performance (excluding distribution payments where applicable)

	Net Asset Value as at 31/10/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value as at 30/04/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value % change
Baring China Bond Fund - Class A USD Acc	US\$9.82	US\$10.09	(2.68)
Baring China Bond Fund - Class I GBP Inc	£11.80	£10.22	15.46
Baring China Bond Fund - Class I USD Acc	US\$10.15	US\$10.38	(2.22)

#### Performance record to 31 October 2016 (including distribution payments where applicable)

	01/05/2016 - 31/10/2016 %	01/05/2015 - 30/04/2016 %	01/05/2014 - 30/04/2015 %	01/05/2013 - 30/04/2014 %	06/12/2012 - 30/04/2013 %
Baring China Bond Fund - Class A USD Acc (USD terms)	(2.68)	(1.66)	2.60	(1.96)	2.00
Baring China Bond Fund - Class I GBP Inc (GBP terms)	17.67	4.38	12.23	(9.32)	6.60
Baring China Bond Fund - Class I USD Acc (USD terms)	(2.22)	(0.76)	3.26	(1.17)	2.50

Performance figures are shown net of fees and charges, on a NAV per share basis, with gross income reinvested.

Source: Morningstar/Barings.

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The Fund was launched on 6 December 2012.

**Past performance is no indication of current or future performance. The performance data does not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of shares. Please note that changes in the rates of exchange may have an adverse effect on the value, price or income of an investment.**

### Investment objective and policy

The investment objective of the Baring China Bond Fund (“the Fund”) is to maximise total return in the long term, consisting of income, capital appreciation and currency gains, by investing in China-related debt securities and renminbi-denominated debt securities.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its total assets at any one time in:

- China-related debt securities issued or guaranteed by governments, supranationals, agencies, institutions and companies domiciled in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, a China-related market, or listed and/or traded on an eligible China-related market; or
- Renminbi-denominated debt securities issued or guaranteed by governments, supranationals, agencies, institutions or companies worldwide.

## **Baring China Bond Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Investment objective and policy (continued)**

Currency exposure within the Fund will be flexibly managed. The Fund may use forward currency contracts, including non-deliverable forwards, to gain exposure to the Chinese currency (“CNH”) where Chinese debt securities are denominated in US dollars.

Where investment is made in CNH-denominated assets, this currency exposure may be hedged back to the base currency of the Fund (US dollars). Please refer to the Prospectus for the full investment objective and policy.

### **How the Fund is managed**

The Manager of Baring Investment Funds Plc, Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited, has appointed Baring Asset Management Limited as the Investment Manager of the Fund. In turn, Baring Asset Management Limited has appointed Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited as Sub-Investment Manager to the Fund.

The Fund will seek to identify investments primarily through the use of “top-down” asset allocation, based on analysis of economic and political factors, rather than the specific circumstances of an individual company. “Bottom-up” analysis, both qualitative and quantitative, of debt securities focusing on the company-specific fundamentals is then undertaken to identify the debt securities of those companies, industries and countries that the Investment Manager expects to produce above-average investment performance. Qualitative analysis takes into account factors such as market sentiment and the perceived quality of the management of a company, quantitative analysis includes factors such as profitability, cash flow and debt levels.

### **Risk profile**

Please see detailed below some of the key risks applicable to the Fund:

Changes in exchange rates can have the effect of increasing or decreasing the value of the Fund and any income generated. Note: The Renminbi is not a freely convertible currency and is subject to exchange control restrictions. The value of the assets of the Fund may be affected unfavourably by these restrictions.

A company providing services to the fund or from which we buy an asset (such as a bank) may become insolvent, which could cause losses to the Fund.

There is no guarantee that a bond issuer will pay the interest due or repay the loan. Bond values are likely to fall if interest rates rise.

Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell fund investments at an anticipated price or in a timely manner. This could have a negative impact on the value of your investment. In extreme conditions, this could affect the Fund’s ability to meet investors’ redemption requests.

Derivative instruments can make a profit or a loss. Derivatives can increase the amount by which the Fund’s value rises and falls and could expose the Fund to losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative.

Emerging market countries may have less developed regulation and face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries. This means your money is at greater risk.

The fees and expenses are paid out of capital. This will constrain capital growth and may erode capital.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full risk profile.

## **Baring China Bond Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Strategy**

The portfolio maintained higher cash levels to provide some buffers ahead of the FOMC meeting. We believe that any rate rises in the US. could trigger bond price adjustment as credit valuation is getting rich in general. We reduce duration risk through running down in bond maturity. We would increase portfolio duration only if we see quality issuers with attractive yield carry. We continue to monitor the new issuance market for opportunities as well as the opportunities provided by new market developments such as the China Interbank Bond Market (“CIBM”). We continue to take a bottom up approach in our search for attractive credit valuations in both RMB and Chinese U.S. dollar credits for diversification and risk adjustments. The portfolio strategy is focused on the renminbi currency and we are optimistic on both valuations and a fundamental standpoint.

### **Performance**

During the period, the Fund delivered positive performance relative to the market, using the HSBC Offshore Renminbi Bonds Overall Index as a reference. The portfolio enhances overall running yield which could mitigate risks of tight spread valuation. The relatively manageable currency volatility has been conducive to performance. Our duration was increased to benefit from the potential easing environment and liquidity conditions in the Chinese bond market. Our exposure in sectors such as Real Estate benefited from the strong property market recovery; Wealth effect from improving economic fundamental and rising asset prices which are factors that helped liquidity of consumer sector credits; and our holdings in policy banks were underpinned by the continued reform and monetary operation efforts conducted through these institutions.

### **Review of the market**

During the period, the market has encountered two major global political events that have worldwide implications. Both the EU referendum and the US presidential elections have culminated in results contrary to mainstream market expectations. We expect these events to continue to have a hold over global capital markets as the layers unfold and the actual impact translates to the economy. For now, we view the election of Donald Trump as the U.S President as negative given his campaign rhetoric of protectionism, which will hurt global trade. The recovering US economy and remarks from Federal Reserve president Janet Yellen have also added to market concerns of an imminent rate hike decision in December.

Reforms have been picking up speed in China as we are heading towards 2017. The previous finance minister has been replaced but so far has had little impact on the trajectory of reforms set by the outgoing Lou Jiwei. During the period we have seen financial reforms focus on reining in shadow banking assets and off-balance sheet items while also allowing more innovative funding solutions for local governments to alleviate debt, such as the debt-to-equity swap. This has been against the backdrop of a strong property market and generally improving economy. The government will be able to push through more mid- to long-term positive reforms against a backdrop of steady economic growth.

On 23 June 2016, the UK electorate voted to leave the European Union. This decision will start a process that is likely to take a minimum of two years to complete, and it is important to note that during this time the UK remains a member of the EU. This means that the rules and regulations governing asset management as well as the protections that were in place for clients prior to the referendum remain unchanged. However, the result is likely to usher in a period of uncertainty for the UK economy and financial markets, which could lead to increased volatility.

### **Market outlook**

The first week of November will provide a glimpse into the current trajectory of global monetary policy; The Bank of Japan, US Federal Reserve, Bank of England, and European Central Bank will be having policy meetings. While there are limited expectations of changing the current status quo, this will provide a prelude to the December meetings where there is wider anticipation of monetary action, especially in the US. We believe this will keep the market on its toes.

## **Baring China Bond Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Market outlook (continued)**

In China, the People’s Bank of China has also stayed passive in regards to prospects of large-scale monetary action, but has been seen making tweaks to ensure adequate liquidity during periods of volatility. We expect to see heightened volatility in the short term, especially as we enter into December where liquidity is typically tight. In the commodity market, the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries meetings have been languid and increasingly leaning towards a conclusion of inaction. Oil prices may see a renewed slide ahead of the next meeting.

In terms of Chinese credits, with the tighter control on property prices, widening of US treasury yields, and overall tight market valuations, we expect to see mild widening of spreads going into November. The influx of new issuance is expected to hold up in November as corporates aim to lock-in a cheaper funding cost.

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## Portfolio statement

As at 31 October 2016

### Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Currency	Investment Funds: 0.89% (30 Apr 2016: 0.00%)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
US dollar	Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund	USD	160,000	160,000	0.89
	<b>Total Investment Funds</b>			<b>160,000</b>	<b>0.89</b>

### Fixed interest: 86.60% (30 Apr 2016: 97.76%)

#### Chinese yuan Chinese yuan: 82.60% (30 Apr 2016: 93.88%)

Australia & New Zealand Banking FRN 30/01/2025	CNH	2,000,000	298,274	1.66
AVIC International Finance & Investment 4.80% 10/04/2017	CNH	4,000,000	589,075	3.28
Bestgain Real Estate Lyra 4.50% 04/12/2018	CNH	3,000,000	442,706	2.46
BP Capital Markets 3.95% 08/10/2018	CNH	5,000,000	735,992	4.09
BSH Bosch und Siemens Hausgeraete 4.00% 28/09/2018	CNH	3,000,000	441,104	2.45
Caterpillar Financial Services 3.55% 23/06/2018	CNH	3,000,000	438,283	2.44
Charter Style International 5.80% 15/09/2024	CNH	3,000,000	462,571	2.57
China CITIC Bank 4.13% 27/02/2017	CNH	2,000,000	294,594	1.64
China Development Bank 4.20% 19/01/2027	CNH	4,000,000	599,147	3.33
China Development Bank 4.30% 02/08/2032	CNH	5,000,000	749,813	4.17
China Development Bank 4.35% 19/09/2024	CNH	2,000,000	303,229	1.69
China Government Bond 3.48% 29/06/2027	CNH	3,500,000	523,458	2.91
China Government Bond 3.95% 29/06/2043	CNH	500,000	73,093	0.41
China Government Bond 4.10% 21/05/2045	CNH	500,000	74,703	0.41
Export-Import Bank of China 4.15% 18/06/2027	CNH	6,000,000	901,134	5.01
Fonterra Co-operative 3.60% 29/01/2019	CNH	4,000,000	586,283	3.26
Fonterra Co-operative 4.00% 22/06/2020	CNH	2,000,000	295,516	1.64
Fonterra Co-operative 4.50% 17/07/2025	CNH	1,000,000	148,644	0.83
Huarui Investment Holding 5.25% 26/11/2018	CNH	3,000,000	447,115	2.49
ICICI Bank/Bahrain 4.00% 24/11/2017	CNH	2,220,000	326,782	1.82
Industrial & Commercial Bank of China Asia 6.00% 04/11/2021	CNH	4,200,000	613,581	3.41
Jingneng Clean Energy Investment 4.30% 23/12/2017	CNH	3,000,000	441,746	2.46
Mitsubishi UFJ Lease & Finance 3.28% 27/02/2017	CNH	1,000,000	146,646	0.82
Mitsui 4.25% 01/03/2017	CNH	5,000,000	733,048	4.08
Province of British Columbia Canada 2.85% 13/11/2016	CNH	2,000,000	294,188	1.64
Renault 4.38% 11/12/2017	CNH	2,000,000	294,397	1.64
Rosy Capital Global 5.25% 30/07/2018	CNH	4,000,000	594,682	3.31
Shanghai Baosteel 4.15% 01/03/2017	CNH	2,400,000	353,135	1.96
Sinochem Offshore Capital 3.55% 13/05/2017	CNH	3,000,000	439,608	2.44
Starway Assets Enterprises 4.10% 22/01/2017	CNH	3,000,000	441,391	2.45
Tingyi Cayman Islands 4.38% 06/08/2018	CNH	5,000,000	737,538	4.10
Veolia Environment 4.50% 28/06/2017	CNH	2,000,000	295,869	1.65
Wharf Finance No.1 4.00% 27/03/2018	CNH	5,000,000	733,592	4.08
			<b>14,850,937</b>	<b>82.60</b>

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

### Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Currency		Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
US dollar	<b>Fixed interest: 86.60% (30 Apr 2016: 97.76%) (continued)</b>				
	<b>US dollar: 4.00% (30 Apr 2016: 3.88%)</b>				
	Franshion Investment 4.70% 26/10/2017	USD	200,000	204,032	1.13
	JD.com Inc 3.13% 29/04/2021	USD	300,000	299,340	1.66
	Nan Fung Treasury 4.50% 20/09/2022	USD	200,000	216,766	1.21
				<b>720,138</b>	<b>4.00</b>
	<b>Total fixed interest</b>			<b>15,571,075</b>	<b>86.60</b>
	<b>Open forward foreign currency transactions: (0.00%) (30 Apr 2016: 0.01%)</b>			-	-
	<b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>			<b>15,731,075</b>	<b>87.49</b>

### Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Open forward foreign currency transactions: (0.04%) (30 Apr 2016: 0.00%)

Currency sold	Currency bought	Counterparty	Currency rate	Maturity date	Unrealised loss US\$	% of NAV
USD 889,148	CNH 6,027,000	HSBC Bank	0.1475	12/01/2017	(7,317)	(0.04)
<b>Total unrealised gain on open foreign currency transactions</b>					<b>(7,317)</b>	<b>(0.04)</b>

**Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss** (7,317) (0.04)

**Total investments at fair value through profit or loss** 15,723,758 87.45

Cash 2,119,533 11.79

Other net assets 137,054 0.76

**Total net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares** 17,980,345 100.00

### Analysis of portfolio

	% of Total assets*
Transferable securities**	87.28
Other assets	12.72
	<b>100.00</b>

\* Calculation based on the total assets of the Fund (excluding liabilities). This summary is a UCITS requirement.

\*\* Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised market.

## Balance sheet

As at 31 October 2016

		<b>Baring China Bond Fund 31/10/2016 US\$</b>	<b>Baring China Bond Fund 30/04/2016 US\$</b>
<b>Assets</b>	<b>Notes</b>		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		15,731,075	17,995,313
Cash		2,119,533	240,510
Interest receivable		173,088	208,962
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>18,023,696</b>	<b>18,444,785</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss		7,317	-
Management fee payable	3	(13,218)	(15,989)
Administration fee payable	3	6,288	6,539
Depositary fee payable	3	328	551
Other liabilities	3	42,636	47,600
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares)</b>		<b>43,351</b>	<b>38,701</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>17,980,345</b>	<b>18,406,084</b>
<b>Shares in issue (Note 5)</b>			
Class A USD Acc		9,819	9,667
Class I GBP Inc		1,475	1,473
Class I USD Acc		1,759,546	1,760,505

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares

For the period ended 31 October 2016

	Notes	Baring China Bond Fund 31/10/2016 US\$	Baring China Bond Fund 31/10/2015 US\$
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the period		18,406,084 *	19,208,919
Decrease in assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		(417,443)	(156,219)
Issue of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	5,826	118,095
Redemption of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	(14,120)	(185,406)
Income equalisation	4	(2)	303
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the end of the period</b>		<b>17,980,345</b>	<b>18,985,692</b>

\* The opening net assets attributable to shareholders for 2016 differ from the closing position in 2015 by the change in the net assets attributable to shareholders for second half of the comparative financial year.

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## Profit and loss account

For the period ended 31 October 2016

		Baring China Bond Fund 31/10/2016 US\$	Baring China Bond Fund 31/10/2015 US\$
<b>Investment income</b>	<b>Notes</b>		
Interest income		351,932	346,539
Net fair value loss on financial assets and at fair value through profit or loss		(686,259)	(402,782)
<b>Total investment expense</b>		<b>(334,327)</b>	<b>(56,243)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Management fees	3	12,877	15,833
Administration fees	3	40,968	42,847
Depository fees	3	2,282	2,380
General expenses	3	26,582	38,391
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>82,709</b>	<b>99,451</b>
<b>Net loss before finance costs</b>		<b>(417,036)</b>	<b>(155,694)</b>
<b>Finance costs</b>			
Bank interest expense		-	(214)
Distributions	4	(407)	(311)
<b>Total finance costs</b>		<b>(407)</b>	<b>(525)</b>
<b>Decrease in net assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>(417,443)</b>	<b>(156,219)</b>

Gains and losses arose solely from continuing operations. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the profit and loss account.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Baring China Select Fund – Investment Manager’s report

### Performance record

#### Summary of Fund performance (excluding distribution payments where applicable)

	Net Asset Value as at 31/10/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value as at 30/04/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value % change
Baring China Select Fund - Class A USD Inc	US\$11.13	US\$10.26	8.48
Baring China Select Fund - Class A EUR Inc	€15.89	€14.04	13.18
Baring China Select Fund - Class A HKD Acc	HK\$86.36	HK\$79.70	8.36
Baring China Select Fund - Class I EUR Acc	€18.02	€15.80	14.05
Baring China Select Fund - Class I GBP Inc	£9.58	£7.33	30.70
Baring China Select Fund - Class I USD Acc	US\$12.30	US\$11.29	8.95

#### Performance record to 31 October 2016 (including distribution payments where applicable)

	01/05/2016 - 31/10/2016 %	01/05/2015 - 30/04/2016 %	01/05/2014 - 30/04/2015 %	01/05/2013 - 30/04/2014 %	01/05/2012 - 30/04/2013 %
Baring China Select Fund - Class A USD Inc (USD terms)	8.48	(25.33)	38.53	3.22	4.00
MSCI China Total, Gross Return Index (USD terms)	12.30	(30.42)	48.46	(0.95)	4.42
Baring China Select Fund - Class A EUR Inc (EUR terms)	13.18	(26.64)	70.40	(2.43)	4.73
Baring China Select Fund - Class A HKD Acc (HKD terms)	8.36	(25.23)	38.46	3.11	4.03
Baring China Select Fund - Class A RMB Hedged Acc (RMB terms)*	N/A	(19.59)	42.41	(4.41)	N/A
Baring China Select Fund - Class I EUR Acc (EUR terms)	14.05	(25.65)	74.04	(1.29)	6.27
Baring China Select Fund - Class I GBP Inc (GBP terms)**	31.28	(20.93)	41.53***	N/A	N/A
Baring China Select Fund - Class I USD Acc (USD terms)	8.95	(24.43)	40.15	4.10	4.92
Baring China Select Fund - Class X USD Acc (USD terms)*	N/A	(19.79)	40.72	4.82	5.60

## Baring China Select Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)

### Performance record (continued)

Performance figures are shown net of fees and charges, on a NAV per share basis, with gross income reinvested.

Source: Morningstar/Barings/MSCI.

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The Fund was launched on 13 April 2008.

\* The Class A RMB Hedged Acc share class was closed on 7 August 2015 (termination date). The performance data relates to the period from 4 April 2014 (launch date) to the termination date.

The Class X USD Acc share class was closed on 7 August 2015 (termination date). The performance data relates to the period from 18 April 2008 (launch date) to the termination date.

\*\* The Class I GBP Inc share class was launched on 30 May 2014.

\*\*\* The Class I GBP Inc share class performance figure is calculated from 30 May 2014.

**Past performance is no indication of current or future performance. The performance data does not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of shares. Please note that changes in the rates of exchange may have an adverse effect on the value, price or income of an investment.**

### Investment objective and policy

The investment objective of the Baring China Select Fund (“the Fund”) is to achieve long-term capital growth in the value of assets by investing in companies which Baring Investment Funds Plc (“the Company”) believes will benefit from the economic growth and development of China. The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its total assets at any one time in equities in companies quoted on recognised exchanges in China or Hong Kong or incorporated in China or Hong Kong, or which have a significant proportion of their assets or other interests in China or Hong Kong. Baring Asset Management Limited (“the Investment Manager”) may also invest in equities in companies elsewhere in the Asia Pacific (ex Japan) region with the potential, in the opinion of the Investment Manager, to benefit from the development of China. For this purpose, total assets exclude cash and ancillary liquidities.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full investment objective and policy.

### How the Fund is managed

The Manager of Baring Investment Funds Plc, Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited, has appointed Baring Asset Management Limited as the Investment Manager of the Fund. In turn, Baring Asset Management Limited has appointed Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited as Sub-Investment Manager to the Fund.

The Fund is managed using a “bottom-up” investment approach. This means that we focus more on the individual merits of a specific company rather than taking a stance on sectors or macroeconomic trends such as interest rate rises. Within this, we manage the Fund using a quality “Growth at a Reasonable Price” (“GARP”), approach. This means that when researching candidates for the portfolio, we place just as much emphasis on the likely growth in corporate earnings at a company as we do on the share price valuation before deciding whether to invest or not.

## **Baring China Select Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Risk profile**

Please see detailed below some of the key risks applicable to the Fund:

Changes in exchange rates between the currency of the Fund and the currencies in which the assets of the Fund are valued can have the effect of increasing or decreasing the value of the Fund and any income generated.

Derivative instruments can make a profit or a loss and there is no guarantee that a financial derivative contract will achieve its intended outcome. The use of derivatives can increase the amount by which the Fund’s value rises and falls and could expose the Fund to losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative. Some derivative transactions may be entered into directly with an eligible person or institution (a “counterparty”). There is a risk that the counterparty may not meet its obligations or becomes insolvent which could cause the Fund to incur a loss.

China may face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries. Coupled with less developed regulation, this means your money is at greater risk.

Country-specific funds have a narrower focus than those which invest broadly across markets and are therefore considered to be more risky.

The Fund can hold smaller company shares which can be more difficult to buy and sell as they may trade infrequently and in small volumes, so their share prices may fluctuate more than those of larger companies.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full risk profile.

### **Strategy**

We have concentrated our major holdings in what we regard as high quality, medium-sized companies with the potential to deliver sustainable corporate earnings growth in spite of a slower rate of economic expansion in China. We believe the approval of Shenzhen Hong Kong Stock Connect will be a positive development for selective quality mid-cap companies in Hong Kong, and the sell-down due to Brexit in the period could be a buying opportunity in China, especially for those quality companies. The weaker macro environment may also lead to a better liquidity situation in China due to monetary easing, which will support the equity market, in our view.

In the period we added China Railway Signal & Communication, China Everbright International and China Resources Cement to the portfolio as they may benefit from a pick-up in construction activities from late 2016. We also added aircraft leasing company BOC Aviation to the portfolio at the company’s recent IPO, on the back of a robust growth outlook and reasonable valuation. More participation in IPO included Jacobson Pharma, a mid-cap pharmaceutical company, and Honma, a global franchise in golf industry. We believe Jacobson Pharma and Honma may benefit from a positive growth outlook and a more aggressive product roadmap after IPO respectively.

We reduced positions in internet stocks Tencent, Alibaba and property developers after strong share price performance. We also reduced some positions in the auto component companies, but we are willing to accumulate on weakness due to the trend of electronics adoption and autonomous driving. Lastly, we sold online electronics retailer JD.com on the back of disappointing earnings and weak growth.

### **Performance**

The Fund delivered strong absolute returns in a rising market during the period, but underperformed the comparative benchmark. Inadequate exposure in large capitalization stocks, including Chinese e-commerce leader Alibaba and internet stock Tencent, was key detractor to relative performance.

Stock selection in the consumer discretionary sector also accounted for much of this underperformance, with processed food producer Uni-President China and intimate and sports apparel maker Regina Miracle among our poorest performing holdings. Uni-President China was weak on concern over the company’s approach to focus in fine tuning the sales channel, while Regina Miracle’s share price fell on near-term profit warning. We remain positive on these holdings’ long-term prospects. Not all of our consumer holdings fared so poorly, with automotive parts supplier Nexteer added value following the release of better than expected earnings.



## **Baring China Select Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Performance (continued)**

The period’s top performers were smartphone components manufacturers including Sunny Optical Technology, AAC Technologies and Largan Precision, all of which have seen strong revenues and growth in shipment numbers. Semiconductor Manufacturing International was also among the Fund’s top five performers – the semiconductor foundry’s share price rallied on a better than expected earnings growth and a positive growth outlook, as demand for chips into computers, smartphones, and other computing and internet devices remain healthy.

### **Review of the market**

The offshore Chinese market posted strong positive return during the period. Market sentiment was positive on the announcement of Shenzhen Hong Kong Stock Connect and earnings result announcements of large cap companies - which were in line with market expectation. Global macro events such as a relief rally in global markets after the Brexit vote, OPEC’s discussion to oil production cut and the US Federal Reserve’s decision to keep the interest rate unchanged also strengthened market sentiment.

Among the sectors, the information technology and financials sectors were key drivers to the strong market return in the period. On the other hand, the consumer staples and industrials sectors registered negative returns and lagged the overall market.

On the economic front the official manufacturing index climbed to a two year high in October. Economic reform remains in progress. The Ministry of Finance approved the third batch of public-private partnership (PPP) projects. The National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) also introduced a mixed ownership program for state own enterprises (SOEs). The 6th plenum of 18th Central Committee concluded with agreement to continue the anti-corruption campaign.

Meanwhile the currency continued to depreciate against the US dollar, and saw an accelerated capital outflow. The government also placed more restrictions to home buyer, as the property market remains buoyant.

On 23 June 2016, the UK electorate voted to leave the European Union. This decision will start a process that is likely to take a minimum of two years to complete, and it is important to note that during this time the UK remains a member of the EU. This means that the rules and regulations governing asset management as well as the protections that were in place for clients prior to the referendum remain unchanged. However, the result is likely to usher in a period of uncertainty for the UK economy and financial markets, which could lead to increased volatility.

### **Market outlook**

We believe that China’s economic growth will stabilize at lower level and expect that the Chinese government will embark on further policy easing (especially fiscal) and reforms.

Top government leaders in China reiterated “L-shaped” economy expectation publicly. We think it shows the strong government commitment on China’s long-term economy sustainability. Economy slowdown is inevitable, as China now is a middle-income country and under economy rebalancing process. It is encouraging for us to see the top leaders acknowledge this and keep the economy quality over growth as a top priority. This policy stance on “L-shaped” economy assumption would better align local governments’ motivations and avoid unnecessary policy mistakes. The long-term economy risk from over-stimulus measures, e.g. aggressive monetary easing and massive inefficient investment, would be eased.

On the other hand, the structural economy reforms are likely to be implemented more seriously. The recent emphasis on supply side reform should help cleaning up over-capacity and good for longer term economic development, despite short-term pressure on employment and credit risks. Overall economy supply-demand will be more balanced, and we expect upcoming policy supports and focuses will be inclined to “New Economy” segments.

## **Baring China Select Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Market outlook (continued)**

Post the US election, there will be ongoing concerns about issues including currency manipulation and trade protectionism, which may lead to higher uncertainty in Hong Kong and China market. However, we believe the long term driver of the stock market remain to be corporate earnings. Any sharp correction of the equity market could provide buying opportunities, especially for companies with good earning visibility, and for sectors like pharmaceutical, internet and domestic consumption related which will be less affected by potential US policy changes.

Longer term, a stabilization of both economic growth and currency trend will provide support to corporate earnings and the equity market. On-going structural reforms may provide further upside. Household wealth reallocation to non-bank deposit and non-property sectors should continue to support equity market development. We continue to look for opportunity to add well managed companies with good growth prospects.

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As at 31 October 2016

	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
<b>Country</b>	<b>Investment Funds: 2.25% (30 Apr 2016: 4.31%)</b>				
China	<b>China: 1.21% (30 Apr 2016: 4.04%)</b>				
	Baring China A-Share Fund	USD	38,962	619,109	1.21
				<b>619,109</b>	<b>1.21</b>
Ireland	<b>Ireland: 1.04% (30 Apr 2016: 0.27%)</b>				
	Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund	USD	531,000	531,000	1.04
	<b>Total Ireland</b>			<b>531,000</b>	<b>1.04</b>
	<b>Total Investment Funds</b>			<b>1,150,109</b>	<b>2.25</b>
	<b>Equities: 99.01% (30 Apr 2016: 96.04%)</b>				
China	<b>China: 69.15% (30 Apr 2016: 77.72%)</b>				
	AAC Technologies	HKD	179,500	1,713,041	3.36
	Alibaba	USD	11,158	1,142,356	2.24
	Baidu ADR	USD	5,661	991,241	1.94
	BBMG	HKD	1,180,000	438,274	0.86
	Brilliance China Automotive	HKD	1,458,000	1,728,003	3.39
	China Communications Construction	HKD	606,000	673,676	1.32
	China Everbright International	HKD	932,000	1,128,633	2.21
	China Oilfield Services	HKD	766,000	772,515	1.52
	China Railway Signal & Communication	HKD	1,627,000	1,328,198	2.61
	China Resources Beer	HKD	963,333	2,094,621	4.11
	China Resources Cement	HKD	2,226,000	895,676	1.76
	China Shipping Development	HKD	1,692,000	955,753	1.88
	China State Construction International	HKD	1,144,000	1,670,105	3.28
	China Unicom Hong Kong	HKD	640,000	751,917	1.48
	CSPC Pharmaceutical	HKD	832,000	863,755	1.69
	Ctrip.com International	USD	14,800	672,956	1.32
	Guangdong Investment	HKD	604,000	920,716	1.81
	IMAX China	HKD	190,200	892,860	1.75
	Lenovo	HKD	880,000	569,715	1.12
	Longfor Properties	HKD	507,500	683,296	1.34
	Nexteer Automotive	HKD	1,488,000	1,957,377	3.84
	Nine Dragons Paper	HKD	1,443,000	1,196,599	2.35

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Country	Equities: 99.01% (30 Apr 2016: 96.04%) (continued)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
China	<b>China: 69.15% (30 Apr 2016: 77.72%) (continued)</b>				
	Ping An Insurance Group of China	HKD	203,500	1,065,521	2.09
	Pou Sheng International	HKD	4,508,000	1,383,669	2.71
	Semiconductor Manufacturing International	HKD	12,872,000	1,560,434	3.06
	Shenzhou International	HKD	218,000	1,418,368	2.78
	Sinopec Shanghai Petrochemical	HKD	1,778,000	910,320	1.79
	Sunny Optical Technology	HKD	375,000	1,883,693	3.70
	Tencent	HKD	47,300	1,268,808	2.49
	Uni-President China	HKD	1,608,000	1,072,131	2.10
	Wenzhou Kangning Hospital	HKD	127,500	636,345	1.25
				<b>35,240,572</b>	<b>69.15</b>
Hong Kong	<b>Hong Kong: 21.93% (30 Apr 2016: 9.20%)</b>				
	AIA	HKD	204,000	1,352,274	2.65
	ASM Pacific Technology	HKD	56,200	552,647	1.08
	BOC Aviation	HKD	147,800	798,656	1.57
	Cafe de Coral	HKD	228,000	802,729	1.58
	Honma Golf	HKD	308,500	373,587	0.73
	Jacobson Pharma	HKD	4,423,000	861,322	1.69
	Link REITs	HKD	141,500	1,003,669	1.97
	L'Occitane International	HKD	369,750	762,956	1.50
	Minth	HKD	298,000	1,049,181	2.06
	Regina Miracle International	HKD	762,000	799,928	1.57
	Samsonite International	HKD	265,800	839,832	1.65
	SIM Technology	HKD	15,332,000	632,733	1.24
	Techtronic Industries	HKD	361,500	1,347,341	2.64
				<b>11,176,855</b>	<b>21.93</b>
Taiwan	<b>Taiwan: 4.91% (30 Apr 2016: 7.53%)</b>				
	Hota Industrial Manufacturing	TWD	172,000	734,055	1.44
	Largan Precision	TWD	7,000	826,523	1.62
	Tung Thih Electronic	TWD	66,000	940,994	1.85
				<b>2,501,572</b>	<b>4.91</b>
United States	<b>United States: 3.02% (30 Apr 2016: 1.59%)</b>				
	China Biologic Products	USD	12,619	1,537,373	3.02
				<b>1,537,373</b>	<b>3.02</b>
	<b>Total equities</b>			<b>50,456,372</b>	<b>99.01</b>
	<b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit and loss</b>			<b>51,606,481</b>	<b>101.26</b>

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## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
<b>Total investments at fair value through profit and loss</b>	<b>51,606,481</b>	<b>101.26</b>
Cash	329,743	0.65
Other net liabilities	(972,586)	(1.91)
<b>Total net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>	<b>50,963,638</b>	<b>100.00</b>
 <b>Analysis of portfolio</b>	 <b>% of Total assets*</b>	
Investment Funds	2.15	
Transferable securities**	94.11	
Other assets	3.74	
	<b>100.00</b>	

\* Calculation based on the total assets of the Fund (excluding liabilities). This summary is a UCITS requirement.

\*\* Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised market.

## Balance sheet

As at 31 October 2016

		<b>Baring Baring China Select Fund 31/10/2016 US\$</b>	<b>Baring Baring China Select Fund 30/04/2016 US\$</b>
<b>Assets</b>	<b>Notes</b>		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		51,606,481	57,018,368
Cash	3	332,127	66,161
Receivable for securities sold		1,614,550	283,616
Receivable for shares sold		55,502	2,039
Other assets		4,315	3,295
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>53,612,975</b>	<b>57,373,479</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Bank overdraft		2,384	-
Management fees payable	3	55,401	52,084
Payable for securities purchased		705,941	298,488
Payable for shares redeemed		1,808,210	111,072
Administration fee payable	3	18,413	20,322
Depository fee payable	3	992	2,576
Other liabilities	3	57,996	71,373
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares)</b>		<b>2,649,337</b>	<b>555,915</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>50,963,638</b>	<b>56,817,564</b>
<b>Shares in issue (Note 5)</b>			
Class A USD Inc		2,437,018	2,882,617
Class A EUR Inc		552,966	578,658
Class A HKD Acc		304,731	325,646
Class I EUR Acc		11	11
Class I GBP Inc		26,318	27,757
Class I USD Acc		856,669	1,267,474

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares

For the period ended 31 October 2016

	Notes	Baring China Select Fund 31/10/2016 US\$	Baring China Select Fund 31/10/2015 US\$
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the period		56,817,564 *	80,418,755
Increase/(decrease) in assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		4,364,363	(20,867,092)
Issue of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	7,807,985	31,549,943
Redemption of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	(18,014,447)	(28,282,906)
Income equalisation	4	(11,827)	(20,648)
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the end of the period</b>		<b>50,963,638</b>	<b>62,798,052</b>

\* The opening net assets attributable to shareholders for 2016 differ from the closing position in 2015 by the change in the net assets attributable to shareholders for second half of the comparative financial year.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Profit and loss account

For the period ended 31 October 2016

		<b>Baring China Select Fund 31/10/2016</b>	<b>Baring China Select Fund 31/10/2015</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>
<b>Investment income</b>			
Interest income		107	325
Dividend income		767,909	1,206,507
Net fair value gain/(loss) on financial assets and at fair value through profit or loss		4,135,339	(21,331,697)
<b>Total investment income/(expense)</b>		<b>4,903,355</b>	<b>(20,124,865)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Management fees	3	332,184	476,833
Administration fees	3	121,747	160,498
Depository fees	3	5,932	8,916
General expenses	3	40,414	23,930
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>500,277</b>	<b>670,177</b>
<b>Net profit/(loss) before finance costs</b>		<b>4,403,078</b>	<b>(20,795,042)</b>
<b>Finance costs</b>			
Bank interest expense		(1,287)	(3,453)
Distributions	4	(135)	(160)
<b>Total finance costs</b>		<b>(1,422)</b>	<b>(3,613)</b>
<b>Profit/loss for the financial period before tax</b>		<b>4,401,656</b>	<b>(20,798,655)</b>
<b>Tax</b>			
Withholding tax on dividends and other investment income		(37,293)	(68,437)
<b>Total Tax</b>		<b>(37,293)</b>	<b>(68,437)</b>
<b>Decrease in net assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>4,364,363</b>	<b>(20,867,092)</b>

Gains and losses arose solely from continuing operations. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the profit and loss account.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



## Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund – Investment Manager’s report

### Performance record

#### Summary of Fund performance (excluding distribution payments where applicable)

	Net Asset Value as at 31/10/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value as at 30/04/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value % change
Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund - Class A USD Acc*	US\$10.17	N/A	N/A
Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund - Class I USD Acc*	US\$10.19	N/A	N/A

#### Performance record to 31 October 2016

	23/06/2016 - 31/10/2016 %
Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund - Class A USD Acc**	1.70
US Libor 3M	0.28
Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund - Class I USD Acc**	1.90

Performance figures are shown net of fees and charges, on a NAV per share basis, with gross income reinvested.

Source: Morningstar/Barings.

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The Fund was launched on 23 June 2016.

\* The Class A USD Acc share class was launched on 23 June 2016.

The Class I USD Acc share class was launched on 23 June 2016.

\*\* The Class A USD Acc share class performance figure is calculated from 23 June 2016.

\*\* The Class I USD Acc share class performance figure is calculated from 23 June 2016.

**Past performance is no indication of current or future performance. The performance data does not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of shares. Please note that changes in the rates of exchange may have an adverse effect on the value, price or income of an investment.**

## **Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Investment objective and policy**

The fund’s objective is to generate a positive absolute return. The fund invests in a diversified global portfolio of both physical and synthetic long position and synthetic short positions. The fund aims to produce, though has not guarantee of achieving, a return in excess of 3m US Libor of approximately 4% over a rolling three-year period. It seeks to achieve this with a medium level of risk. The fund may apply leverage. Please refer to the Prospectus for the full investment objective and policy.

### **How the Fund is managed**

The fund is managed using a top-down fundamental approach. It seeks out over and under-valuation across equities, currencies, bonds, credit and commodities, as well as relative value opportunities between them. It is managed with a market-agnostic approach, in as much as there is no systematic or permanent equity market beta, although the portfolio may assume some positive or negative beta from time to time if opportunities emerge.

### **Risk profile**

Please see detailed below some of the key risks applicable to the Fund:

Derivative instruments can make a profit or a loss and there is no guarantee that a financial derivative contract will achieve its intended outcome. The use of derivatives can increase the amount by which the Fund’s value rises and falls and could expose the Fund to losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative as a relatively small movement may have a larger impact on derivatives than the underlying assets.

The rating of a bond can change. There is no guarantee that a bond issuer will pay the interest due or repay the loan (bonds that produce a higher level of income are at a greater risk of default). Bond values are likely to fall if interest rates rise.

Losses may occur if an organisation through which we buy an asset (such as a bank) fails to meet its obligations. Emerging markets countries may have less developed regulation and face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries. This means your money is at greater risk.

If markets are disrupted or less liquid the value of certain fund investments may fall or rise substantially in short periods of time and in some cases it may become difficult to buy or sell at an advantageous time or price.

Changes in exchange rates between the currency of the Fund and the currencies in which the assets of the Fund are valued can have the effect of increasing or decreasing the value of the Fund and any income generated.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full risk profile.

### **Strategy**

The strategy seeks to exploit 3 types of value: undervaluation, overvaluation and relative value across all major asset classes.

Towards the end of the period, the portfolio initiated long positions in two currencies we see as oversold: the British pound and the Swedish Krona. The former has reached a temporarily oversold level as the hardest possible ‘Brexit’ scenarios are digested by the market and as the Bank of England has cut rates.

In the case of Sweden, the Riksbank remains laser focused on inflation targets and has maintained an ultra-low interest rate policy. The tide is turning for inflation in both countries and the political tide may also be turning against such extraordinary monetary loosening, which is viewed as stoking inequality and housing bubbles. As both are now historically cheap, we see room for upside.

The portfolio entered the run-up to the US election without a strong positioning bias to either outcome. We continue to view historically low bond yields as having room to rise under either administration, helped by a cocktail of lower unemployment, higher commodity prices and likely increased government spending. The pattern of returns across and within asset markets is likely to be dominated by this theme and the pattern of returns seen in October may well be an indication of what could evolve on a much longer and larger scale.

## **Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Performance**

The Barings Dynamic Absolute Return fund produced gains over the period from its inception on 23rd June to the end of October 2016, with a rise after costs of 1.9% in the institutional share class in USD terms.

Throughout the period, the fund maintained its “market agnostic” orientation with no particular bias to rising or falling equity markets. Our forward looking measure of the fund’s beta to the MSCI World index was kept close to zero within a narrow range of -0.15 to +0.15.

The overriding driver of performance can be generalised as exploiting 3 types of value: undervaluation (Japanese banks), overvaluation (UK Gilts, Gold, Canadian dollar) and relative value (European banks vs. European household goods, inflation-linked bonds vs. nominal bonds).

The largest positive contributions came from our relative value positions in the European banking sector. The fund’s long/short pairs of European banks against both broad European equities and against the more expensive defensive sector of household goods generated strong positive returns. The same macro dynamic also benefited the fund’s short Gilt and long US inflation breakeven positions (in which the portfolio held a long position in the inflation linked bond, and a short position in the nominal bond future).

### **Review of the market**

The period began with significant volatility driven by the UK’s decision to leave the European Union and attendant falls in equity markets. Government bond markets initially rallied on this event, driven by a flight to safety. Toward the end of the period and in October in particular, bonds came under pressure, with the US 10-year Treasury future falling -1.1%, its worst monthly decline of 2016. Uncertainty surrounding the outcome of US elections provided a volatile and news flow driven backdrop to the end of the period.

On 23 June 2016, the UK electorate voted to leave the European Union. This decision will start a process that is likely to take a minimum of two years to complete, and it is important to note that during this time the UK remains a member of the EU. This means that the rules and regulations governing asset management as well as the protections that were in place for clients prior to the referendum remain unchanged. However, the result is likely to usher in a period of uncertainty for the UK economy and financial markets, which could lead to increased volatility.

### **Market outlook**

Yield curves (as measured by the difference between the yield on US 10-year government bonds and US 2-year government bonds) steepened towards the end of the period. In the short-term, interest rates are being suppressed by central banks, four of which (Bank of Japan, European Central Bank, Bank of England and Swedish Riksbank) continue to pursue significant Quantitative Easing programmes. In the longer-term low unemployment, which is already translating into wage inflation, combined with increasing calls for higher government spending are likely to put upwards pressure on interest rates.

This yield curve steepening benefits the banking sector, as it allows it to generate wider margins on its lending activities. The change in tone comes at a time when our models have suggested extreme growth-adjusted valuation support for the sector. Conversely, those equity sectors previously seen as “bond proxies” (those with stability of earnings and higher dividend yields) have fallen out of favour as the bonds they proxy begin to decline in value. This may have been further compounded by a rapid unwinding of crowded positioning in recently popular “smart beta” strategies that focused on low volatility equities.

### **Baring Asset Management Limited. November 2016**

Baring Asset Management Limited (“the Investment Manager”) gives their portfolio managers full authority to manage their funds as they see fit, within the established guidelines set down. This includes the views that managers may take of the markets and sectors they invest in, which may differ from the views of other Barings’ portfolio managers.

## Portfolio statement

As at 31 October 2016

	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value US\$	% of NAV		
Currency	Fixed Interest: 74.81%						
	US dollar: 74.81%						
US dollar	United States Treasury Bill 0% 10/11/2016	USD	2,197,700	2,197,625	14.63		
	United States Treasury Bill 0% 08/12/2016	USD	2,930,200	2,929,651	19.50		
	United States Treasury Bill 0% 05/01/2017	USD	1,050,000	1,049,523	6.98		
	United States Treasury Bill 0% 02/02/2017	USD	2,000,000	1,998,383	13.30		
	United States Treasury Inflation Indexed Bonds 0.625% 15/01/2026	USD	2,900,000	3,064,841	20.40		
				11,240,023	74.81		
	Total fixed interest			11,240,023	74.81		
	Equities: 13.37%						
	Ireland: 7.07%						
Ireland	iShares Emerging Markets Local Government Bond UCITS ETF	USD	13,000	852,150	5.67		
	iShares USD High Yield Corporate Bond UCITS ETF	USD	2,000	211,040	1.40		
				1,063,190	7.07		
	Japan: 6.30%						
Japan	Bank of Kyoto	JPY	14,000	103,197	0.69		
	Chiba Bank	JPY	18,000	111,678	0.74		
	Concordia Financial	JPY	21,700	99,926	0.67		
	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	JPY	20,100	103,713	0.69		
	Mizuho Financial	JPY	62,100	103,274	0.69		
	Resona	JPY	23,900	103,685	0.69		
	Shizuoka Bank	JPY	13,000	110,502	0.74		
	Sumitomo Mitsui Financial	JPY	3,100	106,431	0.70		
	Sumitomo Mitsui Trust	JPY	3,100	103,314	0.69		
				945,720	6.30		
	Total equities			2,008,910	13.37		
	Options*: 0.16%						
Counterparty	Description	Base Currency	Strike Price	No. of Contracts	Maturity Date	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
UBS	FTSE 100 Index	GBP	100.5000	20	18/11/2016	24,419	0.16
	Total options purchased					24,419	0.16

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

### Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

				Fair value	% of
Futures Contracts*: 1.47%	Currency	Fair Value	Contracts	US\$	NAV
Future MSCI Cons Staples December 2016	USD	(423,405)	(14)	9,055	0.06
Future MSCI World Finance December 2016	USD	449,503	31	12,707	0.08
Future Euro-Bobl December 2016	EUR	(4,583,885)	(32)	15,885	0.11
Future S&P500 Emini Cme December 2016	USD	(3,610,460)	(34)	17,303	0.11
Future Long Gilt December 2016	GBP	(1,823,516)	(12)	39,239	0.26
Future US 10Yr Ultra Cbt December 2016	USD	(2,968,875)	(21)	61,000	0.40
Future Eurx E-Stxx 600 December 2016	EUR	1,215,469	145	66,897	0.45
<b>Total unrealised gain on open foreign currency transactions</b>				<b>222,086</b>	<b>1.47</b>

### Open forward foreign currency transactions: 0.45%

Currency sold	Currency bought	Currency Rate	Counterparty	Maturity date	Unrealised gain US\$	% of NAV
USD 664,955	JPY 67,148,000	0.0099	Northern Trust	20/12/2016	26,783	0.18
USD 669,786	JPY 69,000,000	0.0097	Northern Trust	30/11/2016	14,673	0.10
USD 286,181	JPY 29,395,300	0.0097	Chase Manhattan bank	30/11/2016	7,091	0.05
USD 306,200	CAD 400,000	0.7655	State Street	09/11/2016	7,002	0.05
			Standard Chartered			
USD 192,742	CAD 250,000	0.7710	Bank	09/11/2016	5,743	0.04
USD 490,696	CAD 650,000	0.7549	State Street	18/01/2017	4,196	0.03
			Standard Chartered			
GBP 250,000	JPY 31,899,007	1.2198	Bank	25/01/2017	654	-
			Brown Brothers			
USD 5,109	JPY 525,800	0.0097	Harriman and Co.	30/11/2016	117	-
			Brown Brothers			
USD 4,361	JPY 450,000	0.0097	Harriman and Co.	30/11/2016	88	-
<b>Total fair value gains on forward currency contracts</b>					<b>66,347</b>	<b>0.45</b>

**Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss** **13,561,785** **90.26**

### Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

#### Options\*: (0.02%)

Counterparty	Description	Base Currency	Strike Price	No. of Contracts	Maturity Date	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
UBS	FTSE 100 Index	GBP	12.5000	(20)	18/11/2016	(3,037)	(0.02)
<b>Total options written</b>						<b>(3,037)</b>	<b>(0.02)</b>

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

### Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

	Currency	Fair Value	Contracts	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
<b>Futures Contracts*: (0.75%)</b>					
Future Eurx E-Stxx 600 December 2016	DE EUR	(326,996)	(8)	(743)	-
Future Eurx E-Stxx 600 December 2016	DE EUR	(1,782,564)	(96)	(6,811)	(0.05)
Future Eurx E-Stxx 600 December 2016	DE EUR	873,850	37	(8,751)	(0.06)
Future Nikkei 225 Sgx December 2016	SG JPY	(331,088)	(4)	(14,875)	(0.10)
Future US 5 Year Note December 2016	US USD	4,587,906	38	(15,625)	(0.10)
Future Ftse 100 Idx Icf December 2016	GB GBP	(1,100,505)	(13)	(16,234)	(0.11)
Future Xai Emini Industry December 2016	US USD	625,460	11	(16,830)	(0.11)
Future Hang Seng December 2016	HK HKD	1,033,155	7	(32,178)	(0.22)
<b>Total futures contracts - unrealised losses</b>				<b>(112,047)</b>	<b>(0.75)</b>

### Open forward foreign currency transactions: (0.04%)

Currency sold	Currency bought	Currency Rate	Counterparty	Maturity date	Unrealised loss US\$	% of NAV
SEK 1,350,000	USD 150,005	0.1111	Chase Manhattan bank	25/01/2017	(91)	-
MXN 5,421,000	USD 294,008	0.0542	Northern Trust	30/11/2016	(5,441)	(0.04)
<b>Total fair value losses on forward currency contracts</b>					<b>(5,532)</b>	<b>(0.04)</b>

**Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss** **(120,616) (0.81)**

	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
<b>Total investments at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>13,441,169</b>	<b>89.45</b>
Cash	1,338,659	8.91
Margin cash	19,097	0.13
Other Net Assets	227,035	1.51
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>	<b>15,025,960</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Analysis of portfolio	% of Total assets**
Transferable securities***	87.34
OTC financial derivative instruments	1.27
Other assets	11.39
	<b>100.00</b>

\* The counterparty for the future contracts is UBS.

\*\* Calculation based on the total assets of the Fund (excluding liabilities). This summary is a UCITS requirement.

\*\*\* Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised market.

## Balance sheet

As at 31 October 2016

		Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund 31/10/2016 US\$
Assets	Notes	
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		13,561,785
Cash		1,338,659
Margin cash		19,097
Receivable for securities sold		210,952
Dividends and interest receivable		13,979
Other assets		24,205
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>15,168,677</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss		120,616
Management fees payable	3	(4,453)
Administration fee payable	3	1,137
Depository fee payable	3	267
Other liabilities	3	25,150
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to the holders of redeemable participating shares)</b>		<b>142,717</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>15,025,960</b>
<b>Shares in issue (Note 5)</b>		
	Class A USD Acc	100
	Class I USD Acc	1,475,000

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

**Statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares for the period from 23 June 2016 to 31 October 2016**

		<b>Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund 31/10/2016 US\$</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the period		-
Increase in net assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		274,560
Issue of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	<u>14,751,400</u>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the end of the period</b>		<b><u>15,025,960</u></b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



## Profit and loss account

For the period from 23 June 2016 to 31 October 2016

		<b>Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund 31/10/2016 US\$</b>
<b>Investment income</b>	<b>Notes</b>	
Interest income		15,609
Dividend income		10,696
Net fair value gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		295,293
<b>Total investment income</b>		<b>321,598</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	3	1,427
Administration fees	3	5,132
Depositary fees	3	1,206
General expenses	3	37,509
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>45,274</b>
<b>Net profit before finance costs and tax</b>		<b>276,324</b>
<b>Finance costs</b>		
Bank Interest expense		(160)
<b>Total finance costs</b>		<b>(160)</b>
<b>Profit for the financial period before tax</b>		<b>276,164</b>
<b>Tax</b>		
Withholding tax on dividends and other investment income		(1,604)
<b>Total tax</b>		<b>(1,604)</b>
<b>Increase in net assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>274,560</b>

Gains and losses arose solely from continuing operations. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the profit and loss account.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund – Investment Manager’s report

### Performance record

#### Summary of Fund performance

	Net Asset Value as at 31/10/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value as at 30/04/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value % change
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund - Class I GBP Acc	£10.56	£9.17	15.16
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund - Class A EUR Acc	€12.41	€11.89	4.37
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund - Class A GBP Acc	£10.54	£9.20	14.57
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund - Class I USD Acc**	US\$12.86	US\$13.42	(4.17)

#### Performance record to 31 October 2016

	01/05/2016 - 31/10/2016 %	01/05/2015 - 30/04/2016 %	01/05/2014 - 30/04/2015 %	01/05/2013 - 30/04/2014 %	01/05/2012 - 30/04/2013 %
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund - Class I GBP Acc (GBP terms)	15.16	(11.57)	14.71	(10.58)	6.76
MSCI Emerging Markets Total, Gross Return (GBP terms)	31.60	(13.52)	18.85	(9.20)	8.87
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund - Class A EUR Acc (EUR terms)	4.37	(16.03)	26.43	(9.31)	1.81
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund - Class A GBP Acc (GBP terms)	14.57	(12.55)	13.61	(11.56)	5.54
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund - Class I USD Acc (USD terms)**	(4.17)	16.49	N/A	N/A	N/A
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund - Class X GBP Acc (GBP terms)*	N/A	(11.48)	15.45	(9.62)	8.27
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund - Class X USD Acc (USD terms)*	N/A	N/A	6.34**	4.20	N/A

Performance figures are shown net of fees and charges, on a NAV per share basis, with gross income reinvested.

Source: Morningstar/Barings/MSCI.

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The Fund was launched on 29 June 2011.

## Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)

### Performance record (continued)

\* The Class X USD Acc share class was closed on 3 September 2014 (termination date). The performance data relates to the period from 11 September 2013 (launch date) to the termination date.

The Class X GBP Acc share class was closed on 7 August 2015 (termination date). The performance data is disclosed up to the termination date.

\*\* The Class I USD Acc share class was launched on 20 January 2016.

Source: MSCI. The MSCI data is for Barings’ use only and may not be redistributed or used in connection with creating or offering any securities, financial products or indices.

**Past performance is no indication of current or future performance. The performance data does not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of shares. Please note that changes in the rates of exchange may have an adverse effect on the value, price or income of an investment.**

### Investment objective and policy

The investment objective of the Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund (“the Fund”) is to deliver emerging market equity-like returns with less than emerging market equity risk over a long-term investment horizon. The Fund will aim to achieve this through the use of a tactical asset allocation strategy.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing to obtain at least 70% Net Asset Value exposure to emerging markets. The Fund will tactically allocate assets across a range of asset classes including equities, fixed income, currencies, commodities (indirect exposure), money market instruments and/or cash.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full investment objective and policy.

### How the Fund is managed

The Manager of Baring Investment Funds Plc, Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited, has appointed Baring Asset Management Limited as the Investment Manager of the Fund.

The Investment Manager uses the ideas generated by our global macro research asset allocation, emerging market equity and debt teams to choose what it believes are the best investments to achieve the investment objectives of the Fund. This means that the Investment Manager constructs a portfolio of stocks or bonds of companies, countries and sectors that suit our current asset allocation policy at that point in time.

### Risk profile

Please see detailed below some of the key risks applicable to the Fund:

Changes in exchange rates between the currency of the Fund and the currencies in which the assets of the Fund are valued can have the effect of increasing or decreasing the value of the Fund and any income generated.

An organisation from which we buy an asset (such as a bank) may fail to carry out its obligations, which could cause losses to the Fund.

The rating of a bond can change. There is no guarantee that a bond issuer will pay the interest due or repay the loan. Bond values are likely to fall if interest rates rise.

Derivative instruments can make a profit or a loss and there is no guarantee that a financial derivative contract will achieve its intended outcome. The use of derivatives can increase the amount by which the Fund’s value rises and falls and could expose the Fund to losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative. Some derivative transactions may be entered into directly with an eligible person or institution (a “counterparty”). There is a risk that the counterparty may not meet its obligations or becomes insolvent which could cause the Fund to incur a loss.

Emerging market countries may have less developed regulation and face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries. This means your money is at greater risk.

## **Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Risk profile (continued)**

The annual management fee and other fees and expenses are paid out of capital. This will have the effect of constraining capital growth and eroding capital, meaning investors may receive back less than originally invested.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full risk profile.

### **Strategy**

The general outlook for emerging market assets has improved substantially over the last six months.

As a result, the Fund has increased its exposure to emerging market equities and has also maintained a healthy exposure to local emerging market debt during this period.

At the beginning of the period, most investors had little or no exposure to emerging markets and we have seen a significant interest developing over these six months.

Commodity prices stopped deteriorating towards the end of 2015 and this, together with a stable dollar, allowed the more cyclical part of our universe to find a stable equilibrium. Valuations were low and bond yields high; the Fund took these opportunities and changed from a very defensive to a more aggressive stance.

Our allocation on the equity side has been broad, with India being the main focus, especially during the second half of the period.

On the fixed income side, we invested mainly in Brazilian, Russian and South African bonds, given the high yield offered and the stable or improving currencies.

### **Performance**

The Fund delivered a positive return but underperformed the performance comparator over the period.

The largest contributions mainly came from our bond allocation during the second quarter and from our Asian equity exposure during the third quarter.

During the whole period, we have observed and profited from strength in local currencies, which compounded the returns coming from the fixed income book.

While precious metals were a positive contributor during the early part of the year, our allocation was progressively diminished and they were a minor, albeit positive, contributor.

### **Review of the market**

The period under review has seen significant volatility in asset markets before and after the summer months. The main event during the summer was the Brexit referendum, where the UK voters decided to leave the EU. While most market pundits were expecting a severe negative reaction from investors, we observed one of the best buy signals of the year.

Emerging market assets have been one of the best performing asset classes until the end of the period under consideration. US equities and high yield has also offered positive returns to investors while European and Japanese equities have suffered from severe weakness in the first quarter and have not recovered all the ground lost so far.

On 23 June 2016, the UK electorate voted to leave the European Union. This decision will start a process that is likely to take a minimum of two years to complete, and it is important to note that during this time the UK remains a member of the EU. This means that the rules and regulations governing asset management as well as the protections that were in place for clients prior to the referendum remain unchanged. However, the result is likely to usher in a period of uncertainty for the UK economy and financial markets, which could lead to increased volatility.

## **Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Market outlook**

This year, the consensus narrative has been challenged multiple times.

On the economic side, we had the prediction of a Chinese collapse, based on the substantial increase in the amount of credit available relative to the size of the economy. These are real issues, but no country in history has collapsed just because they had “too much debt”. The real focus on this subject should be, in our opinion, on the financing side of the equation and the inherent fragility of the non-state owned Chinese financial system.

On the political side, we had the Brexit referendum and more recently the US elections and in both instances polls were completely wrong in predicting the outcome. Most commentators focused on the rationality of such a decision, ignoring that a large part of the population has seen zero or negative growth in their real income for years. Over the last 30 years the share of profits going to labour has shrunk while the share going to capital has increased. Income disparity has never been tackled and actually most of the policies enacted after the financial crisis have only exacerbated the issue to unsustainable levels.

We believe that we are living through the initial stages of a secular cyclical change. Monetary policy will be marginalised and fiscal policy will be the main instrument of politicians going forward. This has tremendous implications for asset prices, sector and country preferences and investment styles.

The status quo has already been challenged and we should expect more change going forward and not less. The preference for perceived safe assets will be challenged by increased rates; the never-ending appreciation of real estate markets in financial centres will most probably stop and reverse to a more stable equilibrium.

On the geopolitical front, the changes observed in the UK, the Middle East and the USA point to very different equilibriums. While the Anglo-Saxon sphere goes through this political change, we believe that Europe may be closer to a more stable equilibrium. In the old continent, the financial crisis has hit very hard and some countries have experienced a depression similar or worse than the one that happened in the 1930’s. This has generated the same level of revulsion towards the existing political class that we see in the UK and in the USA. Populist parties have already appeared; they have been tested multiple times both from an electoral and practical point of view, with some of them running local governments.

We are currently seeing an improvement of the economic situation everywhere; the real surprise in our opinion would be for political stability to appear where everyone expects it the least: Europe.

**Baring Asset Management Limited.  
November 2016**

Baring Asset Management Limited (“the Investment Manager”) gives their portfolio managers full authority to manage their funds as they see fit, within the established guidelines set down. This includes the views that managers may take of the markets and sectors they invest in, which may differ from the views of other Barings’ portfolio managers.

## Portfolio statement

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Country	Fixed Interest: 57.72% (30 Apr 2016: 59.55%)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value £	% of NAV
Brazilian real	<b>Brazilian real: 8.83% (30 Apr 2016: 9.02%)</b> Brazil Federative Republic 0.00% 01/01/2017 Brazil Federative Republic 10.00% 01/01/2023	BRL BRL	5,000,000 1,415,000	1,272,615 344,183	6.95 1.88
				<b>1,616,798</b>	<b>8.83</b>
Indonesian rupiah	<b>Indonesian rupiah: 8.83% (30 Apr 2016: 6.04%)</b> Indonesia Treasury Bond 6.25% 15/04/2017	IDR	25,600,000,000	1,616,734	8.83
				<b>1,616,734</b>	<b>8.83</b>
Mexican peso	<b>Mexican peso: 10.16% (30 Apr 2016: 4.53%)</b> Mexican Bonos 4.75% 14/06/2018 Mexican Bonos 10.00% 05/12/2024 Mexico Government International Bond 4.125% 21/01/2026	MXN MXN USD	23,950,000 7,500,000 465,000	1,040,009 409,793 409,071	5.68 2.24 2.24
				<b>1,858,873</b>	<b>10.16</b>
Polish zloty	<b>Polish zloty: 0.00% (30 Apr 2016: 2.17%)</b>			-	-
Russian rouble	<b>Russian rouble: 8.05% (30 Apr 2016: 5.02%)</b> Russian Federal Bond - OFZ 7.50% 15/03/2018 Russian Federal Bond - OFZ 7.00% 25/01/2023 Russian Foreign Bond - Eurobond 4.875% 16/09/2023	RUB RUB USD	32,000,000 43,000,000 600,000	415,465 524,429 532,537	2.27 2.87 2.91
				<b>1,472,431</b>	<b>8.05</b>
South African rand	<b>South Africa rand: 2.45% (30 Apr 2016: 4.99%)</b> South Africa Government 8.25% 15/09/2017	ZAR	7,500,000	448,472	2.45
				<b>448,472</b>	<b>2.45</b>
Pound sterling	<b>Pound sterling: 18.03% (30 Apr 2016: 22.45%)</b> United Kingdom Treasury Bill 0.00% 24/04/2017 United Kingdom Treasury Bill 0.00% 31/10/2016	GBP GBP	1,200,000 2,102,400	1,197,739 2,102,400	6.54 11.49
				<b>3,300,139</b>	<b>18.03</b>
US dollar	<b>US dollar: 1.37% (30 Apr 2016: 5.33%)</b> United States Treasury Bill 0.00% 08/12/2016	USD	304,000	250,475	1.37
				<b>250,475</b>	<b>1.37</b>
<b>Total fixed interest</b>				<b>10,563,922</b>	<b>57.72</b>

## Portfolio statement

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Country	Equities: 36.65% (30 Apr 2016: 31.11%)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value £	% of NAV
Brazil	<b>Brazil: 2.57% (30 Apr 2016: 1.78%)</b>				
	BB Seguridade Participacoes	BRL	11,800	96,629	0.53
	Cia Energetica de Minas Gerais Pref	BRL	28,200	69,608	0.38
	Cyrela Brazil Realty Empreendimentos e Participacoes	BRL	35,200	100,085	0.55
	Porto Seguro	BRL	10,700	86,785	0.47
	Smiles	BRL	7,800	117,044	0.64
				<b>470,151</b>	<b>2.57</b>
China	<b>China: 9.74% (30 Apr 2016: 10.01%)</b>				
	ANTA Sports Products	HKD	60,000	144,434	0.79
	Bank of China	HKD	196,000	71,658	0.39
	Bank of Communications	HKD	129,000	79,656	0.44
	Belle International	HKD	104,000	51,397	0.28
	China Construction Bank	HKD	137,000	81,538	0.45
	China Lilang	HKD	127,000	60,199	0.33
	China Merchants Bank	HKD	44,500	88,157	0.48
	China Power International Development	HKD	202,000	60,541	0.33
	China South City	HKD	298,000	54,791	0.30
	China Vanke	HKD	51,600	110,503	0.60
	CIFI	HKD	396,000	97,220	0.53
	Harbin Bank	HKD	337,000	85,601	0.47
	Huadian Power International	HKD	116,000	40,437	0.22
	Huishang Bank	HKD	250,000	101,497	0.55
	Industrial & Commercial Bank of China	HKD	155,000	76,271	0.42
	Jiangsu Expressway	HKD	96,000	107,538	0.59
	Kaisa	HKD	572,000	94,835	0.52
	KWG Property	HKD	123,500	59,065	0.32
	Shenguan	HKD	428,000	29,567	0.16
	Sunac China	HKD	97,000	54,329	0.30
	Yingde Gases	HKD	157,000	51,893	0.28
	Yuxiu Transport Infrastructure	HKD	184,000	104,426	0.57
	Zhejiang Expressway	HKD	88,000	77,159	0.42
				<b>1,782,712</b>	<b>9.74</b>
France	<b>France: 0.58% (30 Apr 2016: 0.00%)</b>				
	Amundi ETF MSCI Emerging Markets UCITS ETF	GBP	33,700	105,852	0.58
				<b>105,852</b>	<b>0.58</b>



## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Country	Equities: 36.65% (30 Apr 2016: 31.11%) (continued)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value £	% of NAV
Global Emerging Markets	<b>Global Emerging Markets: 4.57% (30 Apr 2016: 0.00%)</b> APQ Global	GBP	800,000	836,000	4.57
				<b>836,000</b>	<b>4.57</b>
Hong Kong	<b>Hong Kong: 0.20% (30 Apr 2016: 0.52%)</b> Huabao International	HKD	120,000	37,495	0.20
				<b>37,495</b>	<b>0.20</b>
Malaysia	<b>Malaysia: 2.61% (30 Apr 2016: 2.31%)</b> British American Tobacco Malaysia Bursa Malaysia Carlsberg Brewery Malaysia Heineken Malaysia Pavilion Real Estate Investment Trust REITs	MYR	7,100 54,500 35,600 32,600 305,400	67,825 93,046 102,415 109,906 104,280	0.37 0.51 0.56 0.60 0.57
				<b>477,472</b>	<b>2.61</b>
South Africa	<b>South Africa: 4.90% (30 Apr 2016: 4.53%)</b> Barclays Africa Coronation Fund Managers DataTec Fortress Income Fund Fortress Income Fund Class A Hyprop Investments Nedbank Oceana SA Corporate Real Estate Fund Nominees Pty REIT: Truworths International Vodacom	ZAR	8,587 17,574 25,983 41,921 41,921 13,417 6,316 14,848 322,840 18,121 10,867	77,081 80,333 69,116 77,697 40,244 93,918 80,002 101,464 106,507 75,724 94,944	0.42 0.44 0.38 0.43 0.22 0.51 0.44 0.55 0.58 0.41 0.52
				<b>897,030</b>	<b>4.90</b>
Taiwan	<b>Taiwan: 7.62% (30 Apr 2016: 6.53%)</b> Asustek Computer Cheng Uei Precision Industry Chicony Electronics China Development Financial Chin-Poon Industrial Chipbond Technology ChipMOS TECHNOLOGIES	TWD	12,000 68,000 46,461 312,000 69,000 61,000 93,000	86,910 68,471 96,107 65,108 110,013 70,321 66,992	0.47 0.37 0.53 0.36 0.60 0.38 0.37



## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss						
Country	Equities: 36.65% (30 Apr 2016: 31.11%) (continued)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value £	% of NAV	
Taiwan	Taiwan: 7.62% (30 Apr 2016: 6.53%) (continued)					
	Innolux	TWD	253,000	71,515	0.39	
	Kinsus Interconnect Technology	TWD	45,000	86,285	0.47	
	MediaTek	TWD	11,000	68,061	0.37	
	Novatek Microelectronics	TWD	26,000	80,944	0.44	
	Phison Electronics	TWD	14,000	82,065	0.45	
	Simplo Technology	TWD	27,000	68,160	0.37	
	St Shine Optical	TWD	8,000	141,724	0.78	
	Transcend Information	TWD	34,000	77,505	0.42	
	Vanguard International Semiconductor	TWD	93,000	154,820	0.85	
				1,395,001	7.62	
Thailand	Thailand: 1.73% (30 Apr 2016: 1.38%)					
	AP Thailand	THB	600,100	100,080	0.55	
	Bangkok Bank	THB	23,800	90,005	0.49	
	Supalai	THB	220,500	125,857	0.69	
				315,942	1.73	
Vietnam	Vietnam: 0.00% (30 Apr 2016: 0.00%)					
	PetroVietnam Drilling and Well Services	VND	8	8	-	
				8	-	
World	World: 2.13% (30 Apr 2016: 4.05%)					
	ETFS Physical Silver ETF	USD	13,950	192,945	1.05	
	Source Physical Gold P-ETC ETF	USD	1,942	198,257	1.08	
				391,202	2.13	
	Total equities			6,708,865	36.65	
Open forward foreign currency transactions: 0.84% (30 Apr 2016: 0.62%)						
Currency sold	Currency bought	Currency rate	Counterparty	Maturity date	Unrealised gain £	% of NAV
GBP 1,323,718	EUR 1,531,000	0.8646	Northern Trust	20/12/2016	54,987	0.30
GBP 763,364	HKD 7,608,000	0.1003	Standard Chartered	20/12/2016	44,469	0.24
GBP 373,454	USD 476,000	0.7846	Brown Brothers Harriman	20/12/2016	18,352	0.10
GBP 919,833	USD 1,131,000	0.8133	Brown Brothers Harriman	20/12/2016	11,116	0.06
GBP 1,484,911	HKD 14,050,000	0.1057	Standard Chartered	20/12/2016	6,946	0.04

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

### Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

#### Open forward foreign currency transactions: 0.84% (30 Apr 2016: 0.62%) (continued)

Currency sold	Currency bought	Currency rate	Counterparty	Maturity date	Unrealised gain £	% of NAV
GBP 461,950	USD 568,000	0.8133	Brown Brothers Harriman	20/12/2016	5,583	0.03
GBP 78,039	EUR 90,400	0.8633	HSBC Bank	20/12/2016	3,369	0.02
GBP 499,785	HKD 4,736,250	0.1055	JPMorgan Chase	20/12/2016	3,119	0.02
RUB 47,092,000	USD 742,893	0.7898	Standard Chartered	20/12/2016	2,822	0.02
GBP 160,316	EUR 179,400	0.8936	UBS	20/12/2016	1,239	0.01
MXN 11,485,000	GBP 500,538	0.0436	Standard Chartered	20/12/2016	1,073	-
EUR 91,200	GBP 82,511	0.9047	State Street	20/12/2016	383	-
GBP 94,197	EUR 104,700	0.8997	UBS	20/12/2016	88	-
<b>Total unrealised gain on open foreign currency transactions</b>					<b>153,546</b>	<b>0.84</b>

Futures contract*: 0.18% (30 Apr 2016: 0.42%)	Fair value	Contracts	Unrealised gain £	% of NAV
Future H-Shares Idx Hkg November 2016	(657,036)	(13)	20,416	0.11
Future Bovespa June 2016	254,993	15	8,781	0.05
Future Mex Bolsa Idx Mdx December 2016	440,493	21	2,085	0.01
Future Msci Taiwan Idx. Sgx November 2016	(374,643)	(13)	1,906	0.01
			<b>33,188</b>	<b>0.18</b>

**Total financial assets at fair value through profit and loss** **17,459,521** **95.39**

### Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

#### Open forward foreign currency transactions: (3.19%) (30 Apr 2016: (1.47%))

Currency sold	Currency bought	Currency rate	Counterparty	Maturity date	Unrealised loss £	% of NAV
USD 6,873,400	GBP 5,286,031	0.7691	Citibank	20/12/2016	(371,606)	(2.03)
			Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce			
BRL 7,205,700	USD 2,171,831	0.7693		20/12/2016	(59,470)	(0.32)
HKD 7,608,000	GBP 755,063	0.0992	JPMorgan Chase	20/12/2016	(52,770)	(0.29)
HKD 18,945,000	GBP 1,960,427	0.1035	Standard Chartered	20/12/2016	(51,191)	(0.28)
ZAR 14,300,900	GBP 824,100	0.0576	JPMorgan Chase	20/12/2016	(16,276)	(0.09)
			Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce			
BRL 1,222,000	USD 370,415	0.8017		20/12/2016	(8,358)	(0.05)
EUR 227,300	GBP 199,049	0.8757	Standard Chartered	20/12/2016	(5,640)	(0.03)
USD 85,000	GBP 66,037	0.7769	Bank of Montreal	20/12/2016	(3,928)	(0.02)
EUR 872,900	GBP 782,485	0.8964	Brown Brothers Harriman	20/12/2016	(3,584)	(0.02)
			Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce			
USD 560,000	GBP 457,850	0.8176		20/12/2016	(3,098)	(0.02)

## Portfolio statement (continued)

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### Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

#### Open forward foreign currency transactions: (3.19%) (30 Apr 2016: (1.47%)) (continued)

Currency sold	Currency bought	Currency rate	Counterparty	Maturity date	Unrealised loss £	% of NAV
GBP 1,024,120	USD 1,241,000	0.8252	State Street	20/12/2016	(2,628)	(0.01)
EUR 62,800	GBP 54,170	0.8626	Northern Trust	20/12/2016	(2,383)	(0.01)
EUR 101,200	GBP 89,709	0.8865	State Street	20/12/2016	(1,424)	(0.01)
GBP 160,964	EUR 177,700	0.9058	Brown Brothers Harriman	20/12/2016	(941)	(0.01)
GBP 179,873	EUR 199,000	0.9039	Northern Trust	20/12/2016	(668)	-
EUR 85,700	GBP 76,512	0.8928	Standard Chartered	20/12/2016	(663)	-
EUR 180,000	GBP 161,747	0.8986	HSBC Bank	20/12/2016	(348)	-
<b>Total unrealised loss on open foreign currency transactions</b>					<b>(584,976)</b>	<b>(3.19)</b>

Futures contract*: (0.18%) (30 Apr 2016: (0.04%))	Fair value	Contracts	Unrealised loss £	% of NAV
Future Hang Seng Hkg December 2016	486,548	4	(15,078)	(0.08)
Future Sgx Sp Cnx Nif November 2016	685,873	48	(7,230)	(0.04)
Future Mini Msci Emg Mkt Nyf December 2016	594,668	16	(6,765)	(0.04)
Future Rts Idx. Rts September 2016	322,850	198	(4,117)	(0.02)
Future Kospi2 Inx Kfe December 2016	1,295,842	14	(303)	-
			<b>(33,493)</b>	<b>(0.18)</b>

**Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss** **(618,469) (3.37)**

<b>Total investments at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>16,841,052</b>	<b>92.02</b>
Bank overdraft	(561,871)	(3.07)
Margin cash	1,282,040	7.01
Other net assets	739,777	4.04
<b>Total net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>	<b>18,300,998</b>	<b>100.00</b>

#### Analysis of portfolio

	% of Total assets**
Transferable securities***	82.78
OTC financial derivative instruments	0.89
Other assets	16.33
	<b>100.00</b>

\* The counterparty for the future contracts is UBS.

\*\* Calculation based on the total assets of the Fund (excluding liabilities). This summary is a UCITS requirement.

\*\*\* Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised market.

## Balance sheet

As at 31 October 2016

		<b>Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund 31/10/2016</b>	<b>Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund 30/04/2016</b>
<b>Assets</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		17,459,521	15,631,503
Cash		1,324,801	1,575,691
Margin cash		1,282,040	907,694
Receivable for securities sold		708,035	224,043
Dividends and interest receivable		79,778	133,521
Other assets		12,597	986
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>20,866,772</b>	<b>18,473,438</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss		618,469	258,779
Bank Overdraft		1,886,672	-
Management fee payable	3	12,919	11,098
Payable for securities purchased		-	1,098,808
Administration fee payable	3	7,303	6,281
Depository fee payable	3	361	723
Other accrued expenses	3	40,050	52,418
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to</b>		<b>2,565,774</b>	<b>1,428,107</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable</b>		<b>18,300,998</b>	<b>17,045,331</b>
<b>Shares in issue (Note 5)</b>			
Class I GBP Acc		1,588,665	1,582,924
Class A EUR Acc		129,838	264,041
Class A GBP Acc		6,841	7,311
Class I USD Acc		10	10

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares

For the period ended 31 October 2016

		<b>Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund 31/10/2016</b>	<b>Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund 31/10/2015</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the period		17,045,331 *	17,028,978
Increase/(decrease) in assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		2,723,472	(2,849,824)
Issue of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	516,525	1,724,446
Redemption of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	(1,984,330)	(72,019)
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the end of the period</b>		<b><u>18,300,998</u></b>	<b><u>15,831,581</u></b>

\* The opening net assets attributable to shareholders for 2016 differ from the closing position in 2015 by the change in the net assets attributable to shareholders for second half of the comparative financial year.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Profit and loss account

For the period ended 31 October 2016

	Notes	Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund 31/10/2016 £	Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund 31/10/2015 £
<b>Investment income</b>			
Interest income		173,743	306,763
Dividend income		185,802	170,219
Net fair value gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		2,514,556	(3,190,940)
<b>Total investment income/(expense)</b>		<b>2,874,101</b>	<b>(2,713,958)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Management fees	3	80,449	63,794
Administration fees	3	15,062	9,824
Depositary fees	3	2,078	1,995
General expenses	3	28,416	20,929
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>126,005</b>	<b>96,542</b>
<b>Net profit/(loss) before finance costs and tax</b>		<b>2,748,096</b>	<b>(2,810,500)</b>
<b>Finance costs</b>			
Bank interest expense		(1,971)	(19,024)
<b>Total finance costs</b>		<b>(1,971)</b>	<b>(19,024)</b>
<b>Profit/(loss) for the financial period before tax</b>		<b>2,746,125</b>	<b>(2,829,524)</b>
<b>Tax</b>			
Withholding tax on dividends and other investment income		(22,653)	(20,300)
<b>Total tax</b>		<b>(22,653)</b>	<b>(20,300)</b>
<b>Increase/(decrease) in net assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>2,723,472</b>	<b>(2,849,824)</b>

Gains and losses arose solely from continuing operations. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the profit and loss account.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund – Investment Manager’s report

### Performance record

#### Summary of Fund performance (excluding distribution payments where applicable)

	Net Asset Value as at 31/10/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value as at 30/04/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value % change
Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund - Class I USD Acc	US\$10.45	US\$9.93	5.24
Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund - Class A EUR Hedged Acc	€9.62	€9.23	4.23
Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund - Class A USD Acc	US\$10.22	US\$9.74	4.93
Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund - Class A USD Inc	US\$8.91	US\$8.70	2.41

#### Performance record to 31 October 2016 (including distribution payments where applicable)

	01/05/2016 - 31/10/2016 %	01/05/2015 - 30/04/2016 %	01/05/2014 - 30/04/2015 %	01/05/2013 - 30/04/2014 %	17/10/2012 - 30/04/2013 %
Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund - Class I USD Acc (USD terms)	5.24	2.80	(3.78)	(3.37)	3.90
JPM CEMBI Broad Diversified (USD terms)**	5.13	2.83	(4.50)	(1.93)	5.31
Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund - Class A EUR Hedged Acc (EUR terms)*	4.23	1.21	(4.90)	(4.77)	0.70
Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund - Class A USD Acc (USD terms)*	4.93	1.78	(4.78)	(4.47)	5.62
Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund - Class A USD Inc (USD terms)*	5.07	1.75	(4.78)	(4.39)	4.70

Performance figures are shown net of fees and charges, on a NAV per share basis, with gross income reinvested.

Source: Morningstar/Barings/JPM.

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The Fund was launched on 17 October 2012.

\* The Class A USD Inc share class was launched on 23 October 2012.

The Class A USD Acc share class was launched on 2 November 2012.

The Class A EUR Hedged Acc share class was launched on 17 January 2013.

\*\* Current performance comparison effective from 2 March 2015. Prior to this date, the Fund was shown against JPM CEMBI Broad Diversified + JPM ELMI+.

## **Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Performance record (continued)**

**Past performance is no indication of current or future performance. The performance data does not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of shares. Please note that changes in the rates of exchange may have an adverse effect on the value, price or income of an investment.**

### **Investment objective and policy**

The investment objective of the Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund (“the Fund”) is to maximise total return, consisting of income, capital appreciation and currency gains, by investing in emerging market corporate debt securities.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its total assets at any one time in emerging market debt securities issued by companies domiciled in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, emerging markets or listed or traded on an eligible emerging market.

Debt securities in which the Fund will invest may include, but are not limited to, fixed and floating rate bonds (which may be rated or unrated), inflation-protected bonds, debentures, credit-linked notes, structured notes, total return notes, participation notes, asset and mortgage-backed securities, convertible bonds, certificates of deposit and commercial paper. For this purpose, total assets exclude cash and ancillary liquidities.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full investment objective and policy.

### **How the Fund is managed**

The Manager of Baring Investment Funds Plc, Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited, has appointed Baring Asset Management Limited as the Investment Manager of the Fund.

We believe that basing an investment strategy entirely on one set of expected market forecasts carries significant risk. In building portfolios, we aim to avoid excessive volatility, identifying the full range of market environments and adopting a strategy that is robust across a range of likely market outcomes.

In keeping with all areas of Barings’ fixed income range, we utilise our unique scenario-based approach to investing with rigorous macroeconomic analysis used to extract maximum value from emerging markets local currency debt. For security selection, we use “bottom-up” credit analysis skills to build a portfolio of mainly high-quality companies operating primarily in emerging countries.

### **Risk profile**

Please see detailed below some of the key risks applicable to the Fund:

Changes in exchange rates can have the effect of increasing or decreasing the value of the Fund and any income generated.

A company providing services to the Fund or from which we buy an asset (such as a bank) may become insolvent, which could cause losses to the Fund.

There is no guarantee that a bond issuer will pay the interest due or repay the loan. Bond values are likely to fall if interest rates rise.

Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell fund investments at an anticipated price or in a timely manner. This could have a negative impact on the value of your investment. In extreme conditions, this could affect the Fund’s ability to meet investors’ redemption requests.

Derivative instruments can make a profit or a loss. Derivatives can increase the amount by which the Fund’s value rises and falls and could expose the Fund to losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative.

Emerging market countries may have less developed regulation and face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries. This means your money is at greater risk.

The fees and expenses are paid out of capital. This will constrain capital growth and may erode capital.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full risk profile.



## **Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Strategy**

We continued to maintain a higher position relative to the performance comparator in high yield and a lower position relative to the performance comparator in investment grade corporate bonds. High yield positioning was driven by attractive relative valuations and low forecasted default rates for emerging market high yield corporate bonds. Investment grade bond exposure was lower than the performance comparator due to low absolute yields offered by bonds and as well as a higher sensitivity to rises in US interest rates.

Russian corporates continue to be among our core holdings. In our view, the sector is attractively priced relative to the credit risk and we believe there is no stress or major credit risk in the near term. We also believe that the corporate sector, especially the privately-owned segment, is more robust when compared to state-owned entities and banks. The bulk of our Russian assets are within the Technology, Media and Telecommunications sector.

We added exposure to Turkish corporates last year on the back of attractive risk/reward prospects due to higher yields offered by the sector compared to similarly rated corporate bonds from other countries. Turkish assets have weakened due to recent political instability; however, we remain invested in select credits with solid fundamentals.

Given the material year-to-date spread tightening in the Financial sector, we remain comfortable with our positioning. A slowdown in economic growth globally has resulted in banks cutting back on their lending and becoming more selective in extending credit. This is generally positive for bondholders as it results in a lower utilisation of capital. The introduction of stricter Basel regulations has been a key factor, allowing banks to hold a higher volume of capital and more liquid assets in their balance sheets.

### **Performance**

The Fund generated positive returns relative to the performance comparator during the period. Our allocation to high yield bonds relative to the performance comparator proved to be another positive factor. High yield bonds benefited the most from higher investors’ demand, fueled by G3 accommodative monetary policies.

### **Review of the market**

Emerging markets corporate bond spreads tightened significantly and the asset class generated positive returns during the period. The main factors which contributed to the increased demand for the asset class were the rebound in oil prices, continued accommodative monetary policies in developed markets and a better economic and political atmosphere in Brazil following the impeachment of Dilma Rousseff. On the other hand, the asset class was adversely impacted by the political turmoil in Turkey. Following the attempted coup d’état, rating agencies downgraded Turkey’s sovereign rating to below investment grade. The “leave” outcome of the historical Brexit referendum in the UK resulted in a risk-off reaction across global markets. At the time of this update, the effects of Brexit on emerging market corporates have been limited due to the geographically diversified nature of the asset class and small direct exposure to UK-linked economies. After a significant decline throughout the first half of the year, U.S. Treasury yields widened in response of an increased probability of a rate hike by the U.S. Federal Reserve taking place before the end of the year. Along with monetary policy decisions, the market will likely be influenced by the U.S. presidential elections in the near term.

## **Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Review of the market**

Emerging market corporates high yield issues generated higher returns than investment grade bonds as high absolute yield offered by high yield bonds as well as low default rates made the high yield segment an attractive investment proposition. From a regional perspective, Latin American bonds were the top performers, as they were more attractively priced during the first half of the year and offered a higher yield.

From a country perspective, Brazilian assets reported the highest returns on the back of positive political and economic developments. On the other hand, Turkey underperformed as credit spreads widened in response to the attempted coup against the government. All sectors reported positive returns for the period, with the Energy and Industrials sectors among the top performers.

On 23 June 2016, the UK electorate voted to leave the European Union. This decision will start a process that is likely to take a minimum of two years to complete, and it is important to note that during this time the UK remains a member of the EU. This means that the rules and regulations governing asset management as well as the protections that were in place for clients prior to the referendum remain unchanged. However, the result is likely to usher in a period of uncertainty for the UK economy and financial markets, which could lead to increased volatility.

### **Market outlook**

The asset class is expected to continue to benefit from the stabilisation of emerging markets macroeconomic environment and a gradual pickup in growth. Capital expenditure adjustments and cost reductions are translating into improvements in credit fundamentals. In this environment, we believe that credit selection will dominate returns. GDP growth in Asia and Latin America, an improving economic and political atmosphere in Brazil, more stable currencies and Energy prices are among the main factors that will likely contribute positively to the performance of the asset class. Technical factors also remain favourable; we do not expect sharp reversals in fund flows and even as new issuance has picked up in 2016, net financing is expected to stay subdued thanks to continued liability management exercises from emerging markets companies.

After this year’s strong rally, there is less room for spread tightening but many emerging market corporates still offer a significant yield advantage to their sovereign counterparts without a commensurate increase in risk. The broader emerging markets corporate debt asset class still retains a strong relative value advantage compared to its developed market peers. We plan to continue to have low exposure to credits that may not offer attractive enough compensation.

### **Baring Asset Management Limited. November 2016**

Baring Asset Management Limited (“the Investment Manager”) gives their portfolio managers full authority to manage their funds as they see fit, within the established guidelines set down. This includes the views that managers may take of the markets and sectors they invest in, which may differ from the views of other Barings’ portfolio managers.

## Portfolio statement

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Currency	Investment Funds: 9.75% (30 Apr 2016: 7.52%)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
US dollar	<b>US dollar: 9.75% (30 Apr 2016: 7.52%)</b>				
	Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund	USD	1,737,000	1,737,000	9.75
	<b>Total Investment Funds</b>			<b>1,737,000</b>	<b>9.75</b>
<b>Fixed interest: 89.30% (30 Apr 2016: 94.30%)</b>					
US dollar	<b>US dollar: 89.30% (30 Apr 2016: 94.30%)</b>				
	361 Degrees International 7.25% 03/06/2021	USD	200,000	216,038	1.21
	ABJA Investment Co Pte Ltd 5.95% 31/07/2024	USD	500,000	503,000	2.82
	Akbank 5.13% 31/03/2025	USD	500,000	488,548	2.74
	Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Economico e Social 5.75% 26/09/2023	USD	400,000	419,000	2.35
	Bancolombia 5.13% 11/09/2022	USD	500,000	521,315	2.93
	BBVA Bancomer 6.75% 30/09/2022	USD	500,000	565,300	3.17
	CNOOC Finance 2013 3.00% 09/05/2023	USD	250,000	250,794	1.41
	CNOOC Finance 2015 USA 3.50% 05/05/2025	USD	200,000	204,053	1.15
	Dah Sing Bank 6.63% 11/02/2020	USD	300,000	334,515	1.88
	DP World 6.85% 02/07/2037	USD	400,000	457,822	2.57
	Eskom Holdings 5.75% 26/01/2021	USD	250,000	249,937	1.40
	Evergrande Real Estate 8.75% 30/10/2018	USD	250,000	259,375	1.46
	Finansbank 5.15% 01/11/2017	USD	200,000	204,122	1.15
	Finansbank AS/Turkey 6.25% 30/04/2019	USD	200,000	209,899	1.18
	FPC Treasury 4.50% 16/04/2023	USD	500,000	512,913	2.88
	Gazprom Gaz Capital 4.95% 19/07/2022	USD	250,000	257,475	1.44
	Golden Legacy PTE 9.00% 24/04/2019	USD	250,000	266,875	1.50
	GPB Eurobond Finance 4.96% 05/09/2019	USD	250,000	256,250	1.44
	Greentown China 8.00% 24/03/2019	USD	200,000	212,045	1.19
	GTH Finance 6.25% 26/04/2020	USD	250,000	261,463	1.47
	GTH Finance 7.25% 26/04/2023	USD	200,000	212,918	1.19
	Hutchison Whampoa International 12 6.00% 31/12/2049	USD	350,000	357,525	2.01
	Indian Overseas Bank 4.63% 21/02/2018	USD	300,000	306,592	1.72
	Indo Energy Finance II 6.38% 24/01/2023	USD	200,000	156,422	0.88
	Itau Unibanco 5.13% 13/05/2023	USD	250,000	248,750	1.39
	JD.com 3.89% 29/04/2026	USD	250,000	243,919	1.37
	JSW Steel 4.75% 12/11/2019	USD	250,000	246,250	1.38
	Kazakhstan Temir Zholy Finance 6.38% 06/10/2020	USD	250,000	268,281	1.51
	KazMunayGas National 4.40% 30/04/2023	USD	250,000	253,880	1.42
	KOC 5.25% 15/03/2023	USD	300,000	309,744	1.74

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss						
Currency	Fixed interest: 89.30% (30 Apr 2016: 94.30%) (continued)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value US\$	% of NAV	
US dollar (continued)	US dollar: 89.30% (30 Apr 2016: 94.30%) (continued)					
	Marquee Land PTE 9.75% 05/08/2019	USD	200,000	217,760	1.22	
	Mashreqbank 1.40% 24/01/2017	USD	400,000	403,068	2.26	
	Metalloinvest Finance 5.63% 17/04/2020	USD	250,000	260,555	1.46	
	MTS International Funding 5.00% 30/05/2023	USD	500,000	519,250	2.91	
	NTPC 4.75% 03/10/2022	USD	250,000	273,780	1.54	
	Pelabuhan Indonesia II 4.25% 05/05/2025	USD	250,000	252,465	1.42	
	Pertamina Persero 4.30% 20/05/2023	USD	250,000	259,850	1.46	
	Saudi Electricity Global 5.06% 08/04/2043	USD	500,000	496,364	2.78	
	Shimao Property 6.63% 14/01/2020	USD	250,000	260,103	1.46	
	Shimao Property 8.38% 10/02/2022	USD	250,000	283,612	1.59	
	SM Investments Corp 4.88% 10/06/2024	USD	500,000	535,442	3.00	
	Sri Lanka Government International Bond 5.13% 11/04/2019	USD	200,000	202,777	1.14	
	Steel Capital 4.45% 19/03/2018	USD	200,000	204,696	1.15	
	Steel Capital 5.90% 17/10/2022	USD	200,000	217,195	1.22	
	TBG Global Pte 4.63% 03/04/2018	USD	200,000	203,960	1.14	
	Transnet 4.00% 26/07/2022	USD	250,000	242,238	1.36	
	Transnet 4.00% 26/07/2022	USD	250,000	242,400	1.36	
	Turk Telekomunikasyon 4.88% 19/06/2024	USD	500,000	495,444	2.78	
	Türkiye Vakıflar Bankasi 5.75% 24/04/2017	USD	250,000	253,492	1.42	
	Vale Overseas 6.88% 21/11/2036	USD	250,000	254,425	1.43	
	Vedanta Resources 9.50% 18/07/2018	USD	200,000	212,662	1.19	
	Waha Aerospace 3.93% 28/07/2020	USD	110,000	114,290	0.64	
	Yapi ve Kredi Bankasi 6.75% 08/02/2017	USD	250,000	252,969	1.42	
	Total fixed interest			15,913,817	89.30	
Open forward foreign currency transactions: 0.00% (30 Apr 2016: 0.02%)						
Currency sold	Currency bought	Currency rate	Counterparty	Maturity date	Unrealised gain US\$	% of NAV
USD 17,943	EUR 16,371	1.0960	Northern Trust	14/11/2016	65	-
EUR 2,879	USD 3,137	1.0895	UBS	14/11/2016	7	-
Total unrealised gain on open foreign currency transactions					72	-
Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss				17,650,889	99.05	

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

### Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

#### Open forward foreign currency transactions: (0.02%) (30 Apr 2016: 0.00%)

Currency sold	Currency bought	Currency rate	Counterparty	Maturity date	Unrealised loss US\$	% of NAV
EUR 272,460	USD 300,682	1.1036	Citibank	14/11/2016	(3,137)	(0.02)
<b>Total unrealised loss on open foreign currency transactions</b>					<b>(3,137)</b>	<b>(0.02)</b>

<b>Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>(3,137)</b>	<b>(0.02)</b>
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<b>Total investments at fair value through profit and loss</b>	<b>17,647,752</b>	<b>99.03</b>
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Cash	9,884	0.06
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Other Net Assets	161,693	0.91
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<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>	<b>17,819,329</b>	<b>100.00</b>
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#### Analysis of portfolio

	% of Total assets*
Investment Funds	9.73
Transferable securities**	89.10
Other assets	1.17
	<b>100.00</b>

\* Calculation based on the total assets of the Fund (excluding liabilities). This summary is a UCITS requirement.

\*\* Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised market.

## Balance sheet

As at 31 October 2016

		<b>Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund 31/10/2016 US\$</b>	<b>Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund 30/04/2016 US\$</b>
<b>Assets</b>	<b>Notes</b>		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		17,650,889	17,392,789
Cash		9,884	-
Dividends and interest receivable		199,512	192,123
Other assets		869	-
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>17,861,154</b>	<b>17,584,912</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss		3,137	-
Bank overdraft		-	478,625
Management fee payable	3	(11,221)	(14,913)
Payable for shares redeemed		25,193	-
Administration fee payable	3	6,147	6,026
Depositary fee payable	3	322	722
Other liabilities	3	18,247	35,678
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to the holders of redeemable participating shares)</b>		<b>41,825</b>	<b>506,138</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>17,819,329</b>	<b>17,078,774</b>
<b>Shares in issue (Note 5)</b>			
Class I USD Acc		1,575,000	1,575,100
Class A EUR Hedged Acc		26,806	28,506
Class A USD Acc		105,743	116,268
Class A USD Inc		114	111

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares

For the period ended 31 October 2016

		<b>Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund 31/10/2016 US\$</b>	<b>Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund 31/10/2015 US\$</b>
	<b>Notes</b>		
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the period		17,078,774 *	17,306,383
Increase/(decrease) in assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		867,098	(126,074)
Issue of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	25	125
Redemption of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	(126,568)	(554,747)
Income equalisation	4	-	(1)
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the end of the period</b>		<b>17,819,329</b>	<b>16,625,686</b>

\* The opening net assets attributable to shareholders for 2016 differ from the closing position in 2015 by the change in the net assets attributable to shareholders for second half of the comparative financial year.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Profit and loss account

For the period ended 31 October 2016

		Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund 31/10/2016 US\$	Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund 31/10/2015 US\$
	Notes		
<b>Investment income</b>			
Interest income		447,772	459,959
Net fair value gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		493,800	(493,968)
<b>Total investment income/(expense)</b>		<b>941,572</b>	<b>(34,009)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Management fees	3	16,178	20,258
Administration fees	3	39,491	38,042
Depositary fees	3	1,967	2,113
General expenses	3	16,813	31,614
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>74,449</b>	<b>92,027</b>
<b>Net profit/(loss) before finance costs</b>		<b>867,123</b>	<b>(126,036)</b>
<b>Finance costs</b>			
Distributions	4	(25)	(27)
Bank interest expense		-	(11)
<b>Total finance costs</b>		<b>(25)</b>	<b>(38)</b>
Operating profit/(loss)		867,098	(126,074)
<b>Increase/(decrease) in assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>867,098</b>	<b>(126,074)</b>

Gains and losses arose solely from continuing operations. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the profit and loss account.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



## Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund – Investment Manager's report

### Performance record

#### Summary of Fund performance (excluding distribution payments where applicable)

	Net Asset Value as at 31/10/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value as at 30/04/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value % change
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A USD Inc	US\$8.03	US\$8.16	(1.59)
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A EUR Acc	€9.63	€9.14	5.36
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A EUR Inc	€9.66	€9.40	2.77
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A GBP Hedged Inc	£7.45	£7.65	(2.61)
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A HKD Inc	HK\$62.50	HK\$63.56	1.67
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A USD Acc	\$10.93	\$10.83	0.92
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class I EUR Inc	€16.02	€15.52	3.22
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class I USD Acc	US\$8.60	US\$8.49	1.29
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class I USD Inc	US\$8.18	US\$8.36	(2.15)
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class X USD Acc	US\$11.73	US\$11.58	1.30

#### Performance record to 31 October 2016 (including distribution payments where applicable)

	01/05/2016 - 31/10/2016 %	01/05/2015 - 30/04/2016 %	01/05/2014 - 30/04/2015 %	01/05/2013 - 30/04/2014 %	01/05/2012 - 30/04/2013 %
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A USD Inc (USD terms)	0.85	(5.50)	(10.32)	(9.27)	7.75
JPM GBI-EM Global Diversified Index (USD terms)	1.94	(1.98)	(9.35)	(9.42)	10.31
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A EUR Acc (EUR terms)	5.36	(7.30)	10.91	(14.27)	8.93
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A EUR Inc (EUR terms)	5.47	(7.23)	10.94	(14.19)	8.88
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A GBP Hedged Inc (GBP terms)	(0.20)	(5.86)	(10.13)	(9.40)	7.60

## Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)

### Performance record (continued)

#### Performance record to 31 October 2016 (including distribution payments where applicable) (continued)

	01/05/2016 - 31/10/2016 %	01/05/2015 - 30/04/2016 %	01/05/2014 - 30/04/2015 %	01/05/2013 - 30/04/2014 %	01/05/2012 - 30/04/2013 %
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A HKD Inc (HKD terms)	0.89	(5.43)	(10.46)	(9.36)	7.80
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A USD Acc (USD terms)	0.92	(5.50)	(10.47)	(9.22)	7.72
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class I EUR Inc (EUR terms)	6.61	(5.58)	12.37	(13.05)	10.39
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class I USD Acc (USD terms)*	1.29	17.57	N/A	N/A	N/A
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class I USD Inc (USD terms)	1.07	(5.06)	(9.93)	(8.67)	8.47
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class X USD Acc (USD terms)	1.30	(4.38)	(9.29)	(8.12)	9.17

Performance figures are shown net of fees and charges, on a NAV per share basis, with gross income reinvested.

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The Fund was launched on 14 December 2006 as the Baring Emerging Market Income Fund and converted to the Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund on 17 June 2010.

\* The Class I USD Acc share class was launched on 20 January 2016.

**Past performance is no indication of current or future performance. The performance data does not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of shares. Please note that changes in the rates of exchange may have an adverse effect on the value, price or income of an investment.**

## **Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund – Investment Manager’s report**

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### **Investment objective and policy**

The investment objective of the Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund (“the Fund”) is to maximise total return by investing in local currency-denominated emerging market debt securities.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its total assets at any one time in local currency-denominated emerging market debt securities issued by governments, supranationals, agencies and companies domiciled in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, emerging markets. Debt securities in which the Fund will invest may include, but are not limited to, fixed and floating rate bonds, inflation-protected bonds, debentures, notes, asset and mortgage-backed securities, certificates of deposit and commercial paper. For this purpose, total assets exclude cash and ancillary liquidities.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full investment objective and policy.

### **How the Fund is managed**

The Manager of Baring Investment Funds Plc, Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited, has appointed Baring Asset Management Limited as the Investment Manager of the Fund.

Baring Asset Management Limited seek to maximise the total return by investing in local currency emerging bond markets where we believe yields are likely to fall and avoiding those that are thought to be expensive. The overall duration, or interest rate sensitivity, of the Fund will fluctuate as our expectations for economic developments change. We will also look to add value through foreign exchange management, identifying those markets where currencies are attractive, for example, due to sound economic fundamentals or rising interest rates. There are no formal limits or restrictions on credit rating, maturity or duration of the debt securities which may be held by the Fund. The Fund may, but is not required to, hedge its exposure to non-US currencies through the use of derivatives.

Our bond market and currency research embraces a full range of market drivers, including macroeconomic analysis and fiscal policy, liquidity conditions and technical indicators. These drivers are analysed in order to provide a framework for the assessment of relative value across markets and to assist us in developing the scenarios that underpin our strategic work.

### **Risk profile**

Please see detailed below some of the key risks applicable to the Fund:

Changes in exchange rates between the currency of the Fund and the currencies in which the assets of the Fund are valued can have the effect of increasing or decreasing the value of the Fund and any income generated.

An organisation from which we buy an asset (such as a bank) may fail to carry out its obligations, which could cause losses to the Fund.

The rating of a bond can change. There is no guarantee that a bond issuer will pay the interest due or repay the loan. Bond values are likely to fall if interest rates rise.

Derivative instruments can make a profit or a loss and there is no guarantee that a financial derivative contract will achieve its intended outcome. The use of derivatives can increase the amount by which the Fund’s value rises and falls and could expose the Fund to losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative.

Emerging markets countries may have less developed regulation and face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries. This means your money is at greater risk.

The annual management fee and other fees and expenses are paid out of capital. This will have the effect of constraining capital growth and eroding capital, meaning investors may receive back less than originally invested.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full risk profile.

## **Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund – Investment Manager’s report**

(continued)

### **Strategy**

We remain optimistic that some emerging market headwinds are in the process of reversing, becoming tailwinds or at least stabilising. Emerging market debt flows, a former headwind, are at their highest levels since 2012, thereby providing strong support for emerging market assets. Currency valuations have adjusted significantly, as such we continue to see emerging market currencies at some of their most attractive levels in more than 10 years, thereby providing support for selective emerging market growth prospects. We are constructive on select European and Latin American currencies, less so on Asian currencies. We are positioned in selective rates where inflation is falling along with narrowing current account deficits. Emerging market growth continues to be tepid despite prolonged accommodative monetary policy in both developed and emerging markets.

### **Performance**

The Fund underperformed the performance comparator during the reporting period. Emerging Market currencies on the whole recovered and stabilized as many countries made meaningful fiscal adjustments. In addition, commodity prices normalized, aiding balance of payments adjustments and cushioning the effect of lower global commodity prices in commodity-exporting economies. Overall, our positioning in Malaysia as well as positioning in Brazil and Poland were outperformers relative to the comparator. However, our positioning in Mexico and Indonesia led to underperformance. Mexico was the worst performer overall on the heels of a declining Mexican peso and slower growth. Since the failed coup in July, Turkey has been the second worst performer in the comparator; both rates and the Turkish Lira sold off as investors worry about the degradation of institutions.

### **Review of the market**

Emerging market local markets experienced some volatility during the reporting period. The financial markets were driven by the monetary policy and economic growth outlook in the US, Japan and Euro region as the regions begin to decouple. Over the reporting period, investors became more convinced that the US Federal Reserve may raise rates in December 2016, as US unemployment remains low, growth began picking up and inflation starts to rise. Meanwhile, global growth and inflation remain subdued. As a result of global conditions, coupled with mixed central bank policies, emerging market local markets were up 1.94%, with rates outperforming currencies (3.80% versus -1.86%)

Latin American markets outperformed Eastern Europe and Asia. Brazil rallied 19% as the transition government of Vice President Temer became permanent when former President Dilma was officially impeached in August following the Olympics. Turkey was the index’s worst performer following the attempted and unsuccessful coup of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. As the saga played on Erdogan began purging the military and institutions of potential dissenters in a bid to gain more control over the country. S&P quickly downgraded the Turkey’s sovereign rating, followed by Moody’s in September.

On 23 June 2016, the UK electorate voted to leave the European Union. This decision will start a process that is likely to take a minimum of two years to complete, and it is important to note that during this time the UK remains a member of the EU. This means that the rules and regulations governing asset management as well as the protections that were in place for clients prior to the referendum remain unchanged. However, the result is likely to usher in a period of uncertainty for the UK economy and financial markets, which could lead to increased volatility.

## **Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund – Investment Manager’s report**

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### **Market outlook**

Looking forward, developed markets’ fiscal policies are likely to be expansionary in 2017, providing support for global growth. Barring any meaningful reversals in global trade, emerging markets should benefit from stronger global growth. Global inflation should remain subdued over the next several years as the world grows into its full potential. Due to the lower inflationary pressures, we expect to see lower overall interest rates for emerging market local bonds where nominal yields offer significant compensation for risk. We continue to see countries make meaningful adjustments to their current accounts to accommodate lower commodity revenues. As economies adjust to their new currency levels, they will continue to diversify and compete for export market share. The environment is supportive for both local rates and local currencies.

### **Baring Asset Management Limited. November 2016**

Baring Asset Management Limited (“the Investment Manager”) gives their portfolio managers full authority to manage their funds as they see fit, within the established guidelines set down. This includes the views that managers may take of the markets and sectors they invest in, which may differ from the views of other Barings’ portfolio managers.

Malaysian **Malaysian ringgit: 2.26% (30 Apr 2016: 2.13%)**

ringgit Malaysia Government 3.39% 15/03/2017

## Portfolio statement

As at 31 October 2016

Malaysia Government 3.65% 31/10/2019

Malaysia Government 4.16% 15/07/2021

MYR	190,000	45,375	0.23
MYR	560,000	135,289	0.70
MYR	1,037,000	255,799	1.33
		<b>436,463</b>	<b>2.26</b>

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Currency	Fixed interest: 90.08% (30 Apr 2016: 89.63%) (continued)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
Mexican peso	<b>Mexican peso: 12.16% (30 Apr 2016: 12.52%)</b>				
	United Mexican States 5.00% 15/06/2017	MXN	2,200,000	116,997	0.61
	United Mexican States 5.00% 11/12/2019	MXN	3,100,000	161,285	0.84
	United Mexican States 7.50% 03/06/2027	MXN	3,600,000	208,892	1.08
	United Mexican States 7.75% 13/11/2042	MXN	3,010,000	180,138	0.93
	United Mexican States 8.50% 18/11/2038	MXN	8,198,300	525,171	2.72
	United Mexican States 10.00% 05/12/2024	MXN	17,379,100	1,152,265	5.98
				<b>2,344,748</b>	<b>12.16</b>
Polish zloty	<b>Polish zloty: 8.38% (30 Apr 2016: 9.95%)</b>				
	Poland Government 4.00% 25/10/2023	PLN	2,400,000	645,553	3.35
	Poland Government 5.75% 25/04/2029	PLN	3,100,000	970,782	5.03
	<b>Total Polish Zloty</b>			<b>1,616,335</b>	<b>8.38</b>
Romanian leu	<b>Romanian leu: 2.22% (30 Apr 2016: 2.31%)</b>				
	Romania Government 5.85% 26/04/2023	RON	1,020,000	293,369	1.52
	Romania Government 5.90% 26/07/2017	RON	530,000	134,052	0.70
				<b>427,421</b>	<b>2.22</b>
Russian rouble	<b>Russian rouble: 4.32% (30 Apr 2016: 6.05%)</b>				
	Russian Government 7.00% 16/08/2023	RUB	23,720,000	350,773	1.82
	Russian Government 7.00% 25/01/2023	RUB	13,250,000	196,089	1.02
	Russian Government 7.60% 20/07/2022	RUB	18,690,000	285,245	1.48
				<b>832,107</b>	<b>4.32</b>
South African rand	<b>South African rand: 12.02% (30 Apr 2016: 8.79%)</b>				
	South Africa Government 6.25% 31/03/2036	ZAR	17,340,000	899,376	4.66
	South Africa Government 6.50% 28/02/2041	ZAR	3,800,000	196,116	1.02
	South Africa Government 10.50% 21/12/2026	ZAR	15,305,654	1,222,687	6.34
				<b>2,318,179</b>	<b>12.02</b>
Thai baht	<b>Thai baht: 1.59% (30 Apr 2016: 1.33%)</b>				
	Thailand Government 3.65% 17/12/2021	THB	6,000,000	185,884	0.96
	Thailand Government 3.88% 13/06/2019	THB	2,230,000	67,153	0.35
	Thailand Government 5.13% 13/03/2018	THB	1,776,000	53,089	0.28
				<b>306,126</b>	<b>1.59</b>

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

### Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Currency	Fixed interest: 90.08% (30 Apr 2016: 89.63%) (continued)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
Turkish lira	Turkish lira: 6.51% (30 Apr 2016: 8.90%)				
	Turkey Government 3.00% 02/08/2023	TRY	970,000	408,504	2.12
	Turkey Government 7.10% 08/03/2023	TRY	505,000	144,298	0.75
	Turkey Government 9.00% 24/07/2024	TRY	2,270,000	701,309	3.64
				<b>1,254,111</b>	<b>6.51</b>

**Total fixed interest** **17,365,128** **90.08**

### Open forward foreign currency transactions: 0.18% (30 Apr 2016: 0.25%)

Currency sold	Currency bought	Currency rate	Maturity date	Unrealised gain US\$	% of NAV
USD 687,927	RUB 45,300,000	0.0152	03/11/2016	31,801	0.16
USD 571,345	PEN 1,950,000	0.2930	09/12/2016	4,611	0.02
GBP 14,820	USD 17,995	1.2143	14/11/2016	8	-
<b>Total unrealised gain on open foreign currency transactions</b>				<b>36,420</b>	<b>0.18</b>

**Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss** **19,211,509** **99.65**

### Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

### Open forward foreign currency transactions: (0.27%) (30 Apr 2016: (0.22%))

Currency sold	Currency bought	Currency rate	Maturity date	Unrealised loss US\$	% of NAV
BRL 2,146,000	USD 645,802	0.3009	10/01/2017	(18,200)	(0.10)
USD 1,614,937	GBP 1,317,574	1.2257	14/11/2016	(15,750)	(0.08)
USD 499,076	PLN 1,926,500	0.2591	08/11/2016	(14,153)	(0.07)
USD 731,905	MXN 13,707,000	0.0534	08/11/2016	(4,204)	(0.02)
USD 16,687	GBP 13,546	1.2319	14/11/2016	(246)	-
USD 19,293	GBP 15,843	1.2178	14/11/2016	(64)	-
IDR 2,900,000,000	USD 219,464	0.0001	10/01/2017	(40)	-
<b>Total unrealised loss on open foreign currency transactions</b>				<b>(52,657)</b>	<b>(0.27)</b>

**Total financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss** **(52,657)** **(0.27)**



## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
<b>Total investments at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>19,158,852</b>	<b>99.38</b>
Cash	35,726	0.19
Other net assets	82,600	0.43
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>	<b>19,277,178</b>	<b>100.00</b>

<b>Analysis of portfolio</b>	<b>% of Total assets*</b>
Investment Funds	9.17
Transferable securities**	88.00
OTC financial derivative instruments	0.18
Other assets	2.65
	<b>100.00</b>

\* Calculation based on the total assets of the Fund (excluding liabilities). This summary is a UCITS requirement.

\*\* Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised market.

## Balance sheet

As at 31 October 2016

		Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund 31/10/2016 US\$	Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund 30/04/2016 US\$
<b>Assets</b>	<b>Notes</b>		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		19,211,509	30,604,967
Cash		120,517	67,384
Management fee rebate due	3	2,225	2,271
Receivable for shares sold		1,823	319,465
Interest receivable		397,545	869,497
Other assets		401	410
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>19,734,020</b>	<b>31,863,994</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss		52,657	70,296
Bank overdraft		84,791	-
Indonesian capital gains tax		39,388	41,428
Management fee payable	3	(6,292)	(4,325)
Payable for shares redeemed		158,048	22
Administration fee payable	3	7,059	10,797
Depository fee payable	3	369	1,665
Other liabilities	3	120,822	90,118
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to the holders of redeemable participating shares)</b>		<b>456,842</b>	<b>210,001</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>19,277,178</b>	<b>31,653,993</b>
<b>Shares in issue (Note 5)</b>			
Class A USD Inc		838,945	798,466
Class A EUR Acc		251	251
Class A EUR Inc		814,606	809,168
Class A GBP Hedged Inc		177,754	51,685
Class A HKD Inc		40,561	40,490
Class A USD Acc		118,224	106,268
Class I EUR Inc		1	1
Class I USD Acc		10	10
Class I USD Inc		88,449	132,108
Class X USD Acc		10	1,148,643

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares

For the period ended 31 October 2016

		Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund 31/10/2016 US\$	Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund 31/10/2015 US\$
	Notes		
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the period		31,653,993 *	72,005,054
Decrease in net assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		(261,780)	(7,887,864)
Issue of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	10,722,583	2,035,068
Redemption of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	(22,860,151)	(28,173,553)
Income equalisation	4	22,533	(395)
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the end of the period</b>		<b>19,277,178</b>	<b>37,978,310</b>

\* The opening net assets attributable to shareholders for 2016 differ from the closing position in 2015 by the change in the net assets attributable to shareholders for second half of the comparative financial year.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Profit and loss account

For the period ended 31 October 2016

		Baring Markets Debt Local Currency Fund 31/10/2016 US\$	Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund 31/10/2015 US\$
<b>Investment income</b>	<b>Notes</b>		
Interest income		903,387	1,761,247
Dividend income		584	23
Net fair value loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		(478,748)	(8,737,710)
Management fee rebate	3	5,286	-
<b>Total investment income/(expense)</b>		<b>430,509</b>	<b>(6,976,440)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Management fees	3	56,594	166,128
Administration fees	3	64,519	121,551
Depository fees	3	2,774	6,753
General expenses	3	48,995	55,951
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>172,882</b>	<b>350,383</b>
<b>Net profit/(loss) before finance costs and tax</b>		<b>257,627</b>	<b>(7,326,823)</b>
<b>Finance costs</b>			
Distributions	4	(460,814)	(516,876)
Bank interest expense		(109)	(3,270)
<b>Total finance costs</b>		<b>(460,923)</b>	<b>(520,146)</b>
<b>Loss for the financial period before tax</b>		<b>(203,296)</b>	<b>(7,846,969)</b>
<b>Tax</b>			
Indonesian capital gains tax		(29,902)	(16,499)
Withholding tax on dividends and other investment income		(28,582)	(24,396)
<b>Total tax</b>		<b>(58,484)</b>	<b>(40,895)</b>
<b>Decrease in net assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>(261,780)</b>	<b>(7,887,864)</b>

Gains and losses arose solely from continuing operations. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the profit and loss account.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund – Investment Manager’s report

### Performance record

#### Summary of Fund performance (excluding distribution payments where applicable)

	Net Asset Value as at 31/10/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value as at 30/04/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value % change
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund - Class X EUR Acc	€12.72	€12.11	5.04
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund - Class A EUR Acc	€12.01	€11.53	4.16
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund - Class A EUR Inc	€11.92	€11.52	3.47
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund - Class I EUR Acc	€12.29	€11.75	4.60
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund - Class I EUR Inc*	€12.27	€11.76	4.34

#### Performance record to 31 October 2016 (including distribution payments where applicable)

	01/05/2016 - 31/10/2016 %	01/05/2015 - 30/04/2016 %	01/05/2014 - 30/04/2015 %	01/05/2013 - 30/04/2014 %	13/03/2013 - 30/04/2013 %
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund - Class X EUR Acc (EUR terms)	5.04	(5.02)	22.13	2.25	2.10
3 Month EURIBOR + 3% p.a. (EUR terms)	1.36	2.90	3.12	3.26	0.42
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund - Class A EUR Acc (EUR terms)*	4.16	(6.49)	20.18	0.69	1.19
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund - Class A EUR Inc (EUR terms)*	4.15	(6.22)	14.98**	N/A	N/A
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund - Class I EUR Acc (EUR terms)*	4.60	(5.70)	21.44	0.69	N/A
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund - Class I EUR Inc (EUR terms)*	4.88	5.19**	N/A	N/A	N/A

Performance figures are shown net of fees and charges, on a NAV per share basis, with gross income reinvested.

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The Fund was launched on 13 March 2013.

\* The Class A EUR Acc share class was launched on 15 March 2013.

The Class I EUR Acc share class was launched on 11 December 2013.

## Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)

### Performance record (continued)

The Class A EUR Inc share class was launched on 15 September 2014.

The Class I EUR Inc share class was launched on 20 January 2016.

\*\* The Class A EUR Inc share class performance figure is calculated from 15 September 2014.

The Class I EUR Inc share class performance figure is calculated from 20 January 2016.

**Past performance is no indication of current or future performance. The performance data does not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of shares. Please note that changes in the rates of exchange may have an adverse effect on the value, price or income of an investment.**

### Investment objective and policy

The investment objective of the Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund (“the Fund”) is to generate a total return consisting of capital and income appreciation which exceeds European cash rates over the medium to long term.

In order to achieve its investment objective, the Fund will use a tactical asset allocation strategy which has no formal limitations on exposure to any specific asset class, sector, country or region including emerging markets. In this regard, Baring Asset Management Limited (“the Investment Manager”) will seek to actively allocate the Fund’s portfolio of investments across asset classes to diversify returns, manage risk and achieve the investment objective. The asset allocation model will be adjusted dynamically in anticipation of and in response to changes in economic and market conditions. Allocations will be made at the Investment Manager’s discretion, based upon analysis of investment returns primarily from asset allocation but also from sector and security selection. Investments within each asset class are then selected by analysing the profitability, cash flow, earnings and valuations to determine their attractiveness.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full investment objective and policy.

### How the Fund is managed

The Manager of Baring Investment Funds Plc, Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited, has appointed Baring Asset Management Limited as the Investment Manager of the Fund.

The Investment Manager uses the ideas generated by our global macro research asset allocation, emerging market equity and debt teams to choose what it believes are the best investments to achieve the investment objectives of the Fund. This means that the Investment Manager constructs a portfolio of stocks or bonds of companies, countries and sectors that suit our current asset allocation policy at that point in time.

### Risk profile

Please see detailed below some of the key risks applicable to the Fund:

Changes in exchange rates between the currency of the Fund and the currencies in which the assets of the Fund are valued can have the effect of increasing or decreasing the value of the Fund and any income generated.

An organisation from which we buy an asset (such as a bank) may fail to carry out its obligations, which could cause losses to the Fund.

The rating of a bond can change. There is no guarantee that a bond issuer will pay the interest due or repay the loan. Bond values are likely to fall if interest rates rise.

Derivative instruments can make a profit or a loss and there is no guarantee that a financial derivative contract will achieve its intended outcome. The use of derivatives can increase the amount by which the Fund’s value rises and falls and could expose the Fund to losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative. Some derivative transactions may be entered into directly with an eligible person or institution (a “counterparty”). There is a risk that the counterparty may not meet its obligations or becomes insolvent which could cause the Fund to incur a loss.

Emerging markets countries may have less developed regulation and face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries. This means your money is at greater risk.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full risk profile.

## Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund – Investment Manager’s Report (continued)

### Strategy

During this reporting period, our primary strategy was to focus on leveraging opportunities created by the continued ultra-low interest rate environment. Ultra-low interest rates have been driven by the fact that, with inflation expectations so low, central bankers have been prioritising growth. In this climate, we have tilted our portfolios away from equity risk towards fixed income risk. With interest rates remaining low, areas where investors have been shy, due to concerns that the Federal Reserve could become more hawkish, have become steadily more attractive. For these reasons, we held both emerging market debt and high yield bonds as high conviction asset classes. In the first half of our reporting period, we steadily rotated our portfolio towards this type of positioning. We increased our weighting to high yield bonds and emerging market local currency bonds alongside the associated emerging market currencies. Following the result of the UK’s EU Referendum, we began moving further away from volatility in Europe. Beyond the more traditional classes, we used allocations to precious metals to offset some of this equity volatility.

Our belief that fixed income risk assets would outperform was consistent throughout the reporting period. However, despite our initial fears that Brexit had triggered significant volatility in both the UK and Europe, the situation appeared to stabilise very quickly and as such, we are now maintaining a modest allocation to developed equities - an asset which was out of favour early on in the reporting period. Currently, within equities our emphasis is on those pockets - such as European real estate investment trust (“REITs”) and Japanese banks - that we believe are well placed to perform. Overall, we reduced the Fund’s overall risk profile over the course of the reporting period.

### Performance

During the reporting period, the Fund delivered positive performance with high yield bonds and emerging market equities adding the most value. In the persistently low interest rate environment, it has been the riskier end of the fixed income market that delivered the strongest performance. Post-Brexit, demand for income generating assets continued apace. Emerging market equities strengthened through the latter part of the reporting period, in part due to improved economic data coming from China, a more benign US dollar environment and the considerable volatility seen in developed markets. In line with our fixed income theme, emerging market bonds (both local and hard currency) also produced positive results. Our use of precious metals during the first half of the reporting period was also important, and we sold our gold and silver positions for substantial profit. Once again, the value of holding a diverse range of assets came to the fore.

While developed market equity performance was subdued, there were few asset classes that actually detracted value this quarter. The two exceptions to this were property and European equities. Early in the year, property had delivered some of our strongest performance but the UK’s vote to leave the European Union hit the UK property and Eurozone REITs market hard, and triggered sharp falls in the asset class that overrode earlier gains. European equities suffered for similar reasons.

### Review of the market

The focal point of this review period was the unprecedented event of the UK public voting to leave the European Union. In the months leading up to the June referendum, markets had priced in a ‘remain’ vote, and so the surprise ‘leave’ outcome meant volatility abounded. The largest moves were felt in the currency markets with a sharp fall in sterling. The currency fell to a 30-year low, and continued to be very weak against the US dollar and the euro for the remainder of reporting period.

In equities, however, the market reaction differed slightly with UK equities benefiting from the fall in sterling. The FTSE 100 has a large amount of overseas earnings (at around 70% of its total), and so sterling’s fall triggered a rally in the FTSE 100 pricing. Other markets, however, struggled. Europe experienced worries around the strength of the Eurozone banking system. Meanwhile, Japan was held back as investors saw the yen as a safe currency and its strength weighed on the Nikkei 225.

Currency moves continued as a key theme throughout the reporting period. None more so than in sterling, which reacted to every piece of newsflow on Brexit, but also in the Mexican peso, which sold off every time Donald Trump gained ground in the US presidential race polls, and in the Japanese yen. The volatility in these currencies fed through to global equity markets with Japan and the UK most affected.

## **Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Review of the market (continued)**

The Japanese stock market is highly correlated to the yen, just as the FTSE 100 is dependent on the fortunes of sterling.

Outside of equities, there was considerable central bank action, and once again Japan and the UK were at the centre. Following months of speculation, the Bank of Japan acted to offset the adverse impact of negative interest rates on its banking system, and this helped boost the Japanese market. Similarly, the Bank of England acted by joining the rate cutting party, reducing interest rates to 0.25% and expanding its quantitative easing programme to manage further fallout from Brexit. However, looking back at the impact of Brexit, economic data has suggested that so far its implications have not been as severe as expected. Although, we remain mindful that the feared economic slowdown may just be postponed not averted.

On 23 June 2016, the UK electorate voted to leave the European Union. This decision will start a process that is likely to take a minimum of two years to complete, and it is important to note that during this time the UK remains a member of the EU. This means that the rules and regulations governing asset management as well as the protections that were in place for clients prior to the referendum remain unchanged. However, the result is likely to usher in a period of uncertainty for the UK economy and financial markets, which could lead to increased volatility.

### **Market outlook**

While there are signs that the ultra-loose monetary policy of central banks around the world is running out of steam, it does not mean an end to the historically low interest rates. We believe there will still be further unconventional thinking to come from policymakers. In the major developed economies (Japan, UK and Europe) it is clear that these low interest rates will remain in place for some time yet.

For us, a bigger theme is the strong possibility of a globally synchronised, mild economic recovery. Now, for the first time since the 2008 financial crisis, we are seeing signs that the coming period will be one where every major region in the world will deliver decent GDP growth.

Starting with Europe, economic growth has been gradually improving with some areas in the periphery, such as Spain and Ireland, experiencing strong recoveries; although Italy has disappointed. However, it is our opinion that the overall data suggests a modest improvement in economic growth should continue across the euro area.

While in China, whose growth helps boost other emerging economies, economic data has similarly pointed towards a recovery. Although it may not be as buoyant as hoped, given the scale of monetary stimulus, the recovery has already been supportive to certain parts of Asia. As a result, we have upgraded our conviction for this region over the last two months.

Against this backdrop of modest economic growth, we continue to believe that the stage is set for the riskier end of the fixed income market to perform handsomely. US high yield and emerging market debt are the two asset classes that we are currently most focused on. We believe these are the ones most capable of delivering a high level of income to investors, with some capital appreciation. Even in the US, where there is the expectation of a December rate rise, it will be an extremely gradual process. This, combined with the fact that the economy is ticking along at only modest levels, also supports our investment case for fixed income risk assets.

We are however acutely aware of the challenges ahead. The aftermath of the US election will be a volatile time for markets as the new President-elect is likely to face opposition in fulfilling campaign promises. In terms of other political events, while the immediate fallout from Brexit has subsided, it is our belief that we should brace ourselves for further volatility as Article 50 is yet to be triggered and formal negotiations to begin. Particularly when we consider that attempts have already been made, albeit unsuccessfully, to restrict Parliament’s role in approving or disproving the UK Government’s Brexit mandate.



## **Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

**Baring Asset Management Limited.  
November 2016**

Baring Asset Management Limited (“the Investment Manager”) gives their portfolio managers full authority to manage their funds as they see fit, within the established guidelines set down. This includes the views that managers may take of the markets and sectors they invest in, which may differ from the views of other Barings’ portfolio managers.

Finland **Finland: 0.67% (30 Apr 2016: 0.44%)**

Amer Sports

EUR 2,485 61,752 0.11

Cargotec

EUR 1,746 65,423 0.12

## Portfolio statement

Elisa

EUR 2,719 85,594 0.16

As at 31 October 2016 Huhtamaki

EUR 2,190 81,030 0.15

Valmet

EUR 5,322 69,452 0.13

**363,251 0.67**

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Country	Equities: 38.61% (30 Apr 2016: 36.25%) (continued)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value €	% of NAV
France	<b>France: 3.35% (30 Apr 2016: 3.20%)</b>				
	Elior	EUR	3,969	79,817	0.15
	Gecina REITs	EUR	1,500	196,800	0.36
	Havas	EUR	4,209	30,852	0.06
	Imerys	EUR	1,015	64,787	0.12
	Klepierre REITs	EUR	10,000	375,250	0.68
	Nexity	EUR	1,377	63,239	0.12
	Orpea	EUR	961	73,228	0.13
	Plastic Omnium	EUR	2,903	86,103	0.16
	SEB	EUR	562	74,830	0.14
	SPIE	EUR	2,785	47,832	0.09
	Tarkett	EUR	1,014	32,539	0.06
	Technicolor	EUR	5,391	28,146	0.05
	Eurofins Scientific	EUR	207	85,284	0.16
	Teleperformance	EUR	1,166	112,426	0.20
	UBISOFT Entertainment	EUR	1,330	41,197	0.07
	Unibail-Rodamco REITs	EUR	1,700	370,770	0.67
	Worldline	EUR	2,795	69,176	0.13
				<b>1,832,276</b>	<b>3.35</b>
Germany	<b>Germany: 1.58% (30 Apr 2016: 2.38%)</b>				
	Aareal Bank	EUR	2,519	83,606	0.15
	Alstria office REITs	EUR	15,500	179,723	0.33
	Gerresheimer	EUR	1,052	72,698	0.13
	HUGO BOSS	EUR	907	52,234	0.10
	KION	EUR	1,148	62,968	0.11
	MTU Aero Engines	EUR	682	64,967	0.12
	Scout24	EUR	1,291	40,092	0.07
	Symrise	EUR	1,149	71,663	0.13
	TAG Immobilien	EUR	15,250	185,364	0.34
	Wirecard	EUR	1,274	54,884	0.10
				<b>868,199</b>	<b>1.58</b>
Global Emerging Markets	<b>Global Emerging Markets: 4.38% (30 Apr 2016: 0.00%)</b>				
	Amundi ETF MSCI Em Asia UCITS ETF - USD ETF	USD	50,000	1,188,731	2.16
	Amundi ETF MSCI Emerging Markets UCITS ETF - USD ETF	USD	350,000	1,222,515	2.22
				<b>2,411,246</b>	<b>4.38</b>

Toyota Motor	JPY	5,400	283,973	0.52
W-Scope	JPY	6,800	110,539	0.20
			<b>4,259,204</b>	<b>7.75</b>

Netherlands **Netherlands: 1.60% (30 Apr 2016: 1.46%)**  
**Portfolio statement (continued)**  
 Aalberts Industries  
 As at 31 October 2016 ASM International  
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EUR	2,494	72,189	0.13
EUR	2,345	89,696	0.16
EUR	2,699	56,760	0.10

United Kingdom **United Kingdom: 5.14% (30 Apr 2016: 6.22%)**

Arrow Global	GBP	19,750	66,254	0.12
Ascential	GBP	21,074	66,514	0.12
Ashtead	GBP	4,762	66,917	0.12
B&M European Value Retail	GBP	19,581	51,788	0.09
Doric Nimrod Air Three Pref	GBP	935,984	1,058,248	1.93
e2v technologies	GBP	14,577	34,964	0.06

**Portfolio statement (continued)**

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World	<b>World: 7.08% (30 Apr 2016: 2.87%)</b>			
JPEL Private Equity		USD	1,845,001	1,880,498 3.42
Source Physical Gold P-ETC ETF		USD	8,500	964,709 1.76
Source Physical Platinum P-ETC Class E ETF		USD	12,000	1,042,234 1.90
<b>Portfolio statement (continued)</b>				<b>3,887,441 7.08</b>
As at 31 October 2016				
<b>Total equities</b>				<b>21,223,404 38.61</b>

Mexico **Mexico: 3.12% (30 Apr 2016: 4.11%)**  
 Petroleos Mexicanos 3.75% 16/04/2026  
 Mexican Bonos 10% 05/12/2024

**Portfolio statement** (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

EUR	200,000	200,304	0.36
MXN	25,000,000	1,518,593	2.76
		<b>1,718,897</b>	<b>3.12</b>

Norway **Norway: 0.00% (30 Apr 2016: 3.19%)**

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## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Country	Fixed Interest: 55.78% (30 Apr 2016: 46.54%) (continued)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value €	% of NAV
Netherlands	<b>Netherlands: 2.93% (30 Apr 2016: 2.98%)</b>				
	Enel Finance International 1.375% 01/06/2026	EUR	360,000	369,248	0.67
	Gas Natural Fenosa Finance 3.875% 17/01/2023	EUR	200,000	240,608	0.44
	Grupo Antolin Dutch 5.125% 30/06/2022	EUR	300,000	321,743	0.59
	Vonovia Finance 3.625% 08/10/2021	EUR	390,000	451,526	0.82
	Wolters Kluwer 2.5% 13/05/2024	EUR	200,000	226,183	0.41
				<b>1,609,308</b>	<b>2.93</b>
Poland	<b>Poland: 2.88% (30 Apr 2016: 2.13%)</b>				
	Poland Government Bond 1.5% 25/04/2020	PLN	3,500,000	791,618	1.44
	Poland Government Bond 5.75% 25/04/2029	PLN	2,750,000	788,985	1.44
				<b>1,580,603</b>	<b>2.88</b>
Portugal	<b>Portugal: 8.60% (30 Apr 2016: 7.74%)</b>				
	Portugal Obrigacoes do Tesouro OT 4.75% 14/06/2019	EUR	1,450,000	1,598,413	2.91
	Portugal Obrigacoes do Tesouro OT 3.85% 15/04/2021	EUR	1,450,000	1,576,444	2.87
	Portugal Obrigacoes do Tesouro OT 5.65% 15/02/2024	EUR	1,325,000	1,551,944	2.82
				<b>4,726,801</b>	<b>8.60</b>
South Africa	<b>South Africa: 2.00% (30 Apr 2016: 1.29%)</b>				
	South Africa Government Bond 10.5% 21/12/2026	ZAR	15,000,000	1,097,819	2.00
				<b>1,097,819</b>	<b>2.00</b>
Spain	<b>Spain: 0.62% (30 Apr 2016: 0.62%)</b>				
	Cirsa Funding Luxembourg 5.875% 15/05/2023	EUR	325,000	339,869	0.62
				<b>339,869</b>	<b>0.62</b>
Switzerland	<b>Switzerland: 0.60% (30 Apr 2016: 0.60%)</b>				
	Matterhorn Telecom 3.875% 01/05/2022	EUR	325,000	327,844	0.60
				<b>327,844</b>	<b>0.60</b>
United Kingdom	<b>United Kingdom: 0.80% (30 Apr 2016: 1.12%)</b>				
	Anglo American Capital 3.25% 03/04/2023	EUR	200,000	208,089	0.38
	NGG Finance FRN 18/06/2076	EUR	215,000	231,221	0.42
				<b>439,310</b>	<b>0.80</b>



## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Country	Fixed Interest: 55.78% (30 Apr 2016: 46.54%) (continued)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value €	% of NAV
United States	<b>United States: 13.86% (30 Apr 2016: 8.69%)</b>				
	AES 7.375% 01/07/2021	USD	325,000	341,674	0.62
	CSC 6.75% 15/11/2021	USD	350,000	339,899	0.62
	Digicel 6% 15/04/2021	USD	400,000	332,112	0.60
	DISH DBS 5.875% 15/11/2024	USD	400,000	376,088	0.68
	HCA 5.875% 15/03/2022	USD	350,000	357,343	0.65
	Hertz 5.875% 15/10/2020	USD	375,000	354,730	0.64
	MGM Resorts International 6.625% 15/12/2021	USD	350,000	361,544	0.66
	United States Treasury Inflation Indexed Bonds 2.125% 15/02/2041	USD	1,500,000	1,984,191	3.61
	United States Treasury Note/Bond 0.625% 30/09/2017	USD	2,738,000	2,507,200	4.56
	Verizon Communications 2.625% 01/12/2031	EUR	300,000	331,025	0.60
	VWR Funding 4.625% 15/04/2022	EUR	325,000	337,220	0.61
				<b>7,623,026</b>	<b>13.85</b>
	<b>Total fixed interest</b>			<b>30,656,708</b>	<b>55.77</b>
	<b>Futures Contracts*: 0.12% (30 Apr 2016: 0.02%)</b>				
			Number of contracts	Unrealised gain €	% of NAV
Germany	<b>Germany: 0.01% (30 Apr 2016: 0.02%)</b>				
	Future Eurx E-Stxx 50 December 2016	EUR	(75)	3,750	0.01
	<b>Total Germany</b>			<b>3,750</b>	<b>0.01</b>
Singapore	<b>Singapore: 0.08% (30 Apr 2016: 0.00%)</b>				
	Future Nikkei 225 Sgx December 2016	JPY	10	45,151	0.08
	<b>Total Singapore</b>			<b>45,151</b>	<b>0.08</b>
United Kingdom	<b>United Kingdom: 0.03% (30 Apr 2016: 0.00%)</b>				
	Future Ftse 100 Idx lcf December 2016	GBP	(20)	14,244	0.03
	<b>Total United Kingdom</b>			<b>14,244</b>	<b>0.03</b>
	<b>Total futures contracts - unrealised gains</b>			<b>63,145</b>	<b>0.12</b>

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

### Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Currency sold	Currency bought	Currency Rate	Counterparty	Maturity date	Unrealised gain €	% of NAV
EUR 3,418,316	GBP 2,950,000	1.1588	Citibank	20/12/2016	142,452	0.26
EUR 7,592,515	JPY 857,034,000	0.0089	JPMorgan Chase	10/11/2016	134,948	0.25
EUR 496,980	JPY 56,781,000	0.0088	Goldman Sachs	10/11/2016	2,895	0.01
JPY 18,321,000	EUR 158,456	0.0086	JPMorgan Chase	10/11/2016	966	-
EUR 2,661,430	USD 2,911,000	0.9143	Bank of Montreal	20/12/2016	644	-
<b>Total fair value gains on forward currency contracts</b>					<b>281,905</b>	<b>0.52</b>
<b>Total assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>					<b>53,204,162</b>	<b>96.80</b>

### Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss

Country	Futures contracts*: (0.09%) (30 Apr 2016: (0.05%))	Currency	Number of contracts	Unrealised loss €	% of NAV
Hong Kong	<b>Hong Kong: (0.09%) (30 Apr 2016: (0.03%))</b>				
	Future H-Shares Idx Hkg November 2016	HKD	28	(50,259)	(0.09)
	<b>Total Hong Kong</b>			<b>(50,259)</b>	<b>(0.09)</b>
	<b>United States: (0.00%) (30 Apr 2016: (0.02%))</b>				
<b>Total futures contracts - unrealised losses</b>				<b>(50,259)</b>	<b>(0.09)</b>

### Forward currency contracts: (0.74%) (30 Apr 2016: (0.26%))

Currency sold	Currency bought	Currency Rate	Counterparty	Maturity date	Unrealised loss €	% of NAV
EUR 481,372	CHF 523,000	0.9204	Northern Trust	20/12/2016	(904)	-
EUR 670,848	JPY 77,418,000	0.0087	JPMorgan Chase	10/11/2016	(2,813)	(0.01)
EUR 1,219,602	USD 1,347,000	0.9054	Standard Chartered	20/12/2016	(11,617)	(0.02)
EUR 1,963,559	USD 2,168,700	0.9054	Brown Brothers Harriman	20/12/2016	(18,731)	(0.03)
JPY 498,229,000	EUR 4,407,967	0.0088	Citibank	10/11/2016	(72,577)	(0.13)
EUR 13,075,396	USD 14,635,500	0.8934	Citibank	20/12/2016	(302,111)	(0.55)
<b>Total fair value losses on forward currency contracts</b>					<b>(408,753)</b>	<b>(0.74)</b>
<b>Total liabilities at fair value through profit or loss</b>					<b>(459,012)</b>	<b>(0.83)</b>

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

	Fair value €	% of NAV
<b>Total investments at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>52,745,150</b>	<b>95.97</b>
Cash	1,186,798	2.16
Margin Cash	490,029	0.89
Other net assets	536,720	0.98
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>	<b>54,958,697</b>	<b>100.00</b>

Analysis of portfolio	% of Total assets**
Investment Funds	1.76
Transferable securities***	93.52
OTC financial derivative instruments	0.62
Other assets	4.10
	<b>100.00</b>

\* The counterparty for the future contracts and options is UBS.

\*\* Calculation based on the total assets of the Fund (excluding liabilities). This summary is a UCITS requirement.

\*\*\* Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised market.

## Balance sheet

As at 31 October 2016

		<b>Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund 31/10/2016</b>	<b>Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund 30/04/2016</b>
<b>Assets</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		53,204,162	45,962,810
Cash		1,186,798	4,257,158
Margin cash		490,029	527,954
Receivable for securities sold		-	1,998,606
Dividend income		73,912	102,874
Interest receivable		516,820	418,641
Other assets		581	1,251
Management fee rebate due	3	3,138	2,293
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>55,475,440</b>	<b>53,271,587</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss		459,012	164,504
Management fee payable	3	7,806	8,260
Payable for securities purchased		2,093	46,820
Administration fee payable	3	6,359	6,480
Depository fee payable	3	989	2,089
Other liabilities	3	40,484	59,411
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to the holders of redeemable participating shares)</b>		<b>516,743</b>	<b>287,564</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>54,958,697</b>	<b>52,984,023</b>
<b>Shares in issue (Note 5)</b>			
Class X EUR Acc		3,417,000	3,417,000
Class A EUR Acc		257,223	306,392
Class A EUR Inc		3,209	3,190
Class I EUR Acc		681,476	681,476
Class I EUR Inc		10	10

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares

For the period ended 31 October 2016

		<b>Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund 31/10/2016</b>	<b>Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund 31/10/2015</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the period		52,984,023 *	69,309,498
Increase/(decrease) in net assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		2,542,630	(2,256,664)
Issue of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	4,560	1,584,200
Redemption of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	(572,516)	(1,126,571)
Income equalisation	4	-	70
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the end of the period</b>		<b>54,958,697</b>	<b>67,510,533</b>

\* The opening net assets attributable to shareholders for 2016 differ from the closing position in 2015 by the change in the net assets attributable to shareholders for second half of the comparative financial year.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Profit and loss account

For the period ended 31 October 2016

		Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund 31/10/2016	Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund 31/10/2015
	Notes	€	€
<b>Investment income</b>			
Interest income		521,074	516,063
Dividend income		294,633	336,013
Net fair value gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		1,880,442	(2,914,302)
Management fee rebate	3	845	-
<b>Total investment income/(expense)</b>		<b>2,696,994</b>	<b>(2,062,226)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Management fees	3	47,125	93,303
Administration fees	3	32,611	29,690
Depository fees	3	6,176	8,494
General expenses	3	26,307	41,536
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>112,219</b>	<b>173,023</b>
<b>Net profit/(loss) before finance costs and tax</b>		<b>2,584,775</b>	<b>(2,235,249)</b>
<b>Finance costs</b>			
Distributions	4	(238)	(33)
Bank interest expense		(8,881)	(4,717)
<b>Total finance costs</b>		<b>(9,119)</b>	<b>(4,750)</b>
<b>Profit/(loss) for the financial period before tax</b>		<b>2,575,656</b>	<b>(2,239,999)</b>
<b>Tax</b>			
Withholding tax on dividends and other investment income		(33,026)	(16,665)
<b>Total tax</b>		<b>(33,026)</b>	<b>(16,665)</b>
<b>Increase/(decrease) in net assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>2,542,630</b>	<b>(2,256,664)</b>

Gains and losses arose solely from continuing operations. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the profit and loss account.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Baring European Opportunities Fund – Investment Manager’s report

### Performance record

#### Summary of Fund performance (excluding distribution payments where applicable)

	Net Asset Value as at 31/10/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value as at 30/04/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value % change
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class A EUR Acc	€12.63	€12.88	(1.94)
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class A USD Acc*	US\$13.77	US\$14.65	(6.01)
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class I EUR Acc	€12.94	€13.14	(1.52)
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class I EUR Inc*	€14.98	€15.25	(1.77)
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class I GBP Inc	£13.33	£11.85	12.49
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class I USD Acc*	US\$13.93	US\$14.73	(5.43)
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class X GBP Acc	£13.91	£12.20	14.02

#### Performance record to 31 October 2016 (including distribution payments where applicable)

	01/05/2016 - 31/10/2016 %	01/05/2015 - 30/04/2016 %	01/05/2014 - 30/04/2015 %	29/10/2013 - 30/04/2014 %
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class A EUR Acc (EUR terms)	(1.94)	(3.30)	24.60	6.90
MSCI Europe Small Cap Total, Gross Return (EUR terms)	0.28	(1.50)	21.93	10.19
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class A USD Acc (USD terms)*	(6.01)	(6.03)	N/A	N/A
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class I EUR Acc (EUR terms)	(1.52)	(2.52)	25.51	7.40
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class I EUR Inc (EUR terms)*	(1.26)	(4.81)	N/A	N/A
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class I GBP Inc (GBP terms)	13.53	4.74	10.79	3.20
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class I USD Acc (USD terms)*	(5.43)	(1.73)	N/A	N/A
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class X GBP Acc (GBP terms)	14.02	5.45	11.68	3.60

Performance figures are shown net of fees and charges, on a NAV per share basis, with gross income reinvested.

Source: Morningstar/Barings.

## Baring European Opportunities Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)

### Performance record (continued)

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The Fund was launched on 29 October 2013.

\* The Class A USD Acc share class was launched on 25 June 2015.

The Class I EUR Inc share class was launched on 2 November 2015.

The Class I USD Acc share class was launched on 2 November 2015.

**Past performance is no indication of current or future performance. The performance data does not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of shares. Please note that changes in the rates of exchange may have an adverse effect on the value, price or income of an investment.**

### Investment objective and policy

The Baring European Opportunities Fund (“the Fund”) will seek to achieve long-term capital growth primarily through investment in the securities of smaller European companies.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its total assets at any one time in equity and equity-related securities of smaller companies incorporated and/or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in Europe and/or listed or traded on eligible European stock exchanges or markets. For this purpose, total assets exclude cash and ancillary liquidities. Smaller European companies are those not included in European large cap performance comparison indices such as the STOXX Europe 50 or FTSE Eurotop 100.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full investment objective and policy.

### How the Fund is managed

The Manager of Baring Investment Funds Plc, Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited, has appointed Baring Asset Management Limited as the Investment Manager of the Fund.

At Barings, our equity investment teams share the philosophy of quality “Growth at a Reasonable Price” or GARP. We believe that earnings growth is the principal driver of equity market performance over the medium to long term, and favour high quality companies for their ability to outperform the market on a risk-adjusted basis. In particular, we believe that structured fundamental research and a disciplined investment process combining quality, growth and upside disciplines can allow us to identify attractively priced, long-term growth companies which will outperform the market. Our approach emphasises quality criteria when looking at companies and a three-to-five-year time horizon when forecasting company earnings. In determining upside, we use consistent and transparent methods to place emphasis on discounted earnings models.

### Risk profile

Please see detailed below some of the key risks applicable to the Fund:

Changes in exchange rates between the currency of the Fund and the currencies in which the assets of the Fund are valued can have the effect of increasing or decreasing the value of the Fund and any income generated.

Derivative instruments can make a profit or a loss and there is no guarantee that a financial derivative contract will achieve its intended outcome. The use of derivatives can increase the amount by which the Fund’s value rises and falls and could expose the Fund to losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative. Some derivative transactions may be entered into directly with an eligible person or institution (a “counterparty”). There is a risk that the counterparty may not meet its obligations or becomes insolvent which could cause the Fund to incur a loss.



## **Baring European Opportunities Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Risk profile (continued)**

Emerging markets countries may have less developed regulation and face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries. This means your money is at greater risk.

The Fund can hold smaller company shares which can be more difficult to buy and sell as they may trade infrequently and in small volumes, so their share prices may fluctuate more than those of larger companies.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full risk profile.

### **Strategy**

The underlying philosophy employed by the Manager remains unchanged; to seek opportunities that meet the underlying investment strategy of Growth at a Reasonable Price. The companies within the portfolio have, in our opinion, the ability to deliver strong future profit growth, driven by a combination of a strong management, excellent market positioning and robust financial characteristics, such as lower than average debt levels and higher than average return on equity. The valuation of the shares is also a significant factor in the investment decision and must be considered to be attractive relative to the level of profit growth that our forecasts indicate the company can deliver.

The geographic asset allocation within the Fund is a by-product of the individual company investment decisions that form the portfolio. Over the first six months of the Fund’s financial year, the portfolio’s exposure to both Finland and France have experienced the largest increases, whilst the allocation to Italy and the UK have borne the greatest reductions. Several new holdings have been established during the period under review including Valmet Corp, the Finnish producer of Paper manufacturing equipment, and Hugo Boss, the German fashion company. The holdings that were sold during the period included Drillisch, the German telecommunication services company, and Euronext, the Netherlands-based European financial exchanges group.

### **Performance**

Pan European smaller companies as measured by the MSCI Europe Small Cap Index, which is used for performance comparison purposes, delivered a small gain of just 0.2% in the first six months of the Fund’s financial year. After a positive start to the period, with the index gaining over 4% during May, the asset class was negatively impacted following the result of the UK’s referendum on membership of the European Union. The initial reaction more than eliminated the gains made in May with the index, at the lowest point, having lost over 10% since the beginning of the period, with UK companies being the worst affected. Over the remaining four months of the period, the asset class recovered those losses to end the period essentially unchanged.

The performance of the Fund was below that of the performance comparator over the period. The largest negative country contributor to performance was the UK; several holdings in this region were impacted significantly following the Brexit vote and a poor performance from NCC Group, triggered by a weak trading statement, added to that region’s poor performance. The largest positive country contributor was France; the Fund’s holding in SEB being a significant positive influence on that performance. The largest positive company contributors to performance were Umicore and Nobina, both benefiting from positive trading updates, whilst the largest company detractor from performance was NCC Group, where delays on contract renewals impacted profitability.

### **Review of the market**

The most significant event during the first six months of the Fund’s financial year was the UK’s referendum on membership of the European Union; an unexpected exit vote triggered significant falls in a broad range of UK companies with many falling over 30%. This initial reaction was based on the assumption that Brexit would drive the UK’s economy into recession and as such the prospects of domestically focused UK companies would therefore be negatively impacted. Whilst the long-term implications for UK corporates is still uncertain, the newsflow on trading has not been, in general, as bad as initially expected. Since the referendum, the trading statements of many companies have indicated little change in order patterns, indeed the weakness in sterling that has also been experienced has been beneficial, in the short term, to those businesses with significant export exposure.

## **Baring European Opportunities Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Review of the market (continued)**

Despite the volatility that has occurred in the aftermath of the Brexit vote, the trading environment for Pan-European smaller companies has remained robust. As mentioned above, newsflow from the individual companies with regards to current trading has been broadly positive and the accompanying outlook statements optimistic. The economic environment also remains supportive, with data releases from both the UK and Euro-zone continuing to indicate gradual improvements in GDP growth across Europe. Investor sentiment, however, continues to be impacted by macro and political concerns, which is indicated by the traditionally defensive Healthcare sector being the best performing sector within the asset class over the six month period under review.

On 23 June 2016, the UK electorate voted to leave the European Union. This decision will start a process that is likely to take a minimum of two years to complete, and it is important to note that during this time the UK remains a member of the EU. This means that the rules and regulations governing asset management as well as the protections that were in place for clients prior to the referendum remain unchanged. However, the result is likely to usher in a period of uncertainty for the UK economy and financial markets, which could lead to increased volatility.

### **Market outlook**

The early part of the Fund’s financial year began with heightened volatility in equity markets, triggered by political and economic concerns following the UK’s Brexit vote. Over the summer months, these concerns began to abate, giving way to a recovery in the share prices of pan-European smaller companies for the remainder of the six-month period under review. Valuations, while toward the higher end of their historic range, appear attractive relative to other asset classes and balance sheets remain strong.

Economic data releases across Europe are broadly supportive for the trading prospects of Pan-European smaller companies. Nevertheless, a number of challenges remain: business and consumer confidence is fragile in the UK following the Brexit vote, and there are political uncertainties around the outcome of the both US presidential election and the various European country elections in 2017, which might potentially unsettle the otherwise calm global macroeconomic background.

Looking forward, therefore, we maintain our Quality Growth at a Reasonable Price investment approach, and aim to identify those companies whose valuations do not fully reflect their underlying competitive and balance sheet strengths, and their potential to generate profit growth through further improvements in their returns and business models. Our view is that in the long term this approach should help mitigate the risks of smaller company investment and allow us to identify companies with undiscounted growth opportunities and attractive valuations.

### **Baring Asset Management Limited. November 2016**

Baring Asset Management Limited (“the Investment Manager”) gives their portfolio managers full authority to manage their funds as they see fit, within the established guidelines set down. This includes the views that managers may take of the markets and sectors they invest in, which may differ from the views of other Barings’ portfolio managers.

## Portfolio statement

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Country	Investment Funds: 4.63% (30 Apr 2016: 2.53%)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value €	% of NAV
Ireland	<b>Ireland: 4.63% (30 Apr 2016: 2.53%)</b>				
	Northern Trust Global Funds - Euro Liquidity Fund	EUR	1,135,545	1,126,574	0.50
	Northern Trust Global Funds - Sterling Fund	GBP	8,451,000	9,395,205	4.13
	<b>Total Investment Funds</b>			<b>10,521,779</b>	<b>4.63</b>
	<b>Equities: 95.10% (30 Apr 2016: 96.50%)</b>				
Austria	<b>Austria: 0.67% (30 Apr 2016: 0.00%)</b>				
	ANDRITZ	EUR	31,436	1,517,259	0.67
				<b>1,517,259</b>	<b>0.67</b>
Belgium	<b>Belgium: 4.29% (30 Apr 2016: 3.63%)</b>				
	Bpost	EUR	102,621	2,500,361	1.10
	Kinepolis	EUR	25,207	1,022,270	0.45
	Ontex	EUR	104,220	2,872,824	1.26
	Umicore	EUR	60,438	3,362,770	1.48
				<b>9,758,225</b>	<b>4.29</b>
Denmark	<b>Denmark: 5.00% (30 Apr 2016: 4.35%)</b>				
	Chr Hansen	DKK	49,788	2,781,155	1.22
	DSV	DKK	76,972	3,365,215	1.48
	Royal Unibrew	DKK	57,576	2,459,168	1.08
	Tryg	DKK	158,385	2,776,650	1.22
				<b>11,382,188</b>	<b>5.00</b>
Finland	<b>Finland: 5.75% (30 Apr 2016: 3.60%)</b>				
	Amer Sports	EUR	89,725	2,229,666	0.98
	Cargotec	EUR	59,467	2,228,228	0.98
	Elisa	EUR	100,264	3,156,311	1.39
	Huhtamaki	EUR	78,727	2,912,899	1.28
	Valmet	EUR	195,501	2,551,288	1.12
				<b>13,078,392</b>	<b>5.75</b>

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Country	Equities: 95.10% (30 Apr 2016: 96.50%) (continued)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value €	% of NAV
France	<b>France: 14.23% (30 Apr 2016: 12.62%)</b>				
	Elior	EUR	144,987	2,915,689	1.28
	Eurofins Scientific	EUR	7,531	3,102,772	1.36
	Havas	EUR	154,935	1,135,674	0.50
	Imerys	EUR	36,587	2,335,348	1.03
	Nexity	EUR	50,764	2,331,337	1.03
	Orpea	EUR	35,353	2,693,899	1.18
	Plastic Omnium	EUR	107,039	3,174,777	1.40
	SEB	EUR	20,751	2,762,996	1.21
	SPIE	EUR	85,805	1,473,701	0.65
	Tarkett	EUR	36,206	1,161,851	0.51
	Technicolor	EUR	213,728	1,115,874	0.49
	Teleperformance	EUR	41,604	4,011,457	1.76
	UBISOFT Entertainment	EUR	51,842	1,605,806	0.71
	Worldline	EUR	103,064	2,550,834	1.12
				<b>32,372,015</b>	<b>14.23</b>
Germany	<b>Germany: 8.06% (30 Apr 2016: 9.39%)</b>				
	Aareal Bank	EUR	92,891	3,083,051	1.36
	Gerresheimer	EUR	38,254	2,643,543	1.16
	HUGO BOSS	EUR	32,447	1,868,623	0.82
	KION	EUR	37,548	2,059,508	0.91
	MTU Aero Engines	EUR	25,719	2,449,992	1.08
	Scout24	EUR	55,592	1,726,410	0.76
	Symrise	EUR	40,539	2,528,417	1.11
	Wirecard	EUR	45,447	1,957,857	0.86
				<b>18,317,401</b>	<b>8.06</b>
Ireland	<b>Ireland: 2.44% (30 Apr 2016: 2.60%)</b>				
	Dalata Hotel	EUR	423,263	1,722,680	0.76
	Kingspan	EUR	96,787	2,123,991	0.93
	Paddy Power Betfair	GBP	18,156	1,709,628	0.75
				<b>5,556,299</b>	<b>2.44</b>

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Country	Equities: 95.10% (30 Apr 2016: 96.50%) (continued)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value €	% of NAV
Italy	<b>Italy: 6.74% (30 Apr 2016: 8.71%)</b>				
	Banca Generali	EUR	69,845	1,423,441	0.63
	DiaSorin	EUR	40,662	2,336,032	1.03
	Hera	EUR	969,232	2,225,357	0.98
	Maire Tecnimont	EUR	469,876	1,033,727	0.45
	MARR	EUR	77,485	1,300,973	0.57
	Moncler	EUR	77,682	1,195,526	0.53
	OVS	EUR	165,477	830,695	0.37
	Recordati	EUR	121,680	3,191,666	1.40
	Yoox Net-A-Porter	EUR	66,613	1,781,232	0.78
				<b>15,318,649</b>	<b>6.74</b>
Netherlands	<b>Netherlands: 8.18% (30 Apr 2016: 7.80%)</b>				
	Aalberts Industries	EUR	84,964	2,459,283	1.08
	ASM International	EUR	93,525	3,577,331	1.57
	Corbion	EUR	99,172	2,085,587	0.92
	Fugro	EUR	74,226	1,224,729	0.54
	IMCD	EUR	71,458	2,818,304	1.24
	Intertrust	EUR	58,731	1,112,365	0.49
	Koninklijke Vopak	EUR	68,363	3,165,891	1.39
	Refresco	EUR	159,983	2,156,571	0.95
				<b>18,600,061</b>	<b>8.18</b>
Spain	<b>Spain: 2.76% (30 Apr 2016: 1.46%)</b>				
	Applus Services	EUR	260,396	2,232,115	0.98
	Gamesa Tecnologica	EUR	137,366	2,903,230	1.28
	Indra Sistemas	EUR	101,630	1,142,321	0.50
				<b>6,277,666</b>	<b>2.76</b>
Sweden	<b>Sweden: 3.82% (30 Apr 2016: 4.93%)</b>				
	AAK	SEK	46,086	2,865,958	1.26
	Indutrade	SEK	86,630	1,485,236	0.65
	Intrum Justitia	SEK	80,527	2,295,558	1.01
	Nobina	SEK	338,977	2,037,507	0.90
				<b>8,684,259</b>	<b>3.82</b>

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Country	Equities: 95.10% (30 Apr 2016: 96.50%) (continued)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value €	% of NAV
Switzerland	<b>Switzerland: 5.98% (30 Apr 2016: 4.40%)</b>				
	Ascom	CHF	36,960	582,442	0.26
	Cembra Money Bank	CHF	22,146	1,525,565	0.67
	DKSH	CHF	47,262	3,005,284	1.32
	Dufry	CHF	16,785	1,842,288	0.81
	Helvetia	CHF	5,229	2,481,705	1.09
	Tecan	CHF	8,246	1,259,187	0.55
	Temenos	CHF	49,189	2,912,496	1.28
				<b>13,608,967</b>	<b>5.98</b>
United Kingdom	<b>United Kingdom: 27.18% (30 Apr 2016: 33.01%)</b>				
	Arrow Global	GBP	728,869	2,445,090	1.08
	Ascential	GBP	784,315	2,475,449	1.09
	Ashtead	GBP	153,004	2,150,047	0.95
	B&M European Value Retail	GBP	700,248	1,852,015	0.82
	E2V Technologies	GBP	636,803	1,527,404	0.67
	Galliford Try	GBP	152,372	2,099,292	0.92
	Greencore	GBP	583,616	2,140,463	0.94
	HomeServe	GBP	336,279	2,254,318	0.99
	Howden Joinery Group	GBP	218,674	904,110	0.40
	Informa	GBP	318,750	2,376,004	1.04
	Intermediate Capital	GBP	342,672	2,291,461	1.01
	Jupiter Fund Management	GBP	381,505	1,829,270	0.80
	Just Eat	GBP	351,750	2,039,326	0.90
	Kier	GBP	151,700	2,278,448	1.00
	Marshalls	GBP	538,351	1,608,766	0.71
	McBride	GBP	1,146,655	2,412,497	1.06
	Micro Focus International	GBP	86,523	2,029,608	0.89
	NCC	GBP	602,227	1,322,554	0.58
	NMC Health	GBP	148,500	2,400,430	1.06
	Paragon Group	GBP	471,391	1,730,440	0.76
	RPC	GBP	290,647	3,051,869	1.34
	Sophos	GBP	821,444	2,073,926	0.91
	SSP	GBP	591,115	2,227,767	0.98
	St James's Place	GBP	133,265	1,414,874	0.62
	Tate & Lyle	GBP	298,357	2,572,268	1.13

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss			Nominal	Fair value	% of
Country	Equities: 95.10% (30 Apr 2016: 96.50%) (continued)	Currency	holdings	€	NAV
United Kingdom (continued)	<b>United Kingdom: 27.18% (30 Apr 2016: 33.01%)</b>				
	UDG Healthcare	GBP	293,903	2,144,819	0.94
	Unite Group	GBP	383,615	2,386,128	1.05
	Virgin Money UK	GBP	603,407	2,193,594	0.97
	WH Smith	GBP	100,792	1,674,074	0.74
	Zoopla Property	GBP	569,555	1,893,237	0.83
				<b>61,799,548</b>	<b>27.18</b>
	<b>Total equities</b>			<b>216,270,929</b>	<b>95.10</b>
	<b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit and loss</b>			<b>226,792,708</b>	<b>99.73</b>
	<b>Total investments at fair value through profit or loss</b>			<b>226,792,708</b>	<b>99.73</b>
	Cash			652,996	0.28
	Other net liabilities			(32,192)	(0.01)
	<b>Total net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>			<b>227,413,512</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Analysis of portfolio</b>			<b>% of Total assets*</b>		
	Investment Funds			4.62	
	Transferable securities**			94.96	
	Other assets			0.42	
				<b>100.00</b>	

\* Calculation based on the total assets of the Fund (excluding liabilities). This summary is a UCITS requirement.

\*\* Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised market.

## Balance sheet

As at 31 October 2016

		<b>Baring European Opportunities Fund 31/10/2016</b>	<b>Baring European Opportunities Fund 30/04/2016</b>
<b>Assets</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		226,792,708	192,549,042
Cash		652,996	615,153
Receivable for securities sold		-	2,183,140
Receivable for shares sold		4,856	1,370
Dividends and interest receivable		301,439	586,246
Other assets		707	703
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>227,752,706</b>	<b>195,935,654</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Management fee payable	3	58,242	37,910
Payable for securities purchased		77,142	1,207,649
Payable for shares redeemed		7,367	24,130
Administration fee payable	3	80,459	69,164
Depositary fee payable	3	4,198	8,388
Other liabilities	3	111,786	157,622
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares)</b>		<b>339,194</b>	<b>1,504,863</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>227,413,512</b>	<b>194,430,791</b>
<b>Shares in issue (Note 5)</b>			
Class A EUR Acc		1,174,625	1,150,966
Class A USD Acc		9,189	7,318
Class I EUR Acc		4,232,371	1,457,068
Class I EUR Inc		10	10
Class I GBP Inc		927,069	925,449
Class I USD Acc		10	10
Class X GBP Acc		9,311,497	9,347,097

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



## Statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares

For the period ended 31 October 2016

		<b>Baring European Opportunities Fund 31/10/2016 €</b>	<b>Baring European Opportunities Fund 31/10/2015 €</b>
	<b>Notes</b>		
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the period		194,430,791 *	115,381,231
(Decrease)/increase in net assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		(2,133,575)	5,788,513
Issue of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	42,420,105	69,753,575
Redemption of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	(7,303,906)	(13,405,748)
Income equalisation	4	97	29,394
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the end of the period</b>		<b><u>227,413,512</u></b>	<b><u>177,546,965</u></b>

\* The opening net assets attributable to shareholders for 2016 differ from the closing position in 2015 by the change in the net assets attributable to shareholders for second half of the comparative financial year.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Profit and loss account

For the period ended 31 October 2016

		<b>Baring European Opportunities Fund 31/10/2016</b>	<b>Baring European Opportunities Fund 31/10/2015</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>Investment income</b>			
Bank interest income		1,106	411
Dividend income		2,673,336	1,919,754
Net fair value (loss)/gain on financial assets and at fair value through profit or loss		(3,550,129)	4,811,577
<b>Total investment (expense)/income</b>		<b>(875,687)</b>	<b>6,731,742</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Management fees	3	324,091	277,299
Administration fees	3	485,797	292,583
Depository fees	3	24,241	16,255
General expenses	3	23,389	72,006
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>857,518</b>	<b>658,143</b>
<b>Net (loss)/profit before finance costs and tax</b>		<b>(1,733,205)</b>	<b>6,073,599</b>
<b>Finance costs</b>			
Bank interest expense		(1,316)	(315)
Distributions	4	(130,240)	(56,325)
<b>Total finance costs</b>		<b>(131,556)</b>	<b>(56,640)</b>
<b>(Loss)/profit for the financial period before tax</b>		<b>(1,864,761)</b>	<b>6,016,959</b>
<b>Tax</b>			
Withholding tax on dividends and other investment income		(268,814)	(228,446)
<b>Total tax</b>		<b>(268,814)</b>	<b>(228,446)</b>
<b>(Decrease)/increase in net assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>(2,133,575)</b>	<b>5,788,513</b>

Gains and losses arose solely from continuing operations. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the profit and loss account.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Baring Frontier Markets Fund – Investment Manager’s report

### Performance record

#### Summary of Fund performance (excluding distribution payments where applicable)

	Net Asset Value as at 31/10/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value as at 30/04/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value % change
Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class A USD Acc	US\$10.50	US\$10.26	2.34
Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class A GBP Inc	£13.16	£10.68	23.22
Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class I EUR Acc	€14.97	€13.96	7.23
Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class I GBP Inc	£13.08	£10.68	22.47
Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class I USD Acc*	US\$16.31	US\$15.89	2.64
Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class X USD Acc	US\$11.27	US\$10.90	3.39

#### Performance record to 31 October 2016 (including distribution payments where applicable)

	01/05/2016 - 31/10/2016 %	01/05/2015 - 30/04/2016 %	01/05/2014 - 30/04/2015 %	01/05/2013 - 30/04/2014 %	24/04/2013 - 30/04/2013 %
Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class A USD Acc (USD terms)	2.34	(13.93)	(4.64)	24.75	0.20
MSCI Frontier Markets Total, Net Return Index (USD terms)	(0.32)	(13.13)	(5.40)	27.52	1.25
Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class A GBP Inc (GBP terms)	23.30	(9.18)	3.97	14.98	(1.20)
Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class I EUR Acc (EUR terms)*	7.23	(14.88)	18.67	6.47	N/A
Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class I GBP Inc (GBP terms)*	23.60	(8.47)	4.65	4.80	N/A
Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class I USD Acc (USD terms)*	2.64	11.35	N/A	N/A	N/A
Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class X USD Acc (USD terms)	3.39	(12.24)	(2.74)	27.45	0.20

Performance figures are shown net of fees and charges, on a NAV per share basis, with gross income reinvested.

Source: Morningstar/Barings/MSCI.

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The Fund was launched on 24 April 2013.

## **Baring Frontier Markets Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Performance record (continued)**

\* The Class I EUR Acc share class was launched on 30 January 2014.

The Class I GBP Inc share class was launched on 6 March 2014.

The Class I USD Acc share class was launched on 20 January 2016.

**Past performance is no indication of current or future performance. The performance data does not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of shares. Please note that changes in the rates of exchange may have an adverse effect on the value, price or income of an investment.**

### **Investment objective and policy**

The investment objective of the Baring Frontier Markets Fund (“the Fund”) is to seek to achieve long-term capital growth primarily through investment in frontier markets. The Fund will seek to have at least 70% Net Asset Value exposure to frontier markets in the form of a diversified portfolio of equities and equity-related securities of companies incorporated in, and/or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, frontier market countries, or derivatives, Collective Investment Schemes and equity-related instruments providing exposure to such frontier markets companies.

Up to 30% of the total assets of the Fund may be invested in, or provide exposure to, equities and equity-related securities in countries not classified as frontier market countries, in debt securities of issuers worldwide including frontier markets, or in cash and ancillary liquidities.

For these purposes, frontier markets are those markets not classified as developed markets or emerging markets by Morgan Stanley Capital International (“MSCI”). Such frontier markets may include, but are not limited to: Kuwait, Argentina, Nigeria, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, Oman, Croatia, Slovenia, Kenya, Sri Lanka, Vietnam, Lebanon, Romania, Mauritius, Trinidad and Tobago, Jordan, Ukraine, Tunisia, Bahrain, Estonia, Serbia, Lithuania, Bulgaria, Botswana, Ghana and Saudi Arabia. These markets are subject to change.

For the full investment objective and policy, and a list of the markets and exchanges where the Fund may invest, please refer to the Prospectus.

### **How the Fund is managed**

The Manager of Baring Investment Funds Plc, Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited, has appointed Baring Asset Management Limited as the Investment Manager of the Fund.

At Barings, our equity investment teams share the philosophy of quality “Growth at a Reasonable Price” or GARP. We believe that earnings growth is the principal driver of equity market performance over the medium to long term, and favour high quality companies for their ability to outperform the market on a risk-adjusted basis. In particular, we believe that structured fundamental research and a disciplined investment process combining quality, growth and upside disciplines can allow us to identify attractively priced, long-term growth companies which will outperform the market. Our approach emphasises quality criteria when looking at companies and a three-to-five-year time horizon when forecasting company earnings. In determining upside, we use consistent and transparent methods to place emphasis on discounted earnings models.

### **Risk profile**

Please see detailed below some of the key risks applicable to the Fund:

Changes in exchange rates between the currency of the Fund and the currencies in which the assets of the Fund are valued can have the effect of increasing or decreasing the value of the Fund and any income generated.

Derivative instruments can make a profit or a loss and there is no guarantee that a financial derivative contract will achieve its intended outcome.

## **Baring Frontier Markets Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Risk profile (continued)**

The use of derivatives can increase the amount by which the Fund’s value rises and falls and could expose the Fund to losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative. Some derivative transactions may be entered into directly with an eligible person or institution (a “counterparty”). There is a risk that the counterparty may not meet its obligations or becomes insolvent which could cause the Fund to incur a loss.

Emerging markets countries may have less developed regulation and face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries. This means your money is at greater risk.

Emerging markets or less developed countries may face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries. Coupled with less developed regulation, this means your money is at greater risk. Investment in frontier markets tends to involve similar risks to those in emerging markets but to an even greater extent as they tend to be smaller, less developed, have less liquidity and can be less accessible than emerging markets.

The Fund can hold smaller company shares which can be more difficult to buy and sell as they may trade infrequently and in small volumes, so their share price may fluctuate more than those of larger companies.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full risk profile.

### **Strategy**

Our investment strategy is focused on investing in high quality growth companies that are attractively priced. We aim to capitalise on the unique characteristics and investment potential offered by frontier market countries and companies, where economic growth rates are typically at a substantial premium to developed market peers, growth is underpinned by strong demographics, and there is an abundance of natural resources and increasingly constructive policies and governance trends. At the same time, pent-up demand for goods and services is underpinned by the relatively low number of people owning those goods or enjoying those services at the moment, as well as rising levels of employment and participation in the economy, real wage growth and increased levels of credit availability.

We have identified investment opportunities across an array of sectors, which include companies in the Consumer, Financial, Healthcare and Telecommunications sectors. The Fund’s country exposure is well diversified across all the major frontier market regions, including investments in countries such as Vietnam, Pakistan, Kenya, Nigeria, Romania and Saudi Arabia.

### **Performance**

During the six-month review period, frontier market equities as illustrated by the MSCI Frontier Market index posted a modest negative US dollar return. As is typical, the dispersion of stock and country level performance was significant over the period. Countries within the frontier market universe generally faced macroeconomic headwinds with slowing Gross Domestic Product growth rates. This was more pronounced for the large oil exporting frontier market countries such as Nigeria, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia who struggled to adjust to the rapid collapse in the oil price witnessed in 2015. A number of frontier market countries also witnessed downward pressure on their currencies and devaluations had a negative impact on USD returns. Whilst these top-down factors do impact short-term performance of frontier market equities, our firm belief is that local and stock-specific factors remain the key determinants of frontier market performance outcomes in the medium to long term.

## Baring Frontier Markets Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)

### Performance (continued)

During the period, the Fund generated superior performance when compared with its performance comparator. The Fund in particular benefited from successful company selection (being in the outperforming companies). The Fund’s long-term holding in Vietnam Dairy, Vietnam’s largest dairy producer and distributor, was yet again a notably strong contributor to the investment result. The company gained market share in the domestic market and also benefited from the low powder milk price which is a key input into production. Vietnam Dairy’s inclusion in the MSCI Frontier Market index also provided a strong technical support for the share price. Several of our holdings in Pakistan also generated positive contributions to the Fund’s returns. Lucky Cement, one of the largest cement producers in the country, benefited from robust levels of demand; United Bank, one of best managed banks in the country, performed strongly in anticipation of future lending growth. Having no exposure to YPF, a large Argentine oil and gas producer, also made a positive impact on the reporting period returns. The Fund’s exposure to the Nigerian Banking sector did detract from the investment result, despite reporting robust results. Share prices of Guaranty Bank and Zenith Bank were negatively impacted by near-term macroeconomic headwinds in Nigeria which more than offset positive operational performance.

### Review of the market

African countries struggled to adjust to the reality of lower oil and commodity prices. Nigeria was clearly challenged by this dynamic but the situation was exacerbated by poor policy responses by the government, most notably the initial refusal to devalue the Nigerian currency unit. This created significant uncertainty and international investors avoided committing capital to the country. Kenya in contrast actually benefited from the lower oil price given it is a net importer of hydrocarbons; however, in a populist measure, the government decided to impose interest rate caps on the Banking sector which effectively reduced their ability to generate profit. This resulted in a correction of the buoyantly performing Kenyan equity market.

In Latin America, Argentina posted positive returns. The country continued to benefit from the reforms sponsored by President Macri’s new government. Whilst some of the reforms promoted have been challenged through legal channels, advances were made and Macri’s popularity importantly registered strong levels of support.

In Asia, performance was on balance strong. Bangladesh generated amongst the best returns in the region. Earnings delivery of companies in Bangladesh generally improved, for example Brac Bank with its market-leading mobile money platform registered a positive growth surprise. Pakistan’s equity market also rose significantly over the review period. Pakistan corporates are benefiting from a strong economy, government-promoted reform and perhaps most importantly the prospect of huge infrastructure investment being made under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor Agreement. The Pakistan equity market is also slated for an upgrade from frontier to emerging market status in 2017, which could be a catalyst for an uplift in valuations investors are willing to pay for Pakistani equities.

Frontier Eastern European countries proved to be resilient. The Romanian market showed relative strength as policymakers continued to drive for European macroeconomic and financial market convergence. Romanian companies have benefited from a lower cost of capital and the government’s plans to privatise state-owned assets will provide future investment opportunities in the country.

The Middle Eastern markets remained under significant negative pressure. The major markets of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Oman all struggled with rapidly slowing growth and ballooning fiscal deficits. Encouragingly, Saudi Arabia was at the forefront of promoting policy reform that could be particularly effective in the medium term and help reduce the country’s dependence on oil production. The empowerment of private companies to provide services, for example in the provision of Healthcare, exemplifies the opportunity such private companies will have to grow.

## **Baring Frontier Markets Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Review of the market (continued)**

On 23 June 2016, the UK electorate voted to leave the European Union. This decision will start a process that is likely to take a minimum of two years to complete, and it is important to note that during this time the UK remains a member of the EU. This means that the rules and regulations governing asset management as well as the protections that were in place for clients prior to the referendum remain unchanged. However, the result is likely to usher in a period of uncertainty for the UK economy and financial markets, which could lead to increased volatility.

### **Market outlook**

We expect frontier markets to be driven by domestic issues rather than the global factors, although frontier markets will not be totally immune from any significant developments surrounding the global economy. We believe frontier markets continue to offer strong growth opportunities at a reasonable relative valuation and, in our view, offer investors one of the most compelling long term opportunities.

Frontier market valuations now look compelling when compared to historic levels and when compared to peers in both emerging and developed markets.

Many of the drivers that have supported the markets in recent years, such as the potential for long-term structural growth and the low correlation to other asset classes, remain intact. We are also encouraged by recent political developments, which show that the countries in our investment universe continue to shift towards economic liberalisation and democracy.

We are encouraged to see an increased flow of new companies coming to the market, which serves to increase liquidity in the asset class, and we are optimistic that this trend will continue. The broadening and deepening of frontier markets over time are key to increasing the investment opportunity set and building further strong investor interest for the asset class.

Within the asset class, we are focused on investment opportunities that show a combination of “Growth at a Reasonable Price”, or GARP, characteristics. We pay particular attention to the quality of a company’s franchise, sustainability of its business model and talent of its management team. Management alignment to minority shareholders and commitment to constructive standards of corporate governance are also characteristics that we seek. By avoiding the extremes of either growth or value investment styles, we believe that a portfolio built from companies which meet those criteria will deliver the most attractive investment performance over the long term.

### **Baring Asset Management Limited. November 2016**

Baring Asset Management Limited (“the Investment Manager”) gives their portfolio managers full authority to manage their funds as they see fit, within the established guidelines set down. This includes the views that managers may take of the markets and sectors they invest in, which may differ from the views of other Barings’ portfolio managers.



## Portfolio statement

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Country	Investment Funds: 2.72% (30 Apr 2016: 1.94%)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
Ireland	<b>Ireland: 2.72% (30 Apr 2016: 1.94%)</b>				
	Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund	USD	850,000	850,000	2.72
	<b>Total Investment Funds</b>			<b>850,000</b>	<b>2.72</b>
	<b>Equities: 89.84% (30 Apr 2016: 89.81%)</b>				
Argentina	<b>Argentina: 9.30% (30 Apr 2016: 6.84%)</b>				
	Adecoagro	USD	58,356	648,335	2.08
	Banco Macro ADR	USD	22,706	1,747,000	5.60
	Pampa Energia ADR	USD	14,968	507,116	1.62
				<b>2,902,451</b>	<b>9.30</b>
Australia	<b>Australia: 0.52% (30 Apr 2016: 0.54%)</b>				
	Orocobre	AUD	67,200	161,950	0.52
				<b>161,950</b>	<b>0.52</b>
Bangladesh	<b>Bangladesh: 5.52% (30 Apr 2016: 3.00%)</b>				
	Bata Shoe Bangladesh	BDT	17,129	257,656	0.83
	BRAC Bank	BDT	1,150,192	885,665	2.84
	GrameenPhone	BDT	162,454	578,033	1.85
				<b>1,721,354</b>	<b>5.52</b>
Botswana	<b>Botswana: 0.00% (30 Apr 2016: 1.32%)</b>			-	-
Cambodia	<b>Cambodia: 1.63% (30 Apr 2016: 2.63%)</b>				
	NagaCorp	HKD	824,000	507,957	1.63
				<b>507,957</b>	<b>1.63</b>
Egypt	<b>Egypt: 1.47% (30 Apr 2016: 0.90%)</b>				
	Cleopatra Hospital	EGP	409,799	459,181	1.47
				<b>459,181</b>	<b>1.47</b>
Europe	<b>Europe: 0.00% (30 Apr 2016: 0.78%)</b>			-	-



## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Country	Equities: 89.84% (30 Apr 2016: 89.81%) (continued)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
Kazakhstan	<b>Kazakhstan: 1.02% (30 Apr 2016: 0.80%)</b>				
	Halyk Savings Bank of Kazakhstan GDR	USD	48,102	319,397	1.02
				<b>319,397</b>	<b>1.02</b>
Kenya	<b>Kenya: 9.42% (30 Apr 2016: 9.87%)</b>				
	East African Breweries	KES	271,100	748,009	2.40
	Equity Bank	KES	1,963,100	599,686	1.92
	Safaricom	KES	7,598,400	1,482,542	4.75
	WPP Scangroup	KES	613,300	109,993	0.35
				<b>2,940,230</b>	<b>9.42</b>
Korea	<b>Korea: 0.00% (30 Apr 2016: 0.68%)</b>			-	-
Kuwait	<b>Kuwait: 6.66% (30 Apr 2016: 5.84%)</b>				
	Kuwait Projects	KWD	345,094	568,430	1.82
	Mezzan	KWD	110,582	371,582	1.19
	National Bank of Kuwait	KWD	566,453	1,138,318	3.65
				<b>2,078,330</b>	<b>6.66</b>
Nigeria	<b>Nigeria: 8.85% (30 Apr 2016: 9.56%)</b>				
	GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Nigeria	NGN	1,530,732	73,096	0.23
	Guaranty Trust Bank	NGN	#####	1,001,907	3.21
	Nigerian Breweries	NGN	2,097,177	972,797	3.12
	Zenith Bank	NGN	#####	714,696	2.29
				<b>2,762,496</b>	<b>8.85</b>
Pakistan	<b>Pakistan: 14.64% (30 Apr 2016: 12.60%)</b>				
	Bank Alfalah	PKR	2,405,000	672,615	2.15
	DG Khan Cement	PKR	176,000	288,951	0.93
	Engro	PKR	200,900	537,319	1.72
	Hum Network	PKR	3,179,500	370,256	1.19
	Lucky Cement	PKR	197,000	1,256,107	4.02
	Shifa International Hospitals	PKR	83,100	241,927	0.77
	United Bank	PKR	632,000	1,206,449	3.86
				<b>4,573,624</b>	<b>14.64</b>
Qatar	<b>Qatar: 0.00% (30 Apr 2016: 0.95%)</b>			-	-

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Country	Equities: 89.84% (30 Apr 2016: 89.81%) (continued)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
Romania	<b>Romania: 7.74% (30 Apr 2016: 7.71%)</b>				
	Banca Transilvania	RON	1,859,511	1,042,704	3.34
	Fondul Proprietatea	USD	32,968	334,625	1.07
	Fondul Proprietatea	RON	12	2	-
	Globalworth	EUR	37,805	206,321	0.66
	SC Bursa de Valori Bucuresti	RON	23,303	164,044	0.53
	SC Electrica SA	RON	203,901	667,205	2.14
				<b>2,414,901</b>	<b>7.74</b>
Slovenia	<b>Slovenia: 0.00% (30 Apr 2016: 2.63%)</b>			-	-
Sri Lanka	<b>Sri Lanka: 4.56% (30 Apr 2016: 4.05%)</b>				
	Chevron Lubricants Lanka	LKR	284,985	321,462	1.03
	Hatton National Bank	LKR	127,309	196,058	0.63
	John Keells	LKR	899,404	905,783	2.90
				<b>1,423,303</b>	<b>4.56</b>
Thailand	<b>Thailand: 0.75% (30 Apr 2016: 0.96%)</b>				
	Mega Lifesciences	THB	356,800	233,904	0.75
				<b>233,904</b>	<b>0.75</b>
Turkey	<b>Turkey: 0.00% (30 Apr 2016: 1.78%)</b>			-	-
Ukraine	<b>Ukraine: 1.47% (30 Apr 2016: 1.29%)</b>				
	MHP GDR	USD	48,071	458,117	1.47
				<b>458,117</b>	<b>1.47</b>
United Arab Emirates	<b>United Arab Emirates: 3.46% (30 Apr 2016: 2.21%)</b>				
	Agthia	AED	153,446	253,588	0.81
	Aldar Properties	AED	1,151,930	827,971	2.65
				<b>1,081,559</b>	<b>3.46</b>
United Kingdom	<b>United Kingdom: 4.82% (30 Apr 2016: 6.14%)</b>				
	BGEO	GBP	16,395	590,071	1.89
	NMC Health	GBP	51,939	916,389	2.93
				<b>1,506,460</b>	<b>4.82</b>

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Country	Equities: 89.84% (30 Apr 2016: 89.81%) (continued)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
Vietnam	<b>Vietnam: 8.01% (30 Apr 2016: 6.73%)</b>				
	FPT	VND	189,347	369,706	1.18
	Masan	VND	235,150	691,865	2.21
	PetroVietnam Drilling and Well Services	VND	3	3	-
	Vietnam Dairy Products	VND	224,701	1,441,991	4.62
				<b>2,503,565</b>	<b>8.01</b>
	<b>Total equities</b>			<b>28,048,779</b>	<b>89.84</b>
	<b>Fixed Interest: 0.07% (30 Apr 2016: 0.05%)</b>			-	-
Oman	<b>Oman: 0.07% (30 Apr 2016: 0.05%)</b>				
	Bank Muscat 4.50% 20/03/2017	OMR	75,949	21,897	0.07
				<b>21,897</b>	<b>0.07</b>
	<b>Total Fixed Interest</b>			<b>21,897</b>	<b>0.07</b>
	<b>P-Notes: 6.41% (30 Apr 2016: 7.00%)</b>				
Saudi Arabia	<b>Saudi Arabia: 6.41% (30 Apr 2016: 7.00%)</b>				
	Citigroup P-Note Jul 17 (Mouwasat Medical Services)	USD	13,627	436,023	1.40
	Deutsche P-Note Jan 18 (United International Transportation)	USD	48,633	319,392	1.02
	Merrill Lynch P-Note Apr 17 (Bupa Arabia)	USD	11,361	357,671	1.14
	Merrill Lynch P-Note Feb 17 (Abdullah)	USD	24,434	546,098	1.75
	Morgan Stanley P-Note Feb 18 (Herfy Foods)	USD	19,166	342,401	1.10
				<b>2,001,585</b>	<b>6.41</b>
	<b>Total P-Notes</b>			<b>2,001,585</b>	<b>6.41</b>
	<b>Warrants: 0.00% (30 Apr 2016: 0.55%)</b>				
Sri Lanka	<b>Sri Lanka: 0.00% (30 Apr 2016: 0.00%)</b>				
	John Keells Oct 16	LKR	18,322	124	-
				<b>124</b>	<b>-</b>
Vietnam	<b>Vietnam: 0.00% (30 Apr 2016: 0.55%)</b>				
	<b>Total warrants</b>			<b>124</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>			<b>30,922,385</b>	<b>99.04</b>

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
<b>Total value of investments</b>	<b>30,922,385</b>	<b>99.04</b>
Cash	192,701	0.62
Other net assets	106,887	0.34
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>	<b>31,221,973</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Analysis of portfolio</b>	<b>% of Total assets*</b>	
Investment Funds	2.71	
Transferable securities**	95.86	
Other assets	1.43	
	<b>100.00</b>	

\* Calculation based on the total assets of the Fund (excluding liabilities). This summary is a UCITS requirement.

\*\* Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised market.

## Balance sheet

As at 31 October 2016

		<b>Baring Frontier Markets Fund 31/10/2016</b>	<b>Baring Frontier Markets Fund 30/04/2016</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		30,922,385	41,447,623
Cash		192,701	349,696
Receivable for securities sold		79,375	237,025
Dividends and interest receivable		175,050	136,339
Other assets		1,983	1,060
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>31,371,494</b>	<b>42,171,743</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Management fee payable	3	(3,771)	5,703
Payable for securities purchased		-	276,167
Administration fee payable	3	10,749	14,575
Depository fee payable	3	566	1,824
Other liabilities	3	141,977	154,987
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares)</b>		<b>149,521</b>	<b>453,256</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>31,221,973</b>	<b>41,718,487</b>
<b>Shares in issue (Note 5)</b>			
Class A USD Acc		45,231	133,611
Class A GBP Inc		80,696	92,839
Class I EUR Acc		133,878	792,424
Class I GBP Inc		109,195	100,168
Class I USD Acc		421	421
Class X USD Acc		2,265,323	2,265,323

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares

For the period ended 31 October 2016

		<b>Baring Frontier Markets Fund 31/10/2016 US\$</b>	<b>Baring Frontier Markets Fund 31/10/2015 US\$</b>
	<b>Notes</b>		
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the period		41,718,487 *	46,062,632
Increase/(decrease) in net assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		1,208,700	(3,984,638)
Issue of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	601,707	3,858,593
Redemption of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	(12,306,446)	(3,196,904)
Income equalisation	4	(475)	1,381
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the end of the period</b>		<b><u>31,221,973</u></b>	<b><u>42,741,064</u></b>

\* The opening net assets attributable to shareholders for 2016 differ from the closing position in 2015 by the change in the net assets attributable to shareholders for second half of the comparative financial year.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Profit and loss account

For the period ended 31 October 2016

		<b>Baring Frontier Markets Fund 31/10/2016</b>	<b>Baring Frontier Markets Fund 31/10/2015</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>
<b>Investment income</b>			
Interest income/(expense)		487	(3,772)
Dividend income		960,560	634,454
Net fair value gains/(loss) on financial assets and at fair value through profit or loss		537,776	(4,172,210)
<b>Total investment income/(expense)</b>		<b>1,498,823</b>	<b>(3,541,528)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Management fees	3	64,922	120,213
Administration fees	3	86,169	97,083
Depositary fees	3	4,186	5,393
General expenses	3	51,865	162,288
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>207,142</b>	<b>384,977</b>
<b>Net profit/(loss) before finance costs and tax</b>		<b>1,291,681</b>	<b>(3,926,505)</b>
<b>Finance costs</b>			
Bank interest expense		-	(238)
Distributions	4	(15,032)	(10,099)
<b>Total finance costs</b>		<b>(15,032)</b>	<b>(10,337)</b>
<b>Profit/(loss) for the financial period before tax</b>		<b>1,276,649</b>	<b>(3,936,842)</b>
<b>Tax</b>			
Withholding tax on dividends and other investment income		(67,949)	(47,796)
<b>Total tax</b>		<b>(67,949)</b>	<b>(47,796)</b>
<b>Increase/(decrease) in net assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>1,208,700</b>	<b>(3,984,638)</b>

Gains and losses arose solely from continuing operations. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the profit and loss account.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund – Investment Manager's report

### Performance record

#### Summary of Fund performance (excluding distribution payments where applicable)

	Net Asset Value as at 31/10/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value as at 30/04/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value % change
Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class A USD Acc	US\$9.81	N/A	N/A
Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I USD Inc	US\$9.81	N/A	N/A
Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I GBP Acc	£9.91	N/A	N/A

#### Performance record to 31 October 2016 (including distribution payments where applicable)

	20/10/2016 - 31/10/2016 %
Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class A USD Acc*	(1.90)
MSCI World USD (net)	(0.90)
Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I USD Inc*	(1.90)
Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I GBP Acc*	(0.90)

Performance figures are shown net of fees and charges, on a NAV per share basis, with gross income reinvested.

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The Fund was launched on 20 October 2016.

\* The Class A USD Acc share class was launched on 20 October 2016.

The Class I USD Inc share class was launched on 20 October 2016.

The Class I GBP Acc share class was launched on 20 October 2016.

**Past performance is no indication of current or future performance. The performance data does not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of shares. Please note that changes in the rates of exchange may have an adverse effect on the value, price or income of an investment.**



## **Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Investment objective and policy**

The investment objective of the Fund is to generate income together with long-term capital growth through investment in the securities of companies worldwide.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its total assets at any one time in equity and equity-related securities (as described further below) of companies worldwide. For this purpose, total assets exclude cash and ancillary liquidities.

In addition up to 30% of the total assets of the Fund may be invested in, or provide exposure to: debt securities of issuers worldwide. The debt securities in which the Fund may invest may be fixed or floating rate, issued by governments, supranationals, agencies and companies. Debt securities may be rated investment grade or sub-investment grade by Standard & Poor’s (S&P) or another internationally recognized rating agency, or which are, in the opinion of the Managers, of similar credit status or may be unrated. There are no limits or restrictions on credit rating, maturity or duration of any debt or equity-related security (such as debt securities convertible into equities) which may be held by the Fund however investment in sub-investment grade debt securities and unrated debt securities together will not exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund.

Cash and ancillary liquidities including deposits, treasury bills, government bonds or short-term Money Market Instruments, including commercial paper and certificates of deposit, in normal market conditions.

### **How the Fund is managed**

The Manager of Baring Investment Funds Plc, Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited, has appointed Baring Asset Management Limited as the Investment Manager of the Fund.

The Fund is managed using a “bottom-up” investment approach. This means that we focus more on the individual merits of a specific company rather than taking a stance on sectors or macroeconomic trends such as interest rate rises. Within this, we manage the Fund using a quality “Growth at a Reasonable Price” (“GARP”), approach. This means that when researching candidates for the portfolio, we place just as much emphasis on the likely growth in corporate earnings at a company as we do on the share price valuation before deciding whether to invest or not.

### **Risk profile**

Please see detailed below some of the key risks applicable to the Fund: Changes in exchange rates between the currency of the Fund and the currencies in which the assets of the Fund are valued can have the effect of increasing or decreasing the value of the Fund and any income generated.

- Emerging markets countries may have less developed regulation and face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries. This means your money is at greater risk.
- The annual management fee and other fees and expenses are paid out of capital. This will have the effect of constraining capital growth and eroding capital, meaning investors may receive back less than originally invested.
- Derivative instruments can make a profit or a loss and there is no guarantee that a financial derivative contract will achieve its intended outcome. The use of derivatives can increase the amount by which the Fund’s value rises and falls and could expose the Fund to losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative as a relatively small movement may have a larger impact on derivatives than the underlying assets.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full risk profile.

## **Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Strategy**

The Fund seeks to be a long-term investor in a selection of high quality businesses. Our focus is on identifying growing companies with consistent business models and powerful competitive advantages. We believe such companies are very rare indeed. Our approach is designed to: identify companies that are well placed to grow profits and dividends over the next decade; ensure that we do not overpay for the great businesses in which we invest; and to provide clients with an attractive income stream and strong total returns over the long run.

Our investment process is predominantly bottom-up. To find the exceptional businesses that make up the strategy, we use a broad range of research inputs: Barings’ internal analytical resources, industry experts, company meetings, quantitative research and company reports among others. We are natural sceptics - rather than buying into a “story”, we seek proof of a company’s excellence. Only our highest conviction ideas make it into the strategy, so robust debate and close analysis of fundamentals are key.

We evaluate candidate companies using the following three-stage process:

1. **Quality:** we scrutinise a company’s business model, looking for a range of features and competitive advantages, including network effects, benefits of incumbency, large installed bases, leading brands or a sustainable research & development edge. Upon inspection, companies must earn attractive returns on capital, possess excellent financial profiles and have a management team committed to its role as the steward of shareholder wealth.
2. **Growth:** we assess our candidate companies’ ability to deliver long-term profit growth. Sustained growth of both capital and dividends can only be achieved if the underlying business is flourishing. Our process leads us to firms with stable and visible growth profiles, rather than companies with more speculative growth ambitions, or those businesses whose fortunes are heavily linked to external forces. The ideal investment is a growing company with meaningful control of its own destiny.
3. **Valuation and scenario analysis:** financial statements are ‘cleaned’ of any accounting distortions (such as off-balance sheet liabilities), which may obscure the true financial position of a business, and companies are put through a series of business-specific stress tests. The aim is to ascertain the underlying risk that an investment presents, and to gauge the scale of profit and dividend progression we can reasonably expect under various circumstances. Many companies ‘fail’ this stage of the process - businesses are often found to present too much risk once their underlying fundamentals are ‘tested’. If a company does pass this stage, we then ascertain the long-term value of the business using a highly consistent and cash-based set of valuation techniques.

### **Performance**

The Fund launched on the 20 October 2016. The Fund posted a negative absolute return from launch to the end of October, and underperformed the performance comparator on a relative basis. The top five contributors to performance in the period were Six Flags Entertainment, Reckitt Benckiser Group, Stryker, Procter & Gamble and Johnson & Johnson. The top five detractors were Sonic Healthcare, Regal Entertainment, SGS, Unibail-Rodamco and Klepierre.

### **Review of the market**

Developed world equity markets fell (in US dollar terms) during October, against a backdrop of rising interest rates and higher inflation expectations, a closely-watched US presidential election contest, and growing fears of a “hard Brexit”.

## **Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Review of the market (continued)**

On 23 June 2016, the UK electorate voted to leave the European Union. This decision will start a process that is likely to take a minimum of two years to complete, and it is important to note that during this time the UK remains a member of the EU. This means that the rules and regulations governing asset management as well as the protections that were in place for clients prior to the referendum remain unchanged. However, the result is likely to usher in a period of uncertainty for the UK economy and financial markets, which could lead to increased volatility.

### **Market outlook**

We continue to pay close attention to the intrinsic value of our investments, rather than fixate on near-term market price movements. The Fund is invested in a selection of companies with compelling microeconomic drivers, rather than in businesses excessively dependent on unpredictable external forces (such as commodity prices or the economic cycle). We retain our belief that by focusing on quality companies that can generate attractive, growing and resilient cash flow streams, the more patient investor can earn excellent long-term returns versus a market enchanted by short-term outcomes.

### **Baring Asset Management Limited. November 2016**

Baring Asset Management Limited (“the Investment Manager”) gives their portfolio managers full authority to manage their funds as they see fit, within the established guidelines set down. This includes the views that managers may take of the markets and sectors they invest in, which may differ from the views of other Barings’ portfolio managers.

## Portfolio statement

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Country	Equities: 99.35%	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
Australia	<b>Australia: 5.84%</b>				
	Dulux	AUD	102,230	497,390	3.03
	Sonic Healthcare	AUD	30,020	462,066	2.81
				<b>959,456</b>	<b>5.84</b>
Finland	<b>Finland: 1.18%</b>				
	Kone	EUR	4,170	192,986	1.18
				<b>192,986</b>	<b>1.18</b>
France	<b>France: 10.40%</b>				
	Air Liquide	EUR	3,280	333,739	2.03
	Danone	EUR	5,990	415,234	2.53
	Essilor International	EUR	1,370	154,844	0.94
	Klepierre REITs	EUR	9,870	404,261	2.46
	Unibail-Rodamco REITs	EUR	1,680	399,934	2.44
				<b>1,708,012</b>	<b>10.40</b>
Germany	<b>Germany: 1.97%</b>				
	Henkel	EUR	2,970	323,851	1.97
				<b>323,851</b>	<b>1.97</b>
Italy	<b>Italy: 4.51%</b>				
	MARR	EUR	22,450	411,425	2.50
	Snam	EUR	62,520	329,465	2.01
				<b>740,890</b>	<b>4.51</b>
Norway	<b>Norway: 1.49%</b>				
	Orkla	NOK	25,770	244,387	1.49
				<b>244,387</b>	<b>1.49</b>
Spain	<b>Spain: 3.99%</b>				
	Amadeus IT	EUR	6,930	324,575	1.98
	Red Electrica	EUR	15,830	330,623	2.01
				<b>655,198</b>	<b>3.99</b>

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Country	Equities: 99.35% (continued)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
Switzerland	<b>Switzerland: 9.36%</b>				
	Chocoladefabriken Lindt & Spruengli	CHF	60	306,292	1.87
	Givaudan	CHF	300	580,295	3.53
	Nestle	CHF	3,320	243,786	1.49
	SGS	CHF	200	405,371	2.47
				<b>1,535,744</b>	<b>9.36</b>
United Kingdom	<b>United Kingdom: 15.94%</b>				
	Associated British Foods	GBP	13,690	409,489	2.50
	Compass	GBP	32,210	574,553	3.50
	Reckitt Benckiser	GBP	6,500	576,571	3.51
	Sage Group	GBP	37,340	325,101	1.98
	Unilever	GBP	17,510	731,127	4.45
				<b>2,616,841</b>	<b>15.94</b>
United States	<b>United States: 44.67%</b>				
	3M	USD	3,450	571,872	3.48
	Automatic Data Processing	USD	3,830	331,908	2.02
	Becton Dickinson	USD	2,910	486,697	2.97
	Cintas	USD	1,540	162,732	0.99
	Colgate-Palmolive	USD	10,470	738,868	4.50
	Costco Wholesale	USD	1,680	253,445	1.54
	Crown Castle International REITs	USD	4,560	413,957	2.52
	Ecolab	USD	1,440	165,542	1.01
	Genuine Parts	USD	3,470	309,350	1.88
	Home Depot	USD	3,990	487,817	2.97
	International Flavors & Fragrances	USD	3,220	429,484	2.62
	Johnson & Johnson	USD	4,350	503,295	3.07
	Kimberly-Clark	USD	2,080	236,746	1.44
	PepsiCo	USD	2,350	250,580	1.53
	Procter & Gamble	USD	2,870	248,485	1.51
	Regal Entertainment	USD	25,810	579,176	3.53
	Six Flags Entertainment	USD	6,550	348,984	2.13
	Stryker	USD	4,370	479,476	2.92
	TJX Cos	USD	4,570	334,433	2.04
				<b>7,332,847</b>	<b>44.67</b>
	<b>Total equities</b>			<b>16,310,212</b>	<b>99.35</b>
	<b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss</b>			<b>16,310,212</b>	<b>99.35</b>

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

	Fair value	% of
	US\$	NAV
<b>Total investments at fair value through profit or loss</b>	<b>16,310,212</b>	<b>99.35</b>
Cash	103,514	0.63
Other net assets	3,332	0.02
<b>Total net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>	<b>16,417,058</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Analysis of portfolio</b>		
	<b>% of Total assets*</b>	
Transferable securities**	99.33	
Other assets	0.67	
	<b>100.00</b>	

\* Calculation based on the total assets of the Fund (excluding liabilities). This summary is a UCITS requirement.

\*\* Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised market.

## Balance sheet

As at 31 October 2016

		Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund 31/10/2016
	Notes	US\$
<b>Assets</b>		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		16,310,212
Cash		103,514
Dividends and interest receivable		6,141
Other assets		519
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>16,420,386</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Management fee payable	3	(1,274)
Administration fee payable	3	364
Depositary fee payable	3	86
Other liabilities	3	4,152
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to the holders of redeemable participating shares)</b>		<b>3,328</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>16,417,058</b>
<b>Shares in issue (Note 5)</b>		
	Class A USD ACC	100
	Class I USD INC	1,673,200
	Class I GBP ACC	100

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares

For the period ended 31 October 2016

		Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund 31/10/2016 US\$
	Notes	
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the period		-
Decrease in assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		(317,168)
Issue of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	16,734,226
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the end of the period</b>		<b>16,417,058</b>

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



## Profit and loss account

For the period ended 31 October 2016

		<b>Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund 31/10/2016 US\$</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	
<b>Investment income</b>		
Bank interest income		519
Dividend income		6,204
Net fair value loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		(320,800)
<b>Total investment expense</b>		<b>(314,077)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Management fees	3	(1,274)
Administration fees	3	364
Depositary fees	3	86
General expenses	3	3,915
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>3,091</b>
<b>Net loss before finance costs and tax</b>		<b>(317,168)</b>
<b>Decrease in net assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>(317,168)</b>

Gains and losses arose solely from continuing operations. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the profit and loss account.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Baring Global Mining Fund – Investment Manager’s report

### Performance record

#### Summary of Fund performance (excluding distribution payments where applicable)

	Net Asset Value as at 31/10/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value as at 30/04/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value % change
Baring Global Mining Fund - Class A USD Acc	US\$4.47	US\$4.14	7.97
Baring Global Mining Fund - Class A GBP Inc	£5.74	£4.43	29.57
Baring Global Mining Fund - Class I GBP Inc*	£5.80	£4.46	30.04
Baring Global Mining Fund - Class I USD Acc*	US\$7.09	US\$6.53	8.58
Baring Global Mining Fund - Class X USD Acc	US\$4.71	US\$4.33	8.78

#### Performance record to 31 October 2016 (including distribution payments where applicable)

	01/05/2016 - 31/10/2016 %	01/05/2015 - 30/04/2016 %	01/05/2014 - 30/04/2015 %	01/05/2013 - 30/04/2014 %	01/05/2012 - 30/04/2013 %
Baring Global Mining Fund - Class A USD Acc (USD terms)	7.97	(22.18)	(14.47)	2.98	(32.29)
Euromoney Global Mining Index, Total Return (USD terms)	8.07	(14.33)	(17.81)	(0.29)	(21.14)
Baring Global Mining Fund - Class A GBP Inc (GBP terms)	30.03	(17.93)	(6.75)	(5.95)	(28.91)
Baring Global Mining Fund - Class I GBP Inc (GBP terms)*	30.43	23.89	N/A	N/A	N/A
Baring Global Mining Fund - Class I USD Acc (USD terms)*	8.58	50.46	N/A	N/A	N/A
Baring Global Mining Fund - Class X USD Acc (USD terms)	8.78	(21.13)	(13.81)	3.75	(31.32)

Performance figures are shown net of fees and charges, on a NAV per share basis, with gross income reinvested.

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The Fund was launched on 29 February 2012.

\* The Class I GBP Inc share class was launched on 30 September 2015.

The Class I USD Acc share class was launched on 20 January 2016.

**Past performance is no indication of current or future performance. The performance data does not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of shares. Please note that changes in the rates of exchange may have an adverse effect on the value, price or income of an investment.**

## **Baring Global Mining Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Investment objective and policy**

The investment objective of the Baring Global Mining Fund (“the Fund”) is to achieve long-term capital growth primarily through investment in the equity and equity-related securities of mining and mining-related companies.

The Fund will identify investments through the use of “top-down” asset allocation, based on major economic and political factors rather than the specific circumstances of an individual company, and “bottom-up” stock selection, based on analysing the profitability, cash flow, earnings and pricing power of companies to determine their attractiveness as investments.

Qualitative and quantitative research is undertaken to identify those companies, industries and countries that Baring Asset Management Limited (“the Investment Manager”) expects to produce above-average investment performance.

The Fund will aim to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its total assets at any one time in equities and equity-related securities of companies worldwide engaged in the exploration, development and production of base metals, gold or other precious metals or mineral mining, and of companies engaged in enabling mining technologies. For this purpose, total assets exclude cash and ancillary liquidities.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full investment objective and policy.

### **How the Fund is managed**

The Manager of Baring Investments Funds Plc, Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited, has appointed Baring Asset Management Limited as the Investment Manager of the Fund.

At Barings, our equity investment teams share the philosophy of quality “Growth at a Reasonable Price” or GARP. We believe that earnings growth is the principal driver of equity market performance over the medium to long term, and favour high quality companies for their ability to outperform the market on a risk-adjusted basis. In particular, we believe that structured fundamental research and a disciplined investment process combining quality, growth and upside disciplines can allow us to identify attractively priced, long-term growth companies which will outperform the market. Our approach emphasises quality criteria when looking at companies and a three-to-five-year time horizon when forecasting company earnings. In determining upside, we use consistent and transparent methods to place emphasis on discounted earnings models.

### **Risk profile**

Please see detailed below some of the key risks applicable to the Fund:

Changes in exchange rates between the currency of the Fund and the currencies in which the assets of the Fund are valued can have the effect of increasing or decreasing the value of the Fund and any income generated.

An organisation from which we buy an asset (such as a bank) may fail to carry out its obligations, which could cause losses to the Fund.

Derivative instruments can make a profit or a loss and there is no guarantee that a financial derivative contract will achieve its intended outcome. The use of derivatives can increase the amount by which the Fund’s value rises and falls and could expose the Fund to losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative. Some derivative transactions may be entered into directly with an eligible person or institution (a “counterparty”). There is a risk that the counterparty may not meet its obligations or becomes insolvent which could cause the Fund to incur a loss.

## **Baring Global Mining Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Risk profile (continued)**

Emerging markets countries may have less developed regulation and face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries. This means your money is at greater risk.

The value of commodities and the companies involved can be significantly affected by world events, trade controls, political and economic conditions, international energy conservation, the success of explorations projects, tax and other government regulations.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full risk profile.

### **Strategy**

Our approach remains to invest in those companies that are able to demonstrate strong organically driven earnings growth over our investment time horizon. We take a bottom up approach to stock picking and construct a robust, high conviction portfolio with an emphasis on the individual company’s rather than the commodity leverage.

The six months under review have seen a considerable amount of volatility in the Mining sector as it has been buffeted by a combination of a Chinese economy which has seen ongoing stimulus by the government-particularly in the core property and infrastructure sectors-combined with the then-increasing uncertainty about who the next President of the USA would be and what their policies towards infrastructure investment, for example, would be. We have also had to contend with the now annual conundrum of how US interest rate policy would develop over the course of a six to 12-month period. As such, we continued to focus our holdings on those companies with robust balance sheets and strong free cash flow generation under our conservative commodity price assumptions and this has been a key driver of the Fund’s outperformance relative the performance comparator over the period.

### **Performance**

During the period under review, the Fund returned better performance than the performance comparator with stock selection being the principal driver of the stronger performance. In particular, our holdings in gold, nickel and zinc were the key contributors in line with our focus on stocks that continued to deliver positive earnings growth throughout the six months. Detractors to performance mainly came from our sector allocation with copper, diversified miners and gold/silver being the key headwinds, although in many cases a negative sector contribution to performance was offset by positive stock selection.

At the stock level, the contribution to performance was fairly well spread with the Fund’s mid-cap holdings in particular contributing strongly. Our holdings in South 32, Boliden, Fortescue Metals Group, Metals X, Acacia Mining and Independence Group were notable contributors to performance, as was lithium miner Orocobre which has been a core holding in the Fund for some time, as it ramped up production from its Argentine brine project to commercial levels. Detractors to performance came from stocks that we tended not to own. These included Industrias Penoles, Vale and the Australian line of BHP Billiton (although our holding in the UK line somewhat offset this). In many cases, these are names where trading liquidity was too small to allow us to take a position or where we saw concerns with the investment case at a stock level.

### **Review of the market**

After the high levels of sector volatility that we saw in the first quarter of the year, the last six months have seen share prices react more strongly too corporate news, especially earnings releases, driving lower volatility in share prices. Earnings releases for the mid-year, or full-year numbers for the June year-end companies, began to highlight two important drivers for share prices, (1) that companies are struggling to deliver on production plans for a variety of reasons despite the operational efficiency improvements that we have observed over the last 12-24 months and (2) that free cash flow generation continues to improve, allowing companies to continue to strengthen balance sheets and returns to shareholders. Taken with our view that commodity prices troughed in the first six months of the year, this puts the mining companies in a stronger place relative to other parts of the market than they have been.

## **Baring Global Mining Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Review of the market (continued)**

Commodity prices, and through them corporate earnings, are being supported by stronger than forecast demand, especially in China, and a struggling supply reaction. This is leading to inventory drawdowns tightening supply-demand balances. This is particularly evident in zinc, one of our preferred commodities to invest in, where robust demand and a contracting supply base is pushing prices higher. The same situation began to develop in copper towards the end of the six months under review.

In the coal market, the imposition of the 276-day working rule by the Chinese government on domestic producers had a dramatic impact on coal prices in the later part of the period. Hard coking coal prices breached USD200/t and ultimately went through USD300/t on a spot market basis in late October. Thermal coal prices broke USD100/t by the end of the period as well. Although China will ultimately find ways to cool the market down, bringing prices back to more ‘normalised’ levels, we believe that these will be higher than before the rally. This supports further earnings upgrades at many companies, increased free cash flow generation and ultimately higher share prices as they are rewarded by shareholders.

On 23 June 2016, the UK electorate voted to leave the European Union. This decision will start a process that is likely to take a minimum of two years to complete, and it is important to note that during this time the UK remains a member of the EU. This means that the rules and regulations governing asset management as well as the protections that were in place for clients prior to the referendum remain unchanged. However, the result is likely to usher in a period of uncertainty for the UK economy and financial markets, which could lead to increased volatility.

### **Market outlook**

Unlike in previous interim reports where we have had a more cautious outlook for the Mining sector for a variety of reasons, on this occasion we are more positive than we have been on the sector outlook for some time. A combination of ongoing Chinese stimulus, particularly towards the infrastructure, manufacturing and property sectors, has buoyed up demand for the commodities that our companies produce. At the end of the period, we have had confirmation that the next President of the USA will be Donald Trump, who has reiterated his campaign pledge to spend ‘at least’ USD100bn a year for 10 years on infrastructure and urban renewal. Again, this has a positive impact on demand projections for commodities such as copper, metallurgical coal and iron ore, the latter through increased steel demand.

This leads us to continue to expect to see upgrades to earnings for the companies that we invest in, along with healthy free cash flow generation supporting sustainable investment in prudent, high returning growth options and returns to shareholders. There is a risk that if the current optimism in the sector continues then we could see companies embark on an unconstrained acquisition campaign which could ultimately be value destructive and a setback for the sector. Here is where we believe our consistent management contact allows us to identify those companies where management teams remain true to their core principals and supports our investment thesis.

### **Baring Asset Management Limited. November 2016**

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## Portfolio statement

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Country	Investment Funds: 3.69% (30 Apr 2016: 0.55%)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
<b>Ireland: 3.69% (30 Apr 2016: 0.55%)</b>					
Ireland	Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund	USD	343,000	343,000	3.69
	<b>Total Investment Funds</b>			<b>343,000</b>	<b>3.69</b>
<b>Equities: 96.58% (30 Apr 2016: 98.69%)</b>					
<b>Australia: 21.34% (30 Apr 2016: 22.09%)</b>					
Australia	Alumina	AUD	124,536	147,704	1.59
	Evolution Mining	AUD	142,901	235,006	2.53
	Fortescue Metals	AUD	62,487	260,930	2.80
	Galaxy Resources	AUD	309,429	77,385	0.83
	Independence NL	AUD	73,542	240,213	2.59
	Metals X	AUD	225,055	231,106	2.48
	Newcrest Mining	AUD	15,987	259,519	2.79
	Orocobre	AUD	88,238	212,650	2.29
	South32	AUD	167,060	320,313	3.44
				<b>1,984,826</b>	<b>21.34</b>
<b>Belgium: 1.51% (30 Apr 2016: 0.00%)</b>					
Belgium	Umicore	EUR	2,318	140,775	1.51
				<b>140,775</b>	<b>1.51</b>
<b>Canada: 25.32% (30 Apr 2016: 28.24%)</b>					
Canada	Agnico Eagle Mines	CAD	6,060	294,926	3.17
	First Quantum Minerals	CAD	30,456	275,455	2.96
	Franco-Nevada	CAD	4,047	256,823	2.76
	Goldcorp	USD	13,418	198,050	2.13
	Lundin Mining	CAD	93,060	365,882	3.93
	Nevsun Resources	CAD	71,580	199,034	2.14
	PolyMet Mining	CAD	178,384	140,003	1.50
	Silver Wheaton	CAD	12,691	297,200	3.20
	Teck Resources	CAD	15,731	328,530	3.53
				<b>2,355,903</b>	<b>25.32</b>

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Country	Equities: 96.58% (30 Apr 2016: 98.69%) (continued)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
<b>Norway: 2.18% (30 Apr 2016: 1.92%)</b>					
Norway	Norsk Hydro	NOK	45,800	202,692	2.18
				<b>202,692</b>	<b>2.18</b>
<b>South Africa: 1.23% (30 Apr 2016: 1.69%)</b>					
South Africa	AngloGold Ashanti	ZAR	8,758	114,663	1.23
				<b>114,663</b>	<b>1.23</b>
<b>Sweden: 3.38% (30 Apr 2016: 1.96%)</b>					
Sweden	Boliden	SEK	13,515	314,866	3.38
				<b>314,866</b>	<b>3.38</b>
<b>United Kingdom: 37.15% (30 Apr 2016: 38.01%)</b>					
United Kingdom	Acacia Mining	GBP	54,698	350,451	3.77
	Anglo American	GBP	24,845	332,836	3.58
	BHP Billiton	GBP	40,470	605,506	6.51
	Gemfields	GBP	250,889	147,045	1.59
	Glencore	GBP	212,103	629,285	6.76
	Johnson Matthey	GBP	4,658	191,895	2.06
	Randgold Resources	GBP	2,380	201,150	2.16
	Petra Diamonds	GBP	116,310	215,515	2.32
	Rio Tinto	GBP	22,786	781,657	8.40
				<b>3,455,340</b>	<b>37.15</b>
<b>United States: 4.47% (30 Apr 2016: 4.78%)</b>					
United States	Newmont Mining	USD	11,943	415,497	4.47
				<b>415,497</b>	<b>4.47</b>
<b>Total equities</b>				<b>8,984,562</b>	<b>96.58</b>
<b>Total financial assets at fair value through profit and loss</b>				<b>9,327,562</b>	<b>100.27</b>
<b>Total investments at fair value through profit or loss</b>				<b>9,327,562</b>	<b>100.27</b>
Cash				10,335	0.11
Other net liabilities				(34,897)	(0.38)
<b>Total net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>				<b>9,303,000</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

Analysis of portfolio	% of Total assets*
Investment Funds	3.67
Transferable securities**	96.19
Other assets	0.14
	<b>100.00</b>

\* Calculation based on the total assets of the Fund (excluding liabilities). This summary is a UCITS requirement.

\*\* Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised market.



## Balance sheet

As at 31 October 2016

		<b>Baring Global Mining Fund 31/10/2016</b>	<b>Baring Global Mining Fund 30/04/2016</b>
	<b>Notes</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>
<b>Assets</b>			
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		9,327,562	8,174,312
Cash		10,335	92,070
Dividends and interest receivable		-	2,149
Other assets		2,370	3,157
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>9,340,267</b>	<b>8,271,688</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Management fee payable	3	15,983	5,747
Administration fee payable	3	3,089	3,279
Depositary fee payable	3	166	309
Other liabilities	3	18,029	25,568
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to the holders of redeemable participating shares)</b>		<b>37,267</b>	<b>34,903</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>9,303,000</b>	<b>8,236,785</b>
<b>Shares in issue (Note 5)</b>			
Class A USD Acc		195,546	102,874
Class A GBP Inc		683,579	681,331
Class I GBP Inc		6,466	5,747
Class I USD Acc		10	10
Class X USD Acc		769,443	773,517

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares

For the period ended 31 October 2016

	Notes	Baring Global Mining Fund 31/10/2016 US\$	Baring Global Mining Fund 31/10/2015 US\$
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the period		8,236,785 *	10,471,173
Increase/(decrease) in assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		667,378	(4,183,727)
Issue of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	430,147	3,576,669
Redemption of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	(31,311)	(1,521,140)
Income equalisation	4	1	(9,659)
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the end of the period</b>		<b><u>9,303,000</u></b>	<b><u>8,333,316</u></b>

\* The opening net assets attributable to shareholders for 2016 differ from the closing position in 2015 by the change in the net assets attributable to shareholders for second half of the comparative financial year.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Profit and loss account

For the period ended 31 October 2016

	Notes	Baring Global Mining Fund 31/10/2016 US\$	Baring Global Mining Fund 31/10/2015 US\$
<b>Investment income</b>			
Bank interest income		56	7
Dividend income		67,335	198,761
Net fair value gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		698,152	(4,217,147)
<b>Total investment income/(expense)</b>		<b>765,543</b>	<b>(4,018,379)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Management fees	3	30,138	64,967
Administration fees	3	20,865	25,429
Depositary fees	3	983	1,340
General expenses	3	21,584	11,812
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>73,570</b>	<b>103,548</b>
<b>Net profit/(loss) before finance costs and tax</b>		<b>691,973</b>	<b>(4,121,927)</b>
<b>Finance costs</b>			
Distributions	4	(15,337)	(33,847)
Bank interest expense		(1)	-
<b>Total finance costs</b>		<b>(15,338)</b>	<b>(33,847)</b>
<b>Profit/(loss) for the financial period before tax</b>		<b>676,635</b>	<b>(4,155,774)</b>
<b>Tax</b>			
Withholding tax on dividends and other investment income		(9,257)	(27,953)
<b>Total tax</b>		<b>(9,257)</b>	<b>(27,953)</b>
<b>Increase/(decrease) in net assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>667,378</b>	<b>(4,183,727)</b>

Gains and losses arose solely from continuing operations. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the profit and loss account.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Baring India Fund – Investment Manager’s report

### Performance record

#### Summary of Fund performance (excluding distribution payments where applicable)

	Net Asset Value as at 31/10/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value as at 30/04/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value % change
Baring India Fund - Class A USD Acc	US\$15.71	US\$13.68	14.84
Baring India Fund - Class A GBP Inc	£20.22	£14.62	38.30
Baring India Fund - Class I GBP Inc	£20.42	£14.70	38.91
Baring India Fund - Class I USD Acc*	US\$24.85	US\$21.51	15.53

#### Performance record to 31 October 2016 (including distribution payments where applicable)

	01/05/2016 - 31/10/2016 %	01/05/2015 - 30/04/2016 %	01/05/2014 - 30/04/2015 %	01/05/2013 - 30/04/2014 %	01/05/2012 - 30/04/2013 %
Baring India Fund - Class A USD Acc (USD terms)	14.84	(3.25)	21.48	6.89	8.36
MSCI India 10/40 Total, Gross Return (USD terms)	9.32	(6.82)	14.55	1.34	11.76
Baring India Fund - Class A GBP Inc (GBP terms)	38.30	2.17	32.87	(1.64)	13.71
Baring India Fund - Class I GBP Inc (GBP terms)*	38.91	2.94	32.47	3.26	N/A
Baring India Fund - Class I USD Acc (USD terms)*	15.53	10.88	N/A	N/A	N/A

Performance figures are shown net of fees and charges, on a NAV per share basis, with gross income reinvested.

Source: Morningstar/Barings/MSCI.

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The Fund was launched on 7 December 2011.

\* The Class I GBP Inc share class was launched on 19 March 2014.

The Class I USD Acc share class was launched on 20 January 2016.

**Past performance is no indication of current or future performance. The performance data does not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of shares. Please note that changes in the rates of exchange may have an adverse effect on the value, price or income of an investment.**

## Baring India Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)

### Investment objective and policy

The investment objective of the Baring India Fund (“the Fund”) is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in India. The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its total assets at any one time in Indian equities and equity-related securities of companies who are themselves, or whose underlying equities are, domiciled in or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in India, or which are quoted and/or traded on the stock exchanges in India. Up to 30% may be invested outside India within the Indian subcontinent. Please refer to the Prospectus for the full investment objective and policy.

### How the Fund is managed

The Manager of Baring Investment Funds Plc, Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited, have appointed Baring Asset Management Limited as the Investment Manager of the Fund. In turn, Baring Asset Management Limited has delegated certain of its investment management duties to Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited.

At Barings, our equity investment teams share the philosophy of quality “Growth at a Reasonable Price” or GARP. We believe that earnings growth is the principal driver of equity market performance over the medium to long term, and favour high quality companies for their ability to outperform the market on a risk-adjusted basis. In particular, we believe that structured fundamental research and a disciplined investment process combining quality, growth and upside disciplines can allow us to identify attractively priced, long-term growth companies which will outperform the market. Our approach emphasises quality criteria when looking at companies and a three-to-five-year time horizon when forecasting company earnings. In determining upside, we use consistent and transparent methods to place emphasis on discounted earnings models.

### Risk profile

Please see detailed below some of the key risks applicable to the Fund:

Changes in exchange rates between the currency of the Fund and the currencies in which the assets of the Fund are valued can have the effect of increasing or decreasing the value of the Fund and any income generated.

Derivative instruments can make a profit or a loss and there is no guarantee that a financial derivative contract will achieve its intended outcome. The use of derivatives can increase the amount by which the Fund’s value rises and falls and could expose the Fund to losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative. Some derivative transactions may be entered into directly with an eligible person or institution (a “counterparty”). There is a risk that the counterparty may not meet its obligations or becomes insolvent which could cause the Fund to incur a loss.

Emerging markets or less developed countries may face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries. Coupled with less developed regulation, this means your money is at greater risk.

Country specific funds have a narrower focus than those which invest broadly across markets and are therefore considered to be more risky.

For tax efficiency purposes, the Fund has previously invested and currently continues to invest in Indian equities through a Mauritian subsidiary. You should be aware that India and Mauritius have signed a protocol amending the India-Mauritius double treaty which means that the tax efficiency of the Fund investing into Indian equities through a Mauritian subsidiary may be eliminated from April 2017 onwards and as a result this change could have a negative effect on the future returns of the Fund.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full risk profile.

## Baring India Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)

### Strategy

We continue to believe in a gradual uptick in the Indian economy. GDP growth was 7.1% in the quarter ended 30th June 2016, after a GDP growth of more than 7.5% for the year ended 31st March 2016. We are still maintaining our positive stance in private sector Financials, Industrials and Consumer Discretionary. During the half year, we have increased our positions in Consumer Discretionary and Materials by reducing positions in Information Technology, Industrials, Healthcare and Financials.

We have built up position in Arvind Mills as its retail franchise will scale up at a good pace. We built up a position in Castrol India (lubricants) due to better growth prospects. We bought PI Industries (crop protection) for its growth from long-term contracts, SRF (Specialty chemicals) for its niche business, and Navkar Corp (logistics service provider) for its expansion of business activities. We added to HCL Technology (IT), Reliance Industries (Energy) and Suprajit Engineering (Consumer Discretionary).

We exited Kajaria Ceramics (tile manufacturer) and Ultratech Cement as they had become fairly valued. We also exited TCS (IT) due to a slowdown in its growth prospects. We booked some profits in Bharat Financial, Dalmia Bharat (Cement) and Divi Laboratories.

### Performance

The Fund outperformed the performance comparator during the period. Materials, Financials, Consumer Discretionary, Industrials, Energy and Utilities contributed positively to the performance relative to the performance comparator. Telecom, Information Technology, Healthcare and Consumer Staples were the sectors that detracted from the relative performance.

Dalmia Bharat (Cement) was the top contributor due to much higher growth than expectations. Yes Bank and Bharat Financial also contributed positively due to sector-leading growth. Other significant positive contributors were Maruti Suzuki, Motherson Sumi. Arvind, Suprajit Engineering and Kajaria Ceramics. Maruti Suzuki continued to have good volume growth, leading to strong margins. Motherson Sumi, an auto ancillary, continued to deliver consistent growth. Arvind witnessed some recognition for its fast-growing retail business. Suprajit Engineering grew strongly on back of organic and inorganic growth. Kajaria Ceramics continued to have strong margins. Sun Pharmaceuticals, Gateway Distriparks and Suzlon were key negative contributors. Sun Pharmaceuticals had disappointing returns in its US business, Gateway faced headwinds due to economic slowdown and Suzlon had slower than expected order inflows.

### Review of the market

The markets were up strongly during the six-month period ended 31st October 2016. This was on the back of structural reforms finally getting underway. The much-awaited Goods and Services Tax Bill (GST Bill) was finally cleared in the parliament and the GST council has further taken the process forward with the announcement of the different slabs of taxation within the GST. The government fiscal deficit is being well controlled and the inflation is also low by historical standards. This has helped the Reserve Bank of India cut the benchmark interest rate by another 0.25% in the last six months.

The price earnings multiple for the market has now moved up to around 17 times one-year forward earnings. This is slightly higher than the ten-year average. Within the market, the wide dispersion in the P/E multiples of various stocks continue. Though some high quality stocks have remained lacklustre in the last six months, they still trade at high P/E multiples especially in relation to the tepid growth which they are witnessing. Also, the mid cap stocks have risen quite sharply in relation to the large cap stocks in the last six months. Though the opportunities are somewhat lower compared to six months back, we believe there are still stocks which present a good combination of earnings growth, high return ratios and reasonable valuations. These stocks are primarily in the Financials, Consumer Discretionary and Industrials sectors. On the other end, there are still stocks which are having very high valuations for the earnings growth that we anticipate in them. For example, there are such stocks in the Consumer Staples sector.

## **Baring India Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Review of the market**

On 23 June 2016, the UK electorate voted to leave the European Union. This decision will start a process that is likely to take a minimum of two years to complete, and it is important to note that during this time the UK remains a member of the EU. This means that the rules and regulations governing asset management as well as the protections that were in place for clients prior to the referendum remain unchanged. However, the result is likely to usher in a period of uncertainty for the UK economy and financial markets, which could lead to increased volatility.

### **Market outlook**

Due to the stronger performance of the Indian markets on a relative basis over the last six months, some other markets may appear cheaper on a relative basis, especially from a short-term perspective. This may have an impact on the short-term performance of the Indian market. From a longer-term perspective, India is still one of the fastest growing economies in the world. This, we believe, will present many investment opportunities.

The Fund continues to hold its long-standing strong conviction in the private sector banks. Key positions are HDFC Bank, Indusind Bank, Yes Bank and Axis Bank. The Banking sector in India is under penetrated and within the Banking sector, the private sector banks continue to gain market share due to better capitalisation, better credit assessment and better deposit-gathering franchises. Our key position in the Consumer Discretionary sector is the passenger car leader Maruti Suzuki. The volume growth in the company continues to surpass the industry, leading to healthy margins and hence very strong profit growth. Amara Raja Batteries, another key holding, continues to show growth faster than the industry along with superior margins. The auto ancillary Motherson Sumi continues to show improvement in margins of its European subsidiaries along with reasonable sales growth. Another auto ancillary, Suprajit Engineering, continues to show steady growth. It has also demonstrated that it can acquire other companies and improve its profitability. Arvind Ltd is another of our key holdings on the premise of growth picking up in its retail business. We have a position in PI Industries due to its strong order book and good execution track record for its partners in the crop protection business globally.

**Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited,  
appointed as Sub-Investment Manager by  
Baring Asset Management Limited.  
November 2016**

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## Portfolio statement

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Sector	Equities: 98.40% (30 Apr 2016: 98.52%)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
	Consumer Discretionary: 23.82% (30 Apr 2016: 15.83%)				
Consumer	Greenply Industries	INR	75,000	325,721	1.20
Discretionary	Mahindra CIE Automotive	INR	181,000	538,367	1.98
	Maruti Suzuki India	INR	16,600	1,460,536	5.37
	Motherson Sumi Systems	INR	241,000	1,195,140	4.40
	PI Industries	INR	49,398	638,754	2.35
	SRF	INR	16,000	436,244	1.61
	Suprajit Engineering	INR	195,000	601,469	2.21
	Suzlon Energy	INR	1,750,000	396,974	1.46
	Zee Entertainment Enterprises	INR	113,000	880,411	3.24
				6,473,616	23.82
	Energy: 8.90% (30 Apr 2016: 8.59%)				
Energy	Reliance Industries	INR	153,000	2,416,766	8.90
				2,416,766	8.90
	Financials: 30.68% (30 Apr 2016: 32.25%)				
Financials	Axis Bank	INR	195,000	1,421,627	5.23
	Bharat Financial Inclusion	INR	49,000	647,510	2.38
	HDFC Bank	INR	119,300	2,249,025	8.28
	Housing Development Finance	INR	39,000	812,684	2.99
	IndusInd Bank	INR	71,000	1,275,494	4.69
	UPL	INR	74,000	773,168	2.85
	Yes Bank	INR	60,800	1,158,256	4.26
				8,337,764	30.68
	Healthcare: 7.75% (30 Apr 2016: 9.60%)				
Healthcare	Divi's Laboratories	INR	28,000	536,593	1.97
	Sun Pharmaceutical Industries	INR	141,000	1,569,470	5.78
				2,106,063	7.75
	Industrials: 20.93% (30 Apr 2016: 19.71%)				
Industrials	Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone	INR	103,000	473,464	1.74
	Amara Raja Batteries	INR	77,000	1,167,166	4.30
	Arvind	INR	120,000	744,043	2.74
	Castrol India	INR	95,000	652,048	2.40
	Dalmia Bharat	INR	19,000	585,293	2.15
	Gateway Distriparks	INR	81,000	298,172	1.10
	HCL Technologies	INR	80,000	914,137	3.36



## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Sector	Equities: 98.40% (30 Apr 2016: 98.52%) (continued)	Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
<b>Industrials: 20.93% (30 Apr 2016: 19.71%) (continued)</b>					
Industrials (continued)	Larsen & Toubro	INR	15,000	332,560	1.22
	Minda	INR	131,000	218,999	0.81
	Navkar	INR	101,000	301,473	1.11
	<b>Total Diversified</b>			<b>5,687,355</b>	<b>20.93</b>
<b>Information Technology: 6.32% (30 Apr 2016: 10.93%)</b>					
Information Technology	Infosys	INR	115,000	1,717,600	6.32
				<b>1,717,600</b>	<b>6.32</b>
<b>Materials: 0.00% (30 Apr 2016: 1.61%)</b>					
				-	-
<b>Total equities</b>				<b>26,739,164</b>	<b>98.40</b>
<b>Total investments at fair value through profit or loss</b>				<b>26,739,164</b>	<b>98.40</b>
Cash				611,703	2.25
Other net liabilities				(175,701)	(0.65)
<b>Total net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>				<b>27,175,166</b>	<b>100.00</b>
<b>Analysis of portfolio</b>			<b>% of Total assets*</b>		
Transferable securities**			97.14		
Other assets			2.86		
			<b>100.00</b>		

\* Calculation based on the total assets of the Fund (excluding liabilities). This summary is a UCITS requirement.

\*\* Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised market.

## Balance sheet

As at 31 October 2016

		<b>Baring India Fund 31/10/2016 US\$</b>	<b>Baring India Fund 30/04/2016 US\$</b>
<b>Assets</b>	<b>Notes</b>		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		26,739,164	23,280,911
Cash		611,703	552,235
Receivable for securities sold		163,056	-
Other assets		13,328	3,384
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>27,527,251</b>	<b>23,836,530</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Management fee payable	3	31,853	9,171
Payable for securities purchased		141,743	-
Payable for shares redeemed		152	142
Administration fee payable	3	26,388	59,279
Depository fee payable	3	493	990
Other liabilities	3	151,456	134,277
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to the holders of redeemable participating shares)</b>		<b>352,085</b>	<b>203,859</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>27,175,166</b>	<b>23,632,671</b>
<b>Shares in issue (Note 5)</b>			
Class A USD Acc		1,489,674	1,488,835
Class A GBP Inc		130,190	135,353
Class I GBP Inc		23,400	17,259
Class I USD Acc		10	10

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares

For the period ended 31 October 2016

		Baring India Fund 31/10/2016 US\$	Baring India Fund 31/10/2015 US\$
	Notes		
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the period		23,632,671 *	25,953,691
Increase/(decrease) in assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		3,488,182	(296,712)
Issue of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	1,022,030	3,715,983
Redemption of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	(967,717)	(4,523,364)
Income equalisation	4	-	(62)
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the end of the period</b>		<b>27,175,166</b>	<b>24,849,536</b>

\* The opening net assets attributable to shareholders for 2016 differ from the closing position in 2015 by the change in the net assets attributable to shareholders for second half of the comparative financial year.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Profit and loss account

For the period ended 31 October 2016

	Notes	Baring India Fund 31/10/2016 US\$	Baring India Fund 31/10/2015 US\$
<b>Investment income</b>			
Dividend income		161,137	207,198
Net realised gain/(loss) on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		3,627,221	(194,576)
<b>Total investment income</b>		<b>3,788,358</b>	<b>12,622</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Management fees	3	189,361	189,874
Administration fees	3	52,023	68,162
Depositary fees	3	2,850	3,197
General expenses	3	55,930	47,899
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>300,164</b>	<b>309,132</b>
<b>Net profit/(loss) before finance costs and tax</b>		<b>3,488,194</b>	<b>(296,510)</b>
<b>Finance costs</b>			
Bank interest expense		(12)	(202)
<b>Total finance costs</b>		<b>(12)</b>	<b>(202)</b>
<b>Increase/(decrease) in net assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>3,488,182</b>	<b>(296,712)</b>

Gains and losses arose solely from continuing operations. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the profit and loss account.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Baring MENA Fund – Investment Manager’s report

### Performance record

#### Summary of Fund performance (excluding distribution payments where applicable)

	Net Asset Value as at 31/10/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value as at 30/04/2016 (Price per share)	Net Asset Value % change
Baring MENA Fund - Class A USD Acc	US\$12.15	US\$13.00	(6.54)
Baring MENA Fund - Class A EUR Acc	€14.97	€15.43	(2.98)
Baring MENA Fund - Class A GBP Inc	£13.86	£12.59	10.09
Baring MENA Fund - Class I GBP Inc	£13.84	£12.62	9.67
Baring MENA Fund - Class I USD Acc*	US\$17.16	US\$18.33	(6.38)

#### Performance record to 31 October 2016 (including distribution payments where applicable)

	01/05/2016 - 31/10/2016 %	01/05/2015 - 30/04/2016 %	01/05/2014 - 30/04/2015 %	01/05/2013 - 30/04/2014 %	01/05/2012 - 30/04/2013 %
Baring MENA Fund - Class A USD Acc (USD terms)	(6.54)	(18.85)	(0.62)	28.65	23.45
MSCI Arabian Markets (ex Saudi Arabia) Total Net Return Index (USD terms)	0.15	(13.46)	(8.96)	35.36	8.42
Baring MENA Fund - Class A EUR Acc (EUR terms)	(2.98)	(19.93)	22.74	21.61	24.73
Baring MENA Fund - Class A GBP Inc (GBP terms)	10.88	(13.95)	8.24	18.55	29.58
Baring MENA Fund - Class I GBP Inc (GBP terms)*	11.24	(13.25)	9.13	7.18	N/A
Baring MENA Fund - Class I USD Acc (USD terms)*	(6.38)	20.28	N/A	N/A	N/A

Performance figures are shown net of fees and charges, on a NAV per share basis, with gross income reinvested.

Source: Morningstar/Barings/MSCI.

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The Fund was launched on 29 March 2010.

\* The Class I GBP Inc share class was launched on 24 February 2014.

The Class I USD Acc share class was launched on 20 January 2016.

## **Baring MENA Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Performance record (continued)**

**Past performance is no indication of current or future performance. The performance data does not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of shares. Please note that changes in the rates of exchange may have an adverse effect on the value, price or income of an investment.**

### **Investment objective and policy**

The investment objective of the Baring MENA Fund (“the Fund”) is to achieve long-term capital growth in the value of assets by investing in the Middle East and North Africa (“MENA”). 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 of companies domiciled in the MENA region or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in the MENA region. For this purpose, total assets exclude cash and ancillary liquidities. Please refer to the Prospectus for the full investment objective and policy.

### **How the Fund is managed**

The Manager of Baring Investment Funds Plc, Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited, have appointed Baring Asset Management Limited as the Investment Manager of the Fund.

At Barings, our equity investment teams share the philosophy of quality “Growth at a Reasonable Price” or GARP. We believe that earnings growth is the principal driver of equity market performance over the medium to long -term, and favour high quality companies for their ability to outperform the market on a risk-adjusted basis. In particular, we believe that structured fundamental research and a disciplined investment process combining quality, growth and upside disciplines can allow us to identify attractively priced, long-term growth companies which will outperform the market. Our approach emphasises quality criteria when looking at companies and a three-to-five-year time horizon when forecasting company earnings. In determining upside, we use consistent and transparent methods to place emphasis on discounted earnings models.

### **Risk profile**

Please see detailed below some of the key risks applicable to the Fund:

Changes in exchange rates between the currency of the Fund and the currencies in which the assets of the Fund are valued can have the effect of increasing or decreasing the value of the Fund and any income generated.

Derivative instruments can make a profit or a loss and there is no guarantee that a financial derivative contract will achieve its intended outcome. The use of derivatives can increase the amount by which the Fund’s value rises and falls and could expose the Fund to losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative. Some derivative transactions may be entered into directly with an eligible person or institution (a “counterparty”). There is a risk that the counterparty may not meet its obligations or becomes insolvent which could cause the Fund to incur a loss.

The MENA region comprises emerging markets and less developed countries. These countries may experience economic and political unrest. They also tend to lack transparent and reliable official data, have low standards of corporate governance and an underdeveloped process for enforcing legal ownership of investments. This means your money is at greater risk.

Regional funds have a narrower focus than those which invest broadly across markets and are therefore considered to be more risky.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full risk profile.

## Baring MENA Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)

### Strategy

It is our belief that the companies which deliver the most attractive long-term performance share three characteristics. They offer prospects for long-term growth, not just over one or two years but looking out over three to five years. They display strength in terms of the management of the company, the quality of their franchise and the balance sheet. Finally, they must be reasonably valued.

With this strong emphasis on individual securities, we describe ourselves as ‘bottom-up’ investors with a focus on companies and the factors that influence them. This does not mean that we ignore macroeconomic or political events. For the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), these are important and can have a meaningful impact on the prospects for companies. Rather, we view them through the lens of the companies we are invested in or potentially investing in, and analyse the effect they have or are likely to have from an investment perspective. Country and sector weights are not the result of asset allocation decisions, but simply the result of the individual investments we have made or avoided.

Our focus is on companies that take advantage of the structural investment opportunities in the region. This includes a young and growing population and infrastructure spending by governments to serve the population. Despite the weak oil price, we believe Healthcare will be the sector least impacted by any potential adjustments in government spending and will continue to offer strong growth prospects. Government policies aiming to ease budgetary pressures by pushing the population towards private healthcare should continue to support volume and pricing within the sector. Tourism and religious tourism will positively impact visitor numbers to the region, companies that provide services such as car rentals and hospitality will, in our view, provide investors with attractive growth opportunities. Companies that are exposed to customer demand such as those in the Retail sector are also represented in the portfolio.

### Performance

Markets in the Middle East and North Africa posted marginally positive USD returns in the period under review. The primary short-term driver of the region’s markets has been the direction of the oil price - this was relatively stable in the review period. Over the medium to long term, our firm belief is that stock-specific factors will ultimately be the key determinant of MENA market performance outcomes.

The Fund underperformed the performance comparator. Much of this relative performance can be explained by our exposure to Saudi Arabia. Having higher exposure than the performance comparator invested in the country negatively impacted the Fund’s performance, as the Saudi Arabian market was one of the weaker performers in the period. Exposure to Turkey also detracted from the performance outcome given that the Turkish equity market was notably weak in USD terms. Our in-depth company analysis failed to identify compelling investment opportunities in both Morocco and Lebanon. This detracted from the investment result as both of these markets posted strong relative performance given their defensive characteristics.

Stock selection results (being in the right companies) were disappointing, particularly in Saudi Arabia. However, we had some notably positive stock selection outcomes. Our high conviction investments within Healthcare companies positively contributed to the review period returns. NMC, a leading private hospital operator in the UAE, benefited from strong operational results, whilst Mouwasat Medical Service, a Saudi Arabia private hospital operator, proved its defensive and growth qualities.

## **Baring MENA Fund – Investment Manager’s report (continued)**

### **Review of the market**

The stabilisation of the oil price gave a certain amount of respite to the MENA region’s equity markets after the dramatic falls witnessed in 2016. However, it became increasingly apparent that governments across the region were playing catch up with the energy market developments. Fiscal positions were put under pressure as deficits rose in the oil producing economies. Investors even questioned whether the currency pegs to the USD of Saudi Arabia as well as the Gulf Cooperation Council currencies were sustainable. We were pleased to see policymakers eventually react to the new reality of lower oil prices by promoting reform agendas. For example, in the UAE state subsidies on certain food items were removed. In Saudi Arabia, a reform plan targeting multiple industries was promoted.

Saudi Arabian equities were amongst the biggest casualty of the oil-price-induced macroeconomic dislocation. Despite the positive equity market influence of the government’s reform program, a collapse in corporate earnings growth resulted in large share price losses. Late October 2016 witnessed the record US\$ 17.5bn international bond issuance by the Saudi government, which was a huge vote of confidence in the country and seemed to underpin the equity market and set the stage for future positive returns.

Political dynamics negatively impacted Turkey as an attempted military coup challenged President Erdogan and the AKP party’s control. The coup was rapidly crushed and actually served to enhance Erdogan’s popularity. The impact on investor sentiment was more marked and international investors became sceptical about the prospects of the country’s equity market. Turkey’s close involvement in the Syrian war also served to increase risks associated with Turkey.

The growing gap between Egypt’s official and parallel or black market currency rate meant that a devaluation of the Egyptian pound was a matter of when rather than if. Investors used the Egyptian equity market as a way to protect themselves from potential losses of the inevitable currency adjustment and, as a result, the equity market posted strong positive returns.

On 23 June 2016, the UK electorate voted to leave the European Union. This decision will start a process that is likely to take a minimum of two years to complete, and it is important to note that during this time the UK remains a member of the EU. This means that the rules and regulations governing asset management as well as the protections that were in place for clients prior to the referendum remain unchanged. However, the result is likely to usher in a period of uncertainty for the UK economy and financial markets, which could lead to increased volatility.

### **Market outlook**

We expect markets in the region to be driven by domestic rather than global factors, although they will not be totally immune from any significant developments surrounding the global economy, such as movements in the oil price. We believe MENA markets continue to offer strong growth opportunities at a reasonable relative valuation. In our view, the recent weak performance from MENA equities provides investors a potentially attractive entry point into this compelling asset class.

### **Baring Asset Management Limited. November 2016**

Baring Asset Management Limited (“the Investment Manager”) gives their portfolio managers full authority to manage their funds as they see fit, within the established guidelines set down. This includes the views that managers may take of the markets and sectors they invest in, which may differ from the views of other Barings’ portfolio managers.



Turk Telekomunikasyon

TRY	66,136	124,411	2.32
		<b>317,524</b>	<b>5.92</b>

United **United Arab Emirates: 34.00% (30 Apr 2016: 31.50%)**

## Portfolio statement

As at 31 October 2016

Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank

AED 147,140 247,574 4.61

Apthia

AED 79,024 130,597 2.43

Aldar Properties

AED 686,260 493,262 9.19

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss					
Equities: 78.47% (30 Apr 2016: 78.94%) (continued)		Currency	Nominal holdings	Fair value US\$	% of NAV
<b>Country</b>	<b>United Arab Emirates: 34.00% (30 Apr 2016: 31.50%)</b>				
United	DP World	USD	13,460	242,145	4.51
Arab	Emaar Malls	AED	84,002	59,006	1.10
Emirates	Emaar Properties	AED	227,348	424,000	7.91
(continued)	First Gulf Bank	AED	74,882	228,339	4.25
				<b>1,824,923</b>	<b>34.00</b>
United Kingdom	<b>United Kingdom: 5.08% (30 Apr 2016: 6.37%)</b>				
	NMC Health	GBP	15,298	272,681	5.08
	<b>Total United Kingdom</b>			<b>272,681</b>	<b>5.08</b>
	<b>Total Equities</b>			<b>4,211,261</b>	<b>78.47</b>
	<b>P-Notes: 15.64% (30 Apr 2016: 18.56%)</b>				
	<b>Saudi Arabia: 15.64% (30 Apr 2016: 18.56%)</b>				
Saudi Arabia	Citi Group P-Notes Jul 17 (Al Mouwasat)	USD	5,327	170,450	3.18
	Credit Suisse P-Note Aug 19 (Herfy)	USD	6,879	123,354	2.30
	Deutsche Bank P-Note Apr 17 (United International)	USD	15,800	104,061	1.94
	Deutsche Bank P-Note Apr 18 (Bupa Arabia)	USD	3,898	123,167	2.29
	Merrill Lynch P-Note Apr 17 (Bupa Arabia)	USD	888	28,059	0.52
	Merrill Lynch P-Note Feb 17 (Abdullah Al Othaim)	USD	10,426	231,439	4.31
	Morgan Stanley P-Note Feb 18 (Herfy)	USD	3,292	59,032	1.10
	<b>Total P-Notes</b>			<b>839,562</b>	<b>15.64</b>
	<b>Debt Instruments: 0.23% (30 Apr 2016: 0.18%)</b>				
Oman	<b>Oman: 0.23% (30 Apr 2016: 0.18%)</b>				
	Bank Muscat 4.50% 20/03/2017	OMR	43,404	12,514	0.23
	<b>Total Debt Instruments</b>			<b>12,514</b>	<b>0.23</b>
	<b>Total investments at fair value through profit or losses</b>			<b>5,304,337</b>	<b>98.83</b>
	Cash			91,189	1.70
	Other net liabilities			(28,645)	(0.53)
	<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>			<b>5,366,881</b>	<b>100.00</b>

## Portfolio statement (continued)

As at 31 October 2016

Analysis of portfolio	% of Total assets*
Investment Funds	4.46
Transferable securities**	93.69
Other assets	1.85
	<b>100.00</b>

\* Calculation based on the total assets of the Fund (excluding liabilities). This summary is a UCITS requirement.

\*\* Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised market.

## Balance sheet

As at 31 October 2016

		<b>Baring MENA Fund 31/10/2016 US\$</b>	<b>Baring MENA Fund 30/04/2016 US\$</b>
<b>Assets</b>	<b>Notes</b>		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		5,304,337	6,245,532
Cash		91,915	54,487
Dividends and interest receivable		7,510	30,388
Other assets		546	5,820
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>5,404,308</b>	<b>6,336,227</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Bank Overdraft		726	-
Management fee payable	3	(2,925)	(15,915)
Administration fee payable	3	2,435	2,735
Depository fee payable	3	204	343
Other liabilities	3	36,987	47,764
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares )</b>		<b>37,427</b>	<b>34,927</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>5,366,881</b>	<b>6,301,300</b>
<b>Shares in issue (Note 5)</b>			
Class A USD Acc		129,170	138,819
Class A EUR Acc		148,265	162,743
Class A GBP Inc		74,659	82,854
Class I GBP Inc		6,116	6,881
Class I USD Acc		10	10

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares

For the period ended 31 October 2016

		<b>Baring MENA Fund 31/10/2016 US\$</b>	<b>Baring MENA Fund 31/10/2015 US\$</b>
	<b>Notes</b>		
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the period		6,301,300 *	12,210,704
Decrease in assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		(417,798)	(1,880,145)
Issue of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	313,269	440,219
Redemption of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	(829,889)	(2,551,534)
Income equalisation	4	(1)	(29)
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the end of the period</b>		<b><u>5,366,881</u></b>	<b><u>8,219,215</u></b>

\* The opening net assets attributable to shareholders for 2016 differ from the closing position in 2015 by the change in the net assets attributable to shareholders for second half of the comparative financial year.

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## Profit and loss account

For the period ended 31 October 2016

	Notes	Baring MENA Fund 31/10/2016 US\$	Baring MENA Fund 31/10/2015 US\$
<b>Investment income</b>			
Bond and bank interest income		749	11
Dividend income		24,247	23,451
Net realised loss on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		(355,390)	(1,756,665)
<b>Total investment expense</b>		<b>(330,394)</b>	<b>(1,733,203)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Management fees	3	26,034	72,737
Administration fees	3	20,272	23,388
Depository fees	3	586	1,221
General expenses	3	26,606	32,612
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>73,498</b>	<b>129,958</b>
<b>Net loss before finance costs and tax</b>		<b>(403,892)</b>	<b>(1,863,161)</b>
<b>Finance costs</b>			
Distributions	4	(12,255)	(13,846)
Bank interest expense		(10)	(45)
<b>Total finance costs</b>		<b>(12,265)</b>	<b>(13,891)</b>
<b>Loss for the financial period before tax</b>		<b>(416,157)</b>	<b>(1,877,052)</b>
<b>Tax</b>			
Withholding tax on dividends and other investment income		(1,641)	(3,093)
<b>Total tax</b>		<b>(1,641)</b>	<b>(3,093)</b>
<b>Decrease in net assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>(417,798)</b>	<b>(1,880,145)</b>

Gains and losses arose solely from continuing operations. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the profit and loss account.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Company balance sheet

As at 31 October 2016

		<b>Total 31/10/2016 US\$</b>	<b>Total 30/04/2016 US\$</b>
<b>Assets</b>	<b>Notes</b>		
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		533,168,389	496,842,192
Cash		8,546,605	9,289,169
Margin cash		2,109,656	1,928,323
Management fee rebate due		5,650	4,884
Receivable for securities sold		2,928,922	849,652
Receivable for shares sold		458,347	5,087,233
Dividends and interest receivable		1,645,892	2,897,066
Other assets		65,228	20,794
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>548,928,689</b>	<b>516,919,313</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss		1,435,221	635,992
Bank overdraft		2,377,285	478,625
Management fees payable	3	147,851	90,401
Indonesian capital gains tax		39,388	41,428
Payable for securities purchased		934,169	3,610,274
Payable for shares redeemed		1,999,644	138,736
Administration fee payable	3	185,693	219,747
Depository fee payable	3	9,893	21,977
Accrued expenses	3	832,253	957,454
<b>Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to the holders of redeemable participating shares)</b>		<b>7,961,397</b>	<b>6,194,634</b>
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>540,967,292</b>	<b>510,724,679</b>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 15 December 2016 and signed on its behalf by:

**Directors:**

**David Conway**

**Michel Schulz**

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Company statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares

For the period ended 31 October 2016

	Notes	Total 31/10/2016 US\$	Total 31/10/2015 US\$
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the period		510,724,679 *	517,539,177
Notional exchange adjustment		(17,227,276)	(4,258,776)
Increase/(decrease) in net assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		13,564,618	(39,908,301)
Issue of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	100,511,536	127,627,260
Redemption of redeemable participating shares for the period	5	(66,616,602)	(85,528,231)
Income equalisation	4	10,337	3,646
<b>Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the end of the period</b>		<b>540,967,292</b>	<b>515,474,775</b>

\* The opening net assets attributable to shareholders for 2016 differ from the closing position in 2015 by the change in the net assets attributable to shareholders for second half of the comparative financial year.

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.



## Company profit and loss account

For the period ended 31 October 2016

	Notes	Total 31/10/2016 US\$	Total 31/10/2015 US\$
<b>Investment income</b>			
Interest income		2,537,332	3,634,517
Dividend income		5,565,892	5,052,514
Management fee rebate		6,231	59,463
Net fair value gain/(loss) on financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit or loss		9,450,838	(44,187,398)
<b>Total investment income/(expense)</b>		<b>17,560,293</b>	<b>(35,440,904)</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
Management fees	3	1,251,306	1,644,011
Administration fees	3	1,051,312	976,661
Depository fees	3	59,643	62,127
General expenses	3	423,868	595,399
<b>Total operating expenses</b>		<b>2,786,129</b>	<b>3,278,198</b>
<b>Net profit/(loss) before finance costs and tax</b>		<b>14,774,164</b>	<b>(38,719,102)</b>
<b>Finance costs</b>			
Distributions	4	(651,029)	(653,443)
Bank interest expense		(14,469)	(41,749)
<b>Total finance costs</b>		<b>(665,498)</b>	<b>(695,192)</b>
<b>Profit/(loss) for the financial period before tax</b>		<b>14,108,666</b>	<b>(39,414,294)</b>
<b>Tax</b>			
Indonesian capital gains tax		(29,902)	(16,499)
Withholding tax on dividends and other investment income		(514,146)	(477,508)
<b>Total tax</b>		<b>(544,048)</b>	<b>(494,007)</b>
<b>Increase/(decrease) in net assets for the period from operations attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares</b>		<b>13,564,618</b>	<b>(39,908,301)</b>

Gains and losses arose solely from continuing activities. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the profit and loss account.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 15 December 2016 and signed on its behalf by:

**Directors:**

**David Conway**

**Michel Schulz**

The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.

## Notes to the financial statements

### 1. Principal accounting policies

The principal accounting policies adopted by Baring Investment Funds Plc (“the Company”) in the preparation of these interim financial statements are as follows:

#### Basis of preparation

In preparing the condensed interim financial statements for the financial period ended 31 October 2016, the Directors of Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (“the Manager”) have applied Financial Reporting Standard 104 (“FRS 104”) ‘Interim Financial Reporting’ and these financial statements comply with that standard and Irish statute comprising the Companies Act 2014.

These condensed interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with FRS 104, the Companies Act 2014, and certain provisions of the European Communities (Undertakings for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities) Regulations 2011.

The condensed interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2016, which have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102 ‘The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (“FRS 102”)’. Accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland are those published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland and issued by the Financial Reporting Council.

The Company has availed of the exemption under Section 7 of FRS 102 not to prepare a cash flow statement.

Gains and losses arose solely from continuing operations.

#### Fair Value Measurement

By adopting FRS 102, in accounting for its financial instruments, a reporting entity is required to apply either a) the full requirements of FRS 102 relating to Basic Financial Instruments and Other Financial Instruments, b) the recognition and measurement provisions of IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and only the disclosure requirements of FRS 102 relating to Basic Financial Instruments and Other Financial Instruments, or c) the recognition and measurement provisions of IFRS 9 Financial Instruments and only the disclosure requirements of FRS 102 relating to Basic Financial Instruments and Other Financial Instruments. The Company has chosen to implement the recognition and measurement provisions of IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and only the disclosure requirements of FRS 102 relating to Basic Financial Instruments and Other Financial Instruments.

The use of IAS 39 recognition and measurement provisions is in line with the pricing policy set out in the Company’s Prospectus which outlines that the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities be valued at the last traded prices.

The impact of the above on the Profit and Loss Account is the restatement of net gains/losses on financial assets and liabilities at fair value through profit and loss previously reported for the period ended 31 October 2015. The details of the restatements are outlined in the tables below.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 1. Principal accounting policies (continued)

#### Fair Value Measurement (continued)

	Net realised (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Adjustment to price investments from bid prices to last traded prices	Net realised (loss)/gain on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss following adoption of FRS 102
<b>For the period ended 31 October 2015</b>			
Profit and Loss Account			
Baring China Bond Fund	US\$(345,303)	US\$(57,479)	US\$(402,782)
Baring China Select Fund	US\$(21,104,206)	US\$(227,491)	US\$(21,331,967)
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund	£(3,157,827)	£(33,113)	£(3,190,940)
Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund	US\$(422,268)	US\$(71,700)	US\$(493,968)
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund	US\$(8,603,657)	US\$(134,053)	US\$(8,737,710)
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund	£(2,826,229)	£(88,073)	£(2,914,302)
Baring European Opportunities Fund	€4,937,241	€(125,664)	€4,811,577
Baring Frontier Markets Fund	US\$(4,028,317)	US\$(143,893)	US\$(4,172,210)
Baring Global Mining Fund	US\$(4,195,972)	US\$(21,175)	US\$(4,217,147)
Baring Mena Fund	US\$(1,726,369)	US\$(30,296)	US\$(1,756,665)

This adjustment did not affect Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund or Baring Global Dividend Champion Fund as they launched during the period.

#### Fair value estimation

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Under the recognition and measurement provisions of IAS 39 Financial Instruments, the fair value of financial assets and liabilities traded in active markets (such as publicly traded derivatives and trading securities) are based on quoted market prices at the close of trading on the reporting date.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 1. Principal accounting policies (continued)

#### Comparative information

FRS 104 requires that the profit and loss account and the statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares for the current interim period show the comparable interim period of the immediately preceding financial year. The balance sheet as of the end of the current interim period is required, under FRS 104, to disclose a comparable balance sheet as of the end of the immediately preceding financial year.

### 2. Fair value information

#### Fair value hierarchy

FRS 102 (as amended) requires the Funds to classify fair value measurements using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in making the measurements. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (that is, as prices) or indirectly (that is, derived from prices).
- Level 3: Inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (that is, unobservable inputs).

The level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement is categorised in its entirety is determined on the basis of the lowest input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. For this purpose, the significance of an input is assessed against the fair value measurement in its entirety. If a fair value measurement uses observable inputs that require significant adjustment based on unobservable inputs, that measurement is a level 3 measurement. Assessing the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgement, considering factors specific to the asset or liability.

The determination of what constitutes 'observable' requires significant judgement by the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager consider observable data to be market data that is readily available, regularly distributed or updated, reliable and verifiable, not proprietary, and provided by independent sources that are actively involved in the relevant market.

The following table analyses within the fair value hierarchy the Funds' financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value as at 31 October 2016 and 30 April 2016.

<b>As at 31/10/2016</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
<b>Baring China Bond Fund</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Fixed interest	15,571,075	-	15,571,075	-
Investment Funds	160,000	-	160,000	-
	<b>15,731,075</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,731,075</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	(7,317)	-	(7,317)	-
	<b>(7,317)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(7,317)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,723,758</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,723,758</b>	<b>-</b>

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 2. Fair value information (continued)

#### Fair value hierarchy (continued)

As at 30/04/2016	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Baring China Bond Fund	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Fixed interest	17,993,680	-	17,993,680	-
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	1,633	-	1,633	-
	<b>17,995,313</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,995,313</b>	<b>-</b>

As at 31/10/2016	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Baring China Select Fund	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Equities	50,456,372	50,456,372	-	-
Investment Funds	1,150,109	-	1,150,109	-
	<b>51,606,481</b>	<b>50,456,372</b>	<b>1,150,109</b>	<b>-</b>

As at 30/04/2016	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Baring China Select Fund	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Equities	54,566,102	54,566,102	-	-
Investment Funds	2,452,266	-	2,452,266	-
	<b>57,018,368</b>	<b>54,566,102</b>	<b>2,452,266</b>	<b>-</b>

As at 31/10/2016	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Fixed interest	11,240,023	-	11,240,023	-
Equities	2,008,910	2,008,910	-	-
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	66,347	-	66,347	-
Futures	222,086	222,086	-	-
Options	24,419	-	24,419	-
	<b>13,561,785</b>	<b>2,230,996</b>	<b>11,330,789</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	(5,532)	-	(5,532)	-
Futures	(112,047)	(112,047)	-	-
Options	(3,037)	-	(3,037)	-
	<b>(120,616)</b>	<b>(112,047)</b>	<b>(8,569)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,441,169</b>	<b>2,118,949</b>	<b>11,322,220</b>	<b>-</b>

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

## 2. Fair value information (continued)

### Fair value hierarchy (continued)

As at 31/10/2016	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund	£	£	£	£
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Fixed interest	10,563,922	-	10,563,922	-
Equities	6,708,865	6,388,093	225,937	94,835
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	153,546	-	153,546	-
Futures	33,188	33,188	-	-
	<u>17,459,521</u>	<u>6,421,281</u>	<u>10,943,405</u>	<u>94,835</u>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	(584,976)	-	(584,976)	-
Futures	(33,493)	(33,493)	-	-
	<u>(618,469)</u>	<u>(33,493)</u>	<u>(584,976)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>16,841,052</u></b>	<b><u>6,387,788</u></b>	<b><u>10,358,429</u></b>	<b><u>94,835</u></b>
<b>As at 30/04/2016</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
<b>Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Fixed interest	10,150,230	-	10,150,230	-
Equities	5,303,320	5,065,549	159,070	78,701
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	104,576	-	104,576	-
Futures	73,377	73,377	-	-
	<u>15,631,503</u>	<u>5,138,926</u>	<u>10,413,876</u>	<u>78,701</u>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	(251,263)	-	(251,263)	-
Futures	(7,516)	(7,516)	-	-
	<u>(258,779)</u>	<u>(7,516)</u>	<u>(251,263)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>15,372,724</u></b>	<b><u>5,131,410</u></b>	<b><u>10,162,613</u></b>	<b><u>78,701</u></b>

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 2. Fair value information (continued)

#### Fair value hierarchy (continued)

As at 31/10/2016	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Fixed interest	15,913,817	-	15,913,817	-
Investment Funds	1,737,000	-	1,737,000	-
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	72	-	72	-
	<u>17,650,889</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,650,889</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	(3,137)	-	(3,137)	-
	<u>(3,137)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(3,137)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>17,647,752</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>17,647,752</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>
<b>As at 30/04/2016</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
<b>Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Fixed interest	16,104,628	-	16,104,628	-
Investment Funds	1,285,000	-	1,285,000	-
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	3,161	-	3,161	-
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>17,392,789</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>	<u><b>17,392,789</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 2. Fair value information (continued)

#### Fair value hierarchy (continued)

As at 31/10/2016	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Fixed interest	17,365,128	-	17,365,128	-
Investment Funds	1,809,961	-	1,809,961	-
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	36,420	-	36,420	-
	<u>19,211,509</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,211,509</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	(52,657)	-	(52,657)	-
	<u>(52,657)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(52,657)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>19,158,852</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>19,158,852</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>
 As at 30/04/2016	 Total	 Level 1	 Level 2	 Level 3
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Fixed interest	28,372,145	-	28,372,145	-
Investment Funds	2,156,036	-	2,156,036	-
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	76,786	-	76,786	-
	<u>30,604,967</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,604,967</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	(70,296)	-	(70,296)	-
	<u>(70,296)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(70,296)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>30,534,671</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>	<b><u>30,534,671</u></b>	<b><u>-</u></b>



## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 2. Fair value information (continued)

#### Fair value hierarchy (continued)

As at 31/10/2016	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund	€	€	€	€
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Fixed interest	30,656,708	-	30,656,708	-
Equities	21,223,404	21,223,404	-	-
Investment Funds	979,000	-	979,000	-
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	281,905	-	281,905	-
Futures	63,145	63,145	-	-
	<u>53,204,162</u>	<u>21,286,549</u>	<u>31,917,613</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	(408,753)	-	(408,753)	-
Futures	(50,259)	(50,259)	-	-
	<u>(459,012)</u>	<u>(50,259)</u>	<u>(408,753)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>52,745,150</b></u>	<u><b>21,236,290</b></u>	<u><b>31,508,860</b></u>	<u><b>-</b></u>
<b>As at 30/04/2016</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
<b>Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Fixed interest	24,661,158	-	24,661,158	-
Equities	19,203,850	12,157,524	-	7,046,326
Investment Funds	1,992,000	-	1,992,000	-
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	95,027	-	95,027	-
Futures	10,775	10,775	-	-
	<u>45,962,810</u>	<u>12,168,299</u>	<u>26,748,185</u>	<u>7,046,326</u>
<b>Financial liabilities</b>				
Forward foreign currency exchange contracts	(138,042)	-	(138,042)	-
Futures	(26,462)	(26,462)	-	-
	<u>(164,504)</u>	<u>(26,462)</u>	<u>(138,042)</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>45,798,306</b></u>	<u><b>12,141,837</b></u>	<u><b>26,610,143</b></u>	<u><b>7,046,326</b></u>

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 2. Fair value information (continued)

#### Fair value hierarchy (continued)

As at 31/10/2016	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Baring European Opportunities Fund	€	€	€	€
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Equities	216,270,929	216,270,929	-	-
Investment Funds	10,521,779	-	10,521,779	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>226,792,708</b>	<b>216,270,929</b>	<b>10,521,779</b>	<b>-</b>

As at 30/04/2016	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Baring European Opportunities Fund	€	€	€	€
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Equities	187,620,492	187,620,492	-	-
Investment funds	4,928,550	-	4,928,550	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>192,549,042</b>	<b>187,620,492</b>	<b>4,928,550</b>	<b>-</b>

As at 31/10/2016	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Baring Frontier Markets Fund	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Equities	28,048,779	27,814,875	233,904	-
Investment Funds	850,000	-	850,000	-
Fixed Interest	21,897	-	21,897	-
P-notes and Warrants	2,001,709	-	2,001,709	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,922,385</b>	<b>27,814,875</b>	<b>3,107,510</b>	<b>-</b>

As at 30/04/2016	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Baring Frontier Markets Fund	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Equities	37,467,078	37,065,600	401,478	-
Investment Funds	808,000	-	808,000	-
Fixed Interest	20,316	-	20,316	-
P-notes and Warrants	3,152,229	-	3,152,229	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>41,447,623</b>	<b>37,065,600</b>	<b>4,382,023</b>	<b>-</b>

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 2. Fair value information (continued)

#### Fair value hierarchy (continued)

As at 31/10/2016	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Baring Global Dividend Champion Fund	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Equities	16,310,212	16,310,212	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,310,212</b>	<b>16,310,212</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

As at 31/10/2016	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Baring Global Mining Fund	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Equities	8,984,562	8,984,562	-	-
Investment Funds	343,000	-	343,000	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,327,562</b>	<b>8,984,562</b>	<b>343,000</b>	<b>-</b>

As at 30/04/2016	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Baring Global Mining Fund	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Equities	8,129,312	8,129,312	-	-
Investment Funds	45,000	-	45,000	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,174,312</b>	<b>8,129,312</b>	<b>45,000</b>	<b>-</b>

As at 31/10/2016	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Baring India Fund	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Equities	26,739,164	-	26,739,164	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,739,164</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>26,739,164</b>	<b>-</b>

As at 30/04/2016	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Baring India Fund	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Equities	23,280,911	-	23,280,911	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,280,911</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,280,911</b>	<b>-</b>

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 2. Fair value information (continued)

#### Fair value hierarchy (continued)

As at 31/10/2016	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Baring MENA Fund	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Debt instruments	12,514	-	12,514	-
Equities	4,211,261	4,211,261	-	-
Investment Funds	241,000	-	241,000	-
P-Notes	839,562	-	839,562	-
	<b>5,304,337</b>	<b>4,211,261</b>	<b>1,093,076</b>	<b>-</b>

  

As at 30/04/2016	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Baring MENA Fund	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
<b>Financial assets</b>				
Debt instruments	11,612	-	11,612	-
Equities	4,974,270	4,974,270	-	-
Investment Funds	90,000	-	90,000	-
P-Notes	1,169,650	-	1,169,650	-
	<b>6,245,532</b>	<b>4,974,270</b>	<b>1,271,262</b>	<b>-</b>

There have been no transfers during the period ending 31 October 2016 or the year ended 30 April 2016 from level 1 to level 2 or from level 2 to level 1. At 31 October 2016, the Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund's holdings in Kaisa were transferred from level 1 to level 3, and the Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund's holdings in SG Issuer FRN 10/01/2020 were transferred from level 3 to level 2.

	<b>31/10/2016</b>
	<b>Level 3</b>
<b>Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund</b>	<b>£</b>
Opening Value 01/05/2016	78,701
Movement in unrealised gain	16,134
Balance at 31/10/2016	<b>94,835</b>

	<b>31/10/2016</b>
	<b>Level 3</b>
<b>Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund</b>	<b>€</b>
Opening Value 01/05/2016	7,046,326
Transfer out of level 3	(7,046,326)
Balance at 31/10/2016	<b>-</b>

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 2. Fair value information (continued)

#### Fair value hierarchy (continued)

At 30 April 2016, the Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund's holdings in Kaisa were transferred from level 1 to level 3, the Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund's holdings in SG Issuer FRN 10/01/2020 were transferred from level 3 to level 2 and the Japanese securities were transferred from level 1 to level 3.

	30/04/2016
	Level 3
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund	£
Balance at 01/05/2015	-
Transfer in to level 3	74,630
Movement in unrealised gain	4,072
Balance at 30/04/2016	<u>78,701</u>

	30/04/2016
	Level 3
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund	€
Opening Value 01/05/2015	6,442,235
Transfer out of level 3	(4,351,160)
Transfer in to level 3	7,046,326
Sales	(2,000,000)
Realised loss	(66,880)
Movement in unrealised loss	(79,435)
Movement in unrealised gain	55,240
Closing Value 30/04/2016	<u>7,046,326</u>

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 3. Fees and related party disclosures

#### Management fees

The Manager currently charges a management fee in respect of each Fund at the following percentage rate per annum of the value of the net assets of the Fund:

Baring China Bond Fund - Class A USD Acc	1.25%	Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A USD Inc	1.25%
Baring China Bond Fund - Class I GBP Inc	0.65%	Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A EUR Acc	1.25%
Baring China Bond Fund - Class I USD Acc	0.65%	Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A EUR Inc	1.25%
Baring China Select Fund - Class A USD Inc	1.50%	Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A GBP Hedged Inc	1.25%
Baring China Select Fund - Class A EUR Inc	1.50%	Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A HKD Inc	1.25%
Baring China Select Fund - Class A HKD Acc	1.50%	Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A USD Acc	1.25%
Baring China Select Fund - Class I EUR Acc	0.75%	Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class I EUR Inc	0.65%
Baring China Select Fund - Class I GBP Inc	0.75%	Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class I USD Acc	0.65%
Baring China Select Fund - Class I USD Acc	0.75%	Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class I USD Inc	0.65%
Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund - Class A USD Acc*	1.10%	Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class A USD Acc	2.00%
Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund - Class I USD Acc*	0.55%	Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class A GBP Inc	2.00%
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund - Class I GBP Acc	0.75%	Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class I EUR Acc	1.25%
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund - Class A EUR Acc	1.50%	Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class I GBP Inc	1.25%
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund - Class I USD Acc	0.75%	Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class I USD Acc	1.25%
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund - Class A GBP Acc	1.50%	Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class A USD Acc*	1.50%
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund - Class A EUR Acc	1.25%	Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I USD Inc*	0.75%
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund - Class A EUR Inc	0.65%	Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I GBP Acc*	0.75%
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund - Class I EUR Acc	0.65%	Baring Global Mining Fund - Class A USD Acc	1.50%
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund - Class I EUR Inc	1.50%	Baring Global Mining Fund - Class A GBP Inc	1.50%
		Baring Global Mining Fund - Class I GBP Inc	0.75%
		Baring Global Mining Fund - Class I USD Acc	0.75%

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 3. Fees and related party disclosures (continued)

#### Management fees (continued)

Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class A EUR Acc	1.50%	Baring India Fund - Class A USD Acc	1.50%
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class A USD Acc	1.50%	Baring India Fund - Class A GBP Inc	1.50%
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class I EUR	0.75%	Baring India Fund - Class I GBP Inc	0.75%
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class I GBP Inc	0.75%	Baring India Fund - Class I USD Acc	0.75%
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class I EUR Inc	0.75%	Baring MENA Fund - Class A USD Acc	1.50%
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class I USD	0.75%	Baring MENA Fund - Class A EUR Acc	1.50%
Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund - Class I USD Acc	0.65%	Baring MENA Fund - Class A GBP Inc	1.50%
Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund - Class A EUR Hedged Acc	1.25%	Baring MENA Fund - Class I GBP Inc	0.75%
Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund - Class A USD Acc	1.25%	Baring MENA Fund - Class I USD Acc	0.75%
Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund - Class A USD Inc	1.25%		

\* Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund Class A USD Acc was launched on 23 June 2016.

Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund Class I USD Acc was launched on 23 June 2016.

Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund Class I USD Inc was launched on 20 October 2016.

Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund Class A USD Acc was launched on 20 October 2016.

Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund Class I GBP Acc was launched on 20 October 2016.

The Manager will not charge a management fee in respect of Class X of each Fund.

The Company is managed by Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited ("the Manager"). John Burns, Nicola Hayes and Michel Schulz are connected to the Manager through employment with the Manager and its associated companies. The Manager will discharge the fees and expenses of Baring Asset Management Limited ("the Investment Manager") out of its own fee. The Investment Manager is an investment management company incorporated in London on 6 April 1994. The Investment Manager is part of the Baring Asset Management group and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company ("MassMutual"). The outstanding amounts payable as at the end of the period for management fees are disclosed on each Fund's balance sheet. Parties are considered to be related if one party has the ability to control the other party or exercise significant influence over the other party in making financial or operational decisions.

The management fee is payable monthly in arrears and is calculated by reference to the value of the net assets of each Fund as at each day as at which the value of the net assets of the relevant Fund is calculated. The foregoing charges may be increased up to the relevant amount specified in the Prospectus on giving no less than three months' notice to shareholders.

The fee is subject to a separate agreement with the Investment Manager and is not paid from the Net Asset Value of the X share class. These fees also accrue daily and are paid monthly in arrears. Any increase in the current rate of the management fee up to the maximum permitted rate of 2.50% in respect of Class A of the Funds will only be implemented upon giving no less than three months' notice to the affected shareholders. Any increase in the maximum permitted rate of the management fee will only be implemented with the approval of the affected shareholders by a special resolution of shareholders of the relevant class.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 3. Fees and related party disclosures (continued)

#### Management fees (continued)

The amounts of the management fees paid during the period are disclosed on each Fund's profit and loss account.

The Manager will also be entitled to be repaid all of their out-of-pocket expenses out of the assets of the Company, which shall include legal fees, courier's fees and telecommunication costs and expenses. Where the Net Asset Value of any Fund includes interests in any investment fund managed by a subsidiary of the parent company (a "Barings Fund"), the fee payable to the Manager relating to the holding will be reduced by the percentage rate (if any) charged to the Barings Fund for comparable management services. Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund received a management rebate in relation to an investment in Baring China Bond Fund. Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund received a management rebate in relation to an investment in Baring Europe (ex UK) Equity Component Fund.

#### Administration fees

The Manager shall be entitled to receive a fee of 0.45% per annum in respect on the Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund, subject to a monthly minimum fee of £2,750 on all the share classes out of which the Manager will pay the Administrator. For the Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund and the Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund, the Manager shall be entitled to receive a fee of 0.45% per annum for all Classes A and 0.10% per annum for all Classes I & X. In relation to the Baring China Bond, Baring China Select Fund, Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund, Baring European Opportunities Fund, Baring Frontier Markets Fund, Baring Global Mining Fund, Baring India Fund and Baring MENA Fund, the Manager shall be entitled to receive a fee of 0.45% per annum subject to a monthly minimum fee of £2,500 on all the share classes and out of which the Manager will pay the Administrator. In respect of the Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund and Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund, of all share classes the administration fee will be 0.10% per annum of the Net Asset Value of each class.

#### Depositary fees

Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited ("the Depositary") shall be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Company the following:

- 0.0235% of the Net Asset Value of the Company on the first £500 million;
- 0.015% of the Net Asset Value of the Company on the next £500 million; and
- 0.008% of the Net Asset Value of the Company thereafter.

In addition, the Depositary will receive a charge of £150 per transaction in respect of single line assets and an annual active account charge of £3,000 per Fund.

These fees are payable monthly in arrears. The Depositary is entitled to be reimbursed for all fees and charges of custodians and sub-custodians appointed by it and all other expenses incurred by it.

#### Legal adviser

Mark Thorne, a Director of the Company and a Director of the Manager, is also a partner of Dillon Eustace, the Company's legal advisers and sponsoring broker. The fees paid to Dillon Eustace during the period amounted to US\$38,019 (31 October 2015: US\$5,848).

#### Other expenses

The Company pays out of the assets of the above fees and expenses, stamp duties, taxes, brokerage or other expenses of acquiring and disposing of investments, the fees and expenses of the auditors, listing fees and legal expenses of the Directors. The costs of printing and distributing reports, accounts and any Prospectuses, as well as publishing prices and any costs incurred as a result of a change in law or the introduction of any new law (including any costs incurred as a result of compliance with any code relating to share holdings, whether or not having the force of law), are also paid out of the assets of the Company.



## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 3. Fees and related party disclosures (continued)

#### Other expenses (continued)

Expenses are charged to the Funds in respect of which they are incurred or, where an expense is not considered by the Company to be attributable to any one Fund, the expense will normally be allocated by the Company to all Funds pro rata to the value of the net assets of the relevant Funds.

#### Investment Funds

Some of the Funds invest in other investment funds managed by Investment Manager. These holdings are detailed in the portfolio statement.

#### Trailer fees and reimbursements

Trailer fees (commissions for the marketing of the Funds) are paid to distribution, commission and sales agents out of the management fees. Reimbursements to institutional investors, who, from a commercial perspective, are holding the Funds' redeemable participating shares for third parties, are also paid out of the management fees.

#### Transaction costs

The transaction costs incurred by the Funds for the periods ended 31 October 2016 and 31 October 2015 were as follows:

Fund name	31/10/2016	31/10/2015
	US\$	US\$
Baring China Select Fund	144,025	196,924
Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund*	2,377	-
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund	5,273	19,044
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund	30,924	28,618
Baring European Opportunities Fund	294,122	233,868
Baring Frontier Markets Fund	83,516	40,936
Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund*	29,658	-
Baring Global Mining Fund	4,933	18,670
Baring India Fund	31,532	41,469
Baring MENA Fund	5,508	13,275

\* The Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund was launched on 23 June 2016.

The Baring Global Dividend Champion Fund was launched on 20 October 2016.

#### Significant shareholdings

The following table details significant concentrations in shareholdings of each Fund, or instances where the shares are beneficially held by other investment funds managed by Baring Asset Management Limited or one of its affiliates. As at 31 October 2016 and 30 April 2016, the following had significant shareholdings in each Fund.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 3. Fees and related party disclosures (continued)

#### Significant shareholdings (continued)

Fund name	Number of shareholders with beneficial interest greater than 20% of the shares in issue	Total % of shares held by shareholders with beneficial interest greater than 20% of shares in issue	Total % of shares held by investment funds managed by Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited or affiliates
Baring China Bond Fund	2 (30/04/2016: 2)	49.18% (30/04/2016: 49.16%)	67.93% (30/04/2016: 52.86%)
Baring China Select Fund	Nil (30/04/2016: Nil)	Nil (30/04/2016: Nil)	4.13% (30/04/2016: 5.45%)
Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund	1 (30/04/2016: Nil)	99.32% (30/04/2016: Nil)	99.32% (30/04/2016: Nil)
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund	2 (30/04/2016: 2)	91.65% (30/04/2016: 85.28%)	59.94% (30/04/2016: 85.28%)
Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund	1 (30/04/2016: 1)	87.84% (30/04/2016: 87.21%)	0.40% (30/04/2016: 0.40%)
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund	1 (30/04/2016: 2)	37.47% (30/04/2016: 61.80%)	4.73% (30/04/2016: 42.18%)
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund	1 (30/04/2016: 1)	78.39% (30/04/2016: 77.52%)	78.68% (30/04/2016: 77.80%)
Baring European Opportunities Fund	2 (30/04/2016: 1)	74.60% (30/04/2016: 58.43%)	54.24% (30/04/2016: 66.66%)
Baring Frontier Markets Fund	2 (30/04/2016: 1)	71.89% (30/04/2016: 37.67%)	82.01% (30/04/2016: 63.87%)
Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund	1 (30/04/2016: Nil)	72.91% (30/04/2016: Nil)	81.19% (30/04/2016: Nil)
Baring Global Mining Fund	2 (30/04/2016: 3)	62.97% (30/04/2016: 87.20%)	83.58% (30/04/2016: 88.59%)
Baring India Fund	1 (30/04/2016: 1)	24.53% (30/04/2016: 24.55%)	70.03% (30/04/2016: 65.35%)
Baring MENA Fund	1 (30/04/2016: 1)	40.44% (30/04/2016: 24.72%)	10.57% (30/04/2016: 9.67%)

### 4. Distributions

In the period ended 31 October 2016, the following Funds declared and paid distributions as follows:

	Distribution frequency	Income available for distribution*	Distributed amount paid**	Income equalisation***
<b>Baring China Bond Fund</b>		£	£	£
Class I GBP Inc	Semi Annual	552	(282)	(2)
		<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>
Total Baring China Bond Fund		<b>741</b>	<b>(407)</b>	<b>(2)</b>
<b>Baring China Select Fund</b>		<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>
Class A USD Inc	Annual	(110,074)	-	(10,028)
		€	€	€
Class A EUR Inc	Annual	(31,662)	-	(1,439)
		£	£	£
Class I GBP Inc	Annual	887	(887)	(165)
		<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>
Total Baring China Select Fund		<b>(144,282)</b>	<b>(1,287)</b>	<b>(11,827)</b>

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 4. Distributions (continued)

	Distribution frequency	Income available for distribution*	Distributed amount paid**	Income equalisation***
<b>Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund</b>		US\$	US\$	US\$
Class A USD Inc	Monthly	30	(25)	-
<b>Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund</b>		€	€	€
Class A EUR Inc	Monthly	631,274	(200,494)	684
		£	£	£
Class A GBP Hedged Inc	Monthly	76,211	(19,923)	14,216
		HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
Class A HKD Inc	Monthly	201,103	(66,946)	(247)
		US\$	US\$	US\$
Class A USD Inc	Monthly	518,340	(171,015)	6,578
		€	€	€
Class I EUR Inc	Quarterly	1	(1)	-
		US\$	US\$	US\$
Class I USD Inc	Quarterly	37,509	(29,711)	(3,626)
		US\$	US\$	US\$
<b>Total Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund</b>		1,389,692	(460,814)	22,533
<b>Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund</b>		€	€	€
Class A EUR Inc	Annual	237	(237)	-
Class I EUR Inc	Annual	1	(1)	-
<b>Total Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund</b>		238	(238)	-
<b>Baring European Opportunities Fund</b>		£	£	£
Class I GBP Inc	Annual	100,620	(100,615)	75
		€	€	€
Class I EUR Inc	Annual	1	(77)	-
		€	€	€
<b>Total Baring European Opportunities Fund</b>		134,897	(130,240)	97
<b>Baring Frontier Markets Fund</b>		£	£	£
Class A GBP Inc	Annual	658	(657)	(805)
Class I GBP Inc	Annual	9,786	(9,785)	449
		US\$	US\$	US\$
<b>Total Baring Frontier Markets Fund</b>		14,001	(15,032)	(475)
<b>Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund</b>		US\$	US\$	US\$
Class I USD Inc	Quarterly	6,659	-	-
<b>Baring Global Mining Fund</b>		£	£	£
Class A GBP Inc	Annual	10,578	(10,574)	-
Class I GBP Inc	Annual	75	(75)	1
		US\$	US\$	US\$
<b>Total Baring Global Mining Fund</b>		14,283	(15,337)	1

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 4. Distributions (continued)

	Distribution frequency	Income available for distribution*	Distributed amount paid**	Income equalisation***
<b>Baring India Fund</b>		£	£	£
Class A GBP Inc	Annual	(28,406)	-	-
Class I GBP Inc	Annual	(1,826)	-	-
<b>Total Baring India Fund</b>		<b>US\$ (40,530)</b>	<b>US\$ -</b>	<b>US\$ -</b>
<b>Baring MENA Fund</b>		£	£	£
Class A GBP Inc	Annual	7,202	(7,201)	-
Class I GBP Inc	Annual	1,184	(1,184)	1
<b>Total Baring MENA Fund</b>		<b>US\$ 11,242</b>	<b>US\$ (12,255)</b>	<b>US\$ 1</b>

\* Difference between the income available for distribution (ex-date) and the distributed amount (pay date) is due to exchange rate movements.

\*\* Includes distributions with an ex-date of 1 May 2016 which were paid during the current financial period. These distributions with an ex-date of 1 May 2016 reflect the undistributed income on the Fund as at 30 April 2016.

\*\*\* Income equalisation relates to the dealing activity of distributing classes for the period from 1 May 2016 to 31 October 2016. The income equalisation of the distributing classes is disclosed separately in the statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares for the period ended 31 October 2016.

### Comparative 31/10/2015

In the period ended 31 October 2015, the following Funds declared and paid distributions as follows:

	Distribution frequency	Income available for distribution*	Distributed amount paid**	Income equalisation***
<b>Baring China Bond Fund</b>		£	£	£
Class I GBP Inc	Semi Annual	197	(197)	195
<b>Total Baring China Bond Fund</b>		<b>US\$ 305</b>	<b>US\$ (311)</b>	<b>US\$ 303</b>
<b>Baring China Select Fund</b>		US\$	US\$	US\$
Class A USD Inc	Annual	-	-	(11)
		€	€	€
Class A EUR Inc	Annual	452	(448)	(17,738)
		£	£	£
Class I GBP Inc	Annual	1,908	(1,908)	(511)
<b>Total Baring China Select Fund</b>		<b>US\$ 3,457</b>	<b>US\$ (3,453)</b>	<b>US\$ (20,648)</b>

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 4. Distributions (continued)

#### Comparative 31/10/2015 (continued)

	Distribution frequency	Income available for distribution*	Distributed amount paid**	Income equalisation***
		US\$	US\$	US\$
<b>Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund</b>				
Class A USD Inc	Monthly	28	(28)	(1)
<b>Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund</b>		€	€	€
Class A EUR Inc	Monthly	414,437	(272,435)	893
		£	£	£
Class A GBP Hedged Inc	Monthly	37,873	(24,492)	(1,158)
		HK\$	HK\$	HK\$
Class A HKD Inc	Monthly	125,594	(89,128)	(2,054)
		US\$	US\$	US\$
Class A USD Inc	Monthly	185,022	(130,858)	814
		€	€	€
Class I EUR Inc	Monthly	3	(1)	-
		US\$	US\$	US\$
Class I USD Inc	Quarterly	32,438	(32,426)	(118)
		US\$	US\$	US\$
<b>Total Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund</b>		755,025	(516,880)	(395)
<b>Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund</b>	Annual	€	€	€
Class A EUR Inc		32	(33)	70
<b>Baring European Opportunities Fund</b>		£	£	£
Class I GBP Inc	Annual	40,052	(40,051)	21,634
		€	€	€
<b>Total Baring European Opportunities Fund</b>		61,986	(56,325)	29,394
<b>Baring Frontier Markets Fund</b>		£	£	£
Class I GBP Inc	Annual	6,515	(6,514)	894
		US\$	US\$	US\$
<b>Total Baring Frontier Markets Fund</b>		10,083	(10,099)	1,381
<b>Baring Global Mining Fund</b>		£	£	£
Class A GBP Inc	Annual	21,835	(21,835)	(6,313)
		US\$	US\$	US\$
<b>Total Baring Global Mining Fund</b>		33,792	(33,847)	(9,659)

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 4. Distributions (continued)

#### Comparative 31/10/2015 (continued)

	Distribution frequency	Income available for distribution*	Distributed amount paid**	Income equalisation***
<b>Baring India Fund</b>		£	£	£
Class A GBP Inc	Annual	-	-	-
Class I GBP Inc	Annual	-	-	(62)
		<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>
<b>Total Baring India Fund</b>		-	-	(62)
<b>Baring MENA Fund</b>		£	£	£
Class A GBP Inc	Annual	7,861	(7,831)	(19)
Class I GBP Inc	Annual	1,101	(1,101)	-
		<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>
<b>Total Baring MENA Fund</b>		<b>13,869</b>	<b>(13,846)</b>	<b>(29)</b>

\* Difference between the income available for distribution (ex-date) and the distributed amount (pay date) is due to exchange rate movements.

\*\* Includes distributions with an ex-date of 1 May 2015 which were paid during the period 1 May 2015 to 31 October 2015. These distributions with an ex-date of 1 May 2015 reflect the undistributed income on the Fund as at 30 April 2015.

\*\*\* Income equalisation relates to the dealing activity of distributing classes for the period from 1 May 2015 to 31 October 2015. The income equalisation of the distributing classes is disclosed separately in the statement of changes in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares for the period ended 31 October 2015.

### 5. Shareholders' funds

The authorised capital of the Company is €2 divided into 2 non-participating shares of €1 each and 500,000,000,000 shares of no par value.

Non-participating shares shall only be issued at par value and shall not participate in the dividends or assets attributable to redeemable participating shares by the Company and the dividends, if any, and net assets attributable to the non-participating shares shall be segregated from and shall not form part of the other assets of the Company and non-participating shares may at the request of any of the holders thereof be purchased by the Company directly or indirectly out of the Company's assets.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 5. Shareholders' funds (continued)

#### Baring China Bond Fund

##### Shares

Shares in issue as at 01/05/2016

Shares issued during the period

Shares redeemed during the period

**Shares in issue as at 31/10/2016**

Class A USD Acc	Class I GBP Inc	Class I USD Acc
9,667	1,473	1,760,505
314	185	-
(162)	(183)	(959)
<b>9,819</b>	<b>1,475</b>	<b>1,759,546</b>

##### Value

Value of shares issued during the period

Value of shares redeemed during the period

**Net value of shares issued/(redeemed) during the period**

US\$	£	US\$
3,157	2,054	-
(1,624)	(2,015)	(9,854)
<b>1,533</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>(9,854)</b>

#### Baring China Select Fund

##### Shares

Shares in issue as at 01/05/2016

Shares issued during the period

Shares redeemed during the period

**Shares in issue as at 31/10/2016**

Class A USD Inc	Class A EUR Inc	Class A HKD Acc	Class I EUR Acc	Class I GBP Inc
2,882,617	578,658	325,646	11	27,757
174,215	233,954	13,326	-	21,925
(619,814)	(259,646)	(34,241)	-	(23,364)
<b>2,437,018</b>	<b>552,966</b>	<b>304,731</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>26,318</b>

##### Value

Value of shares issued during the period

Value of shares redeemed during the period

**Net value of shares redeemed during the period**

US\$	€	HK\$	€	£
1,883,236	3,239,538	1,190,668	-	192,111
(6,389,996)	(3,586,805)	(2,730,900)	-	(198,746)
<b>(4,506,760)</b>	<b>(347,267)</b>	<b>(1,540,232)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(6,635)</b>

##### Shares

Shares in issue as at 01/05/2016

Shares issued during the period

Shares redeemed during the period

**Shares in issue as at 31/10/2016**

Class I USD Acc
1,267,474
156,932
(567,737)
<b>856,669</b>

##### Value

Value of shares issued during the period

Value of shares redeemed during the period

**Net value of shares redeemed during the period**

US\$
1,845,940
(6,987,010)
<b>(5,141,070)</b>

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

## 5. Shareholders' funds (continued)

### Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund Shares

Shares in issue as at 01/05/2016  
Shares issued during the period  
Shares redeemed during the period  
Shares in issue as at 31/10/2016

Class A USD Acc*	Class I USD Acc*
-	-
100	1,475,000
-	-
<b>100</b>	<b>1,475,000</b>

### Value

Value of shares issued during the period  
Value of shares redeemed during the period  
**Net value of shares issued during the period**

£	US\$
1,000	14,750,000
-	-
<b>1,000</b>	<b>14,750,000</b>

\* The Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund was launched on 23 June 2016.

### Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund Shares

Shares in issue as at 01/05/2016  
Shares issued during the period  
Shares redeemed during the period  
**Shares in issue as at 31/10/2016**

Class I GBP Acc	Class A EUR Acc	Class A GBP Acc	Class I USD
1,582,924	264,041	7,311	10
6,164	44,887	152	-
(423)	(179,090)	(622)	-
<b>1,588,665</b>	<b>129,838</b>	<b>6,841</b>	<b>10</b>

### Value

Value of shares issued during the period  
Value of shares redeemed during the period  
**Net value of shares issued/(redeemed) during the period**

£	€	£	US\$
64,345	543,185	1,495	-
(4,149)	(2,217,841)	(6,552)	-
<b>60,196</b>	<b>(1,674,656)</b>	<b>(5,057)</b>	<b>-</b>

### Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund Shares

Shares in issue as at 01/05/2016  
Shares issued during the period  
Shares redeemed during the period  
**Shares in issue as at 31/10/2016**

Class I USD Acc	Class A EUR Hedged	Class A USD Acc	Class A USD Inc
1,575,100	28,506	108,268	111
-	-	-	3
-	(1,700)	(2,525)	-
<b>1,575,100</b>	<b>26,806</b>	<b>105,743</b>	<b>114</b>

### Value

Value of shares issued during the period  
Value of shares redeemed during the period  
**Net value of shares (redeemed)/issued during the period**

US\$	€	US\$	US\$
-	-	-	4
-	(16,388)	(25,831)	-
<b>-</b>	<b>(16,388)</b>	<b>(25,831)</b>	<b>4</b>



## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 5. Shareholders' funds (continued)

<b>Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund Shares</b>	<b>Class A USD Inc</b>	<b>Class A EUR Acc</b>	<b>Class A EUR Inc</b>	<b>Class A GBP Hedged Inc</b>	<b>Class A HKD Inc</b>
Shares in issue as at 01/05/2016	798,466	251	809,168	51,685	40,490
Shares issued during the period	746,946	-	103,814	173,147	1,916
Shares redeemed during the period	(706,467)	-	(98,376)	(47,078)	(1,845)
<b>Shares in issue as at 31/10/2016</b>	<b>838,945</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>814,606</b>	<b>177,754</b>	<b>40,561</b>

<b>Value</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>HK\$</b>
Value of shares issued during the period	5,964,677	-	963,373	1,291,596	118,653
Value of shares redeemed during the period	(5,648,382)	-	(920,853)	(353,587)	(114,210)
<b>Net value of shares issued during the period</b>	<b>316,295</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,520</b>	<b>938,009</b>	<b>4,443</b>

<b>Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund Shares</b>	<b>Class A USD Acc</b>	<b>Class I EUR Inc</b>	<b>Class I USD Acc</b>	<b>Class I USD Inc</b>	<b>Class X USD Acc</b>
Shares in issue as at 01/05/2016	106,268	1	10	132,108	1,148,643
Shares issued during the period	171,673	-	-	11,067	-
Shares redeemed during the period	(159,717)	-	-	(54,726)	(1,148,633)
<b>Shares in issue as at 31/10/2016</b>	<b>118,224</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>88,449</b>	<b>10</b>

<b>Value</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>
Value of shares issued during the period	1,871,830	-	-	89,455	-
Value of shares redeemed during the period	(1,743,104)	-	-	(445,122)	(13,519,409)
<b>Net value of shares issued/(redeemed) during the period</b>	<b>128,726</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(355,667)</b>	<b>(13,519,409)</b>

<b>Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund Shares</b>	<b>Class X EUR Acc</b>	<b>Class A EUR Acc</b>	<b>Class A EUR Inc</b>	<b>Class I EUR Acc</b>	<b>Class I EUR Inc</b>
Shares in issue as at 01/05/2016	3,417,000	306,392	3,190	681,476	10
Shares issued during the period	-	364	26	-	-
Shares redeemed during the period	-	(49,532)	(7)	-	-
<b>Shares in issue as at 31/10/2016</b>	<b>3,417,000</b>	<b>257,223</b>	<b>3,209</b>	<b>681,476</b>	<b>10</b>

<b>Value</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
Value of shares issued during the period	-	4,261	298	-	-
Value of shares redeemed during the period	-	(572,434)	(82)	-	-
<b>Net value of shares (redeemed)/issued during the period</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(568,173)</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

## 5. Shareholders' funds (continued)

### Baring European Opportunities Fund

#### Shares

Shares in issue as at 01/05/2016

Shares issued during the period

Shares redeemed during the period

**Shares in issue as at 31/10/2016**

Class A EUR Acc	Class A USD Acc	Class I EUR Acc	Class I EUR Inc
1,150,966	7,318	1,457,068	10
177,225	3,504	3,147,640	-
(153,566)	(1,633)	(372,337)	-
<b>1,174,625</b>	<b>9,189</b>	<b>4,232,371</b>	<b>10</b>

#### Value

Value of shares issued during the period

Value of shares redeemed during the period

**Net value of shares issued during the period**

€	\$	€	€
2,233,560	49,560	40,117,434	-
(2,003,733)	(22,807)	(4,716,411)	-
<b>229,827</b>	<b>26,753</b>	<b>35,401,023</b>	<b>-</b>

#### Shares

Shares in issue as at 01/05/2016

Shares issued during the period

Shares redeemed during the period

**Shares in issue as at 31/10/2016**

Class I GBP Inc	Class I USD Acc	Class X GBP Acc
925,449	10	9,347,097
1,620	-	-
-	-	(35,600)
<b>927,069</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9,311,497</b>

#### Value

Value of shares issued during the period

Value of shares redeemed during the period

**Net value of shares issued/(redeemed) during the period**

£	\$	£
19,185	-	-
-	-	(431,116)
<b>19,185</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(431,116)</b>

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 5. Shareholders' funds (continued)

#### Baring Frontier Markets Fund

##### Shares

Shares in issue as at 01/05/2016

Shares issued during the period

Shares redeemed during the period

**Shares in issue as at 31/10/2016**

Class A USD Acc	Class A GBP Inc	Class I EUR Acc	Class I GBP Inc	Class I USD Acc
133,611	92,839	792,424	100,168	421
20,951	2,628	940	20,798	-
(109,331)	(14,771)	(659,486)	(11,771)	-
<b>45,231</b>	<b>80,696</b>	<b>133,878</b>	<b>109,195</b>	<b>421</b>

##### Value

Value of shares issued during the period

Value of shares redeemed during the period

**Net value of shares (redeemed)/issued during the period**

US\$	£	€	£	US\$
217,394	31,950	13,909	241,103	-
(1,132,880)	(173,734)	(9,609,636)	(139,260)	-
<b>(915,486)</b>	<b>(141,784)</b>	<b>(9,595,727)</b>	<b>101,843</b>	<b>-</b>

#### Baring Frontier Markets Fund

##### Shares

Shares in issue as at 01/05/2016

Shares issued during the period

Shares redeemed during the period

**Shares in issue as at 31/10/2016**

#### Class X

##### USD Acc

2,265,323

-

-

**2,265,323**

##### Value

Value of shares issued during the period

Value of shares redeemed during the period

**Net value of shares issued during the period**

#### US\$

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**-**

#### Baring Global Dividend Champion Fund

##### Shares

Shares in issue as at 01/05/2016

Shares issued during the period

Shares redeemed during the period

**Shares in issue as at 31/10/2016**

Class A USD Acc*	Class I USD Inc*	Class I GBP Acc*
-	-	-
100	1,673,200	100
-	-	-
<b>100</b>	<b>1,673,200</b>	<b>100</b>

##### Value

Value of shares issued during the period

Value of shares redeemed during the period

**Net value of shares issued during the period**

US\$	US\$	£
1,000	16,732,000	1,000
-	-	-
<b>1,000</b>	<b>16,732,000</b>	<b>1,000</b>

\* The Baring Global Dividend Champion Fund was launched on 20 October 2016.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 5. Shareholders' funds (continued)

#### Baring Global Mining Fund

##### Shares

Shares in issue as at 01/05/2016

Shares issued during the period

Shares redeemed during the period

**Shares in issue as at 31/10/2016**

Class A USD Acc	Class A GBP Inc	Class I GBP Inc	Class I USD Acc	Class X USD Acc
102,874	681,331	5,747	10	773,517
92,672	2,320	2,352	-	-
-	(72)	(1,633)	-	(4,074)
<b>195,546</b>	<b>683,579</b>	<b>6,466</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>769,443</b>

##### Value

Value of shares issued during the period

Value of shares redeemed during the period

**Net value of shares issued/(redeemed) during the period**

US\$	£	£	US\$	US\$
400,000	9,473	12,382	-	-
-	(299)	(8,986)	-	(19,454)
<b>400,000</b>	<b>9,174</b>	<b>3,396</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(19,454)</b>

#### Baring India Fund

##### Shares

Shares in issue as at 01/05/2016

Shares issued during the period

Shares redeemed during the period

**Shares in issue as at 31/10/2016**

Class A USD Acc	Class A GBP Inc	Class I GBP Inc	Class I USD Acc
1,488,835	135,353	17,259	10
15,377	6,533	25,919	-
(14,538)	(11,696)	(19,778)	-
<b>1,489,674</b>	<b>130,190</b>	<b>23,400</b>	<b>10</b>

##### Value

Value of shares issued during the period

Value of shares redeemed during the period

**Net value of shares issued/(redeemed) during the period**

US\$	£	£	US\$
235,285	119,825	488,380	-
(215,211)	(209,649)	(368,510)	-
<b>20,074</b>	<b>(89,824)</b>	<b>119,870</b>	<b>-</b>

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 5. Shareholders' funds (continued)

#### Baring MENA Fund

##### Shares

Shares in issue as at 01/05/2016
Shares issued during the period
Shares redeemed during the period
<b>Shares in issue as at 31/10/2016</b>

Class A USD Acc	Class A EUR Acc	Class A GBP Inc	Class I GBP Inc	Class I USD Acc
138,819	162,743	82,854	6,881	10
7,916	7,916	3,615	976	-
(17,565)	(22,394)	(11,810)	(1,741)	-
<b>129,170</b>	<b>148,265</b>	<b>74,659</b>	<b>6,116</b>	<b>10</b>

##### Value

Value of shares issued during the period
Value of shares redeemed during the period
<b>Net value of shares redeemed during the period</b>

US\$	€	£	£	US\$
99,258	119,209	45,366	12,811	-
(219,856)	(333,686)	(154,754)	(23,086)	-
<b>(120,598)</b>	<b>(214,477)</b>	<b>(109,388)</b>	<b>(10,275)</b>	<b>-</b>

### Comparative 30/04/2016

#### Baring China Bond Fund

##### Shares

Shares in issue as at 01/05/2015
Shares issued during the year
Shares redeemed during the year
<b>Shares in issue as at 30/04/2016</b>

Class A USD Acc	Class I GBP Inc	Class I USD Acc
12,011	1,118	1,822,260
459	2,772	224,642
(2,803)	(2,417)	(286,397)
<b>9,667</b>	<b>1,473</b>	<b>1,760,505</b>

##### Value

Value of shares issued during the year
Value of shares redeemed during the year
<b>Net value of shares (redeemed)/issued during the year</b>

US\$	£	US\$
4,641	27,282	2,273,800
(27,616)	(23,717)	(2,890,056)
<b>(22,975)</b>	<b>3,565</b>	<b>(616,256)</b>

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 5. Shareholders' funds (continued)

<b>Baring China Select Fund</b>	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class A RMB</b>
<b>Shares</b>	<b>USD Inc</b>	<b>EUR Inc</b>	<b>HKD Acc</b>	<b>Hedged Acc</b>
Shares in issue as at 01/05/2015	3,119,813	649,267	306,624	10
Shares issued during the year	1,656,843	1,057,976	420,299	-
Shares redeemed during the year	(1,894,039)	(1,128,585)	(401,277)	(10)
<b>Shares in issue as at 30/04/2016</b>	<b>2,882,617</b>	<b>578,658</b>	<b>325,646</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Value</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>HK\$</b>	<b>¥</b>
Value of shares issued during the year	18,968,438	16,940,504	41,189,259	-
Value of shares redeemed during the year	(20,987,309)	(16,863,603)	(34,341,676)	(707)
<b>Net value of shares (redeemed)/issued during the year</b>	<b>(2,018,871)</b>	<b>76,901</b>	<b>6,847,583</b>	<b>- 707</b>

<b>Shares</b>	<b>Class I</b>	<b>Class I</b>	<b>Class I</b>	<b>Class X</b>
	<b>EUR Acc</b>	<b>GBP Inc</b>	<b>USD Acc</b>	<b>USD Acc</b>
Shares in issue as at 01/05/2015	11	58,511	1,241,693	10
Shares issued during the year	-	37,737	211,072	-
Shares redeemed during the year	-	(68,491)	(185,291)	(10)
<b>Shares in issue as at 30/04/2016</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>27,757</b>	<b>1,267,474</b>	<b>-</b>

<b>Value</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>US\$</b>
Value of shares issued during the year	-	286,767	2,409,160	-
Value of shares redeemed during the year	-	(555,634)	(2,333,320)	(123)
<b>Net value of shares (redeemed)/issued during the year</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>(268,867)</b>	<b>75,840</b>	<b>- 123</b>

<b>Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund</b>	<b>Class I</b>	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class X</b>	<b>Class I</b>
<b>Shares</b>	<b>GBP Acc</b>	<b>EUR Acc</b>	<b>GBP Acc</b>	<b>GBP Acc</b>	<b>USD</b>
Shares in issue as at 01/05/2015	1,602,349	30,116	9,341	10	-
Shares issued during the year	5,083	252,844	2,764	-	10
Shares redeemed during the year	(24,508)	(18,919)	(4,794)	(10)	-
<b>Shares in issue as at 30/04/2016</b>	<b>1,582,924</b>	<b>264,041</b>	<b>7,311</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>10</b>

<b>Value</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>US\$</b>
Value of shares issued during the year	46,745	3,146,362	25,698	-	115
Value of shares redeemed during the year	(211,775)	(217,042)	(42,510)	(98)	-
<b>Net value of shares (redeemed)/issued during the year</b>	<b>(165,030)</b>	<b>2,929,320</b>	<b>(16,812)</b>	<b>(98)</b>	<b>115</b>

\* The Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund Class I USD Acc share class was launched on 20 January 2016.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 5. Shareholders' funds (continued)

#### Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund Shares

	Class I USD Acc	Class A EUR Hedged	Class A USD Acc	Class A USD Inc
Shares in issue as at 01/05/2015	1,575,110	45,706	168,903	124
Shares issued during the year	11	-	-	6
Shares redeemed during the year	(21)	(17,200)	(52,635)	(19)
<b>Shares in issue as at 30/04/2016</b>	<b>1,575,100</b>	<b>28,506</b>	<b>116,268</b>	<b>111</b>

Value	US\$	€	US\$	US\$
Value of shares issued during the year	100	-	-	52
Value of shares redeemed during the year	(200)	(153,882)	(494,502)	(161)
<b>Net value of shares redeemed during the year</b>	<b>(100)</b>	<b>(153,882)</b>	<b>(494,502)</b>	<b>(109)</b>

#### Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund Shares

	Class A USD Inc	Class A EUR Acc	Class A EUR Inc	Class A GBP Hedged Inc	Class A HKD Inc
Shares in issue as at 01/05/2015	524,627	1,417,737	910,432	111,534	49,294
Shares issued during the year	607,113	10,493	118,536	32,419	464
Shares redeemed during the year	(333,274)	(1,427,979)	(219,800)	(92,268)	(9,268)
<b>Shares in issue as at 30/04/2016</b>	<b>798,466</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>809,168</b>	<b>51,685</b>	<b>40,490</b>

Value	US\$	€	€	£	HK\$
Value of shares issued during the year	4,809,390	92,756	1,104,363	263,451	27,177
Value of shares redeemed during the year	(2,664,387)	(12,210,612)	(1,956,761)	(709,063)	(594,690)
<b>Net value of shares issued/(redeemed) during the year</b>	<b>2,145,003</b>	<b>(12,117,856)</b>	<b>(852,398)</b>	<b>(445,612)</b>	<b>(567,513)</b>

#### Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund Shares

	Class A USD Acc	Class I EUR Inc	Class I USD Acc*	Class I USD Inc	Class X USD Acc
Shares in issue as at 01/05/2015	30,897	1	-	117,630	3,069,743
Shares issued during the year	132,555	-	10	22,510	139
Shares redeemed during the year	(57,184)	-	-	(8,032)	(1,921,239)
<b>Shares in issue as at 30/04/2016</b>	<b>106,268</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>132,108</b>	<b>1,148,643</b>

Value	US\$	€	US\$	US\$	US\$
Value of shares issued during the year	1,384,520	1	72	180,570	1,474
Value of shares redeemed during the year	(596,795)	-	-	(67,622)	(21,315,340)
<b>Net value of shares issued/(redeemed) during the year</b>	<b>787,725</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>112,948</b>	<b>(21,313,866)</b>

\* The Baring Emerging Markets Debts Local Currency Fund Class I USD Acc share class was launched on 20 January 2016.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 5. Shareholders' funds (continued)

#### Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund

##### Shares

Shares in issue as at 01/05/2015

Shares issued during the year

Shares redeemed during the year

**Shares in issue as at 30/04/2016**

Class X EUR Acc	Class A EUR Acc	Class A EUR Inc	Class I EUR Acc	Class I EUR Inc*
3,417,000	286,464	426	1,780,740	-
-	53,870	3,356	159,649	10
-	(33,942)	(592)	(1,258,913)	-
<b>3,417,000</b>	<b>306,392</b>	<b>3,190</b>	<b>681,476</b>	<b>10</b>

##### Value

Value of shares issued during the year

Value of shares redeemed during the year

**Net value of shares issued/(redeemed) during the year**

€	€	€	€	€
-	652,889	40,609	1,929,014	112
-	(392,528)	(7,089)	(14,844,648)	-
<b>-</b>	<b>260,361</b>	<b>33,519</b>	<b>(12,915,634)</b>	<b>112</b>

\* The Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund Class I Euro Inc share class was launched on 20 January 2016.

#### Baring European Opportunities Fund

##### Shares

Shares in issue as at 01/05/2015

Shares issued during the year

Shares redeemed during the year

**Shares in issue as at 30/04/2016**

Class A EUR Acc	Class A USD Acc*	Class I EUR Acc	Class I EUR Inc*
1,426,496	-	2,235,317	-
416,464	21,750	205,348	10
(691,994)	(14,432)	(983,597)	-
<b>1,150,966</b>	<b>7,318</b>	<b>1,457,068</b>	<b>10</b>

##### Value

Value of shares issued during the year

Value of shares redeemed during the year

**Net value of shares (redeemed)/issued during the year**

€	\$	€	€
5,507,878	319,482	2,829,833	160
(9,167,423)	(208,820)	(12,785,735)	-
<b>(3,659,545)</b>	<b>110,662</b>	<b>(9,955,902)</b>	<b>160</b>

##### Shares

Shares in issue as at 01/05/2015

Shares issued during the year

Shares redeemed during the year

**Shares in issue as at 30/04/2016**

Class I GBP Inc	Class I USD Acc*	Class X GBP Acc
455,855	-	3,703,441
469,594	10	5,817,750
-	-	(174,094)
<b>925,449</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9,347,097</b>

##### Value

Value of shares issued during the year

Value of shares redeemed during the year

**Net value of shares issued during the year**

£	\$	£
5,310,214	150	68,080,375
-	-	(2,064,600)
<b>5,310,214</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>66,015,775</b>

\* The Baring European Opportunities Fund Class A USD Acc share class was launched on 31 July 2015.

\* The Baring European Opportunities Fund Class I EUR Inc and Class I USD Acc share classes were launched on 02 November 2015.



## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 5. Shareholders' funds (continued)

#### Baring Frontier Markets Fund Shares

Shares in issue as at 01/05/2015
Shares issued during the year
Shares redeemed during the year
<b>Shares in issue as at 30/04/2016</b>

Class A USD Acc	Class A GBP Inc	Class I EUR Acc	Class I GBP Inc	Class I USD Acc*
316,762	124,543	548,221	69,888	-
114,138	6,533	284,168	51,195	421
(297,289)	(38,237)	(39,965)	(20,915)	-
<b>133,611</b>	<b>92,839</b>	<b>792,424</b>	<b>100,168</b>	<b>421</b>

#### Value

Value of shares issued during the year
Value of shares redeemed during the year
<b>Net value of shares (redeemed)/issued during the year</b>

US\$	£	€	£	US\$
1,302,904	71,729	4,238,378	543,486	6,599
(3,211,412)	(412,097)	(623,767)	(223,169)	-
<b>(1,908,508)</b>	<b>(340,368)</b>	<b>3,614,611</b>	<b>320,317</b>	<b>6,599</b>

#### Baring Frontier Markets Fund Shares

Shares in issue as at 01/05/2015
Shares issued during the year
Shares redeemed during the year
<b>Shares in issue as at 30/04/2016</b>

Class X USD Acc
2,309,315
-
(43,992)
<b>2,265,323</b>

#### Value

Value of shares issued during the year
Value of shares redeemed during the year
<b>Net value of shares redeemed during the year</b>

US\$
-
(538,947)
<b>(538,947)</b>

\* The Baring Frontier Markets Fund Class I USD Acc share class was launched on 20 January 2016.

#### Baring Global Mining Fund Shares

Shares in issue as at 01/05/2015
Shares issued during the year
Shares redeemed during the year
<b>Shares in issue as at 30/04/2016</b>

Class A USD Acc	Class A GBP Inc	Class I GBP Inc*	Class I USD Acc*	Class X USD Acc
10	955,940	-	-	450,000
884,029	4,565	5,747	10	422,040
(781,165)	(279,174)	-	-	(98,523)
<b>102,874</b>	<b>681,331</b>	<b>5,747</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>773,517</b>

#### Value

Value of shares issued during the year
Value of shares redeemed during the year
<b>Net value of shares issued/(redeemed) during the year</b>

US\$	£	£	US\$	US\$
4,138,347	23,061	22,464	43	1,374,077
(2,601,279)	(1,008,228)	-	-	(303,449)
<b>1,537,068</b>	<b>(985,167)</b>	<b>22,464</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1,070,628</b>

\* The Baring Global Mining Fund Class I GBP Inc share class was launched on 30 September 2015.

\* The Baring Global Mining Fund Class I USD Acc share class was launched on 20 January 2016.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 5. Shareholders' funds (continued)

<b>Baring India Fund</b>	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class I</b>	<b>Class I</b>
<b>Shares</b>	<b>USD Acc</b>	<b>GBP Inc</b>	<b>GBP Inc</b>	<b>USD Acc*</b>
Shares in issue as at 01/05/2015	1,512,037	155,204	51,847	-
Shares issued during the year	277,309	5,102	14,158	10
Shares redeemed during the year	(300,511)	(24,953)	(48,746)	-
<b>Shares in issue as at 30/04/2016</b>	<b>1,488,835</b>	<b>135,353</b>	<b>17,259</b>	<b>10</b>

  

<b>Value</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>US\$</b>
Value of shares issued during the year	3,944,231	71,348	203,623	194
Value of shares redeemed during the year	(4,170,627)	(351,964)	(699,648)	-
<b>Net value of shares (redeemed)/issued during the year</b>	<b>(226,396)</b>	<b>(280,616)</b>	<b>(496,025)</b>	<b>194</b>

\* The Baring India Fund Class I USD Acc share class was launched on 20 January 2016.

<b>Baring MENA Fund</b>	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class A</b>	<b>Class I</b>	<b>Class I</b>
<b>Shares</b>	<b>USD Acc</b>	<b>EUR Acc</b>	<b>GBP Inc</b>	<b>GBP Inc</b>	<b>USD Acc*</b>
Shares in issue as at 01/05/2015	195,912	308,726	99,878	6,356	-
Shares issued during the year	17,489	23,214	3,004	3,938	10
Shares redeemed during the year	(74,582)	(169,197)	(20,028)	(3,413)	-
<b>Shares in issue as at 30/04/2016</b>	<b>138,819</b>	<b>162,743</b>	<b>82,854</b>	<b>6,881</b>	<b>10</b>

  

<b>Value</b>	<b>US\$</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>US\$</b>
Value of shares issued during the year	236,951	385,221	38,637	50,182	152
Value of shares redeemed during the year	(991,765)	(2,804,711)	(240,856)	(41,324)	-
<b>Net value of shares (redeemed)/issued during the year</b>	<b>(754,814)</b>	<b>(2,419,490)</b>	<b>(202,219)</b>	<b>8,858</b>	<b>152</b>

\* The Baring MENA Fund Class I USD Acc share class was launched on 20 January 2016.

### 6. Soft commission arrangements

The Manager and its associates will not receive cash from, or offer rebates to, brokers or dealers in respect of transactions for the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager uses dealing commission generated on equity transactions to purchase goods and services that relate to the execution of trades or the provision of research for the benefit of the Funds. Execution of transactions will be consistent with best execution standards. The following Funds within the Company had engaged in soft commission arrangements during the period: Baring China Select Fund, Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund, Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund, Baring European Opportunities Fund, Baring Frontier Markets Fund, Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund, Baring Global Mining Fund, Baring India Fund and Baring MENA Fund.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 7. Comparative statistics

Net Asset Value per share	31/10/2016	30/04/2016	30/04/2015
Baring China Bond Fund - Class A USD Acc	US\$9.82	US\$10.09	US\$10.26
Baring China Bond Fund - Class I GBP Inc	£11.80	£10.22	£10.15
Baring China Bond Fund - Class I USD Acc	US\$10.15	US\$10.38	US\$10.46
Baring China Select Fund - Class A USD Inc	US\$11.13	US\$10.26	US\$13.75
Baring China Select Fund - Class A EUR Inc	€15.89	€14.04	€19.14
Baring China Select Fund - Class A HKD Acc	HK\$86.36	HK\$79.70	HK\$106.60
Baring China Select Fund - Class A RMB Hedged Acc	-	-	¥87.91
Baring China Select Fund - Class I EUR Acc	€18.02	€15.80	€21.25
Baring China Select Fund - Class I GBP Inc	£9.58	£7.33	£9.27
Baring China Select Fund - Class I USD Acc	US\$12.30	US\$11.29	US\$14.94
Baring China Select Fund - Class X USD Acc	-	-	US\$15.31
Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund- Class A USD Acc*	US\$10.17	-	-
Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund- Class I USD Acc*	US\$10.19	-	-
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund - Class I GBP Acc	£10.56	£9.17	£10.37
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund - Class A EUR Acc	€12.41	€11.89	€14.16
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund - Class A GBP Acc	£10.54	£9.20	£10.52
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund - Class I USD Acc	US\$12.86	US\$13.42	-
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund - Class X GBP Acc	-	-	£11.06
Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund - Class I USD Acc	US\$10.45	US\$9.93	US\$9.66
Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund - Class A EUR Hedged Acc	€9.62	€9.23	€9.12
Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund - Class A USD Acc	US\$10.22	US\$9.74	US\$9.57
Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund - Class A USD Inc	US\$8.91	US\$8.70	US\$9.04
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A USD Inc	US\$8.03	US\$8.16	US\$9.18
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A EUR Acc	€9.63	€9.14	€9.86
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A EUR Inc	€9.66	€9.40	€10.76
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A GBP Hedged Inc	£7.45	£7.65	£8.64
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A HKD Inc	HK\$62.50	HK\$63.56	HK\$71.38
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A USD Acc	US\$10.93	US\$10.83	US\$11.46
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class I EUR Inc	€16.02	€15.52	€17.44
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class I USD Acc	US\$8.60	US\$8.49	-
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class I USD Inc	US\$8.18	US\$8.36	US\$9.37
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class X USD Acc	US\$11.73	US\$11.58	US\$12.11
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund - Class X EUR Acc	€12.72	€12.11	€12.75
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund - Class A EUR Acc	€12.01	€11.53	€12.33
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund - Class A EUR Inc	€11.92	€11.52	€12.36
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund - Class I EUR Acc	€12.29	€11.75	€12.46
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund - Class I EUR Inc	€12.27	€11.76	-

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 7. Comparative statistics (continued)

Net Asset Value per share	31/10/2016	30/04/2016	30/04/2015
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class A EUR Acc	€12.63	€12.88	€13.32
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class A USD Acc	US\$13.77	US\$14.65	-
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class I EUR Acc	€12.94	€13.14	€13.48
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class I EUR Inc	€14.98	€15.25	-
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class I GBP Inc	£13.33	£11.85	£11.40
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class I USD Acc	US\$13.93	US\$14.73	-
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class X GBP Acc	£13.91	£12.20	£11.57
Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class A USD Acc	US\$10.50	US\$10.26	US\$11.92
Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class A GBP Inc	£13.16	£10.68	£11.76
Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class I EUR Acc	€14.97	€13.96	€16.40
Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class I GBP Inc	£13.08	£10.68	£11.76
Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class I USD Acc	US\$16.31	US\$15.89	-
Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class X USD Acc	US\$11.27	US\$10.90	US\$12.42
Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class A USD Acc*	US\$9.81	-	-
Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I USD Inc*	US\$9.81	-	-
Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I GBP Acc*	£9.91	-	-
Baring Global Mining Fund - Class A USD Acc	US\$4.47	US\$4.14	US\$5.32
Baring Global Mining Fund - Class A GBP Inc	£5.74	£4.43	£5.42
Baring Global Mining Fund - Class I GBP Inc	£5.80	£4.46	-
Baring Global Mining Fund - Class I USD Acc	US\$7.09	US\$6.53	-
Baring Global Mining Fund - Class X USD Acc	US\$4.71	US\$4.33	US\$5.49
Baring India Fund - Class A USD Acc	US\$15.71	US\$13.68	US\$14.14
Baring India Fund - Class A GBP Inc	£20.22	£14.62	£14.31
Baring India Fund - Class I GBP Inc	£20.42	£14.70	£14.28
Baring India Fund - Class I USD Acc	US\$24.85	US\$21.51	-
Baring MENA Fund - Class A USD Acc	US\$12.15	US\$13.00	US\$16.02
Baring MENA Fund - Class A EUR Acc	€14.97	€15.43	€19.27
Baring MENA Fund - Class A GBP Inc	£13.86	£12.59	£14.71
Baring MENA Fund - Class I GBP Inc	£13.84	£12.62	£14.72
Baring MENA Fund - Class I USD Acc	US\$17.16	US\$18.33	-

\* The Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund and classes were launched on 23 June 2016.

The Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund and classes were launched on 20 October 2016.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 8. Exchange rates

As at 31/10/2016

	31/10/2016 Exchange to 1 EUR	31/10/2016 Exchange to 1 GBP	31/10/2016 Exchange to 1 US\$	30/04/2016 Exchange to 1 EUR	30/04/2016 Exchange to 1 GBP	30/04/2016 Exchange to 1 US\$
Australian dollar	1.4403	-	1.3195	1.4923	-	1.3094
Bangladesh taka	-	95.1831	78.4400	-	114.5490	78.3750
Brazilian real	3.4546	3.8406	3.1650	3.9749	5.0977	3.4879
Canadian dollar	1.4603	1.6234	1.3379	1.4250	1.8275	1.2504
Chilean peso	-	788.6824	649.9500	-	967.4732	661.9500
Chinese renminbi	-	8.2436	6.7936	-	9.4827	6.4881
Colombian peso	-	-	2,960.3000	-	-	2,875.7300
Czech koruna	-	-	24.7554	-	-	23.7253
Danish kroner	7.4382	-	6.8147	7.4438	-	6.5317
Egyptian pound	-	-	8.8800	-	-	8.8800
Euro	1.0000	1.1117	0.9162	1.0000	1.2825	0.8775
Hong Kong dollar	8.4635	9.4092	7.7541	8.8409	11.3380	7.7576
Hungarian forint	-	343.9741	283.4677	-	400.0171	273.6937
Indian rupee	-	81.0421	66.7865	-	96.9446	66.3300
Indonesian rupiah	-	15,836.1404	13,050.5000	-	19,274.9249	13,188.0000
Israeli shekel	-	-	3.8565	-	-	3.7467
Japanese yen	114.9132	-	105.2800	121.9711	-	107.0250
Kenyan shilling	-	123.1410	101.4800	-	147.8066	101.1300
Kuwait dinar	-	0.3683	0.3036	-	0.4401	0.3011
Malaysian ringgit	-	5.0959	4.1995	-	5.7095	3.9065
Mexican peso	20.5434	22.8387	18.8213	19.5635	25.0893	17.1663
Moroccan dirham	-	12.0049	9.8932	-	14.0737	9.6293
Nigerian naira	-	381.9337	314.7500	-	291.2139	199.2500
Norwegian krone	9.0293	-	8.2724	9.2165	-	8.0872
Omani rial	-	0.4672	0.3850	-	0.5628	0.3851
Pakistani rupee	-	127.1272	104.7650	-	153.1632	104.7950
Peruvian sol	-	-	3.3730	-	-	3.2775
Philippine peso	-	58.7583	48.4225	-	68.5284	46.8875
Polish zloty	4.3356	4.8200	3.9722	4.4079	5.6530	3.8678
Pound sterling	0.8995	1.0000	0.8241	0.7798	1.0000	0.6842
Qatari rial	-	-	3.6415	-	-	3.6399
Romanian new leu	-	4.9989	4.1196	-	5.7416	3.9284
Russian rouble	68.6649	76.3367	62.9088	73.1257	93.7804	64.1650
Singapore dollar	-	1.6920	1.3944	-	1.9618	1.3423
South African rand	15.1323	16.8230	13.8638	16.1731	20.7412	14.1913
South Korean won	-	1,389.0979	1,144.7500	-	1,665.2904	1,139.4000
Sri Lanka rupee	-	179.6514	148.0500	-	213.3863	146.0000
Swedish krona	9.8573	-	9.0310	9.1697	-	8.0461
Swiss franc	1.0851	-	0.9942	1.0967	-	0.9624
Taiwan dollar	34.5269	38.3845	31.6325	36.7571	47.1394	32.2530
Thai baht	-	42.5733	35.0845	-	51.0520	34.9300
Turkish lira	3.4068	3.7875	3.1213	3.1963	4.0991	2.8047
UAE dirham	-	4.4569	3.6730	-	5.3682	3.6730
US dollar	1.0915	1.2135	1.0000	1.1397	1.4616	1.0000
Vietnamese new dong	-	27,096.3577	22,330.0000	-	32,577.9554	22,290.0000

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

### 9. Transactions with connected persons

Any transaction carried out with the Company by a management company or Depositary to the Company, the delegates or sub-delegates of the management company or Depositary, and any associated or group of such a management company, Depositary, delegate or sub-delegate ("connected persons") must be carried out as if negotiated at arm's length. Transactions must be in the best interests of the shareholders

The Board of Directors of the Company are satisfied that there are arrangements (evidenced by written procedures) in place to ensure that the obligations set out in Regulation 41(1) of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations are applied to all transactions with connected persons, and are satisfied that transactions with connected persons entered into during the period complied with the obligations set out in Regulation 41(1) of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations.

### 10. Segregated liability of Funds

The Company is an umbrella fund with segregated liability between Funds. As a result, and as a matter of Irish law, any liability attributable to a particular Fund may only be discharged out of the assets of that Fund and the assets of other Funds may not be used to discharge that liability.

### 11. Bank facilities

There is a bank overdraft facility in place with Northern Trust Company, London Branch ("NTC"). An "uncommitted" multi-currency loan facility has been made available by NTC to the Funds. As at 31 October 2016, there was no amount drawn down on this facility, with the exception of the Baring China Select Fund, Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund, Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund and Baring Mena Fund (30 April 2016: Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund).

### 12. Taxation

Under current law and practice, the Company qualifies as an investment undertaking as defined in Section 739B of the Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997, as amended ("the TCA"). On that basis, it is not chargeable to Irish tax on its income or gains.

However, Irish tax can arise on the happening of a "chargeable event" in the Company. A chargeable event includes any distribution payments to shareholders or any encashment, redemption, transfer or cancellation of shares and any deemed disposal of shares for Irish tax purposes arising as a result of holding shares in the Company for a period of eight years or more.

No Irish tax will arise on the Company in respect of chargeable events due to a shareholder who is an exempt Irish investor (as defined in Section 739D of the TCA) or who is neither Irish resident nor ordinarily a resident in Ireland for tax purposes, at the time of the chargeable event, provided, in each case, that appropriate valid declaration in accordance with Section 2B of the TCA is held by the Company or where the Company has been authorised to make gross payments in absence of appropriate declarations.

Capital gains, dividends and interest received on investments made by the Company may be subject to withholding taxes imposed by the country of origin and such taxes may not be recoverable by the Company or its shareholders.

### 13. Subsequent events

From 01 April 2017 the Funds currently listed will transfer their Irish Stock Exchange (ISE) listing from the ISE Main Securities Market (MSM) to be listed on the ISE Global Exchange Market.

There have been no other events subsequent to the period-end which, in the opinion of the Directors, may have had an impact on the financial statement for the period ended 31 October 2016.

### 14. Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors of the Company on 15 December 2016.



## Information for investors in Switzerland

Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited ("the Company") has appointed BNP Paribas Securities Services, Paris, Succursale de Zurich, Selnaustrasse 16, CH-8002, Zurich, Switzerland, as representative and paying agent for Switzerland. Shares are distributed in Switzerland by BNP Paribas Securities Services, Paris at the above address. Investors can obtain, free of charge, the Prospectus, the Key Investor Information Document(s) ("KIID(s)"), the last annual and interim reports, copies of the memorandum and articles of association and of amendment to the memorandum and articles of association, if any, as well as a list of the purchases and sales made on behalf of the Funds, in French, from the representative at the above address. Official publications for the Funds are found on the internet at [www.fundinfo.com](http://www.fundinfo.com) and in the Swiss Official Trade Gazette. Share prices (Net Asset Value with the words "plus commissions") are published daily on the internet at [www.fundinfo.com](http://www.fundinfo.com).

All the information appearing in these reports and accounts is solely with respect to those Funds of the Company which are licensed for public offer and marketing in or from Switzerland, namely: Baring China Bond Fund, Baring China Select Fund, Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund, Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund, Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund, Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund, Baring European Opportunities, Baring Frontier Markets Fund, Baring Global Mining Fund, Baring India Fund and Baring MENA Fund.

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### Performance

Following a guideline from the Swiss Funds and Asset Management Association ("the SFAMA") dated 16 May 2008, the Board of Directors are supplying performance data in conformity with the said guideline. This data can be found below and under each of the Funds' reports on pages 11, 20, 31, 40, 53, 63, 75, 93, 105, 118, 128, 138 and 147. Furthermore, the Board of Directors are required to provide the below additional information on performance.

There are no appropriate performance comparators for the Funds. The following comparative indices are used as, in the Board of Director's opinion, and in the light of the investment policy of the relevant Fund, they are the most appropriate selection for comparison.

#### **Baring China Select Fund**

MSCI China Total, Gross Return Index

#### **Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund**

US Libor 3M

#### **Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund**

MSCI Emerging Markets Total, Gross Return

#### **Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund**

JPM CEMBI Broad Diversified Index

#### **Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund**

JPM GBI-EM Global Diversified Index

## Information for investors in Switzerland (continued)

### Performance (continued)

#### **Baring Euro Dynamic Asset allocation Fund**

3 Month EURIBOR +3% p.a.

#### **Baring European Opportunities Fund**

MSCI Europe Small Cap Total, Gross Return

#### **Baring Frontier Markets Fund**

MSCI Frontier Markets Total, Net Return Index

#### **Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund**

MSCI World USD (net)

#### **Baring Global Mining Fund**

Euromoney Global Mining Index, Total Return

#### **Baring India Fund**

MSCI India 10/40 Total, Gross Return

#### **Baring MENA Fund**

MSCI Arabian Markets (ex Saudi Arabia) Total, Net Return Index

Investors should contact the Swiss representative at the above address should they require additional information, e.g. on performance including the composition of the relevant indices where applicable.

Class X Shares: No management fees are taken in the Fund. Fees are charged outside of the Fund under a separate agreement between the investor and the Investment Manager.

### **Total expense ratio**

Pursuant to a guideline from the SFAMA dated 16 May 2008, the Funds are required to publish a total expense ratio ("TER") for the period ended 31 October 2016.

The TERs for each Fund for the periods ended 31 October 2016 and 30 April 2016 are as follows:

<b>Name of Fund</b>	<b>31/10/2016 TER in %</b>	<b>30/04/2016 TER in %</b>
Baring China Bond Fund - Class A USD Acc	1.80	1.80
Baring China Bond Fund - Class I GBP Inc	1.20	1.20
Baring China Bond Fund - Class I USD Acc	0.90	0.90
Baring China Select Fund - Class A USD Inc, Class A EUR Inc, Class A HKD Acc & Class A RMB Hedged Acc	2.13	2.13
Baring China Select Fund - Class I USD Acc	1.38	1.00
Baring China Select Fund - Class I EUR Acc & Class I GBP Inc	1.38	1.38
Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund - Class A USD Acc*	1.35	N/A
Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund - Class I USD Acc*	0.80	N/A
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund - Class A EUR Acc & Class A GBP Acc	2.23	2.25
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund - Class I GBP Acc & Class I USD Acc	1.13	1.15
Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund - Class A EUR Hedged Acc & Class A USD Acc & Class A USD Inc	1.50	1.50
Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund - Class I USD Acc	0.90	0.90
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class A USD Inc, Class A EUR Acc, Class A EUR Inc, Class A GBP Hedged Inc, Class A HKD Inc, & Class A USD Acc	1.50	1.50
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class I EUR Inc, Class I USD Inc & Class I USD Acc	0.90	1.43
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund - Class X USD Acc	0.25	0.78



## Information for investors in Switzerland (continued)

### Total expense ratio (continued)

Name of Fund	31/10/2016 TER in %	30/04/2016 TER in %
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund - Class A EUR Acc & Class A EUR Inc	0.59	1.87
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund - Class I EUR Acc & Class I EUR Inc	0.59	0.92
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund - Class X EUR Acc	0.04	0.27
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class A EUR Acc, Class A USD Acc	2.05	2.09
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class I EUR Acc, Class I EUR Inc, Class I GBP Acc & Class I USD Acc	1.30	1.34
Baring European Opportunities Fund - Class X GBP Acc	0.55	0.59
Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class A USD Acc & Class A GBP Inc	2.50	2.50
Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class I EUR Acc & Class I GBP Inc	1.75	1.75
Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class I USD Acc	1.75	1.93
Baring Frontier Markets Fund - Class X USD Acc	0.50	0.50
Baring Global Dividend Champion Fund - Class A USD Acc*	1.60	N/A
Baring Global Dividend Champion Fund - Class I USD Inc, Class I GBP Acc*	0.85	N/A
Baring Global Mining Fund - Class A USD Acc & Class A GBP Inc	2.30	2.30
Baring Global Mining Fund - Class I GBP Inc & Class I USD Acc	1.55	1.55
Baring Global Mining Fund - Class X USD Acc	0.80	0.80
Baring India Fund - Class A USD Acc & Class A GBP Inc	2.50	2.50
Baring India Fund - Class I GBP Inc & Class I USD Acc	1.75	1.75
Baring MENA Fund - Class A USD Acc & Class A EUR Acc & Class A GBP Acc	2.50	2.50
Baring MENA Fund - Class I GBP Inc	1.75	1.75
Baring MENA Fund - Class I USD Acc	1.75	2.24

\* The Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund was launched on 23 June 2016.

The Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund was launched on 20 October 2016.

This information was established by the Board of Directors based on the data contained in the profit and loss account for the above reference period (Fund management fees, Depositary fees, taxes and duties, all other commissions and expenses appearing as per the breakdown of the profit & loss account and not already included in any of the foregoing categories). The TER is calculated using the average daily Net Asset Value for the period.

## Information for investors in Switzerland (continued)

### Trailer fees and reimbursements

Trailer fees (Bestandespflegekommissionen) may only be paid to the sales agents/partners indicated below:

- authorised sales agents (distributors) within the meaning of Article 19, Para 1, Collective Investments Scheme Act ("CISA");
- sales agents (distributors) exempted from the authorisation requirement within the meaning of Article 19, Para 4, CISA and Article 8 Collective Investment Scheme Ordinance ("CISO");
- sales partners who place Fund shares exclusively with institutional investors with professional treasury facilities; and/or
- sales partners who place Fund shares with their clients exclusively on the basis of a written commission-based asset management mandate.

Reimbursements (Rückvergütungen) may only be paid to the institutional investors detailed below who, from a commercial perspective, are holding the Fund shares for third parties:

- life insurance companies (in respect of Fund shares held for the account of insured persons or to cover obligations towards insured persons);
- pension funds and other retirement provision institutions (in respect of Fund shares held for the account of beneficiaries);
- investment foundations (in respect of Fund shares held for the account of in-house funds);
- Swiss fund management companies (in respect of Fund shares held for the account of the funds managed);
- foreign fund management companies and providers (in respect of Fund shares held for the account of managed funds and investing shareholders); and/or
- investment companies (in respect of the investment of the company assets).

### Taxation

Please refer to the paragraph headed "European Union Taxation of Savings Income Directive" on pages 202 and 203 below. The attention of investors is drawn to the fact that Switzerland and the European Union have entered into a bilateral agreement effective from 1 July 2005 based on which measures have been enacted in Switzerland which correspond to the European Union Taxation of Savings Income Directive. Generally, these measures require tax to be withheld on interest payments made by paying agents to EU residents.

## Information for investors in Germany

No notification pursuant to Sec. 310 of the German Capital Investment Code (Kapitalanlagegesetzbuch) has been filed for the following Fund and the shares in this Fund may not be marketed to investors in the Federal Republic of Germany:

- Baring Emerging Markets Debt Fund

Any continuing authorisation pursuant to Sec. 355(4) of the German Capital Investment Code (Kapitalanlagegesetzbuch) for activities that did not qualify as public marketing under the German Investment Act (Investmentgesetz) remains unaffected.

The Prospectus and the Key Investor Information Document(s) ("KIID(s)"), a list of portfolio changes, the memorandum and articles of association as well as the annual and interim reports are available free of charge in hard copy at the office of the German Paying and Information Agent and the Further German Information Agent.

German Paying and Information Agent  
Deutsche Bank AG  
Global Transaction Banking  
Issuer Services – Global Securities Services  
Post IPO Services  
Taunusanlage 12  
60325 Frankfurt am Main  
Germany

Further German Information Agent  
Baring Asset Management GmbH  
Ulmenstraße 37-39  
60325 Frankfurt  
Germany

## Special risks resulting from tax publication requirements in Germany

Foreign investment companies (such as Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited ("the Company")) must provide documentation to the German fiscal authorities upon request, e.g. in order to verify the accuracy of the published tax information. The basis upon which such figures are calculated is open to interpretation and it cannot be guaranteed that the German fiscal authorities will accept the investment company's calculation methodology in every material respect. In addition, if it transpires that these publications are incorrect, any subsequent correction will, as a general rule, not have retrospective effect and will, as a general rule, only take effect during the current financial period. Consequently, the correction may positively or negatively affect the investors who receive a distribution or an attribution of deemed income distributions in the current period.

## General information

### Market timing

Repeatedly purchasing and selling shares in the Funds in response to short-term market fluctuations – known as ‘market timing’ – can disrupt Baring Asset Management Limited’s (“the Investment Manager’s”) investment strategy and increase the Funds’ expenses to the prejudice of all shareholders. The Funds are not intended for market timing or excessive trading. To deter these activities, the Directors of the Company may refuse to accept an application for shares from persons that it reasonably believes are engaged in market timing or are otherwise excessive or potentially disruptive to the Funds.

The Directors of the Company reserve the right to redeem shares from a shareholder on the basis of the circumstances of the shareholder concerned, or if it has reasonable grounds to believe that the shareholder is engaging in any activity which might result in the Funds or their shareholders as a whole suffering any legal, regulatory, reputational or other material disadvantage which the Funds or their shareholders as a whole might not otherwise have suffered.

### UK reporting fund status

Applications were made with effect from the accounting year commencing 1 May 2011 for UK reporting fund status for those share classes in the Funds which previously had UK distributor status, while further applications are being made from time to time for certain new share classes when they are launched. Applications may also be made from time to time for UK reporting fund status in respect of share classes which did not previously have UK distributor status. UK taxable investors in UK reporting funds are subject to tax on their share of the UK reporting funds income attributable to their holdings in the Funds, whether or not distributed, while typically any gains on disposal of their holdings are subject to capital gains tax.

Details of the share classes which currently have UK reporting fund status are available at the Her Majesty’s Revenue and Customs (“HMRC”) Collective Investment Schemes Centre website:

<http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/cis/offshore-funds.htm>.

As stated above, UK tax payers should note that for each share class with reporting fund status, their share of any amounts of income, if any, that have not been distributed will be subject to tax. Further details will be made available on the Baring Asset Management Limited website: [www.barings.com/uk](http://www.barings.com/uk).

### European Union taxation of savings income directive

On 3 June 2003, the European Commission published a new directive regarding the taxation of savings income (“the Directive”). From 1 July 2005, member states have been required to provide to the tax authorities of another member state details of payments of interest or other similar income paid by a person within its jurisdiction to an individual resident in that other member state, subject to the right of certain member states to opt instead for a withholding tax system in relation to such payments. For the purposes of the Directive, interest payments include distributions made by certain collective investment funds to the extent that any relevant Fund has invested more than 15% of its assets directly or indirectly in interest bearing securities and income realised upon the sale, refund or redemption of fund shares to the extent that the Fund has invested more than currently 25% directly or indirectly in interest bearing securities.

Accordingly, the Depositary, Administrator, paying agent or such other entity considered a “paying agent” (for the purposes of the Directive, a “paying agent” is the economic operator who pays interest to or secures the payment of interest for the immediate benefit of the beneficial owner) for the purposes of the Directive may be required to disclose details of, or withhold tax on, distributions and/or realisation payments by the Funds to shareholders who are individuals or residual entities (located in another EU member state) to the taxation authority in the home jurisdiction of the paying agent who will pass such details or tax to the member state where the investor resides.

As Ireland has opted for an exchange of information rather than a withholding tax system, since the Directive became effective, the principle consequence for shareholders will be that details of relevant savings income are disclosed to the EU member states in which shareholders are resident. The Directive has now been enacted into Irish legislation and the reporting of any relevant payments of interest made by the Company, together with various specified information relating to recipients who are individuals or residual entities resident in EU states other than Ireland, applied with effect from 1 July 2005.

## General information (continued)

### European Union taxation of savings income directive (continued)

Set out below are those Funds subject to disclosures and the disclosures to which they are currently, and are expected to remain, subject to under the Directive.

#### Baring Investment Funds Plc

Fund	Disclosure of distribution to the tax authorities of the underlying shareholder (15% rule)	Disclosure of redemption proceeds to the tax authorities of the underlying shareholder (25% rule)
Baring China Bond Fund	✓	✓
Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund	✓	✓
Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund	✓	✓
Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund	✓	✓
Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund	✓	✓

## Appendix 1 – additional information Hong Kong Code

### Baring China Select Fund

#### Highest issue and lowest redemption prices

##### Highest issue price during the period/years\*

	31/10/2016	30/04/2016	30/04/2015	30/04/2014	30/04/2013
Class A USD Inc	11.72	14.07	13.79	10.92	10.27
Class A EUR Inc	16.38	20.10	20.41	12.62	12.07
Class A HKD Acc	90.92	109.16	106.95	84.68	79.64
Class A RMB Hedged Acc	N/A	90.19	88.10	65.88	N/A
Class I EUR Acc	18.56	22.34	22.66	13.65	12.94
Class I GBP Inc	9.80	9.47	9.83	N/A	N/A
Class I USD Acc	12.93	15.31	14.98	11.68	10.91
Class X USD Acc	N/A	15.69	15.35	11.90	11.04

##### Highest issue price during the period/years\*

	30/04/2012	30/04/2011	30/04/2010	30/04/2009	30/04/2008
Class A USD Inc	11.67	12.06	10.74	10.74	10.48
Class A EUR Inc	12.69	13.44	12.45	10.85	10.57
Class A HKD Acc	90.61	93.69	83.33	N/A	N/A
Class A RMB Hedged Acc	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I EUR Acc	13.36	14.13	12.92	10.93	10.65
Class I GBP Inc	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I USD Acc	12.19	12.60	11.03	10.76	10.49
Class X USD Acc	12.22	12.63	11.04	10.76	10.49

##### Lowest redemption price during the period/years\*

	31/10/2016	30/04/2016	30/04/2015	30/04/2014	30/04/2013
Class A USD Inc	9.59	8.69	9.69	8.49	8.01
Class A EUR Inc	13.27	11.95	10.93	10.13	10.01
Class A HKD Acc	74.55	67.78	75.15	65.84	62.19
Class A RMB Hedged Acc	N/A	66.82	60.28	61.73	N/A
Class I EUR Acc	14.94	13.41	11.88	10.89	10.67
Class I GBP Inc	6.83	6.04	6.50	N/A	N/A
Class I USD Acc	10.56	9.53	10.41	9.04	8.48
Class X USD Acc	N/A	11.62	10.63	9.18	8.55

## Appendix 1 – additional information Hong Kong Code (continued)

### Baring China Select Fund

## Highest issue and lowest redemption prices (continued)

### Lowest redemption price during the period/years\* (continued)

	30/04/2012	30/04/2011	30/04/2010	30/04/2009	30/04/2008
Class A USD Inc	7.31	8.54	6.81	4.60	10.00
Class A EUR Inc	8.62	10.69	8.04	5.76	10.00
Class A HKD Acc	56.93	66.66	70.51	N/A	N/A
Class A RMB Hedged Acc	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I EUR Acc	9.12	11.13	8.15	5.79	10.00
Class I GBP Inc	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I USD Acc	7.67	8.83	6.92	4.65	10.00
Class X USD Acc	7.71	8.82	6.93	4.65	10.00

\* The above highest issue prices and lowest redemption prices during the period/years are quoted in their respective share classes' denomination currency.

## Statement of movements in portfolio holdings

	31/10/2016 % of NAV**	30/04/2016 % of NAV**	30/04/2015 % of NAV**	30/04/2014 % of NAV**
<b>Equities and Investment Funds</b>	101.26	100.35	100.00	99.07
<b>Total investments at fair value through profit and loss</b>	<b>101.26</b>	<b>100.35</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>99.07</b>
Cash/(bank overdraft)	0.65	0.12	(0.40)	0.39
Other net (liabilities)/assets	(1.91)	(0.47)	0.40	0.54
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

\*\* Movement in portfolio holdings have been analysed above based on a percent of NAV invested in each geographic location. The movement in each country's position between the period/years has to be inferred.

## Portfolio information

Top ten holdings	% of NAV
China Resources Beer	4.11
Nexteer Automotive	3.84
Sunny Optical Technology	3.70
Brilliance China Automotive	3.39
AAC Technologies	3.36
China State Construction International	3.28
Semiconductor Manufacturing International	3.06
China Biologic Products	3.02
Shenzhou International	2.78
Pou Sheng International	2.71

## Appendix 1 – additional information Hong Kong Code (continued)

### Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund

#### Highest issue and lowest redemption prices

#### Highest issue price during the period/years\*

	31/10/2016	30/04/2016	30/04/2015	30/04/2014	30/04/2013
Class A USD Inc	8.36	9.19	11.18	12.66	12.53
Class A EUR Acc	9.83	9.89	10.33	10.48	10.37
Class A EUR Inc	9.86	10.75	11.33	12.64	12.89
Class A GBP Hedged Inc	7.78	8.65	10.51	11.90	11.78
Class A HKD Inc	65.06	71.49	87.06	98.65	97.67
Class A USD Acc	11.28	11.53	13.41	14.29	14.10
Class I EUR Inc	16.35	17.44	18.26	18.05	17.85
Class I USD Acc	8.88	8.49	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I USD Inc	8.44	9.37	11.41	12.74	12.70
Class X USD Acc	12.09	12.19	14.02	14.73	14.53

#### Highest issue price during the period/years\* (continued)

	30/04/2012	30/04/2011	30/04/2010
Class A USD Inc	13.36	13.41	12.31
Class A EUR Acc	9.65	N/A	N/A
Class A EUR Inc	12.30	12.69	12.04
Class A GBP Hedged Inc	12.67	12.72	11.72
Class A HKD Inc	104.67	104.79	N/A
Class A USD Acc	13.93	13.83	N/A
Class I EUR Inc	16.30	15.70	14.40
Class I USD Acc	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I USD Inc	13.55	13.61	12.48
Class X USD Acc	14.01	13.86	12.19

#### Lowest issue price during the period/years\*

	31/10/2016	30/04/2016	30/04/2015	30/04/2014	30/04/2013
Class A USD Inc	7.66	7.01	8.62	10.16	10.99
Class A EUR Acc	8.71	8.08	8.75	8.37	9.27
Class A EUR Inc	8.88	8.43	9.70	9.82	11.67
Class A GBP Hedged Inc	7.13	6.60	8.12	9.55	10.35
Class A HKD Inc	59.69	55.03	67.16	79.27	85.65
Class A USD Acc	10.24	9.16	10.71	11.80	11.92
Class I EUR Inc	14.53	13.71	15.39	14.56	15.74
Class I USD Acc	8.04	7.17	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I USD Inc	7.77	7.18	8.76	10.24	11.09
Class X USD Acc	10.94	9.77	11.31	12.28	12.14

## Appendix 1 – additional information Hong Kong Code (continued)

### Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund (continued)



## Highest issue and lowest redemption prices (continued)

### Lowest redemption price during the period/years\* (continued)

	30/04/2012	30/04/2011	30/04/2010
Class A USD Inc	11.09	11.39	9.84
Class A EUR Acc	8.54	N/A	N/A
Class A EUR Inc	10.97	11.68	9.64
Class A GBP Hedged Inc	10.50	10.83	9.38
Class A HKD Inc	86.86	94.71	N/A
Class A USD Acc	11.72	12.18	N/A
Class I EUR Inc	14.37	14.13	10.85
Class I USD Acc	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I USD Inc	11.15	11.45	9.88
Class X USD Acc	11.86	11.17	9.63

\* The above highest issue prices and lowest redemption prices during the period/years are quoted in their respective share classes' denomination currency.

## Statement of movements in portfolio holdings

	31/10/2016 % of NAV*	30/04/2016 % of NAV*	30/04/2015 % of NAV*	30/04/2014 % of NAV*
Equities and Investment Funds	9.39	6.81	3.44	5.59
Fixed interest	90.08	89.63	93.41	91.59
Open forward foreign currency transactions	(0.09)	0.03	(0.06)	0.10
<b>Total investments at fair value through profit and loss</b>	<b>99.38</b>	<b>96.47</b>	<b>96.79</b>	<b>97.28</b>
Cash	0.19	0.21	0.80	0.49
Other net assets	0.43	3.32	2.41	2.23
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

\* Movement in portfolio holdings have been analysed above based on a percent of NAV invested in each currency. The movement in each currency position between the period/years has to be inferred.

## Portfolio information

Top ten holdings	% of NAV
Baring China Bond Fund	8.37
Brazil Federative Republic 10.00% 01/01/2023	8.36
South Africa Government 10.50% 21/12/2026	6.34
United Mexican States 10.00% 05/12/2024	5.98
Brazil Federative Republic 10.00% 01/01/2025	5.81
Poland Government 5.75% 25/04/2029	5.03
South Africa Government 6.25% 31/03/2036	4.66
Colombia Government 6.00% 28/04/2028	4.46
Colombia Government 10.00% 24/07/2024	4.15
Turkey Government 9.00% 24/07/2024	3.64

## Appendix 1 – additional information Hong Kong Code (continued)

### Baring European Opportunities Fund

#### Highest issue and lowest redemption prices

#### Highest issue price during the period/years\*

	31/10/2016	30/04/2016	30/04/2015	30/04/2014	30/04/2013
Class A EUR Acc	13.48	14.38	13.73	11.21	N/A
Class I EUR Acc	13.77	14.63	13.90	11.25	N/A
Class I EUR Inc**	15.90	16.92	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I GBP Inc	13.65	12.14	11.65	10.86	N/A
Class X GBP Acc	14.23	12.48	11.82	10.89	N/A
Class A USD Acc**	15.21	15.59	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I USD Acc**	15.31	15.36	N/A	N/A	N/A

#### Highest issue price during the period/years\* (continued)

	30/04/2012	30/04/2011	30/04/2010
Class A EUR Acc	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I EUR Acc	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I EUR Inc**	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I GBP Inc	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class X GBP Acc	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class A USD Acc**	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I USD Acc**	N/A	N/A	N/A

#### Lowest issue price during the period/years\*

	31/10/2016	30/04/2016	30/04/2015	30/04/2014	30/04/2013
Class A EUR Acc	11.54	11.58	9.42	9.88	N/A
Class I EUR Acc	11.79	11.80	9.50	9.89	N/A
Class I EUR Inc**	13.62	13.67	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I GBP Inc	11.33	10.60	8.83	9.67	N/A
Class X GBP Acc	11.79	10.90	8.92	9.68	N/A
Class A USD Acc**	12.71	12.96	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I USD Acc**	12.80	13.01	N/A	N/A	N/A

#### Lowest issue price during the period/years\* (continued)

	30/04/2012	30/04/2011	30/04/2010
Class A EUR Acc	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I EUR Acc	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I EUR Inc**	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I GBP Inc	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class X GBP Acc	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class A USD Acc**	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I USD Acc**	N/A	N/A	N/A

\* The above highest issue prices and lowest redemption prices during the period/years are quoted in their respective share classes' denomination currency.

## Appendix 1 – additional information Hong Kong Code (continued)

### Baring European Opportunities Fund (continued)

#### Highest issue and lowest redemption prices (continued)

\*\* The Class A USD Acc share class was launched on 25 June 2015.

The Class I EUR Inc share class was launched on 2 November 2015.

The Class I USD Acc share class was launched on 2 November 2015.

#### Statement of movements in portfolio holdings

	31/10/2016 % of NAV**	30/04/2016 % of NAV**	30/04/2015 % of NAV**	30/04/2014 % of NAV**
Equities and Investment Funds	99.73	99.03	98.18	99.47
<b>Total investments at fair value through profit and loss</b>	<b>99.73</b>	<b>99.03</b>	<b>98.18</b>	<b>99.47</b>
Cash	0.28	0.32	0.37	0.16
Other net assets	(0.01)	0.65	1.45	0.37
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

\*\* Movement in portfolio holdings have been analysed above based on a percent of NAV invested in each geographic location. The movement in each country's position between the period/years has to be inferred.

#### Portfolio information

Top ten holdings	% of NAV
Northern Trust Global Funds - Sterling Fund	4.13
Teleperformance	1.76
ASM International	1.57
DSV	1.48
Umicore	1.48
Plastic Omnium	1.40
Recordati	1.40
Elisa	1.39
Koninklijke Vopak	1.39
Eurofins Scientific	1.36

## Appendix 1 – additional Information Hong Kong Code (continued)

### Baring India Fund

#### Highest issue and lowest redemption prices

#### Highest issue price during the period/years\*

	31/10/2016	30/04/2016	30/04/2015	30/04/2014	30/04/2013
Class A USD Acc	16.08	15.44	17.59	16.36	12.58
Class A GBP Inc	20.37	15.48	15.45	13.96	11.93
Class I GBP Inc	20.57	15.48	15.39	13.95	N/A
Class I USD Acc	25.43	21.65	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class X USD Acc	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.53

#### Highest issue price during the period/years\* (continued)

	30/04/2012	30/04/2011
Class A USD Acc	10.53	11.35
Class A GBP Inc	9.51	11.02
Class I GBP Inc	N/A	N/A
Class I USD Acc	N/A	N/A
Class X USD Acc	10.70	11.48

#### Lowest redemption price during the period/years\*

	31/10/2016	30/04/2016	30/04/2015	30/04/2014	30/04/2013
Class A USD Acc	13.28	11.66	14.01	12.26	9.39
Class A GBP Inc	14.20	12.72	12.62	11.25	8.79
Class I GBP Inc	14.29	12.77	12.59	12.60	N/A
Class I USD Acc	20.89	18.31	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class X USD Acc	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.71

#### Lowest redemption price during the period/years\* (continued)

	30/04/2012	30/04/2011
Class A USD Acc	8.71	8.84
Class A GBP Inc	8.04	8.14
Class I GBP Inc	N/A	N/A
Class I USD Acc	N/A	N/A
Class X USD Acc	8.91	8.93

\* The above highest issue prices and lowest redemption prices during the period/years are quoted in their respective share classes' denomination currency.

## Appendix 1 – additional information Hong Kong Code (continued)

### Baring India Fund (continued)

#### Statement of movements in portfolio holdings

	31/10/2016 % of NAV**	30/04/2016 % of NAV**	30/04/2015 % of NAV**	30/04/2014 % of NAV**
Equities and Investment Funds	98.40	98.52	98.27	99.64
<b>Total investments at fair value through profit and loss</b>	<b>98.40</b>	<b>98.52</b>	<b>98.27</b>	<b>99.64</b>
Cash	2.25	2.34	2.08	1.88
Other net liabilities	(0.65)	(0.86)	(0.35)	(1.52)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

\*\* Movement in portfolio holdings have been analysed above based on a percent of NAV invested in each sector. The movement in each country's position between the period/years has to be inferred.

#### Portfolio information

Top ten holdings	% of NAV
Reliance Industries	8.90
HDFC Bank	8.28
Infosys	6.32
Sun Pharmaceutical Industries	5.78
Maruti Suzuki India	5.37
Axis Bank	5.23
IndusInd Bank	4.69
Motherson Sumi Systems	4.40
Amara Raja Batteries	4.30
Yes Bank	4.26

## Appendix 1 – additional information Hong Kong Code (continued)

### Baring MENA Fund

#### Highest issue and lowest redemption prices

#### Highest issue price during the period/years\*

	31/10/2016	30/04/2016	30/04/2015	30/04/2014	30/04/2013
Class A USD Acc	13.04	16.14	17.59	16.36	12.58
Class A EUR Acc	15.59	19.50	19.88	15.91	12.95
Class A GBP Inc	14.07	14.71	15.45	13.96	11.93
Class I GBP Inc	14.02	14.72	15.39	13.95	N/A
Class I USD Acc	18.39	18.37	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class X USD Acc	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	12.53

#### Highest issue price during the period/years\* (continued)

	30/04/2012	30/04/2011	30/04/2010
Class A USD Acc	10.53	11.35	10.40
Class A EUR Acc	10.45	11.76	10.53
Class A GBP Inc	9.51	11.02	10.17
Class I GBP Inc	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I USD Acc	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class X USD Acc	10.70	11.48	10.42

#### Lowest redemption price during the period/years\*

	31/10/2016	30/04/2016	30/04/2015	30/04/2014	30/04/2013
Class A USD Acc	11.80	10.61	14.01	12.26	9.39
Class A EUR Acc	14.42	13.11	15.04	12.50	10.05
Class A GBP Inc	11.83	10.60	12.62	11.25	8.79
Class I GBP Inc	11.78	10.60	12.59	12.60	N/A
Class I USD Acc	16.66	14.96	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class X USD Acc	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	9.71

#### Lowest redemption price during the period/years\* (continued)

	30/04/2012	30/04/2011	30/04/2010
Class A USD Acc	8.71	8.84	9.96
Class A EUR Acc	8.37	8.62	9.96
Class A GBP Inc	8.04	8.14	9.86
Class I GBP Inc	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I USD Acc	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class X USD Acc	8.91	8.93	9.96

\* The above highest issue prices and lowest redemption prices during the period/years are quoted in their respective share classes' denomination currency.

## Appendix 1 – additional information Hong Kong Code (continued)

### Baring MENA Fund (continued)

#### Statement of movements in portfolio holdings

	31/10/2016 % of NAV**	30/04/2016 % of NAV**	30/04/2015 % of NAV**	30/04/2014 % of NAV**
Equities and Investment Funds	82.96	80.37	81.35	82.57
P-Notes & warrants	15.64	18.56	19.75	15.08
Debt instruments	0.23	0.18	0.17	0.10
<b>Total investments at fair value through profit and loss</b>	<b>98.83</b>	<b>99.11</b>	<b>101.27</b>	<b>97.75</b>
Cash	1.70	0.87	1.15	3.89
Other net (liabilities)/assets	(0.53)	0.02	(2.42)	(1.64)
<b>Total net assets</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>100.00</b>

\*\* Movement in portfolio holdings have been analysed above based on a percent of NAV invested in each geographic location. The movement in each country's position between the period/years has to be inferred.

#### Portfolio information

Top ten holdings	% of NAV
Aldar Properties	9.19
Qatar National Bank	8.89
Emaar Properties	7.91
Commercial International Bank Egypt	6.21
NMC Health	5.08
National Bank of Kuwait	4.62
Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank	4.61
DP World	4.51
Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund	4.49
Kuwait Projects Holding	4.33

## Appendix 2 – significant portfolio movements

### Baring China Bond Fund

Purchases	Cost	Sales	Proceeds
	US\$'000		US\$'000
Australia & New Zealand Banking FRN 30/01/2025	299	Global Logistic Properties 3.38% 11/05/2016	765
China Overseas Finance 5.375% 29/10/2023	221	Air Liquide Finance 3.00% 19/09/2016	750
		SK Global Chemical Investment Hong Kong	
Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund	214	4.13% 26/09/2016	449
CGNPC International 4.00% 19/05/2025	209	ICICI Bank/Dubai 4.00% 25/06/2016	301
JD.com 3.875% 29/04/2026	186	China Overseas Finance 5.375% 29/10/2023	226
Fonterra Co-operative 4.50% 17/07/2025	148	CGNPC International 4.00% 19/05/2025	211
		JD.com 3.875% 29/04/2026	191
		Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund	54

### Baring China Select Fund

Purchases	Cost	Sales	Proceeds
	US\$'000		US\$'000
Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund	6,134	Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund	5,759
China Railway Signal & Communication	1,273	Tencent	3,983
Minth	1,137	Ping An Insurance Group of China	1,962
China Everbright International	1,094	Baring China A-Share Fund	1,750
Largan Precision	1,037	China Taiping Insurance	1,485
Jacobson Pharma	901	China Everbright International	1,301
China Unicom Hong Kong	853	JD.com	1,190
Samsonite International	853	China Resources Land	1,159
Cafe de Coral	848	Zhuzhou CRRC Times Electric	1,129
BOC Aviation	826	Great Wall Motor	1,113
Great Wall Motor	820	Bizlink	1,105
China Resources Cement	815	Alibaba	1,086
Eclat Textile	815	Bank of China	1,076
3SBio	781	Guangzhou Automobile	1,001
China Oilfield Services	780	CNOOC	885
L'Occitane International	780	Eclat Textile	847
China Communications Construction	694	3SBio	785
Ctrip.com International	690	Li Ning	762
China Biologic Products	649	SouFun	755
Logan Property	609	Bon Fame	722
ASM Pacific Technology	554	Logan Property	622
Alibaba	520	Largan Precision	595
Shenzhou International	489	Baidu ADR	583
Honma Golf	406	BBMG	567
Baidu ADR	404	Sunny Optical Technology	507
Uni-President China	322	Brilliance China Automotive	468
IMAX China	285	AviChina Industry & Technology	459



## Appendix 2 – significant portfolio movements (continued)

### Baring Dynamic Absolute Return Fund

Purchases	Cost £'000	Sales	Proceeds £'000
United States Treasury Inflation Indexed Bonds 0.625% 15/01/2026	3,066	United States Treasury Bill 0% 13/10/2016	2198
United States Treasury Bill 0% 08/12/2016	2,925	United States Treasury Bill 0% 15/09/2016	2198
United States Treasury Bill 0% 13/10/2016	2,196	SPDR Gold Trust	444
		iShares USD High Yield Corporate Bond	
United States Treasury Bill 0% 15/09/2016	2,196	UCITS ETF	390
United States Treasury Bill 0% 10/11/2016	2,195		
United States Treasury Bill 0% 02/02/2017	1,998		
United States Treasury Bill 0% 05/01/2017	1,049		
iShares Emerging Markets Local Government Bond			
UCITS ETF	845		
iShares USD High Yield Corporate Bond UCITS ETF	593		
SPDR Gold Trust	423		
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust	109		
Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	108		
Concordia Financial	107		
Mizuho Financial	107		
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial	107		
Resona	106		
Chiba Bank	105		
Shizuoka Bank	105		
Bank of Kyoto	103		
FTSE 100 Index 18/11/2016	27		

## Appendix 2 – significant portfolio movements (continued)

### Baring Dynamic Emerging Markets Fund

Purchases	Cost £'000	Sales	Proceeds £'000
		Amundi ETF MSCI Emerging Markets UCITS ETF	3,311
United Kingdom Treasury Bill 0.00% 31/10/2016	3,199		
Amundi ETF MSCI Emerging Markets UCITS ETF - USD ETF	3,182	United Kingdom Treasury Bill 0.00% 15/08/2016	2,350
United Kingdom Treasury Bill 0.00% 15/08/2016	2,348	United Kingdom Treasury Bill 0.00% 31/05/2016	1,400
Indonesia Treasury Bond 6.25% 15/04/2017	1,374	Brazil Federative Republic 0.00% 01/10/2016	1,184
United Kingdom Treasury Bill 0.00% 24/04/2017	1,199	Brazil Federative Republic 0.00% 01/07/2016	1,171
Brazil Federative Republic 0.00% 01/01/2017	1,185	United Kingdom Treasury Bill 0.00% 01/08/2016	1,100
Brazil Federative Republic 0.00% 01/10/2016	1,128	United Kingdom Treasury Bill 0.00% 31/10/2016	1,097
United States Treasury Bill 0.00% 08/12/2016	1,017	Indonesia Treasury Bond 10.75% 15/05/2016	1,032
Mexican Bonos 4.75% 14/06/2018	993	United States Treasury Bill 0.00% 22/09/2016	1,017
United States Treasury Bill 0.00% 22/09/2016	907	Deutsche Asset Management	917
APQ Global	800	United States Treasury Bill 0.00% 23/06/2016	892
Deutsche Asset Management	782	United States Treasury Bill 0.00% 08/12/2016	831
Russian Federal Bond - OFZ 7.50% 15/03/2018	399	United Kingdom Treasury Bill 0.00% 23/05/2016	620
Mexico Government International Bond 4.125% 21/01/2026	387	South Africa Government 7.75% 28/02/2023	584
ETFS Physical Silver ETF	237	United Kingdom Treasury Bill 0.00% 13/06/2016	560
Source Physical Gold P-ETC ETF	200	Poland Government Bond 3.25% 25/07/2025	435
iShares Gold Producers UCITS ETF	175	Source Physical Gold P-ETC ETF	386
		iShares Gold Producers UCITS ETF	385
		Mexican Bonos 10.00% 05/12/2024	383
		Brazil Federative Republic 10.00% 01/01/2023	357
		iShares China Large Cap UCITS ETF	282
		ETFS Physical Silver ETF	274

## Appendix 2 – significant portfolio movements (continued)

### Baring Emerging Markets Corporate Debt Fund

Purchases	Cost		Proceeds
	US\$'000	Sales	US\$'000
Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund	1,651	Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund	1,199
Vale Overseas 6.88% 21/11/2036	216	Emirates Airline 5.13% 08/06/2016	400
361 Degrees International 7.25% 03/06/2021	198	JD.com 3.89% 29/04/2026	233
Samarco Mineracao 4.125% 01//11/2022	125	Samarco Mineracao 4.125% 01//11/2022	113
		Waha Aerospace 3.93% 28/07/2020	14

## Appendix 2 – significant portfolio movements (continued)

### Baring Emerging Markets Debt Local Currency Fund

Purchases	Cost	Sales	Proceeds
	US\$'000		US\$'000
Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund	5,038	Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund	5,354
Poland Government 4.00% 25/10/2023	1,331	Poland Government 3.25% 25/07/2025	2,265
Poland Government 5.75% 25/04/2029	1,006	Brazil Federative Republic 10.00% 01/01/2017	1,398
United Mexican States 10.00% 05/12/2024	516	United Mexican States 10.00% 05/12/2024	1,165
Poland Government 3.25% 25/07/2025	308	Colombia Government 10.00% 24/07/2024	879
South Africa Government 10.50% 21/12/2026	287	South Africa Government 10.50% 21/12/2026	761
Colombia Government 10.00% 24/07/2024	244	Poland Government 5.25% 25/10/2020	756
Russian Government 8.15% 03/02/2027	223	Poland Government 4.00% 25/10/2023	677
Hungary Government 5.50% 24/06/2025	218	Hungary Government 7.00% 24/06/2022	644
South Africa Government 6.50% 28/02/2041	203	Russian Government 8.15% 03/02/2027	623
United Mexican States 7.50% 03/06/2027	203	Indonesia Government 9.50% 15/07/2031	615
Turkey Government 9.00% 24/07/2024	177	Brazil Federative Republic 10.00% 01/01/2018	597
Russian Government 7.60% 20/07/2022	169	United Mexican States 8.50% 18/11/2038	532
Brazil Federative Republic 10.00% 01/01/2025	160	Turkey Government 6.30% 14/02/2018	503
United Mexican States 5.00% 15/06/2017	117	Turkey Government 8.20% 16/11/2016	451
Indonesia Government 10.00% 15/09/2024	112	Indonesia Government 6.13% 15/05/2028	449
Romania Government 5.85% 26/04/2023	97	Turkey Government 7.10% 08/03/2023	411
Brazil Federative Republic 10.00% 01/01/2018	51	Poland Government 5.25% 25/10/2017	389
Indonesia Government 8.38% 15/03/2024	49	Russian Government 7.60% 20/07/2022	349
Northern Trust Global Funds - Euro Fund	31	Romania Government 5.85% 26/04/2023	311
		South Africa Government 8.00% 21/12/2018	263
		Indonesia Government 10.00% 15/09/2024	255
		Russian Government 6.90% 03/08/2016	226

## Appendix 2 – significant portfolio movements (continued)

### Baring Euro Dynamic Asset Allocation Fund

	Cost		Proceeds
Purchases	EUR'000	Sales	EUR'000
United States Treasury Note/Bond 0.625% 30/09/2017	2,485	Source Physical Palladium P-Etc	2,042
Amundi ETF MSCI Emerging Markets UCITS ETF - USD ETF	2,242	United States Treasury Inflation Indexed Bonds 2.125% 15/02/2041	1,799
United States Treasury Inflation Indexed Bonds 2.125% 15/02/2041	1,964	Norway Government Bond 4.25% 19/05/2017	1,661
Source Physical Platinum P-ETC Class E ETF	1,702	Amundi ETF MSCI Emerging Markets UCITS ETF - USD ETF	1,036
Source Physical Palladium P-Etc	1,671	Portugal Obrigacoes do Tesouro OT 4.35% 16/10/2017	999
Portugal Obrigacoes do Tesouro OT 5.65% 15/02/2024	1,570	Baring Europe (ex UK) Equity Component Fund	934
Brazilian Government International Bond 2.875% 01/04/2021	1,532	Source Physical Platinum P-ETC Class E E	672
Banco Nacional de Desenvolvimento Economico e Social 3.625% 21/01/2019	1,025	Intesa Sanpaolo 4% 09/11/2017	437
Amundi ETF MSCI Em Asia UCITS ETF - USD ETF	991	Cemex 5.875% 25/03/2019	345
Source Physical Gold P-ETC ETF	983	Sony	341
Brazil Notas do Tesouro Nacional Serie F 10% 01/01/2023	755	KDDI	310
Portugal Obrigacoes do Tesouro OT 4.75% 14/06/2019	606	Nintendo	300
Portugal Obrigacoes do Tesouro OT 3.85% 15/04/2021	545	Nippon Telegraph & Telephone	287
Hellenic Republic Government Bond 4.75% 17/04/2019	453	Merlin Properties Socimi REITs	243
Chenavari Capital Solutions	453	Skylark	237
Sumitomo Mitsui Trust	386	Suruga Bank	235
Japan Post Bank	371	Minebea	230
Sumitomo Mitsui Financial	371	Japan Tobacco	220
Chiba Bank	369	TAG Immobilien	220
Mizuho Financial	369	Green REITs	219
Shizuoka Bank	369	Cofinimmo REITs	216
Resona	367		
South Africa Government Bond 10.5% 21/12/2026	353		
HCA 5.875% 15/03/2022	340		

## Appendix 2 – significant portfolio movements (continued)

### Baring European Opportunities Fund

	Cost		Proceeds
Purchases	EUR'000	Sales	EUR'000
Northern Trust Global Funds - Euro Liquidity Fund	36,348	Northern Trust Global Funds - Euro Liquidity Fund	35,876
Northern Trust Global Funds - Sterling Fund	21,590	Northern Trust Global Funds - Sterling Fund	15,773
Greencore	2,681	Glanbia	2,294
Tryg	2,662	Drillisch	2,242
Helvetia	2,410	SCOR	2,044
NMC Health	2,409	Euronext	1,828
Ascential	2,368	Bovis Homes Group	1,804
Just Eat	2,341	Brembo	1,760
Imerys	2,310	Rheinmetall	1,719
Valmet	2,274	Bodycote	1,559
HomeServe	2,206	Spectris	1,496
B&M European Value Retail	2,175	Freenet	1,433
Cargotec	2,139	GateHolding	1,429
NCC	2,134	Close Brothers Group	1,319
Scout24	1,957	Ingenico	1,308
HUGO BOSS	1,757	Redrow	1,281
Brembo	1,652	Modern Times MTG Class B	1,279
Dalata Hotel	1,569	Hays	1,208
ANDRITZ	1,488	Senior	1,187
Cembra Money Bank	1,362	Lookers	1,123
Glanbia	1,352	Keller	1,112
		Micro Focus International	1,032
		ACEA	989
		Infrastrutture Wireless Italiane	955
		Derwent London REITs	918

## Appendix 2 – significant portfolio movements (continued)

### Baring Frontier Markets Fund

	Cost		Proceeds
Purchases	US\$'000	Sales	US\$'000
Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund	8,998	Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund	8,956
Aldar Properties	818	Krka dd Novo mesto	1,044
Pampa Energia ADR	547	NMC Health	855
Citigroup P-Note Jul 17 (Mouwasat Medical Services)	544	Coca-Cola	664
GrameenPhone	540	Emaar Properties	642
Cleopatra Hospital	429	Grupo Clarin	603
Merrill Lynch P-Note Apr 17 (Bupa Arabia)	427	Safaricom	598
Mezzan	389	Engro Foods	540
DG Khan Cement	322	East African Breweries	532
Adecoagro	227	Nestle Nigeria	521
Hatton National Bank	202	Vietnam Dairy Products	499
Nigerian Breweries	183	BGEO	489
Banco Macro ADR	170	Lucky Cement	484
Guaranty Trust Bank	157	NagaCorp	473
Engro	157	Grupo Financiero Galicia ADR	456
Grupo Financiero Galicia ADR	155	Citi Group P-Note July 17 (Samba)	422
Zenith Bank	151	Choppies Enterprises	418
Merrill Lynch P-Note Feb 17 (Abdullah)	150	Al Meera Consumer Goods	411
Deutsche P-Note Jan 18 (United International Transportation)	138	SC Electrica SA	383
Fondul Proprietatea	123	National Bank of Kuwait	371
		Commercial International Bank	355
		Luxoft	352
		Banco Macro ADR	343
		Morgan Stanley P-Note Oct 17 (Farwaz)	326
		Guaranty Trust Bank	319
		Banca Transilvania	316
		Fondul Proprietatea	312
		Distilleries of Sri Lanka	308
		Mega Lifesciences	294
		Deutsche P-Note Jan 18 (Al Khaleej)	284
		Bank Alfalah	264

## Appendix 2 – significant portfolio movements (continued)

### Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund

	Cost US\$'000
<b>Purchases</b>	
Unilever	752
Colgate-Palmolive	745
Regal Entertainment	591
Givaudan	591
Compass	591
3M	586
Reckitt Benckiser	574
Dulux	511
Sonic Healthcare	505
Home Depot	503
Becton Dickinson	501
Johnson & Johnson	501
Stryker	500
SGS	430
MARR	422
Klepierre REITs	421
Associated British Foods	421
Unibail-Rodamco REITs	420
Danone	418
Crown Castle International REITs	418
International Flavors & Fragrances	417
TJX Cos	336
Six Flags Entertainment	336
Henkel	334
Automatic Data Processing	334
Amadeus IT	334
Air Liquide	334
Red Electrica	334
Snam	332
Sage Group	331
Chocoladefabriken Lindt & Spruengli	325
Genuine Parts	316
Orkla	253
Costco Wholesale	253
PepsiCo	250
Kimberly-Clark	249
Nestle	248
Procter & Gamble	245
Kone	201
Ecolab	168
Essilor International	168

\* The Baring Global Dividend Champions Fund was launched on 20 October 2016 and as a result there are no Sales.



## Appendix 2 – significant portfolio movements (continued)

### Baring Global Mining Fund

	Cost		Proceeds
Purchases	US\$'000	Sales	US\$'000
Castrol India	605	Kajaria Ceramics	844
Arind	565	Tata Consultancy Services	449
PI Industries	537	Ultratech Cement	428
Axis Bank	377	Bharat Financial Inclusion	420
SRF	311	Yes Bank	378
Navkar	296	Dalmia Bharat	342
HCL Technologies	287	Aegis Logistics	335
Aegis Logistics	261	Kajaria Ceramics	284
Reliance Industries	255	Divi's Laboratories	275
Suzlon Energy	216	Adani Ports & Special Economic Zone	176
Suprajit Engineering	173	IndusInd Bank	136
Maruti Suzuki India	142	Maruti Suzuki India	123
Sun Pharmaceutical Industries	118	HCL Technologies	100
Mahindra CIE Automotive	86	Somany Ceramics	99
Somany Ceramics	85	Housing Development Finance	96
Zee Entertainment Enterprises	77	Larsen & Toubro	91
UPL	69	Greenply Industries	63
Dalmia Bharat	68	Axis Bank	58

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### Baring MENA Fund

Purchases	Cost		Proceeds	
	US\$'000	Sales	US\$'000	
Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund	878	Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund	727	
Citi Group P-Notes Jul 17 (Al Mouwasat)	177	Ulker Biskuvi Sanayi	271	
HSBC Bank P-Note Aug 19 (Al Khaleej Tr)	154	Citi Group P-Note Jul 17 (Samba)	228	
Deutsche Bank P-Note Apr 18 (Bupa Arabia)	148	NMC Health	217	
Credit Suisse P-Note Aug 19 (Herfy)	130	HSBC Bank P-Note Jul 16 (Al Khaleej Tr)	154	
BIM Birlesik Magazalar	127	Turk Traktor ve Ziraat Makineleri	139	
Cleopatra Hospital	126	Credit Suisse P-Note Sep 16 (Herfy)	130	
Safaricom	113	BIM Birlesik Magazalar	123	
Deutsche Bank P-Note Apr 17 (United International)	91	Emaar Properties	117	
Mezzan	90	Qatar National Bank	114	
Merrill Lynch P-Note Feb 17 (Abdullah Al Othaim)	82	Tupras Turkiye Petrol Rafinerileri	106	
Aldar Properties	62	HSBC Bank P-Note Aug 19 (Al Khaleej Tr)	99	
Coca-Cola Icecek	57	Deutsche Bank P-Note Apr 17 (United International)	89	
Emaar Properties	49	Al Meera Consumer Goods QSC	80	
Merrill Lynch P-Note Apr 17 (Bupa Arabia)	33	Morgan Stanley P-Note Oct 17 (Fawaz Abdulaziz)	71	
NMC Health	31	Morgan Stanley P-Note Feb 18 (Herfy)	62	
Agthia	29	Deutsche Bank P-Note Jan 18 (Al Khaleej Tr)	61	
Turk Telekomunikasyon	28	Ford Otomotiv Sanayi	40	
		Merrill Lynch P-Note Mar 17 (Fawaz Abdulaziz)	33	
		DP World	33	
		First Gulf Bank	31	
		Kuwait Projects Holding	30	

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