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## **Barings Investment Funds Plc**

(a variable capital investment company incorporated with limited liability in Ireland with registration number 392526)

Interim Report & Unaudited Financial Statements

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#### Introduction

Barings 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 (as amended) with registration number 392526 and is designed to give both individual and institutional investors the benefit of experienced professional portfolio management. The Company has been 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 is also listed on Euronext Dublin Global Exchange Market.

As the Barings European Opportunities Fund (the "Fund") is registered for sale in Hong Kong, the Fund has also been authorised by the Hong Kong Securities and Futures Commission ("SFC") pursuant to the provisions of the Hong Kong Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds, supplemented or consolidated from time to time. Further details of the Fund is contained in the individual supplements to the Prospectus. The other Funds within this report are not authorised in Hong Kong and are not available to Hong Kong residents.

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 six active Funds as at 31 October 2020 which have been approved by the CBI:

Fund	Fund launch date
Barings China A-Share Fund	06/02/2020
Barings Europe Select Fund	08/02/2019
Barings European Opportunities Fund	29/10/2013
Barings German Growth Fund	08/02/2019
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund	20/10/2016
Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund	28/06/2019
Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund (closed 1 October 2020)	13/03/2013

Each of the Funds had several classes of shares on offer at the financial period-end, which are outlined in note 10 to these financial statements. Further details of the Funds are contained in the individual supplements to the full Prospectus.

The financial statements include all the trades received up until 12:00p.m. (Irish time) on 30 October 2020, the valuation point for the Funds.



#### **Investment Objective and Policy**

For the financial period ended 31 October 2020

#### **Barings China A-Share Fund**

The investment objective of the Barings China A-Share Fund (the "Fund") is to achieve capital growth through investing in companies established or operating in the People's Republic of China.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its total assets in quoted or traded equity investments in China A-Shares or other Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (the "QFII") permitted securities which are listed on the Shanghai or Shenzhen markets listed in the Prospectus, as permitted under the QFII Regulations.

#### **Barings Europe Select Fund**

The investment objective of the Barings Europe Select Fund (the "Fund") is to achieve long term capital growth by investing in Europe excluding the United Kingdom.

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

#### **Barings European Opportunities Fund**

The investment objective of the Barings European Opportunities Fund (the "Fund") is to 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 75% of its total assets in equities and equity-related securities of smaller companies incorporated in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in, Europe, or quoted or traded on the stock exchanges in Europe.

#### **Barings German Growth Fund**

The investment objective of the Barings German Growth Fund (the "Fund") is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in Germany.

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

#### **Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund**

The investment objective of the Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund (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 recognised rating agency, or be, in the opinion of the Manager, 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.



**Investment Objective and Policy** (continued)

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#### **Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund**

The investment objective of the Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund (the "Fund") is to achieve long-term capital growth by investing in equities listed or traded in markets globally.

The Fund is actively managed and seeks to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its total assets directly and indirectly in equities and equity-related securities of companies which are constituents of the MSCI All Country World Index (ACWI) (the "Index"). The Fund seeks to outperform the Index. The Index captures large and mid-cap representation and as at the date of this Supplement captures approximately 85% of global investable equities. The Index is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. The Fund's exposure to emerging markets may exceed 20% of Net Asset Value. Investors should note that the Fund does not intend to track the Index.

In order to implement the investment policy the Fund may gain indirect exposure through equity-related securities, such as American depositary receipts and global depositary receipts. Investment may also be made in cash and ancillary liquidities such as deposits, treasury bills or short-term Money Market Instruments, including commercial paper and certificates of deposit, in normal market conditions. The Fund may also invest up to 10% of its Net Asset Value in collective investment schemes including money market funds.

#### **Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund**

The investment objective of the Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund (the "Fund") was to generate a total return consisting of capital and income appreciation which exceeded European cash rates over the medium to long term.

In order to achieve its investment objective, the Fund used a tactical asset allocation strategy which had no formal limitations on exposure to any specific asset class, sector, country or region, including emerging markets. In this regard, the Investment Manager sought 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 was adjusted dynamically in anticipation of and in response to changes in economic and market conditions. Allocations were 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 were then selected by analysing the profitability, cash flow, earnings and valuations to determine their attractiveness.

The Fund terminated on 1 October 2020.

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

#### How the Funds are managed

The Manager of the Company, Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited, has appointed Baring Asset Management Limited as the Investment Manager of Barings China A-Share Fund. In turn, Baring Asset Management Limited has appointed Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited as Sub-Investment Manager of the Fund.

The Fund invests in Chinese companies listed on the stock exchanges of Shanghai and Shenzhen using a "bottom-up" investment approach. This means that we are focused more on the individual merits of specific companies, rather than taking a stance on the outcome of a sector of the market or macroeconomic developments such as interest rate rises.

Within this, the Fund is managed using a quality Growth at a Reasonable Price (the "GARP") approach. When researching candidates for the portfolio, we look for companies with three characteristics. Firstly, companies with good potential for long-term earnings growth. Secondly, companies with attributes which in our experience are associated with "high-quality" companies, such as strong balance sheets and good management teams, with experience in delivering value to shareholders. Finally, companies with share price valuations which still have room for upside when compared with history or similar companies – in other words, potential for an attractive investment return.

The Manager of the Company, has also appointed Baring Asset Management Limited as the Investment Manager of Barings Europe Select Fund, Barings European Opportunities Fund and Barings German Growth Fund.



**Investment Objective and Policy** (continued)

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#### How the Funds are managed (continued)

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.

The Manager of the Company, has appointed Baring Asset Management Limited as the Investment Manager of Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund.

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:

- Quality: we scrutinise a company's business model, looking for a range of features and competitive advantages, including network
  effects, benefits to incumbency, large installed bases, leading brands or a sustainable research and development ("R&D") 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 unpredictable 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.

The Manager of the Company, has appointed Baring Asset Management Limited as the Investment Manager of Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund.

The Investment Manager adopts a top-down approach to investing in this Fund. For Global equities, this means that the Investment Manager dynamically allocates to countries, sectors, currencies and styles. This approach incorporates the Investment Manager's views on macroeconomic trends such as economic growth and interest rate levels. The investment strategy is implemented using passive stock selection via a portfolio which consists of directly held equities that are constituents of the reference index. This portfolio will normally hold between 400 and 500 stocks.

The Manager of the Company, appointed Baring Asset Management Limited as the Investment Manager of Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund.

The Manager used the ideas generated by the Strategic Policy Group, our global macro research asset allocation group, to choose what we believed were the best investments to achieve the investment objectives of the Fund. This meant that we constructed a portfolio of stocks or bonds from a mix of companies, countries and sectors to suit our current asset allocation policy at that point in time.



**Investment Objective and Policy (continued)** 

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#### How the Funds are managed (continued)

We believed that asset allocation was the most important driver of returns. It was important to be in the right market at the right time, and to be able to retreat to a more defensive position to help manage risk. We followed a two-stage investment process that accessed both long-term return opportunities, driven by slowly evolving macroeconomic factors, and shorter-term opportunities generated by market volatility. We maintained a forward-looking approach and were conscious that what proved to be a defensive asset in a previous downturn may not always be suitable. We used our wide investment universe to ensure that we avoided over diversification and focus on assets that we believed were appropriate for the prevailing economic and market cycle.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full risk profile for each of the Funds. Investors should read the Prospectus and carefully consider the potential risk factors as well as reward factors before investing.



#### **Investment Managers' Report**

For the financial period ended 31 October 2020

#### **Barings China A-Share Fund**

#### **Performance**

Barings China A-Share Fund (the "Fund") generated a gross return of 45.2% on the Class A USD Acc share class and outperformed the performance comparator with a return of 27.5%\* during the reporting period. The Fund generated a net return of 43.4% on the Class A USD Acc share class.

Chinese onshore equities recovered from March lows after the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic and rallied over the 6-month period. In addition to robust macro readings which indicated a solid economic recovery path on track, positive earnings surprises particularly from some of the new economy names also buoyed market outperformance. Meanwhile, a strong pipeline of IPOs in the Chinese equity markets also underpinned positive investment momentum despite some market fluctuations partly resulting from reescalated China-US tensions.

Stock selection was a key contributor to the relative outperformance over the reporting period, especially in the consumer and industrial sectors. On the stock level, beer manufacturer Chongqing Brewery continued its uptrend and ended the review period as a notable contributor. Share price was buoyed by the announcement of the company's asset reorganisation plan through acquiring stakes of the joint venture held with Carlsberg Brewery Hong Kong, which is expected to not only inject quality assets but also increase brand awareness of the company in the longer run. Meituan Dianping also contributed positively, largely driven by satisfactory earnings results of the second quarter thanks to strong order growth in food and grocery delivery and lower-than-expected operating cost. Solar cell equipment manufacturer Suzhou Maxwell Technologies also added value to the Fund, as the share price was buoyed by its R&D (Research & Development) progress on solar cell equipment.

On the other hand, our investment in electronic component manufacturer Shennan Circuit detracted from relative performance, as the news flow around the US' ban on Huawei alongside potential export restrictions posed on one of China's top chipmakers hurt the near-term sentiment of the domestic semiconductor industry. Our lack of exposure to solar wafer manufacturer Longi Green Energy Technology was another drag, largely due to resilient solar demand recovery globally which underpinned solid earnings growth momentum of the company in the near-term.

#### **Market outlook**

In the near term, we expect proactive fiscal stimulus alongside flexible monetary measures to remain the status quo, which would be instrumental in terms of further stabilizing the economy and paving the way for the rebound momentum in areas such as consumption, which have relatively lagged behind the expected recovery progress. We have seen a strong demand for domestic leisure travel especially stimulated by the Chinese Golden Week Holiday, with a solid rebound of hotel bookings and airline load factors. This could potentially indicate positive signs of growth catching-up for these more severely impacted industries amid the pandemic should the recovery momentum continue. Recent news on the positive development of the Covid-19 vaccine from Pfizer also confirms that outlook.

Meanwhile, the just-concluded 5th Plenum of the 19th Party Congress provided a brief summary of the proposals for the 14th five-year plan (2021-2025), with key highlights including the continuation of economic transformation towards higher quality and sustainable growth, as well as self-sufficiency and innovation of key technologies in the next 5-15 years. We expect these policy directions to bring strong support and subsequent positive market sentiment to certain areas, such as new infrastructure, domestic consumption, new energy, health care and technology localisation.



Investment Managers' Report (continued)

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#### Barings China A-Share Fund (continued)

#### Market outlook (continued)

Nonetheless, we expect volatility to prevail in the short run as the US presidential elections conclude and Covid-19 vaccine development progresses, which may change the near-term outlook on leisure industries, technology sectors and more. While we will closely monitor these key factors and accustom to the appropriate portfolio construction steps driven by share price movements on a case-by-case scenario, we still hold a positive outlook on the relevant names within our portfolio in the longer run on the back of their resilient structural growth potentials and quality franchises.

Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited, appointed as Sub-Investment Manager by Baring Asset Management Limited November 2020



<sup>\*</sup> The Fund return uses the midday prices, whereas the return of the comparator is calculated using global close prices.

**Investment Managers' Report** (continued)

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#### **Barings Europe Select Fund**

#### **Performance**

Barings Europe Select Fund (the "Fund") generated a gross return of 7.3% on the Class J EUR Inc share class and underperformed against the performance comparator with a return of 9.8%\* during the reporting period. The Fund generated a net return of 6.8% on the Class J EUR Inc share class.

This relative underperformance followed a very strong start to the year during which our portfolio proved relatively resilient in a rapidly declining equity market, as the Covid-19 pandemic arrested market sentiment in February and March. In more recent months, however, European Smaller Companies have seen a strong rally in the shares of companies that had been experiencing negative earnings revisions. Our focus on companies that are improving the quality of their earnings and business models, therefore, while helping our relative performance during the market downturn, meant that our portfolio did not participate as meaningfully in the recent short-term market rally.

At the stock level, shares in Norwegian oil services company TGS-Nopec were relatively weak, partly reflecting weakness in the oil price. We continue to hold shares in TGS-Nopec as we believe it remains a strong, high quality business irrespective of the oil price due its robust balance sheet, cash generation ability, attractive valuation, and favourable position compared to peers. Shares in Royal Vopak, a Dutch storage and handling company specialising in oil and natural gas-related services, suffered profit-taking following results which were slightly below market expectations; meanwhile management stated that they expect the current oil price environment to have a positive impact on demand for its oil storage services in the coming quarters. Partially offsetting this relative weakness, shares in KION, a German leader in automating warehouse workflows and production warehouse trucks, were strong following better than expected Q2 results which indicated that orders in its warehouse automation solutions division had risen significantly, largely driven by high value orders from e-tailing and online clients.

#### Market outlook

The strong performance by stock markets in the last six months appears at odds with an apparent slow-down in the rate of recovery of most developed market economies from earlier lockdowns. Consistently, manufacturing activities appear to be leading the global recovery, suggesting that companies and suppliers are becoming more proficient at maintaining output in factories that have been reconfigured to support social distancing and other measures aimed at preventing the spread of coronavirus. Services sectors are generally weak, however, in part reflecting the continued widespread reluctance to travel, both for recreational and business purposes, to repopulate offices, or to include in leisure activities.

As a result of the significant rebound in equity prices over the last six months, valuations suggest there is very limited potential for further re-rating, although reinstatement of dividends that were postponed earlier this year may provide further support to equity markets. This indicates that company fundamentals will become even more important to determine a company's long-term value in the coming months. This is especially true of the smaller company universe, as recovering margins are likely to push earnings growth to double digits in 2021. Nonetheless, consensus earnings growth forecasts for 2021 likely remain too optimistic, in our view, as companies' ability to generate 2021 earnings in excess of 2019 profits is likely to be challenged given the deterioration in economic conditions.



**Investment Managers' Report** (continued)

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#### Barings Europe Select Fund (continued)

#### Market outlook (continued)

In this context, and in line with our quality Growth at a Reasonable Price investment approach, we continue to rely on bottom-up stock selection to identify investment opportunities in companies which we believe will benefit from long-term, structural growth that is not necessarily dependent on economic growth; the ability to fund their own growth ambitions; and clear, open communication with stakeholders. Likewise, we continue to avoid investments in highly cyclical companies, particularly those whose fortunes are dependent on commodity price developments; balance sheet stressed companies; and companies that display poor corporate governance and shareholder rights protection.

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**Investment Managers' Report** (continued)

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#### **Barings European Opportunities Fund**

#### **Performance**

Barings European Opportunities Fund (the "Fund") generated a gross return of 5.5% on the Class A EUR Acc share class and underperformed against the performance comparator which returned 8.2%\* during the reporting period. The Fund generated a net return of 4.4% on the Class A EUR Acc share class.

This relative underperformance followed a very strong start to 2020 during which our portfolio proved relatively resilient in a rapidly declining equity market, as the Covid-19 pandemic arrested market sentiment in February and March. In more recent months, however, Pan-European Smaller Companies have seen a strong rally in the shares of companies that had been experiencing negative earnings revisions. Our focus on companies that are improving the quality of their earnings and business models, therefore, while helping our relative performance during the market downturn, meant that our portfolio did not participate as meaningfully in the recent short-term market rally.

At the stock level, shares in Norwegian oil services company TGS-Nopec were relatively weak, partly reflecting weakness in the oil price. We continue to hold shares in TGS-Nopec as we believe it remains a strong, high quality business irrespective of the oil price due its robust balance sheet, cash generation ability, attractive valuation, and favourable position compared to peers. Shares in Royal Vopak, a Dutch storage and handling company specialising in oil and natural gas-related services, suffered profit-taking following results that were slightly below market expectations; meanwhile management stated that they expect the current oil price environment to have a positive impact on demand for its oil storage services in the coming quarters. The share price of Beazley, the UK listed insurance company, was also negatively impacted after the company increased estimates for the cost of insurance claims related to Covid. Partially offsetting this relative weakness, shares in KION, a German leader in automating warehouse workflows and production warehouse trucks, were strong following better than expected Q2 results that indicated that orders in its warehouse automation solutions division had risen significantly, largely driven by high value orders from e-tailing and online clients. In addition, the shares of JD Sports Fashion, the UK retailer, responded positively to the company's reports that trading had recovered strongly following the reopening of its stores after the spring lockdown.

#### Market outlook

The strong performance by stock markets in the last six months appears at odds with an apparent slow-down in the rate of recovery of most developed market economies from earlier lockdowns. Consistently, manufacturing activities appear to be leading the global recovery, suggesting that companies and suppliers are becoming more proficient at maintaining output in factories that have been reconfigured to support social distancing and other measures aimed at preventing the spread of coronavirus. Services sectors are generally weak, however, in part reflecting the continued widespread reluctance to travel, both for recreational and business purposes, to repopulate offices, or to indulge in leisure activities.

As a result of the significant rebound in equity prices over the last six months, valuations suggest there is very limited potential for further re-rating, although reinstatement of dividends that were postponed earlier this year may provide further support to equity markets. This indicates that company fundamentals will become even more important to determine companies' long-term value in the coming months. This is especially true of the smaller company universe, as recovering margins are likely to push earnings growth to double digits in 2021. Nonetheless, consensus earnings growth forecasts for 2021 likely remain too optimistic, in our view, as companies' ability to generate 2021 earnings in excess of 2019 profits is likely to be challenged given the deterioration in economic conditions.



**Investment Managers' Report** (continued)

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#### **Barings European Opportunities Fund (continued)**

### Market outlook (continued)

In this context, and in line with our quality Growth at a Reasonable Price investment approach, we continue to rely on bottom-up stock selection to identify investment opportunities in companies which we believe will benefit from long-term, structural growth that is not necessarily dependent on economic growth; the ability to fund their own growth ambitions; and clear, open communication with stakeholders. Likewise, we continue to avoid investments in highly cyclical companies, particularly those whose fortunes are dependent on commodity price developments; balance sheet stressed companies; and companies that display poor corporate governance and shareholder rights protection.

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**Investment Managers' Report** (continued)

For the financial period ended 31 October 2020

#### **Barings German Growth Fund**

#### **Performance**

Barings German Growth Fund (the "Fund") generated a gross return of 0.7% on the Class J EUR Acc share class and underperformed against the performance comparator with a return of 7.0%\* during the reporting period. The Fund generated a net return of 0.2% on the Class J EUR Acc share class.

Stock selection among larger companies was the key detractor from returns, stemming from our decision not to hold shares in companies including Siemens, Daimler and Adidas. These companies are not held in the portfolio because we do not feel they meet our Growth at a Reasonable Price investment criteria, or where we have higher conviction ideas elsewhere; however, these stocks performed strongly in the period under review, in some cases due to a broader market preference for defensive companies which were somewhat underrepresented in the German Growth Fund portfolio. At the stock level, the Fund was also impacted by weakness from holdings such as LPKF Laser and Electronics, which suffered profit-taking despite better than expected Q3 profitability.

On the positive side, we did see strong performance from some of the portfolio's holdings including Allgeier following the announcement that the company is planning to spin off its Nagarro software division, which should release value, while management upgraded profit guidance. Shares in KION, a German leader in automating warehouse workflows and production warehouse trucks, were strong following better than expected Q2 results which indicated that orders in its warehouse automation solutions division had risen significantly, largely driven by high value orders from e-tailing and online clients.

#### **Market outlook**

Whilst the short term market outlook is probably as uncertain as it has been in at least a generation - at the time of writing Pfizer BioNTech have recently announced a successful trial of their Covid-19 vaccine, Donald Trump is still contesting the US Presidential Election result, and Covid-19 cases continue to rise - we remain confident that, over the longer term, the global economy will recover to "pre-Covid-19" levels in due course.

In part the timing will be dependent on when a vaccine is available and able to be widely distributed. We have also been encouraged by the quick rebound in macroeconomic data from the lows seen through the spring and early summer when tight lockdown restrictions were in place. Furthermore, there is also the release of pent-up consumer demand to consider as a driver to company profits, in addition to the various government and central bank stimulus packages that are already in place. As such, as we will continue to focus on our key long-term investment tenets, and we remain confident the fund is well positioned to prosper in the years ahead.

However, there is no doubt that whilst the world as a whole should return to some sort of normality in the next year or so, the make-up/mix of company profits/GDP will have changed for good. With this in mind, we need to consider such questions as: will Covid-19 lead to a longer term change in consumer spending habits for certain items, and how will various industry trends now develop over the longer term; for example, in travel, and property? There are also broader trends that have continued to gain prominence over the past six months or so, including the shift of the global energy mix towards renewables, aided by parts of these government stimulus packages.

In this context, and in line with our quality Growth at a Reasonable Price investment approach, we continue to rely on bottom-up stock selection to identify investment opportunities in companies which we believe will benefit from long-term, structural growth that is not necessarily dependent on economic growth; the ability to fund their own growth ambitions; and clear, open communication with stakeholders.

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**Investment Managers' Report** (continued)

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#### **Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund**

#### **Performance**

Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund (the "Fund") generated a gross return of 7.3% on the Class A USD Acc share class and underperformed against the performance comparator with a return of 12.6%\* during the reporting period. The Fund generated a net return of 6.4% on the Class A USD Acc share class.

Shares in consumer-focused companies, such as global contract caterer Compass Group, were relatively weak in the period as profits were severely impacted by the lower customer demand related to Covid-19. Despite short-term weakness, we continue to believe the Fund's holdings offer resilient earnings and dividend streams over the longer term, and should emerge from the pandemic in a strong competitive position. Compass Group, for example, benefits from a very durable franchise with market shares in some of its markets more than double the nearest competitor, meanwhile it is a capital light business and is operating in a highly fragmented market with plenty of scope for consolidation. Partially offsetting these weaker returns, a number of the Fund's holdings delivered strong returns over the period, including Japanese gaming company Nintendo. Nintendo is a great example of the type of companies we like to own in our portfolio as the company has a durable and growing franchise, benefitting from its globally-recognised portfolio of characters, as well as an exceptionally strong balance sheet and a healthy long-term growth profile.

#### Market outlook

This year continues to surprise in so many ways. Initially the surprise was the emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic, then the shutdown of much of the global economy, then the unprecedented (in peacetime) fiscal and monetary response of virtually all major economies. There are likely more surprises to come with the US election, decisions about continuing with fiscal programmes and, at some point, debates about how to pay for the measures implemented so far. In this environment, we have been continuing to focus on the longer term beyond when short-term fiscal and monetary measures are likely to have normalised and after Covid-19 will hopefully have passed, and the economy will function more like before.

We remain cognisant of the issues facing the global economy in the near term, and that various programmes that have been put in place to support economies and industries cannot continue indefinitely. As a result, we have been continuing to focus on finding companies whose business models are resilient enough to withstand the current crisis and where they will continue to grow once the crisis has passed.

\* The Fund return uses the midday prices, whereas the return of the comparator is calculated using global close prices.

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**Investment Managers' Report** (continued)

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#### **Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund**

#### **Performance**

Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund (the "Fund") generated a gross return of 12.7% on the Class I USD Acc share class and underperformed against the performance comparator with a return of 13.6%\* during the reporting period. The Fund generated a net return of 12.3% on the Class I USD Acc share class.

On a sector level the Fund's underperformance was driven by positions in some of the more cyclical sectors, such as Consumer Discretionary, Industrials and Financials. Offsetting these positions were gains from our underweight positions to defensive sectors such as Consumer Staples and Real Estate, which were left behind in a period of strong market performance.

On a country level the Fund's underperformance was primarily due to positions in the Asian markets – China and Japan in particular. Offsetting this were gains from the underweight position to the UK market, which continues to suffer from an out of favour sector mix and a Brexit overhang.

#### Market outlook

The swift and sizeable Covid-19 policy response from central banks and governments has managed to cushion the economic shock and lift markets, as policymakers try to see past the virus and think longer term. However, the second wave in Europe reminds us that the battle is far from over and until a vaccine is widely available, economies will likely remain constrained by measures aimed at slowing the spread of the virus. It is therefore important that governments continue to support consumer incomes and businesses until a vaccine is available or until the virus is brought under control by other means.

With the initial shock fading, a new normal will come into view that includes a persistent virus that continues to prevent a full return across all sectors, but global activity that can still rebound in spite of the risks. The near term can continue to get better as we have seen in recent data, even as we take stock of the longer term damage to balance sheets, investment and productivity.

Investors also need to start paying attention to old, familiar risks they had pushed to the back burner during the crisis: potential tensions with China are on the rise around the world. We expect tough talk together with some action against weaker players (example: new trade sanctions on Australia by China). Over the next few months the US election outcome and its implications will dominate the news cycle.

While we still remain optimistic, investors will need to stay alert and we continue to believe it makes sense to aim for a well-diversified, dynamic portfolio.

\* The Fund return uses the midday prices, whereas the return of the comparator is calculated using global close prices.

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Investment Managers' Report (continued)

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#### **Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund**

#### **Performance**

Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund (the "Fund") terminated on 1 October 2020. The Fund generated a gross return of +6.3% on the Class I EUR Acc share class and outperformed against the performance comparator with a return of -0.2%\* during the reporting period. The Fund generated a net return of +6.0% on the Class I EUR Acc share class.

In the first quarter of 2020 the dual crisis of Covid-19 and the simultaneous oil price war caused a rapid market sell-off. The speed and depth of the sell-off had a significant impact to performance. No market was unscathed and even defensive assets such as government bonds and gold proved unreliable.

With Covid-19 spreading globally we started to move to a more defensive positioning. We cut equities, which to us were the obvious areas that would feel pain. We added to certain credit areas such as investment grade credit and emerging market hard currency bonds which we felt would be the beneficiaries of a low interest environment.

In the period under review, we have built up our equity exposure, funded from cash and government bonds, while maintaining a preference for growth equities via our technology exposure. Technology we feel will be one of the most resilient sectors during this slowdown. Not only will certain online trends accelerate during the shutdown, but we expect corporate spend on IT to increase during the recovery. Recently we have added some more cyclicality within equities, buying the European Banks sector and US Midcap companies.

High yield bonds and emerging bonds also were a strong contributor to the Q2 return as the stimulus measures discussed above reassured markets and allowed spreads to compress.

\* The Fund return uses the midday prices, whereas the return of the comparator is calculated using global close prices.

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## **Statement of Financial Position**

As at 31 October 2020

Assets Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Notes	Barings China A-Share Fund 31 October 2020 US\$ 11,881,787	Barings Europe Select Fund 31 October 2020 € 50,329,498	Barings European Opportunities Fund 31 October 2020 € 104,131,632
Cash and cash equivalents	2	322,671	2,641,445	4,073,312
Securities sold receivable Receivable for shares sold	3	38,049	7,053	4,073,312
Dividends receivable		395	10,546	55,796
Total assets		12,242,902	52,988,542	108,260,740
Liabilities				
Management fees payable	6	(76)	(107,270)	(43,584)
Securities purchased payable		(21,111)	_	_
Payable for shares redeemed		_	(2,231)	_
Administration, depositary and operating fees payable	6	(4,878)	(5,379)	(49,017)
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares)		(26,065)	(114,880)	(92,601)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	:	12,216,837	52,873,662	108,168,139



## Statement of Financial Position (continued)

As at 31 October 2020

		Barings German Growth Fund 31 October 2020	Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund 31 October 2020	Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund 31 October 2020
Assets	Notes	€	US\$	US\$
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	2	17,223,113	53,030,738	49,270,628
Cash and cash equivalents	3	_	132,101	131,249
Securities sold receivable		_	_	253,738
Receivable for shares sold		158	_	_
Dividends receivable		_	47,299	53,108
Other assets		_		68
Total assets		17,223,271	53,210,138	49,708,791
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Liabilities				
Bank overdraft	3	(71,132)	_	_
Management fees payable	6	(44,681)	(19,990)	_
Securities purchased payable		_	_	(304,638)
Payable for shares redeemed		(22,064)	_	_
Administration, depositary and operating fees payable	6	(1,832)	(9,139)	(20,867)
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to				
holders of redeemable participating shares)		(139,709)	(29,129)	(325,505)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		17,083,562	53,181,009	49,383,286

## Statement of Financial Position (continued)

As at 31 October 2020

Assets	Notes	Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund* 31 October 2020 €	Company Total 31 October 2020 US\$
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	2	6 220	314,598,780
Cash and cash equivalents Securities sold receivable	3	6,220 _	8,431,755 291,787
Receivable for shares sold		_	8,417
Dividends receivable		1,160	179,600
Other assets		_	68
Total assets		7,380	323,510,407
Liabilities			
Bank overdraft	3	_	(83,036)
Management fees payable	6	(3,227)	(252,091)
Securities purchased payable		_	(325,749)
Payable for shares redeemed		(1,641)	(30,276)
Administration, depositary and operating fees payable	6	(2,512)	(103,454)
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares)		(7,380)	(794,606)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares			322,715,801

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund terminated on 1 October 2020. The financial statements for this Fund have been prepared on a non-going concern basis.



## Statement of Financial Position (continued)

		Barings China A-Share Fund* 30 April 2020	Barings China Select Fund** 30 April 2020	Barings Europe Select Fund 30 April 2020
Assets	Notes	US\$	US\$	€
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	2	8,060,408	_	48,629,569
Cash and cash equivalents	3	395,083	_	813,354
Securities sold receivable		_	_	77,134
Receivable for shares sold		_	_	40,177
Dividends receivable	2	_	_	28,955
Other assets		_	233	1,617
Total assets	_	8,455,491	233	49,590,806
Liabilities				
Bank overdraft	3	_	(156)	_
Management fees payable	6	(74)	(58)	(42,211)
Securities purchased payable		_	_	(168,428)
Payable for shares redeemed		_	_	(289,149)
Administration, depositary and operating fees payable	6	(4,932)	(19)	(2,357)
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares)	-	(5,006)	(233)	(502,145)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	=	8,450,485		49,088,661



<sup>\*</sup> The Barings China A-Share Fund was launched on 6 February 2020.

\*\* The Barings China Select Fund terminated on 6 March 2020. The financial statements for this Fund have been prepared on a non-going concern basis.

Statement of Financial Position (continued)

Assets		Barings European Opportunities Fund 30 April 2020 €	Barings Frontier Markets Fund* 30 April 2020 US\$	Barings German Growth Fund 30 April 2020 €
	Notes	•	03\$	•
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	2	151,573,748		22,338,343
Cash and cash equivalents	3	4,724,268	73,243	24,285
Securities sold receivable		425,570	_	40,509
Dividends receivable	2	56,840		88,281
Total assets		156,780,426	73,243	22,491,418
Liabilities				
Bank overdraft	3	(7,357)	_	_
Management fees payable	6	(21,343)	_	(22,090)
Securities purchased payable		_	_	(187,077)
Payable for shares redeemed		_	(73,243)	_
Administration, depositary and operating fees payable	6	(30,731)		(1,017)
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares)		(59,431)	(73,243)	(210,184)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		156,720,995		22,281,234

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Frontier Markets Fund terminated on 23 September 2019. The financial statements for this Fund have been prepared on a non-going concern basis.



## Statement of Financial Position (continued)

Assets Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Notes	Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund 30 April 2020 US\$ 59.099,204	Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund* 30 April 2020 US\$ 39,429,185	Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund** 30 April 2020 € 38,109,118
Cash and cash equivalents	2	226,450	295,775	4,897,209
Receivable for shares sold	3			1,047
Interest receivable	2	3	2	183,473
Dividends receivable	2	91,465	61,136	2,580
Management fee rebate due	6	_	_	1,659
Total assets		59,417,122	39,786,098	43,195,086
Liabilities				
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	2	_	_	(102,367)
Margin overdraft	3	_	_	(521,343)
Management fees payable	6	(20,217)	_	(1,918)
Indonesian Capital Gains Tax		_	_	(3,534)
Payable for shares redeemed		_	_	(35)
Administration, depositary and operating fees payable	6	(4,280)	(7,545)	(6,028)
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares)		(24,497)	(7,545)	(635,225)
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Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		59,392,625	39,778,553	42,559,861

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund was launched on 28 June 2019.



<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund will be terminated on 1 October 2020. The financial statements for this Fund have been prepared on a non-going concern basis.

## Statement of Financial Position (continued)

		Company Total
Assets	Notes	30 April 2020 US\$
Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	Notes 2	390,085,743
Cash and cash equivalents	3	12,366,414
Securities sold receivable	3	590.826
Receivable for shares sold		44,837
Interest receivable	2	199,560
Dividends receivable	2	344,741
Management fee rebate due	6	1,804
Other assets		1,992
Total assets	_	403,635,917
Liabilities		
Financial liabilities at fair value through profit or loss	2	(111,340)
Bank overdraft	3	(8,158)
Margin overdraft	3	(567,039)
Management fees payable	6	(115,586)
Indonesian Capital Gains Tax		(3,844)
Securities purchased payable		(386,665)
Payable for shares redeemed		(387,774)
Administration, depositary and operating fees payable	6 _	(60,426)
Total liabilities (excluding net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares)	_	(1,640,832)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	=	401,995,085

## **Statement of Comprehensive Income**

For the financial period ended 31 October 2020

		Barings China A-Share Fund 31 October 2020	Barings Europe Select Fund 31 October 2020	Barings European Opportunities Fund 31 October 2020
1	Notes	US\$	€	€
Income		2 200	620	4 000
Bank interest income Dividend income		3,309	630	1,209
Net fair value gain on financial assets and financial liabilitie	on of	119,094	603,734	1,615,936
fair value through profit or loss	s al	3,670,645	3,017,932	9,159,913
Total income	-	3,793,048	3,622,296	10,777,058
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Expenses				
Management fees	6	(209)	(312,859)	(136,568)
Administration, depositary and operating fees	6	(13,326)	(13,381)	(176,038)
General expenses	_	(40)	(95)	(665)
Total operating expenses	_	(13,575)	(326,335)	(313,271)
Net profit before finance costs and taxation		3,779,473	3,295,961	10,463,787
Finance costs				
Distributions	5	(127)	(33,879)	(60,849)
Bank interest expense		(1,231)	(4,681)	(7,217)
Total finance costs		(1,358)	(38,560)	(68,066)
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares before taxation		3,778,115	3,257,401	10,395,721
Taxation				
Withholding tax on dividends and other investment income		(11,887)	(94,536)	(121,793)
Total taxation	-	(11,887)	(94,536)	(121,793)
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of				
redeemable participating shares	=	3,766,228	3,162,865	10,273,928

Gains and losses solely from continuing operations. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.



Statement of Comprehensive Income (continued)

For the financial period ended 31 October 2020

	Notes	Barings German Growth Fund 31 October 2020 €	Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund 31 October 2020 US\$	Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund 31 October 2020 US\$
Income Bank interest income		702	2 206	0.4
Dividend income		702 325,057	3,396 555,543	84 497,743
Net fair value gain on financial assets and financial liabiliti	es at	323,037	555,545	497,743
fair value through profit or loss	co at	285,746	4,061,993	4,803,851
Total income	-	611,505	4,620,932	5,301,678
Expenses				
Management fees	6	(146,406)	(107,377)	(3)
Administration, depositary and operating fees	6	(6,210)	(29,582)	(58,707)
General expenses		(208)	(259)	(178)
Total operating expenses	_	(152,824)	(137,218)	(58,888)
Net profit before finance costs and taxation		458,681	4,483,714	5,242,790
Finance costs				
Distributions	5	(7,311)	(355,831)	_
Bank interest expense	_	(117)	(3,654)	(712)
Total finance costs	_	(7,428)	(359,485)	(712)
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares before taxation		451,253	4,124,229	5,242,078
Taxation				
Withholding tax on dividends and other investment income		(44,426)	(73,301)	(114,522)
Total taxation		(44,426)	(73,301)	(114,522)
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	=	406,827	4,050,928	5,127,556

Gains and losses solely from continuing operations. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.



Statement of Comprehensive Income (continued)

For the financial period ended 31 October 2020

-	lotes	Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund* 31 October 2020 €	Company Total 31 October 2020 US\$
Income			
Bank interest income		48	9,763
Interest income		160,744	184,632
Dividend income		24,268	4,123,158
Net fair value gain on financial assets and financial liabilities at fair value through p	rotit	4 224 006	24 024 526
or loss		4,334,986	31,831,536
Total income		4,520,046	36,149,089
Expenses			
Management fees	6	(8,049)	(801,215)
Administration, depositary and operating fees	6	(17,462)	(346,374)
General expenses	O	(186)	(1,802)
Total operating expenses		(25,697)	(1,149,391)
Total Operating expenses		(23,037)	(1,143,331)
Net profit before finance costs and taxation		4,494,349	34,999,698
Finance costs			
Distributions	5	(270)	(473,471)
Bank interest expense		(1,421,407)	(1,652,043)
Total finance costs		(1,421,677)	(2,125,514)
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares before taxation		3,072,672	32,874,184
Taxation			
Withholding tax on dividends and other investment income		(4,758)	(504,681)
Capital Gains Tax		(97)	(112)
Total taxation		(4,855)	(504,793)
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating			
shares		3,067,817	32,369,391
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<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund terminated on 1 October 2020. The financial statements for this Fund have been prepared on a non-going concern basis.

In the case of Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund, gains and losses arose solely from discontinued activities. For all other Funds, gains and losses arose solely from continuing activities. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.



Statement of Comprehensive Income (continued)

For the financial period ended 31 October 2019

Income	Notes	Barings China Select Fund 31 October 2019 US\$	Barings Europe Select Fund 31 October 2019 €	Barings European Opportunities Fund 31 October 2019 €
Income Bank interest income		1.071	7 001	0.422
Dividend income		1,071 404,607	7,891 1,069,664	9,432 2,776,860
Net fair value (loss)/gain on financial assets and financial		404,007	1,009,004	2,770,000
liabilities at fair value through profit or loss		(864,394)	(1,495,934)	4,383,296
Total (expense)/income		(458,716)	(418,379)	7,169,588
Expenses				
Management fees	6	(184,742)	(306,334)	(157,216)
Administration, depositary and operating fees	6	(54,949)	(12,222)	(245,898)
Total operating expenses	,	(239,691)	(318,556)	(403,114)
Net (loss)/profit before finance costs and taxation		(698,407)	(736,935)	6,766,474
Finance costs				
Distributions	5	(1,623)	(321,403)	(122,008)
Bank interest expense		(878)	(1,785)	(1,425)
Total finance costs	,	(2,501)	(323,188)	(123,433)
(Decrease)/increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares before taxation		(700,908)	(1,060,123)	6,643,041
Taxation Withholding tax on dividends and other investment income		(28,450)	(135,635)	(163,949)
Total taxation		(28,450)	(135,635)	(163,949)
iotal taxation		(20,430)	(130,035)	(103,949)
(Decrease)/increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	:	(729,358)	(1,195,758)	6,479,092

Gains and losses arose solely from continuing activities. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.



Statement of Comprehensive Income (continued)

For the financial period ended 31 October 2019

Income	Notes	Barings Frontier Markets Fund* 31 October 2019 US\$	Barings German Growth Fund 31 October 2019 €	Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund 31 October 2019 US\$
Bank interest income		5,317	38	578
Dividend income		509,745	457,949	352,717
Net fair value (loss)/gain on financial assets and financial		,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	,
liabilities at fair value through profit or loss		(1,071,928)	(1,123,485)	1,094,176
Total (expense)/income		(556,866)	(665,498)	1,447,471
Expenses				
Management fees	6	(24,670)	(198,719)	(89,334)
Administration, depositary and operating fees	6	(33,792)	(9,085)	(13,480)
Total operating expenses		(58,462)	(207,804)	(102,814)
Net (loss)/profit before finance costs and taxation		(615,328)	(873,302)	1,344,657
Finance costs				
Distributions	5	(75,782)	(1,900)	(314,201)
Bank interest expense		(1,352)	(55)	(1,476)
Total finance costs		(77,134)	(1,955)	(315,677)
(Decrease)/increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares before taxation		(692,462)	(875,257)	1,028,980
Taxation				
Withholding tax on dividends and other investment income		(33,590)	(55,224)	(60,241)
Total taxation		(33,590)	(55,224)	(60,241)
(Decrease)/increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	:	(726,052)	(930,481)	968,739

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Frontier Markets Fund terminated on 23 September 2019.

In the case of Barings Frontier Markets Fund, gains and losses arose solely from discontinued activities. For all other Funds, gains and losses arose solely from continuing activities. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.



Statement of Comprehensive Income (continued)

No	tes	Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund* 31 October 2019 US\$	Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund 31 October 2019 €	Company Total 31 October 2019 US\$
Income	.00	<b>55</b>	·	004
Bank interest income		1,671	7,387	36,221
Interest income		_	466,173	519,596
Dividend income		179,923	145,003	6,406,373
Net fair value gain on financial assets and financial liabilities at		-,-	,,,,,,	-,,
fair value through profit or loss		1,171,733	313,782	2,645,343
Total income		1,353,327	932,345	9,607,533
Expenses				
Management fees	6	(1)	(9,487)	(1,047,485)
Administration, depositary and operating fees	6	(22,495)	(26,190)	(451,734)
Total operating expenses		(22,496)	(35,677)	(1,499,219)
Net profit before finance costs and taxation		1,330,831	896,668	8,108,314
Finance costs				
Distributions	5	_	(445)	(888,445)
Bank interest expense		(4,291)	(9,903)	(22,674)
Total finance costs		(4,291)	(10,348)	(911,119)
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares before taxation		1,326,540	886,320	7,197,195
Taxation				
Withholding tax on dividends and other investment income		(38,545)	(5,717)	(562,667)
Capital Gains Tax		(==,= . <b>-</b> )	(6,481)	(7,224)
Total taxation		(38,545)	(12,198)	(569,891)
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of				
redeemable participating shares	:	1,287,995	874,122	6,627,304

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund was launched on 28 June 2019.
Gains and losses arose solely from continuing activities. There were no gains or losses other than those dealt with in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.



## Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares

	Notes	Barings China A-Share Fund 31 October 2020 US\$	Barings Europe Select Fund 31 October 2020 €	Barings European Opportunities Fund 31 October 2020 €
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable	Notes	03\$	•	•
participating shares at the beginning of the financial				
period		8,450,485	49,088,661	156,720,995
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of				
redeemable participating shares		3,766,228	3,162,865	10,273,928
Issue of redeemable participating shares during the				
financial period	4	124	5,089,892	786
Redemption of redeemable participating shares during				
the financial period	4	_	(4,465,367)	(58,827,570)
Income equalisation	5	_	(2,389)	_
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the end of the financial period	=	12,216,837	52,873,662	108,168,139



Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares (continued)

	Notes	Barings German Growth Fund 31 October 2020 €	Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund 31 October 2020 US\$	Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund 31 October 2020 US\$
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the financial		00 004 004	50 200 605	20 770 552
period		22,281,234	59,392,625	39,778,553
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		406,827	4,050,928	5,127,556
Issue of redeemable participating shares during the financial period	4	959,784	28,276,813	4,477,177
Redemption of redeemable participating shares during the				
financial period	4	(6,561,073)	(38,521,085)	_
Income equalisation	5	(3,210)	(18,272)	_
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the end of the financial period		17,083,562	53,181,009	49,383,286

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares (continued)

	Notes	Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund* 31 October 2020 €	Company Total 31 October 2020 US\$
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the			
beginning of the financial period		42,559,861	401,995,085
Notional exchange adjustment		_	19,837,015
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		3,067,817	32,369,391
Issue of redeemable participating shares during the financial period	4	76,103	39,791,160
Redemption of redeemable participating shares during the financial period	4	(45,703,781)	(171,252,147)
Income equalisation	5	_	(24,703)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the end of the financial period			322,715,801

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund terminated on 1 October 2020. The financial statements for this Fund have been prepared on a non-going concern basis.



Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares (continued)

	Notes	Barings China Select Fund 31 October 2019 US\$	Barings Europe Select Fund 31 October 2019 €	Barings European Opportunities Fund 31 October 2019 €
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable	110100	334		
participating shares at the beginning of the financial period		28,656,326	92,963,660	199,984,225
(Decrease)/increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		(729,358)	(1,195,758)	6,479,092
Issue of redeemable participating shares during the financial period	4	2,130,524	25,252,297	25,777
Redemption of redeemable participating shares during the financial period	4	(3,915,604)	(71,427,205)	(384,707)
Income equalisation	5	516	(341,198)	_
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the end of the financial period		26,142,404	45,251,796	206,104,387



Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares (continued)

For the financial period ended 31 October 2019

	Notes	Barings Frontier Markets Fund* 31 October 2019 US\$	Barings German Growth Fund 31 October 2019 €	Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund 31 October 2019 US\$
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the financial				
period		30,073,465	32,399,684	20,894,023
(Decrease)/increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		(726,052)	(930,481)	968,739
Issue of redeemable participating shares during the financial period	4	314,254	612,816	17,065,454
Redemption of redeemable participating shares during the				
financial period	4	(29,634,122)	(2,983,289)	(421,970)
Income equalisation	5	(27,545)	(1,429)	16,360
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the end of the financial period		_	29,097,301	38,522,606

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Frontier Markets Fund terminated on 23 September 2019. The financial statements for this Fund have been prepared on a non-going concern basis.

Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares (continued)

For the financial period ended 31 October 2019

	Notes	Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund* 31 October 2019 US\$	Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund 31 October 2019 €	Company Total 31 October 2019 US\$
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the beginning of the financial				
period period		_	51,018,313	501,605,494
Notional exchange adjustment		_	_	(2,384,602)
Increase in net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares		1,287,995	874,122	6,627,304
Issue of redeemable participating shares during the				
financial period	4	41,537,290	221,004	90,151,809
Redemption of redeemable participating shares during the financial period	4	_	(763,834)	(118,189,708)
Income equalisation	5	_	46	(392,509)
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares at the end of the financial period		42,825,285	51,349,651	477,417,788

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund was launched on 28 June 2019.



#### Notes to the financial statements

For the financial period ended 31 October 2020

#### 1. Basis of measurement

The financial statements presented are unaudited condensed interim financial statements for the financial period ended 31 October 2020 that have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard 104 ("FRS 104") "Interim Financial Reporting".

The condensed interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the annual financial statements for the year ended 30 April 2020, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Irish statute, comprising the Companies Act 2014.

The accounting policies in these condensed interim financial statements are consistent with those used in the Company's most recent annual financial statements for the financial year 30 April 2020.

The condensed interim financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention as modified by the revaluation of financial assets and financial liabilities held at fair value through profit or loss. These financial statements were prepared on the going concern basis with the exception of Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund which has been prepared on a non-going concern basis.

The Company meets all the conditions set out in FRS 102, Section 7, and consequently has availed of the exemption available to certain funds not to prepare a statement of cash flows.

The comparative figures included for the Statement of Financial Position relate to the previous financial year ended 30 April 2020, while the comparative figures included for the Statement of Comprehensive Income and Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Holders of Redeemable Participating Shares relate to the six month period ended 31 October 2019.

The registered number for the Company is 392526.

### 2. Significant accounting policies

#### Fair value measurement

By fully 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 Measurement 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 b) the recognition and measurement provisions of IAS 39 Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement 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, which outlines that the fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities be valued at the last traded prices. The financial statements include all the trades received up until 12:00p.m. (Irish time) on 30 October 2020, the valuation point for the Funds.



Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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#### 3. Cash and cash equivalents, margin cash and bank overdrafts

Cash and cash equivalents, margin cash and bank overdrafts are valued at fair value with interest accrued, where applicable. Cash deposits are maintained with The Northern Trust Company ("TNTC"), London branch, with uninvested cash balances being swept daily into the Northern Trust Global Funds. On the Barings China A-Share Fund, a restricted overdraft of US\$99,347 was held with the Central Depositary Shenzhen and the Central Depositary Shanghai. Any margin cash/margin overdraft is held by the broker as this is restricted cash. As at 31 October 2020 and 30 April 2020, the following margin cash was held:

	31 October 2020	30 April 2020
	US\$	US\$
Union Bank Switzerland ("UBS")*		(524,980)
Total		(524,980)

<sup>\*</sup> All cash held with UBS is/was cash held as collateral for derivative purposes.

#### 4. Redeemable shares

The authorised capital of the Company is €2 divided into two 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.

A summary of the shareholders activity during the current financial period and previous financial year is detailed below:

#### Financial period ended 31 October 2020

#### **Barings China A-Share Fund**

D. I		Acc No. of Shares	
Balance as at 1 May 2020 Issued	1,029	10	10
Redeemed		_	
Balance as at 31 October 2020	1,029	10	10
	Acc	Class F USD Acc	Inc
Balance as at 1 May 2020	No. of Snares	No. of Shares	90,500
Issued	-	_	5
Redeemed		_	
Balance as at 31 October 2020	78	10	90,505

 Acc

 No. of Shares

 Balance as at 1 May 2020
 272,898

 Issued
 –

 Redeemed
 –

 Balance as at 31 October 2020
 272,898



**Class X USD** 

Class A USD Class F EUR Class F GBP

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the financial period ended 31 October 2020

## 4. Redeemable shares (continued)

## Financial period ended 31 October 2020 (continued)

## **Barings Europe Select Fund**

	Inc	Acc	Inc
	No. of Shares	No. of Shares	No. of Shares
Balance as at 1 May 2020	234,961	199,093	160,587
Issued	60,950	21,208	2,866
Redeemed	(7,414)	(13,477)	(16,441)
Balance as at 31 October 2020	288,497	206,824	147,012
	Class J EUR Acc	Class J EUR Inc	Class J GBP

Class B GBP Class B EUR Class B EUR

Class A EUR Class A USD

	Acc	Inc	Inc
	No. of Shares	No. of Shares	No. of Shares
Balance as at 1 May 2020	65,155	374,910	77,069
Issued	18,530	_	2,957
Redeemed	(28,079)	_	(27,850)
Balance as at 31 October 2020	55,606	374,910	52,176

## **Barings European Opportunities Fund**

Acc	Acc	Acc	
No. of Shares	No. of Shares	No. of Shares	
21,756	10	1,882,661	
53	_	_	
(331)	_	(250,000)	
21,478	10	1,632,661	
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	Class I GBP Inc No. of Shares	Class I USD Acc No. of Shares	Acc
Balance as at 1 May 2020	421,510	10	6,572,713
Issued	_	_	_
Redeemed	_	_	(2,719,379)
Balance as at 31 October 2020	421,510	10	3,853,334

## **Barings German Growth Fund**

	Class B EUR Acc	Class B EUR Inc	Class B GBP Acc
	No. of Shares	No. of Shares	No. of Shares
Balance as at 1 May 2020	1,838,123	20,103	412,465
Issued	32,301	1,254	3,209
Redeemed	(197,346)	(2,915)	(37,816)
Balance as at 31 October 2020	1,673,078	18,442	377,858



**Class I EUR** 

#### Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the financial period ended 31 October 2020

## 4. Redeemable shares (continued)

#### Financial period ended 31 October 2020 (continued)

Barings German Growth Fund (continued)

	Class B GBP	Class J EUR	Class J GBP
	Inc	Acc	Acc
	No. of Shares	No. of Shares	No. of Shares
Balance as at 1 May 2020	752	456,402	20,676
Issued	_	_	70,910
Redeemed	_	(444,402)	(8,203)
Balance as at 31 October 2020	752	12,000	83,383

No. of Shares 66,272 9 (58,434) 7,847

**Class J GBP** 

Balance as at 1 May 2020 Issued Redeemed Balance as at 31 October 2020

## **Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund**

	Class A USD Acc	Acc	Class F GBP
Palance on at 1 May 2020		No. of Shares	
Balance as at 1 May 2020	100	, -	60,817
Issued Redeemed	_	52,159	3,455
		(78,299)	(52,242)
Balance as at 31 October 2020	100	237,381	12,030
	01	01	
	Class F USD		
	Aco		Acc
		No. of Shares	
Balance as at 1 May 2020	10	10	72,809
Issued	-	_	74,271
1Redeemed		_	(61,061)
Balance as at 31 October 2020	10	10	86,019
	Class I GBP	Class X USD	Class I USD
	Inc	Acc*	Inc**
	No. of Shares	No. of Shares	No. of Shares
Balance as at 1 May 2020	52	_	1,535,113
Issued	1,156	200,000	84
Redeemed	(42)	_	(1,535,123)
Balance as at 31 October 2020	1,166	200,000	74

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund Class X USD Acc was launched on 18 August 2020.



<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund Class I USD Inc was closed on 18 August 2020 and was subsequently re-launched on 22 September 2020. The class was further closed on 16 October 2020 and subsequently re-launched on 20 October 2020.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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## 4. Redeemable shares (continued)

Financial period ended 31 October 2020 (continued)

**Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund** 

	Acc	c Acc	
	No. of Shares	No. of Shares	
Balance as at 1 May 2020	10	413,478	
Issued	_	42,659	
Redeemed	_	_	
Balance as at 31 October 2020	10	456,137	

#### **Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund\***

	Acc	Acc	Inc
	No. of Shares	No. of Shares	No. of Shares
Balance as at 1 May 2020	3,056,176	55,923	5,495
Issued	_	1,284	20
Redeemed	(3,056,176)	(57,207)	(5,515)
Balance as at 31 October 2020	_	_	_

 Acc
 No. of Shares

 Balance as at 1 May 2020
 88,667

 Issued
 4,694

 Redeemed
 (93,361)

 Balance as at 31 October 2020

## Financial year ended 30 April 2020

## **Barings China A-Share Fund\***

Acc No. of Shares		Acc No. of Shares
_	_	_
1,029	10	10
1 029		
,		
Acc	Acc	Inc
No. of Shares	No. of Shares	No. of Shares
_	_	_
78	10	101,403
_	_	(10,903)
78	10	90,500
	No. of Shares  1,029  1,029  Class F HKD Acc No. of Shares  78	No. of Shares



Class I USD Class X USD

Class I EUR

Class X EUR Class A EUR Class A EUR

Class A USD Class F EUR Class F GBP

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund was terminated on 1 October 2020.

#### Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the financial period ended 31 October 2020

## 4. Redeemable shares (continued)

Financial year ended 30 April 2020 (continued)

Barings China A-Share Fund\* (continued)

Acc No. of Shares

**Class X USD** 

 Balance as at 1 May 2019

 Issued
 309,560

 Redeemed
 (36,662)

 Balance as at 30 April 2020
 272,898

## **Barings China Select Fund\***

Balance as at 1 May 2019 Issued	1,399,506 180,878	Inc No. of Shares 212,283 3,833	147,229 –
Redeemed	(1,580,384)	(216,116)	(147,229)
Balance as at 30 April 2020			
	Class I EUR	Class I GBP	Class I USD
	Acc	Inc	Acc
	No. of Shares	No. of Shares	No. of Shares
Balance as at 1 May 2019	151	19,197	161,635
Issued	_	10,851	11,843

(151)

(30,048)

Class B GBP Class B EUR Class B EUR

(173,478)

## **Barings Europe Select Fund**

Balance as at 30 April 2020

Redeemed

	Inc	Acc	Inc
	No. of Shares	No. of Shares	No. of Shares
Balance as at 1 May 2019	1,505,452	33,887	123,922
Issued	261,904	186,677	58,684
Redeemed	(1,532,395)	(21,471)	(22,019)
Balance as at 30 April 2020	234,961	199,093	160,587

	Class J EUR Acc	Class J EUR Inc	Class J GBP Inc
	No. of Shares	No. of Shares	No. of Shares
Balance as at 1 May 2019	68,280	86,161	148,064
Issued	28,905	297,509	24,422
Redeemed	(32,030)	(8,760)	(95,417)
Balance as at 30 April 2020	65,155	374,910	77,069



<sup>\*</sup> The Barings China A-Share Fund was launched on 6 February 2020.

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings China Select Fund was terminated on 6 March 2020.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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## 4. Redeemable shares (continued)

## Financial year ended 30 April 2020 (continued)

## **Barings European Opportunities Fund**

	Class A EUR Acc	Class A USD Acc	Class I EUR Acc
		No. of Shares	
Balance as at 1 May 2019	35,195	10	1,846,366
Issued	2,936	_	331,180
Redeemed	(16,375)	_	(294,885)
Balance as at 30 April 2020	21,756	10	1,882,661

	Class I GBP	Class I USD	Class X GBP
	Inc	Acc	Acc
	No. of Shares	No. of Shares	No. of Shares
Balance as at 1 May 2019	584,422	10	7,860,256
Issued	_	_	_
Redeemed	(162,912)	_	(1,287,543)
Balance as at 30 April 2020	421,510	10	6,572,713

## **Barings Frontier Markets Fund\***

	Class A USD Acc	Class A GBP Inc	Class I GBP Inc
	No. of Shares	No. of Shares	No. of Shares
Balance as at 1 May 2019	29,094	64,112	165,498
Issued	2,458	1,327	15,554
Redeemed	(31,552)	(65,439)	(181,052)
Balance as at 30 April 2020		_	_

	Class I USD Acc No. of Shares	Class X USD Acc No. of Shares
Balance as at 1 May 2019	421	1,987,160
Issued	_	_
Redeemed	(421)	(1,987,160)
Balance as at 30 April 2020		_

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Frontier Markets Fund was terminated on 23 September 2019.

## **Barings German Growth Fund**

Class B EUR	Class B EUR	Class B GBP	Class B GBP
Acc	Inc	Acc	Inc
No. of Shares	No. of Shares	No. of Shares	No. of Shares
2,000,458	18,201	436,021	3,122
179,285	6,818	5,631	_
(341,620)	(4,916)	(29,187)	(2,370)
1,838,123	20,103	412,465	752
	Acc No. of Shares 2,000,458 179,285 (341,620)	AccIncNo. of SharesNo. of Shares2,000,45818,201179,2856,818(341,620)(4,916)	No. of Shares         No. of Shares         No. of Shares           2,000,458         18,201         436,021           179,285         6,818         5,631           (341,620)         (4,916)         (29,187)



#### Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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## 4. Redeemable shares (continued)

#### Financial year ended 30 April 2020 (continued)

#### Barings German Growth Fund (continued)

	Class B USD	Class J EUR	Class J GBP	Class J GBP
	Acc*	Acc	Acc	Inc
	No. of Shares	No. of Shares	No. of Shares	No. of Shares
Balance as at 1 May 2019	267	610,035	83,341	152,031
Issued	_	37,007	5,537	4,287
Redeemed	(267)	(190,640)	(68,202)	(90,046)
Balance as at 30 April 2020	_	456,402	20,676	66,272

Acc\*\* No. of Shares 735

**Class J USD** 

Issued Redeemed Balance as at 30 April 2020

Balance as at 1 May 2019

(735<u>)</u>

#### **Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund**

	Class A USD Acc No. of Shares	Class F GBP Acc* No. of Shares	Inc**	Class F USD Acc*** No. of Shares
Balance as at 1 May 2019	100	_	_	_
Issued	_	311,348	66,541	10
Redeemed		(47,827)	(5,724)	_
Balance as at 30 April 2020	100	263,521	60,817	10
	Class F USD Inc****	Class I GBP Acc	Class I GBP Inc*****	Class I USD Inc
	No. of Shares	No. of Shares	No. of Shares	No. of Shares
Balance as at 1 May 2019	_	19,015	_	1,647,764
Issued	10	131,327	52	_
Redeemed		(77,533)	_	(112,651)
Balance as at 30 April 2020	10	72,809	52	1,535,113

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund Class F GBP Acc was launched on 10 June 2019.



<sup>\*</sup> The Barings German Growth Fund Class B USD Acc was closed on 20 June 2019.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings German Growth Fund Class J USD Acc was closed on 30 April 2020.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund Class F GBP Inc was launched on 10 June 2019.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund Class F USD Acc was launched on 10 June 2019.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund Class F USD Inc was launched on 10 June 2019.

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund Class I GBP Inc was launched on 12 July 2019.

Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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## 4. Redeemable shares (continued)

Financial year ended 30 April 2020 (continued)

**Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund\*** 

	Class I USD Acc No. of Shares	Acc
Balance as at 1 May 2019	_	_
Issued	10	413,478
Redeemed	_	_
Balance as at 30 April 2020	10	413,478

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund was launched on 28 June 2019.

## **Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund**

	Class X EUR Acc	Class A EUR Acc	Class A EUR Inc
	No. of Shares	No. of Shares	No. of Shares
Balance as at 1 May 2019	3,418,770	63,141	3,494
Issued	_	4,418	2,021
Redeemed	(362,594)	(11,636)	(20)
Balance as at 30 April 2020	3,056,176	55,923	5,495

 Class I EUR Acc

 Acc
 No. of Shares

 Balance as at 1 May 2019
 89,799

 Issued
 20,577

 Redeemed
 (21,709)

 Balance as at 30 April 2020
 88,667



Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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#### 5. Distributions

The following distributions were declared by the Funds during the financial periods ended 31 October 2020 and 31 October 2019:

	Distribution frequency	Distributed amount paid*	Income equalisation**
Barings China A-Share Fund Class X GBP Inc	Annually	£ (101)	£
Total distribution for the Barings China A-Share Fund		US\$ (127)	US\$ -
Barings Europe Select Fund		€	€
Class B EUR Inc Class J EUR Inc	Semi Annually	(24.447)	5
Class J EUR IIIC	Semi Annually	(31,417) £	£
Class B GBP Inc	Semi Annually	-	(2)
Class J GBP Inc	Semi Annually	(2,140)	(2,152)
Total distribution for the Barings Europe Select Fund	_	€ (33,879 <u>)</u>	€ (2,389)
Barings European Opportunities Fund		£	£
Class I GBP Inc	Annually	(52,904)	<u> </u>
Total distribution for the Barings European		€	€
Opportunities Fund	_	(60,849)	<u>-</u>
Barings German Growth Fund		€	€
Class B EUR Inc	Annually	(724)	(58)
Class B CBB Inc	Ammundlik	£	£
Class B GBP Inc Class J GBP Inc	Annually Annually	(23) (5,704)	(2,859)
		€	(=,5557
Total distribution for the Barings German Growth Fund		(7,311)	(3,210)
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund		£	£
Class F GBP Inc Class I GBP Inc	Quarterly Quarterly	(80,773) (591)	(1,678) 214
Class I GDF IIIC	Quarterly	US\$	US\$
Class F USD Inc	Quarterly	(14)	-
Class I USD Inc	Quarterly	(252,105) <b>US\$</b>	(16,333)
Total distribution for the Barings Global Dividend		03\$	US\$
Champions Fund		(355,831)	(18,272)
Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund		€	€
Class A EUR Inc	Annually	(270)	
Total Park Book of the Book of	-	€	€
Total distribution for the Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund		(270)	
Allocation Land		(210)	

<sup>\*</sup> Includes distributions with an ex-date of 1 May 2020 which were paid during the current financial period. These distributions with an ex-date of 1 May 2020 reflect the undistributed income on the Fund as at 30 April 2020.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Income equalisation relates to the dealing activity of distributing classes for the period from 1 May 2020 to 31 October 2020. 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 financial period ended 31 October 2020.



Notes to the financial statements (continued)

For the financial period ended 31 October 2020

## 5. Distributions (continued)

Comparative	31	October 2019
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	Distribution frequency	Distributed amount paid*	Income equalisation**
Barings China Select Fund Class I GBP Inc	Annually		<b>€</b> 412
Total distribution for the Barings China Select Fund	_	US\$ (1,623)	US\$ 516
Barings Europe Select Fund		€	€
Class B EUR Inc	Semi Annually	(19,872)	5,791
Class J EUR Inc	Semi Annually	(22,234) <b>£</b>	58,343 <b>£</b>
Class B GBP Inc	Semi Annually	(209,544)	(347,029)
Class J GBP Inc	Semi Annually		(10,452)
Total distribution for the Barings Europe Select Fund	_	€ (321,403)	€ (341,198)
Barings European Opportunities Fund		£	£
Class I GBP Inc	Annually	(105,903)	
Total distribution for the Barings European		€	€
Opportunities Fund	_	(122,008)	
Barings Frontier Markets Fund		£	£
Class A GBP Inc	Annually	(11,042)	(5,000)
Class I GBP Inc	Annually		(17,326)
Total Barbara Control Barbara Barbara		US\$	US\$
Total distribution for the Barings Frontier Markets Fund	_	(75,782)	(27,545)
Barings German Growth Fund		€	€
Class B EUR Inc	Annually	_	67
	,	£	£
Class B GBP Inc	Annually	_	(165)
Class J GBP Inc	Annually	(1,650)	(1,161) €
Total distribution for the Barings German Growth		€	€
Fund		(1,900)	(1,429)
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund		£	£
Class F GBP Inc	Quarterly	(2,780)	12,724
Clade I CBI IIIO	Quartony	US\$	US\$
Class F USD Inc	Quarterly	(5)	_
Class I USD Inc	Quarterly		
Total distribution for the Barings Clobal Dividend		US\$	US\$
Total distribution for the Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund		(314,201)	16,360



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#### 5. **Distributions** (continued)

Comparative 31 October 2019 (continued)

	Distribution frequency	Distributed amount paid*	Income equalisation**
Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund Class A EUR Inc	Annually	€ (445 <u>)</u>	€ 46
Total distribution for the Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund		€ (445)	€ 46

<sup>\*</sup> Includes distributions with an ex-date of 1 May 2019 which were paid during the following financial period. These distributions with an ex-date of 1 May 2019 reflect the undistributed income on the Fund as at 30 April 2019.

#### 6. Significant agreements and fees

#### **Management fees**

Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (the "Manager") is entitled under the Management Agreement to charge a management fee at the rates per annum specified in the relevant supplement to the Prospectus and outlined in the tables below:

Fund/Class	Management fee
Barings China A-Share Fund - Class A USD Acc	1.50%
Barings China A-Share Fund - Class F EUR Acc	0.50%
Barings China A-Share Fund - Class F GBP Acc	0.50%
Barings China A-Share Fund - Class F HKD Acc	0.50%
Barings China A-Share Fund - Class F USD Acc	0.50%
Barings Europe Select Fund - Class B GBP Inc	1.50%
Barings Europe Select Fund - Class B EUR Acc	1.50%
Barings Europe Select Fund - Class B EUR Inc	1.50%
Barings Europe Select Fund - Class J EUR Acc	0.75%
Barings Europe Select Fund - Class J EUR Inc	0.75%
Barings Europe Select Fund - Class J GBP Inc	0.75%
Barings European Opportunities Fund - Class A EUR Acc	1.50%
Barings European Opportunities Fund - Class A USD Acc	1.50%
Barings European Opportunities Fund - Class I EUR Acc	0.75%
Barings European Opportunities Fund - Class I GBP Inc	0.75%
Barings European Opportunities Fund - Class I USD Acc	0.75%
Barings German Growth Fund - Class B EUR Acc	1.50%
Barings German Growth Fund - Class B EUR Inc	1.50%
Barings German Growth Fund - Class B GBP Acc	1.50%
Barings German Growth Fund - Class B GBP Inc	1.50%
Barings German Growth Fund - Class J EUR Acc	0.75%
Barings German Growth Fund - Class J GBP Acc	0.75%
Barings German Growth Fund - Class J GBP Inc	0.75%
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class A USD Acc	1.50%
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F GBP Acc	0.30%
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F GBP Inc	0.30%
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F USD Acc	0.30%



<sup>\*\*</sup> Income equalisation relates to the dealing activity of distributing classes for the period from 1 May 2019 to 31 October 2019. 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 financial period ended 31 October 2019.

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#### 6. Significant agreements and fees (continued)

#### Management fees (continued)

Fund/Class	Management fee
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F USD Inc	0.30%
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I GBP Acc	0.75%
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I GBP Inc	0.75%
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I USD Inc*	0.75%
Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund - Class I USD Acc	0.50%
Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund - Class A EUR Acc**	1.25%
Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund - Class A EUR Inc**	1.25%
Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund - Class I EUR Acc**	0.65%

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund Class I USD Inc was closed on 18 August 2020 and was subsequently re-launched on 22 September 2020. The class was further closed on 16 October 2020 and subsequently re-launched on 20 October 2020.

The Manager will not charge a management fee in respect of Class X of each Fund. The fee for the X share classes is subject to a separate agreement with the Investment Manager and is not paid from the Net Asset Value of the X share class.

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 Barings LLC group and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company ("MassMutual"). The outstanding amounts payable as at the end of the financial period for management fees are disclosed on each Fund's Statement of Financial Position. The management fees paid during the financial period amounted to US\$801,215 (31 October 2019: US\$1,047,485).

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 on which the value of the net assets of the relevant Fund is calculated.

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.

#### Administration, Depositary and Operating fees

The Manager is entitled to receive an Administration, Depositary and Operating Fee. The fee payable is a percentage of the Net Asset Value of each class and is accrued daily and paid monthly in arrears. The Manager pays the aggregate fees and expenses of the Administrator and the Depositary, in addition to certain other fees and ongoing expenses.

For Barings China A-Share Fund, the Manager is entitled to receive a fee of 0.45% per annum for all A share classes and 0.25% per annum for all F, I and X share classes.

For Barings Europe Select Fund, the Manager is entitled to receive a fee of 0.45% per annum for all A share classes (A Hedged classes 0.4625%), 0.05% per annum for all B and J share classes and 0.25% per annum for all I and X share classes (I Hedged classes 0.2625%).

For Barings European Opportunities Fund, the Manager is entitled to receive a fee of 0.45% per annum for all A share classes (A Hedged classes 0.4625%) and 0.25% per annum for all I and X share classes (I hedged classes 0.2625%).

For Barings German Growth Fund, the Manager is entitled to receive a fee of 0.45% per annum for all A share classes (A Hedged classes 0.4625%), 0.06% per annum for all B and J share classes and 0.25% per annum for all I and X share classes (I Hedged classes 0.2625%).

For Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund, the Manager is entitled to receive a fee of 0.10% per annum for all share classes.

For Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund, the Manager is entitled to receive a fee of 0.25% per annum for all share classes (Hedged share classes 0.2625%).



<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund terminated on 1 October 2020.

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#### 6. Significant agreements and fees (continued)

#### Administration, Depositary and Operating fees (continued)

For Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund\*, the Manager was entitled to receive a fee of 0.45% per annum for all A share classes (A Hedged classes 0.4625%) and 0.10% per annum for all I and X share classes (I and X hedged classes 0.1125%).

Please refer to the Prospectus for full details of the fees payable.

#### 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 Funds' transaction costs at 31 October 2020 and 31 October 2019 are included in the Net fair value gain on the financial assets at fair value through profit or loss under the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

The transaction costs incurred by the Funds for the financial period ended 31 October 2020 and 31 October 2019, respectively, were as follows:

	31 October	31 October	
	2020	2019	
Fund Name	US\$	US\$	
Barings China A-Share Fund*	11,542	_	
Barings China Select Fund**	_	52,434	
Barings Europe Select Fund***	27,458	39,869	
Barings European Opportunities Fund	57,668	115,188	
Barings Frontier Markets Fund****	_	124,829	
Barings German Growth Fund***	5,741	8,056	
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund	17,014	27,175	
Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund*****	9,078	16,471	
Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund*****	5,518	3,816	

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings China A-Share Fund was launched on 6 February 2020.

#### Directors' fees

James Cleary and David Conway receive a fee of €11,250 (excluding VAT) each per annum. Barbara Healy receives a fee of €13,500 (excluding VAT) per annum. Julian Swayne, through employment with Barings LLC and its subsidiaries is not entitled to fees from the Company. Alan Behen and Paul Smyth, through employment with the Manager is not entitled to fees from the Company.

While these Directors don't receive fees from the Company directly for their role as Directors, they are paid through their employment with Barings LLC, its subsidiaries and the Manager.

Peter Clark and Timothy Schulze, prior to their resignations on 21 October 2020 and 10 August 2020 respectively, through their employment with Barings LLC and its subsidiaries were not entitled to fees from the Company.



<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund terminated on 1 October 2020.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings China Select Fund was terminated on 6 March 2020.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Europe Select Fund and Barings German Growth Fund were launched on 8 February 2019.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Frontier Markets Fund was terminated on 23 September 2019.

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund launched on 28 June 2019.

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund was terminated on 1 October 2020.

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#### 7. Related party transactions

Julian Swayne is employed by Barings Investment Services Limited. Alan Behen and Paul Smyth are employees of the Manager. All of the Directors are also Directors of the Manager. Jim Cleary, David Conway and Barbara Healy are all non-executive Directors, independent of the Investment Manager. Peter Clark was an employee of Barings Investment Services Limited and Timothy Schulze was an employee of Barings LLC prior to their resignations on 21 October 2020 and 10 August 2020, respectively. The Manager will discharge the fees and expenses of the Investment Manager out of its own fee. The Investment Manager is part of the Barings LLC group and is a wholly owned subsidiary of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company ("MassMutual"). 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.

#### Significant shareholdings

The following table details significant concentrations in shareholdings of the Funds, or instances where the shares are beneficially held by other Investment Funds managed by the Manager or one of its affiliates. As at 31 October 2020, the following had significant shareholdings in the Funds:

	Number of shareholders with beneficial interest greater than 20% of the	Total % of shares held by shareholders with beneficial interest greater than 20% of	Total % of shares held by Investment Funds managed by Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited or
Fund name	shares in issue	shares in issue	affiliates
Barings China-A Share Fund	3 (30 April 2020: 3)	99.68% (30 April 2020: 99.68%)	24.83% (30 April 2020: 24.83)
Barings Europe Select Fund	1 (30 April 2020:1)	32.90% (30 April 2020: 33.25%)	Nil (30 April 2020: Nil)
Barings European			
Opportunities Fund	2 (30 April 2020:2)	73.11% (30 April 2020: 82.08%)	52.68% (30 April 2020: 65.66%)
Barings German Growth Fund Barings Global Dividend	1 (30 April 2020:1)	70.17% (30 April 2020: 55.01%)	Nil (30 April 2020: Nil)
Champions Fund	2 (30 April 2020: 1)	65.69% (30 April 2020: 57.71%)	Nil (30 April 2020: 63.17%)
Barings Global Equity			
Allocation Fund	2 (30 April 2020: 2)	72.83% (30 April 2020: 80.34%)	45.24% (30 April 2020: 49.91%)
Barings Global Flexible			
Allocation Fund*	Nil (30 April 2020: 1)	Nil (30 April 2020: 95.26%)	Nil (30 April 2020: 95.26%)

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund terminated on 1 October 2020.

#### 8. Fair value hierarchy

FRS 102 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 Manager. The Manager considers 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.



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## 8. Fair value hierarchy (continued)

The following tables analyse, within the fair value hierarchy, the Fund's financial assets and financial liabilities measured at fair value.

#### As at 31 October 2020

Parings China A Chara Fund	Level 1 US\$	Level 2 US\$	Level 3 US\$	Total US\$
Barings China A-Share Fund Financial assets	03\$	03\$	03\$	03\$
Equities	11,881,787	_	_	11,881,787
Total	11,881,787	_	_	11,881,787
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	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Barings Europe Select Fund	€	€	€	€
Financial assets				
Equities	50,329,498	_	_	50,329,498
Total	50,329,498		_	50,329,498
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Barings European Opportunities Fund	€	€	€	€
Financial assets				
Equities	104,131,632			104,131,632
Total	104,131,632			104,131,632
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Barings German Growth Fund	€	€	€	€
Financial assets	10 700 157	4.000		40 700 405
Equities	16,786,157	1,968	_	16,788,125
Investment Funds	46 706 457	434,988	_	434,988
Total	16,786,157	436,956		17,223,113
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Financial assets				
Equities	52,634,703	_	_	52,634,703
Investment Funds		396,035	_	396,035
Total	52,634,703	396,035		53,030,738
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Financial assets				
Equities	49,052,803	_	_	49,052,803
Investment Funds		217,825		217,825
Total	49,052,803	217,825	_	49,270,628
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The equities held at level 1 for the Barings China A-Share Fund, Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund and Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund include some equities with fair value adjustments. The fair value adjustment is determined based off of the movement of index futures from market close to the valuation point of the Fund. For further details on the investments see the Schedule of Investments.

## As at 30 April 2020

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	lotal
Barings China A-Share Fund*	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Financial assets				
Equities	8,060,408	_	_	8,060,408
Total	8,060,408	_	_	8,060,408

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings China A-Share Fund was launched on 6 February 2020.



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## 3. Fair value hierarchy (continued)

As at 30 April 2020 (continued)

Barings Europe Select Fund Financial assets	Level 1 €	Level 2 €	Level 3 €	Total €
Equities	47,143,690	_	_	47,143,690
Investment Funds	_	1,485,879	_	1,485,879
Total	47,143,690	1,485,879		48,629,569
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Barings European Opportunities Fund	€	€	€	€
Financial assets	454.050.045			454.050.045
Equities	151,379,017	-	_	151,379,017
Investment Funds Total	454 270 047	194,731		194,731
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Barings Corner Crowth Fred	Level 1 €	Level 2 €	Level 3 €	Total €
Barings German Growth Fund Financial assets	€	€	€	€
Equities	21,546,055	_	_	21,546,055
Investment Funds	21,040,000	792,288	_	792,288
Total	21,546,055	792,288	_	22,338,343
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	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Financial assets				
Equities	58,316,077	_	_	58,316,077
Investment Funds		783,127	_	783,127
Total	58,316,077	783,127		59,099,204
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund*	US\$	US\$	US\$	US\$
Financial assets	00 004 070			00 004 070
Equities	39,391,678	27 507	_	39,391,678
Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts  Total	39,391,678	37,507 <b>37,507</b>		37,507 <b>39,429,185</b>
iotai	39,391,070	37,307	<u>_</u> _	39,429,105

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund was launched on 28 June 2019.

Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund	Level 1 €	Level 2 €	Level 3 €	Total €
Financial assets				
Fixed interest	_	24,608,998	_	24,608,998
Equities	5,455,794	_	582,672	6,038,466
Investment Funds	_	5,409,077	_	5,409,077
Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts	_	140,371	_	140,371
Open Futures contracts	1,912,206	_	_	1,912,206
	7,368,000	30,158,446	582,672	38,109,118
Financial liabilities				
Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts	_	(4,915)	_	(4,915)
Open Futures contracts	(97,452)		_	(97,452)
	(97,452)	(4,915)		(102,367)
Total	7,270,548	30,153,531	582,672	38,006,751



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#### 8. Fair value hierarchy (continued)

During the financial period ending 31 October 2020, the Barings German Growth Funds holding in Grammer Rights was transferred from level 1 to level 2. There have been no transfers from level 2 to level 1 during the financial period ending 31 October 2020. There were no transfers during the financial year ended 30 April 2020 from level 1 to level 2 or from level 2 to level 1. At 31 October 2020, there were no financial assets or financial liabilities classified at Level 3. As at 30 April 2020, the Barings Global Flexible Allocation Funds holding in JPEL Private Equity was transferred from Level 1 to Level 3.

Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund Opening value Transfer to Level 3	Level 3 € 582,672
Movement in unrealised gain Closing value	582,672

Transfers between levels, when applicable, occur at the end of the financial period.

Cash includes deposits held with banks and other short-term investments in an active market are categorised as Level 1. All receivables and payables are categorised as Level 2.

#### 9. Efficient portfolio management

The Funds may use Financial Derivative Instruments ("FDIs") for efficient portfolio management. The efficient portfolio management purposes for which the Company intends to employ FDIs are reduction of risk, reduction of cost and the generation of additional capital or income for the relevant Fund with an appropriate level of risk, taking into account the risk profile of the Fund and the general provisions of the UCITS Regulations. The Company may use various types of derivatives for these purposes, including, without limitation, warrants, exchange traded futures and options, forward currency contracts, swaps (including but not limited to total return swaps, credit default swaps, and IRSs), contracts for differences, index-linked notes and share and commodity index futures contracts for these purposes.

Risk Monitoring of Global Exposure

The Funds have been classified as a non-sophisticated user of FDI and, as permitted by the Central Bank UCITS Regulations, the Company has adopted a commitment approach (the "Commitment Approach") in the calculation of global exposure for the fund during the financial period.

In accordance with the UCITS Regulations, the Commitment Approach has been calculated, in the case of forward currency contracts ("FCCTs"), by converting the FCCT position into an equivalent position based on the market value of the underlying asset. As the FDI are used for hedging purposes, the exposure of the FDI has been calculated and then netted against the instrument being hedged. The Global Exposure calculation is performed on a daily basis.

In no circumstances will the global exposure of the Funds exceed 100% of its Net Asset Value.



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## 10. NAV per redeemable participating shares

Net assets attributable to holders of	31	October 2020	30 April 2020
redeemable participating shares Barings China A-Share Fund*	l	JS\$12,216,837	US\$8,450,485
NAV per redeemable shares  Barings China A-Share Fund - Class A USD Acc Barings China A-Share Fund - Class F EUR Acc Barings China A-Share Fund - Class F GBP Acc Barings China A-Share Fund - Class F HKD Acc Barings China A-Share Fund - Class F USD Acc Barings China A-Share Fund - Class X GBP Inc Barings China A-Share Fund - Class X USD Acc		U\$\$28.88 €139.11 £147.67 HK\$148.05 U\$\$148.25 £24.75 U\$\$33.98	U\$\$20.14 €103.53 £106.27 HK\$102.64 U\$\$102.82 £17.77 U\$\$23.50
* Barings China A-Share Fund merged with Barings Investment Funds Plc on 6 Fe	ebruary 2020.		
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares Barings China Select Fund*	31 October 2020	30 April 2020 -	<b>30 April 2019</b> US\$28,656,326
NAV per redeemable shares Barings China Select Fund - Class A USD Inc Barings China Select Fund - Class A EUR Inc Barings China Select Fund - Class A HKD Acc Barings China Select Fund - Class I EUR Acc Barings China Select Fund - Class I GBP Inc Barings China Select Fund - Class I USD Acc	- - - - -	- - - - -	US\$13.77 €19.14 HK\$108.10 €22.20 £11.26 US\$15.54
* The Barings China Select Fund terminated on 6 March 2020.			
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares Barings Europe Select Fund*	<b>31 October 2020</b>	<b>30 April 2020</b>	<b>30 April 2019</b>
NAV per redeemable shares  Barings Europe Select Fund - Class B GBP Inc Barings Europe Select Fund - Class B EUR Acc Barings Europe Select Fund - Class B EUR Inc Barings Europe Select Fund - Class J EUR Acc Barings Europe Select Fund - Class J EUR Inc Barings Europe Select Fund - Class J GBP Inc	£41.40 €49.20 €45.91 €49.90 €46.57 £41.93	£37.62 €46.23 €43.15 €46.72 €43.68 £37.99	£40.60 €49.89 €46.97 €50.04 €47.46 £40.90
* The Barings Europe Select Fund was launched on 8 February 2019.			
Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares Barings European Opportunities Fund	<b>31 October 2020</b> €108,168,139	<b>30 April 2020</b> €156,720,995	<b>30 April 2019</b> €199,984,225
NAV per redeemable shares  Barings European Opportunities Fund - Class A EUR Acc Barings European Opportunities Fund - Class A USD Acc Barings European Opportunities Fund - Class I EUR Acc Barings European Opportunities Fund - Class I GBP Inc Barings European Opportunities Fund - Class I USD Acc Barings European Opportunities Fund - Class X GBP Acc	€14.83 US\$17.10 €15.75 £15.65 US\$18.65 £17.45	€14.20 U\$\$15.28 €15.01 £14.55 U\$\$16.50 £16.02	€15.77 U\$\$17.53 €16.51 £16.05 U\$\$18.58 £17.33



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## 10. NAV per redeemable participating shares (continued)

Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	31 October 2020	30 April 2020	30 April 2019
Barings Frontier Markets Fund*	_	-	US\$30,073,465
NAV per redeemable shares			
Barings Frontier Markets Fund - Class A USD Acc	_	_	US\$11.48
Barings Frontier Markets Fund - Class A GBP Inc	_	_	£13.19
Barings Frontier Markets Fund - Class I GBP Inc	_	_	£13.20
Barings Frontier Markets Fund - Class I USD Acc	_	_	US\$18.22
Barings Frontier Markets Fund - Class X USD Acc	_	-	US\$12.98

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Frontier Markets Fund terminated on 23 September 2019.

Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares	31 October 2020	30 April 2020	30 April 2019
Barings German Growth Fund*	€17,083,562	€22,281,234	€32,399,684
NAV per redeemable shares			
Barings German Growth Fund - Class B EUR Acc	€7.85	€7.86	€9.76
Barings German Growth Fund - Class B EUR Inc	€7.03	€7.08	€8.78
Barings German Growth Fund - Class B GBP Acc	£7.06	£6.84	£8.41
Barings German Growth Fund - Class B GBP Inc	£6.34	£6.17	£7.59
Barings German Growth Fund - Class B USD Acc**	_	_	US\$10.94
Barings German Growth Fund - Class J EUR Acc	€8.32	€8.30	€10.22
Barings German Growth Fund - Class J GBP Acc	£7.48	£7.21	£8.80
Barings German Growth Fund - Class J GBP Inc	£6.35	£6.22	£7.60
Barings German Growth Fund - Class J USD Acc***	_	_	US\$11.26

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings German Growth Fund was launched on 8 February 2019.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Barings German Growth Fund Class J USD Acc was closed on 30 April 2020.

Net assets attributable to holders of	31 October 2020	30 April 2020	30 April 2019
redeemable participating shares Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund	US\$53,181,009	US\$59,392,625	US\$20,894,023
NAV per redeemable shares			
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class A USD Acc	US\$13.41	US\$12.60	US\$12.88
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F GBP Acc*	£101.12	£98.07	_
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F GBP Inc**	£98.62	£96.95	_
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F USD Acc***	US\$103.61	US\$96.81	_
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F USD Inc****	US\$101.02	US\$95.69	_
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I GBP Acc	£13.06	£12.70	£12.37
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I GBP Inc*****	£95.20	£93.82	_
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class X USD Acc*****	£94.33	_	_
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I USD Inc******	US\$12.71	US\$12.06	US\$12.49

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund Class F GBP Acc was launched on 10 June 2019.



<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings German Growth Fund Class B USD Acc was closed on 20 June 2019.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund Class F GBP Inc was launched on 10 June 2019.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund Class F USD Acc was launched on 10 June 2019.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund Class F USD Inc was launched on 10 June 2019.

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund Class I GBP Inc was launched on 12 July 2019.
\*\*\*\*\*\* The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund Class X USD Acc was launched on 18 August 2020.

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*</sup> The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund Class I USD Inc was closed on 18 August 2020 and was subsequently re-launched on 22 September 2020. The class was further closed on 16 October 2020 and subsequently re-launched on 20 October 2020.

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## 10. NAV per redeemable participating shares (continued)

Net assets attributable to holders of redeemable participating shares Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund*		October 2020 JS\$49,383,286	<b>30 April 2020</b> US\$39,778,553
NAV per redeemable shares Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund - Class I USD Ac Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund - Class X USD A		US\$107.54 US\$108.26	US\$95.80 US\$96.20
* The Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund was launched on	28 June 2019.		
Net assets attributable to holders of	31 October 2020	30 April 2020	30 April 2019
redeemable participating shares Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund*	_	€42,559,861	€51,018,313
NAV per redeemable shares			
Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund - Class X EUR		€13.32	
Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund - Class A EUR		€11.90	
Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund - Class A EUR		€11.48	
Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund - Class I EUR A	ACC –	€12.59	€13.62

<sup>\*</sup> The Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund was terminated on 1 October 2020.



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## 11. Exchange rates

The exchange rates used in the financial statements are as follows:

	31 October 2020 3 Exchange rate to 1 EUR	31 October 2020 3 Exchange rate to 1 GBP		30 April 2020 Exchange rate to 1 EUR	30 April 2020 Exchange rate to 1 GBP	30 April 2020 Exchange rate to 1 US\$
Australian dollar	1.6573	1.8434	1.4197	1.6615	1.9111	1.5277
Bangladesh taka	99.0788	110.2017	84.8750	92.3905	106.2663	84.9450
Brazilian real	6.7491	7.5068	5.7816	5.8035	6.6751	5.3358
Canadian dollar	1.5529	1.7273	1.3303	1.5086	1.7352	1.3871
Chilean peso	900.0560	1,001.0990	771.0250	907.3180	1,043.5849	834.2000
Chinese yuan	7.8215	8.6995	6.7002	7.6702	8.8222	7.0521
Colombian peso	4,507.4302	5,013.4475	3,861.2500	4,274.4555	4,916.4206	3,929.9900
Czech koruna	27.2850	30.3481	23.3735	27.1245	31.1982	24.9386
Danish kroner	7.4462	8.2822	6.3788	7.4582	8.5784	6.8572
Egyptian pound	18.3274	20.3849	15.7000	17.1348	19.7083	15.7540
Euro	1.0000	1.1123	1.1674	1.0000	1.1502	1.0877
Hong Kong dollar	9.0513	10.0675	7.7538	8.4303	9.6964	7.7509
Hungarian forint	367.7000	408.9791	314.9870	352.7452	405.7227	324.3185
Indian rupee	86.5094	96.2212	74.1075	81.6771	93.9439	75.0950
Indonesian rupiah	17,072.4940	18,989.1020	14,625.0000	16,178.8010	18,608.6369	14,875.0000
Israeli shekel	3.9808	4.4277	3.4102	3.8090	4.3811	3.5021
Japanese yen	121.9122	135.5984	104.4350	115.9381	133.3504	106.5950
Kenyan shilling	127.0077	141.2659	108.8000	116.6505	134.1698	107.2500
Kuwait dinar	0.3571	0.3972	0.3059	0.3365	0.3871	0.3094
Malaysian ringgit	4.8503	5.3949	4.1550	4.6769	5.3793	4.3000
Mexican peso	24.8937	27.6884	21.3250	25.7936	29.6675	23.7150
Morocco dirham	10.7655	11.9740	9.2222	10.7659	12.3828	9.8983
New Zealand dollar	1.7578	1.9551	1.5058	1.7756	2.0423	1.6325
Nigerian naira	450.9823	501.6109	386.3300	417.6578	480.3843	384.0000
Norwegian krone	11.1100	12.3573	9.5173	11.1875	12.8677	10.2860
Omani rial	0.4494	0.4999	0.3850	0.4188	0.4817	0.3851
Pakistani rupee	187.0095	208.0037	160.2000	174.2416	200.4103	160.2000
Peruvian sol	4.2160	4.6893	3.6116	3.6627	4.2128	3.3676
Philippine peso	56.4997	62.8426	48.4000	54.8285	63.0630	50.4100
Polish zloty	4.6229	5.1419	3.9602	4.5362	5.2174	4.1706
Pound sterling	0.8991	1.0000	0.7702	0.8694	1.0000	0.7994
Qatari rial	4.2503	4.7275	3.6410	3.9601	4.5549	3.6410
Russian ruble	92.4497	102.8284	79.1963	79.6867	91.6546	73.2650
Singapore dollar	1.5927	1.7715	1.3644	1.5330	1.7633	1.4095
South African rand	18.9534	21.0811	16.2363	19.6783	22.6337	18.0925
South Korean won	1,324.5921	1,473.2946	1,134.7000	1,325.2477	1,524.2819	1,218.4500
Sri Lanka rupee	215.1718	239.3276	184.3250	207.1974	238.3157	190.5000
Swedish krona	10.3727	11.5372	8.8857	10.6703	12.2728	9.8104
Swiss franc	1.0697	1.1898	0.9164	1.0555	1.2140	0.9705
Taiwan dollar	33.3903	37.1388	28.6035	32.3429	37.2004	29.7365
Thai baht	36.3834	40.4679	31.1675	35.1909	40.4761	32.3550
Turkish lira	9.7471	10.8413	8.3498	7.5970	8.7379	6.9848
UAE dirham	4.2879	4.7692	3.6732	3.9950	4.5950	3.6731
US dollar	1.1674	1.2984	1.0000	1.0877	1.2510	1.0000
Vietnamese new						
dong	27,062.0917	30,100.1612	23,182.5000	25,482.5633	29,309.6978	23,429.0000



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#### 12. Soft commission arrangements

The Investment Manager will pay for research from their own books, as commission paid on trades will be "execution only", which is the agreed cost for that broker to settle the trade (31 October 2019: same).

#### 13. Contingent liabilities

There are no contingent liabilities at financial period-end 31 October 2020 and financial year-end 30 April 2020.

#### 14. Transactions with connected persons

The UCITS Regulations require that any transaction carried out with the Company by a Manager, Depositary, Investment Manager and/or associate of these ("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 43(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 43(1) of the Central Bank UCITS Regulations.

#### 15. 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.

#### 16. Taxation

Under current Irish 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 may arise if a "chargeable event" occurs. A chargeable event includes any distribution payments to shareholders or any encashment, redemption, cancellation, transfer or 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, or the appropriation or cancellation of shares of a shareholder by the Company for the purposes of meeting the amount of tax payable on a gain arising on a transfer.

No Irish tax will arise on the Company in respect of chargeable events due to:

- (a) a shareholder who is neither Irish resident nor ordinarily resident in Ireland for tax purposes at the time of the chargeable event, provided that a relevant declaration is in place (in accordance with Schedule 2b of the TCA) and the Company is not in possession of any information which would reasonably suggest that the information contained therein is no longer materially correct; or
- (b) a shareholder who is an exempt Irish investor (as defined in Section 739D TCA).

Dividends, interest and capital gains (if any) received on investments made by the Company may be subject to withholding taxes imposed by the country from which the investment income/gains are received and such taxes may not be recoverable by the Company or its shareholders.

The Finance Act 2010 provides that the Revenue Commissioners may grant approval for Investment Companies marketed outside of Ireland to make payments to non-resident investors without deduction of Irish tax where no relevant declaration is in place, subject to meeting "equivalent measures". An Investment Company wishing to receive approval must apply in writing to the Revenue Commissioners, confirming compliance with the relevant conditions.



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#### 17. Chinese capital gains tax

On 6 February 2020, Barings China A-Share Fund Plc merged its net assets and contingent tax liability with Barings China A-Share Fund (the "Fund"). As a result, any future tax liabilities will now be incurred by Barings China A-Share Fund, a sub-fund of Barings Investment Funds.

On 15 November 2014, a circular from the Chinese authorities was published which both announced a temporary tax exemption on any gains realised from 17 November 2014 onwards by non-Chinese resident investors on the disposal of China A-Shares and also confirmed that any similar gains realised in the five years prior to 17 November 2014 would potentially be subject to Chinese tax.

As an Irish domiciled fund, the Fund has made a filing with the Chinese authorities on the basis that the gains realised on the disposal of non-land rich China A-Shares could obtain the benefit of the China/Ireland double tax treaty, and filed all appropriate returns for the period up to 17 November 2014. Based on domestic Chinese professional advice in relation to the temporary tax exemption, the Fund does not currently have any provision for capital gains tax on non-land rich China A-Shares.

It should be noted that at this time there remains no indication as to when the temporary tax exemption referred to above might cease, potentially causing some or all of the gains realised after any cessation of the exemption to become subject to Chinese tax. Therefore, given the residual uncertainty surrounding the eventual tax treatment of historic non-land rich gains referred to above and the potential for future land rich or non-land rich gains to become taxable if the current temporary exemption ceases to apply, provisions may have to be made at any time for taxation which could be levied by China on the Fund. Consequently, investors may have been advantaged or disadvantaged depending upon the position of the Chinese tax authorities in the future and the level of any provisioning, proving to be either excessive or inadequate when they subscribed for or when they redeemed their shares in the Company.

#### 18. Bank facilities

There is a bank overdraft facility in place with The Northern Trust Company ("TNTC"). An "uncommitted" multi-currency loan facility has been made available by TNTC to the Funds. During the financial period ended 31 October 2020, Barings China A-Share Fund, Barings Europe Select Fund, Barings European Opportunities Fund, Barings German Growth Fund, Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund, Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund and Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund have drawn down on this facility (31 October 2019: Barings China A-Share Fund, Barings China Select Fund, Barings Europe Select Fund, Barings European Opportunities Fund, Barings Frontier Markets Fund, Barings German Growth Fund, Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund, Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund and Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund).

#### 19. Material changes to the Prospectus

An updated Prospectus of the Company was issued on 31 August 2020. The following are the material changes made:

#### Benchmarks

New disclosures were introduced around benchmarks and their use within the context of each Fund.

#### **Fund operating mechanisms**

The Redemption Deferral Policy was updated to provide for being able to limit redemptions on any dealing day to 10% of the NAV rather than 10% of the shares in issue, as per the current approach. A fourth supplemental Trust Deed has been put in place to facilitate this change in respect of the Unit Trust.

The procedures regarding the Termination of a Fund were updated to provide for proceeds to be paid to charity at the expiration of 3 years from the date of a fund's termination.

There are other immaterial changes to the Prospectus that are not listed above.



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#### 20. Significant events

Mr. Timothy Schulze resigned as Director of the Company with effect from 10 August 2020.

The Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund Class I USD Inc was closed on 18 August 2020 and was subsequently re-launched on 22 September 2020. The class was further closed on 16 October 2020 and subsequently re-launched on 20 October 2020.

The Prospectus of the Company was updated on 31 August 2020. The material changes to the Prospectus are outlined in note 19.

The Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund terminated on 1 October 2020.

Mr. Peter Clark resigned as Director of the Company with effect from 21 October 2020.

#### COVID-19

The spread of Covid-19 around the world in 2020 has caused significant volatility in international markets. There is still uncertainty around the breadth and duration of business disruptions related to Covid-19, as well as its impact on international economies and, as such, the Company is actively monitoring the extent of the impact to its operations, financial accounting and reporting.

#### **Brexit**

The United Kingdom (the "UK") held a referendum on 23 June 2016 on whether to leave or remain in the European Union (the "EU"). The outcome of the referendum was in favour of leaving the EU. The UK officially withdrew from the EU on 31 January 2020 but will continue to follow all of the EU rules and its trading relationship will remain the same until the end of the transitional period ending on 31 December 2020.

There are a number of uncertainties in connection with the future of the UK and its relationship with the EU, including the terms of the agreement it reaches in relation to its withdrawal from the EU and any agreements it reaches in relation to its future relationship with the EU and Barings continues to plan for a number of possible scenarios. Barings is committed to ensuring continuity of service for its investors and protecting its business against potential regulatory or other market access barriers related to Brexit. In this regard, Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited ("BIFMI"), will continue as the Manager of the Company and the Sub-Funds will continue to be registered for distribution into relevant jurisdictions in the EU and elsewhere. Portfolio management in respect of European investments will continue to be delegated to Baring Asset Management Limited, a UK entity. The custodians and administrators of the Sub-Funds are also EU entities. In addition, BIFMI has enhanced its presence in Dublin and recruited locally at all levels to staff its new office, reflecting the increased significance of BIFMI's role within the Barings business.

Whilst the medium to long-term consequences of the decision to leave the EU remain uncertain in any scenario, there could be short-term volatility which could have a negative impact on general economic conditions, business and consumer confidence in both the UK and EU, which may in turn have negative political, economic and market impacts more widely. The longer-term consequences may be affected by the terms of any future arrangements the UK has with the EU. Among other things, the UK's decision to leave the EU could lead to changes in the law and tax treatment of funds, instability in the equity, debt and foreign exchange markets, including volatility in the value of sterling or the euro.

There have been no other significant events during the financial period-end that, in the opinion of the Directors, may have had an impact on the financial statements for the financial period ended 31 October 2020.

### 21. Subsequent events

There have been no events subsequent to the financial period-end which, in the opinion of the Directors, may have had an impact on the financial statement for the financial period ended 31 October 2020.

#### 22. Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors of the Company on 17 December 2020.



## **Barings Investment Funds Plc Barings China A-Share Fund**

## **Schedule of Investments**

As at 31 October 2020

## Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss

Nominal	Security	Fair value US\$	% of Net Assets
	Equities: 97.26% (30 April 2020: 95.38%)		
	China: 97.26% (30 April 2020: 95.38%)		
2,289	21Vianet ADR	52,967	0.43
23,556	Aier Eye Hospital*	219,655	1.80
7,700	Alibaba	291,168	2.38
	Autek China*	140,876	1.15
	Avic Sunda*	42,687	0.35
	Bank of Ningbo*	74,303	0.61
	Beijing Shunxin Agriculture*	152,226	1.25
	Centre Testing International*	94,834	0.78
,	China International Travel Service*	313,577	2.57
,	China Life Insurance*	272,608	2.23 1.96
	China Merchants Bank* China Merchants Shekou Industrial Zone*	239,331 128,453	1.05
	China Resources Beer	247,880	2.03
-,	China Vanke*	93,252	0.76
	Chongqing Brewery*	531,555	4.35
	East Money Information*	104,700	0.86
	ENN Ecological*	84,615	0.69
	Financial Street Property*	52,131	0.43
	Geely Automobile	61,596	0.50
25,700	Gree Electric Appliances Inc of Zhuhai*	224,905	1.84
21,600	Guangdong Haid*	199,248	1.63
	Guangzhou Jiacheng International Logistics	58,397	0.48
	Haitong Securities*	109,766	0.90
	Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology*	259,575	2.12
	Hangzhou Tigermed Consulting*	197,788	1.62
	Hualan Biological Engineering*	150,529	1.23
	Huatau Securities*	171,678	1.41
	Industrial Bank*	197,013	1.61
	JCET Group*	102,574 123,987	0.84 1.02
	JD.com Jiangsu Hengrui Medicine*	528,822	4.33
	Kingsoft Cloud ADR	127,216	1.04
	Kweichow Moutai*	1,075,017	8.80
	KWG Living Group	54,168	0.44
	Lens Technology*	142,837	1.17
	Li Auto ADR	111,946	0.92
	Luxshare Precision Industry*	440,066	3.60
6,300	Meituan Dianping	234,165	1.92
47,056	Midea*	548,801	4.49
	NARI Technology*	150,647	1.23
	Offcn Education Technology*	143,239	1.17
	Ping An Insurance Group Co of China*	444,588	3.64
	S.F. Holding*	110,370	0.90
	Sany Heavy Industry*	206,377	1.69
	SC New Energy Technology*	151,073	1.24
	Shandong Weigao* Shennan Circuits*	93,059 131,101	0.76
	Shenzhen Inovance Technology*	220,329	1.07 1.80
	Suzhou Maxwell Technologies*	160,435	1.31
	Tencent	152,442	1.25
	Universal Scientific Industrial Shanghai*	167,225	1.37
	Weichai Power*	116,928	0.96



## **Barings Investment Funds Plc Barings China A-Share Fund**

Schedule of Investments (continued)

As at 31 October 2020

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Nominal	Security	Fair value US\$	% of Net Assets
	Equities: 97.26% (30 April 2020: 95.38%) (continued)		
	China: 97.26% (30 April 2020: 95.38%) (continued)		
25,600	Wuliangye Yibin*	936,876	7.67
	XPeng ADR	29,153	0.24
3,400	Yum China	183,292	1.50
45,240	Zhejiang Sanhua Intelligent Controls*	165,665	1.36
	ZTO Express Cayman	62,076	0.51
		11,881,787	97.26
	Total Equities (Cost: US\$8,372,227)	11,881,787	97.26
	Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	11,881,787	97.26
Total investmen	nts at fair value through profit and loss	11,881,787	97.26
Cash and cash	· ·	322,671	2.64
Other net assets	· ·	12,379	0.10
	butable to holders of redeemable participating shares	12,216,837	100.00
Analysis of Tota			total assets**

**Total** 

Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised market Other assets

97.05 2.95 100.00



<sup>\*</sup> Level 1 investment with fair value adjustment.

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

# Barings Investment Funds Plc Barings Europe Select Fund

## **Schedule of Investments**

	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
Nominal	Security	Fair value €	% of Net Assets
	Investment Funds: 0.00% (30 April 2020: 3.02%)		
	Ireland: 0.00% (30 April 2020: 3.02%)		
	Equities: 95.19% (30 April 2020: 96.04%)		
5,588	Austria: 1.96% (30 April 2020: 0.88%) Bawag Group S&T Wienerberger	384,214 87,340 562,952 <b>1,034,506</b>	0.73 0.17 1.06 <b>1.96</b>
7,051 29,041	Belgium: 2.47% (30 April 2020: 5.29%) D'Ieteren KBC Ancora Ontex Group Telenet	338,360 170,493 266,596 529,716 <b>1,305,165</b>	0.64 0.32 0.51 1.00 <b>2.47</b>
	Colombia: 0.00% (30 April 2020: 0.35%)		
2,368 9,665	Denmark: 7.86% (30 April 2020: 6.09%) GN Store Nord Rockwool International Royal Unibrew Topdanmark Tryg	1,068,912 798,849 816,684 681,544 790,639 <b>4,156,628</b>	2.02 1.51 1.54 1.29 1.50 <b>7.86</b>
	Faroe Island: 0.00% (30 April 2020: 0.42%)		
13,590	Huhtamaki Oyj Kemira Nokian Renkaat	478,611 929,491 144,870 666,093 474,065 <b>2,693,130</b>	0.90 1.76 0.27 1.26 0.90 <b>5.09</b>
4,056 26,000 2,502 13,454 62,540 4,033 23,718 1,585 1,530	Elis Eurazeo Gaztransport Et Technigaz Korian Orpea Publicis Groupe Rexel SEB	87,634 240,695 457,553 336,040 628,160 215,072 399,853 566,237 565,830 319,244 411,466 173,196 499,911 <b>4,900,891</b>	0.17 0.45 0.86 0.64 1.19 0.41 0.76 1.07 1.07 0.60 0.78 0.33 0.94



## Barings Investment Funds Plc Barings Europe Select Fund

Schedule of Investments (continued)

Financial assets at f	air value throug	h profit or lo	ss (continued)
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Nominal	Security	Fair value €	% of Net Assets
	Equities: 95.19% (30 April 2020: 96.04%) (continued)		
	Germany: 14.13% (30 April 2020: 10.41%)		
22,387	Aixtron	210,527	0.40
15,731	Brenntag	873,070	1.65
	CANCOM	209,380	0.40
	Dermapharm	126,071	0.24
	Eckert & Ziegler Strahlen- und Medizintechnik	108,232	0.20
10,428		236,611	0.45
	Gerresheimer	605,343	1.14
	HelloFresh	1,034,551	1.96
	HOCHTIEF	387,319	0.73
14,372		973,847	1.84
	Nordex ProSiebenSat.1 Media	193,383	0.37
	Scout24	279,699 930,552	0.53 1.76
	Siltronic	189,695	0.36
	Software	298,633	0.56
	Stroeer SE & Co.	812,754	1.54
10,102	010001 0E 0 00.	7,469,667	14.13
		1,100,001	
	Iceland: 0.31% (30 April 2020: 0.31%)		
38,491	Marel HF	165,511	0.31
	Ireland: 2.70% (30 April 2020: 2.14%)		
4,320	Kingspan	324,648	0.61
	Kingspan Group	219,889	0.42
	Smurfit Kappa Group	880,858	1.67
		1,425,395	2.70
	Italy: 12.47% (30 April 2020: 13.44%)		
19,419		329,152	0.62
	Amplifon	1,157,625	2.19
33,256	Banca Generali	801,470	1.52
17,154	De'Longhi	470,706	0.89
76,148	FinecoBank	887,505	1.68
277,153	Hera	736,118	1.39
	Infrastrutture Wireless Italiane	561,070	1.06
	Interpump Group	648,989	1.23
	Moncler	544,612	1.03
20,068	Prysmian	456,948	0.86
		6,594,195	12.47
	Netherlands: 14.96% (30 April 2020: 14.08%)		
28.795	Arcadis	568,701	1.08
,	ASM International	980,595	1.85
	ASR Nederland	924,420	1.75
	BE Semiconductor Industries	642,812	1.22
5,958	Corbion	234,447	0.44
11,036	Euronext	985,515	1.86
	Flow Traders	293,620	0.56
11,243		1,123,401	2.12
	Koninklijke Vopak	924,535	1.75
29,221	Signify	886,273	1.68



## Barings Investment Funds Plc Barings Europe Select Fund

Schedule of Investments (continued)

Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	(continuea)

Nominal	Security	Fair value €	% of Net Assets
	Equities: 95.19% (30 April 2020: 96.04%) (continued)		
	Netherlands: 14.96% (30 April 2020: 14.08%) (continued)		
12,586	TKH Group	346,115	0.65
		7,910,434	14.96
	Norway: 1.87% (30 April 2020: 3.46%)		
•	P/F Bakkafrost	334,728	0.63
	TGS NOPEC Geophysical	378,926	0.72
7,952	Tomra Systems	276,065	0.52
		989,719	1.87
	Spain: 2.81% (30 April 2020: 3.58%)		
	Applus Services	282,012	0.53
	CIE Automotive	285,142	0.54
	Ebro Foods	316,404	0.60
32,702	Enagas	602,044 <b>1,485,602</b>	1.14 <b>2.81</b>
		1,400,002	2.01
	Sweden: 7.43% (30 April 2020: 3.38%)		
42,061		703,131	1.33
	AF Poyry	291,418	0.55
	Getinge	654,338	1.24
•	Husqvarna Munters	543,571 248,416	1.03 0.47
	Recipharm	138,662	0.47
	Securitas	831,708	1.57
	Thule Group	517,040	0.98
		3,928,284	7.43
	Switzerland: 11.86% (30 April 2020: 12.36%)		
7.159	Baloise	835,227	1.58
,	Bucher Industries	551,840	1.04
	Cembra Money Bank	950,191	1.80
9,680	DKSH	528,024	1.00
	Galenica Sante	488,599	0.93
	Logitech International	618,058	1.17
•	SIG Combibloc Group	1,243,712	2.35
,	Softwareone	381,772	0.72
1,642	Tecan Group	672,948 <b>6,270,371</b>	1.27 11.86
	Total Equities (Cost: €48,083,101)	50,329,498	95.19
	Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	50,329,498	95.19
Total investme	nts at fair value through profit and loss	50,329,498	95.19
Cash and cash		2,641,445	5.00
Other net liabiliti		(97,281)	(0.19)
Net assets attri	butable to holders of redeemable participating shares	<u>52,873,662</u>	100.00

## **Barings Investment Funds Plc Barings Europe Select Fund**

Schedule of Investments (continued)

As at 31 October 2020

## **Analysis of Total Assets**

% of total assets\*

Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised market Other assets

94.98 5.02

100.00

Total

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



## Barings Investment Funds Plc Barings European Opportunities Fund

## **Schedule of Investments**

	A3 at 31 October 2020		
	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss		
		Fair value	% of
Nominal	Security	€	Net Assets
	Investment Funds: 0.00% (30 April 2020: 0.13%)		
	Ireland: 0.00% (30 April 2020: 0.13%)		
	Equities: 96.27% (30 April 2020: 96.59%)		
	Austria: 1.80% (30 April 2020: 0.67%)		
	Bawag Group	1,082,381	1.00
39,278	Wienerberger	867,258	0.80
		1,949,639	1.80
	Belgium: 0.90% (30 April 2020: 2.12%)		
15,886	KBC Ancora	384,123	0.36
63,644	Ontex Group	584,252	0.54
		968,375	0.90
	Denmark: 5.32% (30 April 2020: 4.29%)		
33,266	GN Store Nord	2,062,195	1.91
	Royal Unibrew	2,034,231	1.88
69,266		1,660,434	1.53
		5,756,860	5.32
	Finland: 2 200/ /20 April 2020: 4 200/ \		
23,464	Finland: 2.38% (30 April 2020: 4.20%)	993,466	0.92
	Huhtamaki Oyj	1,585,647	1.46
,		2,579,113	2.38
26.220	France: 5.90% (30 April 2020: 11.54%) Eurazeo	1.011.252	0.03
	Gaztransport Et Technigaz	1,011,352 810,522	0.93 0.75
61,682		1,490,237	1.38
	Publicis Groupe	561,767	0.52
9,599		1,346,740	1.25
17,963	Worldline	1,156,458	1.07
		6,377,076	5.90
	Germany: 12.07% (30 April 2020: 7.18%)		
33.965	Brenntag	1,885,058	1.74
	CANCOM	438,712	0.41
10,000	Dermapharm	412,400	0.38
	Evotec	811,099	0.75
	Gerresheimer	1,052,797	0.97
	HelloFresh	2,180,069	2.02
	HOCHTIEF	781,175 1 742 855	0.72
25,721 60 145	ProSiebenSat.1 Media	1,742,855 566,205	1.61 0.52
	Scout24	1,328,246	1.23
	Software	630,180	0.58
	Stroeer SE & Co.	1,229,937	1.14
		13,058,733	12.07
	Ireland: 4.95% (30 April 2020: 3.69%)		
219,036		1,648,127	1.52
	Kingspan	1,513,070	1.40
	Smurfit Kappa Group	1,589,612	1.47



## Barings Investment Funds Plc Barings European Opportunities Fund

Schedule of Investments (continued)

Financial assets at fair	value through profi	t or loss (continued)
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Nominal	Security	Fair value €	% of Net Assets
	Equities: 96.27% (30 April 2020: 96.59%) (continued)		
	Ireland: 4.95% (30 April 2020: 3.69%) (continued)		
75.307	UDG Healthcare	603,918	0.56
-,		5,354,727	4.95
	Italy: 10.26% (30 April 2020: 11.79%)		
71 208	Amplifon	2,218,842	2.05
	Banca Generali	1,682,469	1.56
,	FinecoBank	1,867,096	1.73
536,082	Hera	1,423,834	1.32
	Infrastrutture Wireless Italiane	1,136,856	1.05
	Interpump Group	1,314,572	1.21
42,417	Moncler	1,450,237	1.34
		11,093,906	10.26
	Netherlands: 11.95% (30 April 2020: 12.24%)		
,	Arcadis	1,628,387	1.51
	ASM International	2,076,525	1.92
	ASR Nederland	1,966,218	1.82
	BE Semiconductor Industries	1,487,469	1.37
	Euronext	1,963,707	1.82
24,181	Koninklijke Vopak	2,416,166 1,383,162	2.23 1.28
30,904	Koninkijke vopak	12,921,634	11.95
		12,021,004	11.00
400.005	Norway: 1.33% (30 April 2020: 3.22%)	005.000	0.00
	TGS NOPEC Geophysical	865,926	0.80
16,564	Tomra Systems	575,043 1,440,969	0.53 1.33
		1,440,503	1.00
	Spain: 2.04% (30 April 2020: 1.13%)		
	Applus Services	810,759	0.75
75,811	Enagas	1,395,680	1.29
		2,206,439	2.04
	Sweden: 6.34% (30 April 2020: 3.26%)		
73,875		1,234,963	1.14
	Getinge	1,105,966	1.02
	Husqvarna	1,009,047	0.93
	Recipharm	264,688	0.24
	Securitas Thule Group	1,725,305	1.60
54,569	Thule Group	1,522,142 6,8 <b>62,111</b>	1.41 <b>6.34</b>
		0,002,111	0.54
	Switzerland: 7.03% (30 April 2020: 6.08%)		
	Baloise	1,463,251	1.36
	Cembra Money Bank	1,633,563	1.51
	Logitech International	1,256,798	1.16
	SIG Combibloc Group Softwareone	2,457,446 788,876	2.27 0.73
31,339	Oliwareolle	7,599,934	7.03
		1,000,004	7.00
	United Kingdom: 24.00% (30 April 2020: 25.18%)		
	Ashtead	1,371,862	1.27
177,090	Auto Trader	1,142,824	1.06

## Barings Investment Funds Plc Barings European Opportunities Fund

Schedule of Investments (continued)

As at 31 October 2020

Financial assets at	fair value through prof	fit or loss	(continued)
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Nominal	Security	Fair value €	% of Net Assets
	Equities: 96.27% (30 April 2020: 96.59%) (continued)		
	United Kingdom: 24.00% (30 April 2020: 25.18%) (continued)		
267,522	B&M European Value Retail	1,464,267	1.35
344,029	Beazley	1,118,105	1.03
267,883	Biffa	637,626	0.59
92,676	Close Brothers	1,097,803	1.01
36,988	Cranswick	1,305,796	1.21
22,155	DCC	1,241,966	1.15
32,018	Fevertree Drinks	752,491	0.70
39,876	Genus	1,829,587	1.69
105,494	HomeServe	1,296,023	1.20
113,360	Intermediate Capital	1,476,468	1.36
184,037	JD Sports Fashion	1,522,950	1.41
162,427	Marshalls	1,187,849	1.10
346,125	Paragon Banking	1,141,857	1.06
256,098	Polypipe Group	1,307,454	1.21
452,190	Rotork	1,408,272	1.30
45,483	Spectris	1,247,020	1.15
116,146	St James's Place	1,152,329	1.06
153,015	Tate & Lyle	1,001,075	0.93
696,075	Wm Morrison Supermarkets	1,258,492	1.16
		25,962,116	24.00
	Total Equities (Cost: €91,930,552)	104,131,632	96.27
	Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	104,131,632	96.27
Total investmen	nts at fair value through profit and loss	104,131,632	96.27
Cash and cash	equivalents	4,073,312	3.77
Other net liabiliti	es	(36,805)	(0.04)
Net assets attri	butable to holders of redeemable participating shares	108,168,139	100.00
Analysis of Tot	al Assats	9/ 0	f total assets*
	ar Assets curities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recogni		96.19
Other coasts	curries admitted to an official stock exchange listing of traded on a recogni-	seu market	90.19

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

Other assets

**Total** 



3.81 **100.00** 

# **Barings Investment Funds Plc Barings German Growth Fund**

### **Schedule of Investments**

Financial as	ssets at fair	value through	profit or loss
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Nominal	Security	Fair value €	% of Net Assets
	Investment Funds: 2.55% (30 April 2020: 3.56%)		
450,019	Ireland: 2.55% (30 April 2020: 3.56%) Northern Trust Global Funds - Euro Liquidity Fund	434,988	2.55
	Total Investment Funds (Cost: €435,285)	434,988	2.55
	Equities: 98.27% (30 April 2020: 96.70%)		
	Austria: 2.06% (30 April 2020: 2.31%)		
	Polytec Holding	88,392	0.52
10,000		156,300	0.91
	Wienerberger	66,240	0.39
8,500	Zumtobel Group	40,970	0.24
		351,902	2.06
	France: 3.96% (30 April 2020: 5.95%)		
10,000	Airbus	628,000	3.68
3,000	Frequentis	48,000	0.28
		676,000	3.96
	Commons 92 949/ /20 April 2020, 99 429/\		
900	<b>Germany: 83.84% (30 April 2020: 88.12%)</b> 2G Energy	48,000	0.28
	Adesso	73,830	0.43
	Aixtron	75,232	0.44
	Allgeier	280,800	1.64
	Allianz	451,440	2.64
	AlzChem Group	89,250	0.52
13,500	Bayer	543,308	3.18
,	Befesa	205,200	1.20
	BRAIN Biotechnology Research & Information Network	74,800	0.44
	CANCOM	111,040	0.65
	CompuGroup Medical	186,250	1.09
,	Daimler	500,906	2.93
	Datagroup Dermapharm	96,625 74,232	0.57 0.43
	Deutsche Post	1,224,640	7.17
	Deutsche Wohnen	86,360	0.51
29,000		129,282	0.76
	DFV Deutsche Familienversicherung	27,300	0.16
3,600	Dialog Semiconductor	117,972	0.69
	Dr Hoenle	105,930	0.62
	Draegerwerk AG & Co Pref	76,230	0.45
	DWS Group GmbH & Co	160,985	0.94
	Eckert & Ziegler Strahlen- und Medizintechnik	172,920	1.01
	Einhell Germany Pref Evonik Industries	235,200 82,240	1.38 0.48
	Evotec	192,865	1.13
	Exasol	121,286	0.71
	Francotyp-Postalia Holding	53,725	0.31
	Freenet	60,900	0.36
	Fresenius Medical Care	460,230	2.69
	GFT Technologies	106,950	0.63
	Gigaset	4,448	0.03
1,300	GK Software	84,240	0.49



# **Barings Investment Funds Plc Barings German Growth Fund**

Schedule of Investments (continued)

As at 31 October 2020

Nominal	Security	Fair value €	% of Net Assets
	Equities: 98.27% (30 April 2020: 96.70%) (continued)		
	Germany: 83.84% (30 April 2020: 88.12%) (continued)		
,	Grammer	71,545	0.42
	Grammer Rights	1,968	0.01
	Hamburger Hafen und Logistik	67,586	0.40
,	Hannover Rueck	550,000	3.22
	HelloFresh	131,712	0.77
	HELMA Eigenheimbau	152,880	0.89
	Hochtief	249,000	1.46
	Ibu-Tec Advanced Materials	81,600	0.48
	Infineon Technologies	217,215	1.27
	Jenoptik	74,620	0.44
	JOST Werke	149,930	0.88
	KION	325,248	1.90
- ,	Lanxess	576,422	3.37
,	LPKF Laser & Electronics	267,520	1.57
	M1 Kliniken	127,410	0.75
	MagForce	44,280	0.26
,	Medios	68,500	0.40 3.73
	Merck Mobotix	637,980 73,775	0.43
	MPH Health Care	67,500	0.39
	Nabaltec	133,320	0.78
30,000		63,000	0.76
	PharmaSGP Holding	62,000	0.36
	PSI Software	155,350	0.91
	PVA TePla	93,780	0.55
12,200		389,546	2.28
	SAF-Holland	144,800	0.85
13,100		1,216,204	7.12
	Schaltbau Holding	59,000	0.35
	Siltronic	414,324	2.43
	Singulus Technologies	37,680	0.22
	Sixt Pref	56,980	0.33
	Softing	32,620	0.19
	Steico	140,400	0.82
5,600	Technotrans	96,432	0.56
5,000	Traffic Systems	121,000	0.71
8,000	Traton	130,768	0.77
	VITA 34	58,500	0.34
3,300	Volkswagen Pref	417,714	2.45
6,627	Zeal Network	247,518	1.45
		14,322,243	83.84
	Spain: 0.07% (30 April 2020: 0.00%)		
500	Siemens Gamesa	12,245	0.07
	Switzerland: 0.14% (30 April 2020: 0.32%)		
3,000	EDAG Engineering Group	24,360	0.14

# **Barings Investment Funds Plc Barings German Growth Fund**

Schedule of Investments (continued)

As at 31 October 2020

Financial assets at	fair value through profit or	r loss (continued)

Nominal	Security	Fair value €	% of Net Assets
	Equities: 98.27% (30 April 2020: 96.70%) (continued)		
7,500	United Kingdom: 8.20% (30 April 2020: 0.00%) Linde	1,401,375	8.20
	Total Equities (Cost: €17,650,810)	16,788,125	98.27
	Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	17,223,113	100.82
Bank overdraft Other net liabiliti	· · ·	<b>17,223,113</b> (71,132) (68,419)	100.82 (0.42) (0.40)
net assets attri	butable to holders of redeemable participating shares	<u>17,083,562</u>	100.00

### **Analysis of Total Assets**

Deposits with credit institutions

% of total assets\*

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

97.47 **100.00** 

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

## Barings Investment Funds Plc Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund

### **Schedule of Investments**

Financial assets	at fair value	through profit or loss
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Nominal	Security	Fair value US\$	% of Net Assets
	Investment Funds: 0.75% (30 April 2020: 1.32%)		
104,000	Ireland: 0.75% (30 April 2020: 1.32%) Northern Trust Global Funds - Euro Liquidity Fund Northern Trust Global Funds - Sterling Fund Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund	1 135,034 261,000 <b>396,035</b>	0.00 0.26 0.49 <b>0.75</b>
	Total Investment Funds (Cost: US\$396,184)	396,035	0.75
	Equities: 98.97% (30 April 2020: 98.19%)		
69,767	Australia: 3.22% (30 April 2020: 2.50%) Sonic Healthcare	1,711,068	3.22
	Denmark: 5.45% (30 April 2020: 5.65%) Coloplast Novo Nordisk	1,241,219 1,660,170	2.33 3.12
20,271	NOVO NOIGISK	2,901,389	5.45
20,300	Finland: 3.07% (30 April 2020: 2.50%) Kone	1,630,368	3.07
10,894	France: 9.67% (30 April 2020: 10.88%) Air Liquide Danone L'Oreal	2,328,946 592,617 2,221,765 <b>5,143,328</b>	4.38 1.11 4.18 <b>9.67</b>
80,577 212,042		1,096,758 1,038,376 <b>2,135,134</b>	2.06 1.95 <b>4.01</b>
4,700	<b>Japan: 4.82% (30 April 2020: 3.95%)</b> Nintendo	2,564,332	4.82
537,200	<b>Mexico: 2.44% (30 April 2020: 2.74%)</b> Wal-Mart De Mexico	1,298,853	2.44
	Spain: 4.46% (30 April 2020: 4.65%) Amadeus IT Red Electrica	1,778,816 591,548 <b>2,370,364</b>	3.35 1.11 <b>4.46</b>
292 27,878	Switzerland: 10.22% (30 April 2020: 9.28%) Chocoladefabriken Lindt & Spruengli Givaudan Nestle SGS	867,573 1,195,914 3,114,085 258,539 <b>5,436,111</b>	1.63 2.25 5.85 0.49 <b>10.22</b>
	United Kingdom: 16.47% (30 April 2020: 15.45%) Associated British Foods Compass Halma	1,146,853 1,668,562 456,607	2.15 3.14 0.86

# Barings Investment Funds Plc Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund

Schedule of Investments (continued)

As at 31 October 2020

Financial assets at fair	value through	profit or loss	(continued)

Nominal	Security	Fair value US\$	% of Net Assets
	Equities: 98.97% (30 April 2020: 98.19%) (continued)		
	United Kingdom: 16.47% (30 April 2020: 15.45%) (continued)		
25,081	Reckitt Benckiser	2,216,151	4.17
57,290	Unilever	3,269,980	6.15
		8,758,153	16.47
	United States: 35.14% (30 April 2020: 37.14%)		
14,174		2,229,448	4.19
4,149		769,221	1.45
•	Becton Dickinson*	2,099,842	3.95
15,787	Colgate-Palmolive*	1,201,311	2.26
	Costco Wholesale*	57,578	0.11
2,371	International Flavors & Fragrances*	242,193	0.46
5,200	Intuit*	1,680,473	3.16
6,561	Mastercard*	1,909,127	3.59
8,746	Microsoft*	1,777,053	3.34
15,376	PepsiCo*	2,044,779	3.85
10,521	Stryker*	2,144,701	4.03
13,704	TJX Cos*	703,591	1.32
3,544	Visa*	650,265	1.22
7,351	Zoetis*	1,176,021	2.21
		18,685,603	35.14
	Total Equities (Cost: US\$48,480,241)	52,634,703	98.97
	Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	53,030,738	99.72
Total investmen	nts at fair value through profit and loss	53,030,738	99.72
Cash and cash		132,101	0.25
Other net assets	· }	18,170	0.03
Net assets attri	butable to holders of redeemable participating shares	53,181,009	100.00
Analysis of Tot	al Accord	0/ of	total assets**
Deposits with cr		% OI	0.74
Toposits with the	euit institutions		0.74

\* Level 1 investment with fair value adjustment.

Other assets

Total

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



98.92

0.34

100.00

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

### **Schedule of Investments**

Financial assets	at fair value	through profit or los	S
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Nominal	Security	Fair value US\$	% of Net Assets
	Investment Funds: 0.44% (30 April 2020: 0.00%)		
	United States: 0.44% (30 April 2020: 0.00%)		
996	Xtrackers Russell 2000 UCITS ETF	217,825	0.44
	Total Investment Funds (Cost: US\$203,872)	217,825	0.44
	Equities: 99.33% (30 April 2020: 99.03%)		
	Australia: 1.52% (30 April 2020: 1.59%)		
	ASX	46,328	0.09
	Australia & New Zealand Banking Group	57,447	0.12
	BHP Group	50,917	0.10
	BlueScope Steel Coca-Cola Amatil	54,530 54,635	0.11
	CSL Coca-Cola Amatii	54,675 114,842	0.11 0.23
	Fortescue Metals	61,772	0.23
	National Australia Bank	59,059	0.13
,	Wesfarmers	69,179	0.12
	Westpac Banking	64,626	0.13
	Woodside Petroleum	47,658	0.10
	Woolworths Group	69,937	0.14
,		750,970	1.52
		•	
	Belgium: 0.22% (30 April 2020: 0.27%)		
	Ageas	41,933	0.08
	Anheuser-Busch InBev	35,370	0.07
1,691	Proximus	32,226	0.07
		109,529	0.22
	Bermuda: 0.00% (30 April 2020: 0.09%)		
	Brazil: 0.27% (30 April 2020: 0.38%)		
12,500	Ambev	27,869	0.05
7,982	Itau Unibanco	32,996	0.07
	Lojas Renner	27,028	0.05
4,444	Vale	47,672	0.10
		135,565	0.27
	Canada: 2 249/ (20 April 2020: 2 549/)		
1 320	Canada: 2.24% (30 April 2020: 2.51%) Bank of Nova Scotia	54,783	0.11
,	Barrick Gold	44,822	0.09
	BCE	38,369	0.08
	Brookfield Asset Management	43,530	0.09
	Canadian National Railway	93,817	0.19
	Canadian Natural Resources	24,101	0.05
2,357	Enbridge	65,024	0.13
	Franco-Nevada	27,040	0.05
	George Weston	41,676	0.08
	IGM Financial	32,870	0.07
	Manulife Financial	46,809	0.10
	Metro Inc/CN	34,751	0.07
	Nutrien	34,404	0.07
	Open Text	46,481	0.09
2,291	RioCan Real Estate Investment Trust	24,868	0.05



Schedule of Investments (continued)

Financial assets at	fair value through prof	fit or loss	(continued)
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Nominal	Security	Fair value US\$	% of Net Assets
	Equities: 99.33% (30 April 2020: 99.03%) (continued)		
	Canada: 2.24% (30 April 2020: 2.51%) (continued)		
	Royal Bank of Canada	122,755	0.25
	Shopify	96,478	0.20
	SmartCentres Real Estate Investment	26,783	0.05
	Suncor Energy	22,256	0.05
	TC Energy	44,589	0.09
	Toronto-Dominion Bank Wheaton Precious Metals	90,788 48,969	0.18 0.10
1,100	Wileaton Flectous Metals	1,105,963	2.24
	Cayman Islands: 0.00% (30 April 2020: 0.80%)		
	China: 6.45% (30 April 2020: 4.61%)		
113,000	Agricultural Bank of China	38,183	0.08
2,327	Alibaba ADR*	721,872	1.46
640	Baidu ADR*	83,821	0.17
,	Bank of China	40,129	0.08
	Bank of Communications	28,500	0.06
	China Construction Bank	111,088	0.22
	China Life Insurance	49,953	0.10
	China Merchants Bank China Minsheng Banking	41,580 33,575	0.08 0.07
	China Mobile	63,850	0.07
	China Overseas Land & Investment	40,032	0.08
	China Petroleum & Chemical	24,068	0.05
	China Resources Land	65,104	0.13
	China Shenhua Energy	38,098	0.08
	China Southern Airlines	35,518	0.07
42,000	CNOOC	38,134	0.08
,	Industrial & Commercial Bank of China	48,921	0.10
	JD.com ADR*	122,060	0.25
	Jiangsu Expressway	31,984	0.06
	Kweichow Moutai	74,927	0.15
	Meituan Dianping	170,978	0.35
	NetEase ADR* New Oriental Education & Technology ADR*	105,496	0.21 0.17
	PetroChina	83,633 22.389	0.17
,	Pinduoduo ADR*	54,647	0.11
	Ping An Insurance Group of China	61,557	0.12
	Shanghai Industrial	29,338	0.06
	TAL Education ADR*	62,517	0.13
	Tencent	457,327	0.93
1,574	Trip.com Group ADR*	46,038	0.09
	Wuliangye Yibin	58,470	0.12
	Wuxi Biologics Cayman	83,805	0.17
	Xiaomi	101,577	0.21
	Yum China*	68,935	0.14
1,623	ZTO Express Cayman ADR*	48,615	0.10
		3,186,719	6.45
	Denmark: 0.42% (30 April 2020: 0.28%)		
	AP Moller - Maersk	57,136	0.12
1,220	H Lundbeck	34,226	0.07



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Nominal Security	IS\$ Net Assets
Equities: 99.33% (30 April 2020: 99.03%) (continued)	
Denmark: 0.42% (30 April 2020: 0.28%) (continued)	
1,737 Novo Nordisk	111 0.23
205,4	
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Finland: 0.22% (30 April 2020: 0.24%) 677 Orion 29.4	138 0.06
3,903 Stora Enso 57,2 796 UPM-Kymmene 22,4	
109,0 OF MI-KYRIIIII	
	0.22
France: 2.95% (30 April 2020: 4.33%)	
259 Aeroports de Paris 24,8	
564 Air Liquide 82,7	
542 Airbus 39,7	
4,118 AXA 66,2	
11,110 Bollore 39,2	
392 Capgemini 45,2	
491 Cie Generale des Etablissements Michelin 52,4	
2,353 CNP Assurances 26,1	
1,258 Danone 68,4	
451 Dassault Systemes 77,6	
482 Eiffage 34,5	
640 EssilorLuxottica 79,7	
85 Hermes International 79,9	
99 Kering 59,7	
877 Legrand 64,8	
242 L'Oreal 78,3	
119 LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton 56,0	
11,143 Natixis 25,3	
343 Pernod Ricard 55,2	
455 Safran 48,2	
1,024 Sanofi 92,9	
1,095 Schneider Electric 132,4	
1,030 Total 31,0	
652 Vinci 50,5	
1,519 Vivendi44,0 1,455,7	
1,400,7	2.95
Germany: 2.36% (30 April 2020: 1.83%)	
221 Adidas 66,4	183 0.13
497 Allianz 87,3	
1,948 BASF 106,2	
1,676 Bayer 78,7	739 0.16
808 Bayerische Motoren Werke Pref 41,6	0.08
1,111 Covestro 52,8	311 0.11
1,264 Daimler 65,6	398 0.13
296 Deutsche Boerse 43,8	0.09
2,285 Deutsche Post 102,0	
6,550 Deutsche Telekom 99,6	
3,373 E.ON 35,1	
547 Fraport 19,7	
2,457 Infineon Technologies 69,2	
258 Muenchener Rueckversicherungs 60,9	0.12



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Financial assets at	fair value through prof	fit or loss	(continued)
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Nominal	Security	Fair value US\$	% of Net Assets
	Equities: 99.33% (30 April 2020: 99.03%) (continued)		
	Germany: 2.36% (30 April 2020: 1.83%) (continued)		
	Porsche Automobil Pref	34,354	0.07
	SAP	106,101	0.22
	Siemens	50,304	0.10
	Siemens Energy	4,646	0.01
16,625	Telefonica Deutschland	41,221 1,166,149	0.08 <b>2.36</b>
	Hong Kong: 0.71% (30 April 2020: 0.86%)		
11,000		103,634	0.21
	CITIC Securities	35,580	0.07
	CK Hutchison	42,160	0.09
	Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing	95,489	0.19
	Kerry Properties	33,011	0.07
	Shanghai Industrial Urban Development	409	0.00
	Wharf	14,445	0.03
7,000	Wharf Real Estate Investment	26,858	0.05
		351,586	0.71
	India: 1.48% (30 April 2020: 0.00%)		
40,256	Lyxor International Asset Management	732,803	1.48
	Indonesia: 0.22% (30 April 2020: 0.22%)		
72.600	Astra International	26,930	0.05
	Bank Central Asia	46,914	0.10
143,000	Bank Rakyat Indonesia	32,853	0.07
		106,697	0.22
	Ireland: 0.10% (30 April 2020: 1.00%)		
1,366		48,045	0.10
	Italy: 0.53% (30 April 2020: 0.47%)		
10,073		82,217	0.17
7,388	Eni	51,005	0.10
276	Ferrari	49,118	0.10
	Intesa Sanpaolo	31,898	0.06
9,954	Snam	48,745	0.10
		262,983	0.53
	Japan: 6.01% (30 April 2020: 6.49%)		
	Amada*	36,712	0.07
	Asahi Kasei*	43,483	0.09
	Asahi*	24,904	0.05
	Astellas Pharma*	40,194	0.08
	Bridgestone* Calbee*	65,486 37,089	0.13
	Canon*	33,042	0.08 0.07
	Chugai Pharmaceutical*	46,605	0.07
	Daiichi Sankyo*	63,701	0.13
	Daikin Industries*	75,260	0.15
	Daiwa House Industry*	36,990	0.08
	FANUC*	42,595	0.09
	Hitachi*	60,884	0.12
2,000	Honda Motor*	47,038	0.10

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Financial assets at	fair value through prof	fit or loss	(continued)
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Nominal	Security	Fair value US\$	% of Net Assets
	Equities: 99.33% (30 April 2020: 99.03%) (continued)		
	Japan: 6.01% (30 April 2020: 6.49%) (continued)		
	Hoya*	68,383	0.14
	ITOCHU*	70,025	0.14
,	JTEKT*	27,060	0.05
13,800		46,731	0.09
	Kamigumi*	32,407	0.07
	Kao* Kawasaki Heavy Industries*	43,000 22,756	0.09 0.05
	KDDI*	53,943	0.03
,	Keyence*	91,274	0.18
2,000		36,297	0.07
	Kyocera*	33,212	0.07
	Marubeni*	37,251	0.08
5,900	Mazda Motor*	31,114	0.06
	McDonald's (Japan)*	45,946	0.09
	Medipal*	39,566	0.08
	MinebeaMitsumi*	45,251	0.09
,	Mitsubishi Chemical*	37,368	0.08
	Mitsubishi Electric*	44,005	0.09
	Mitsubishi* Mitsui Fudosan*	78,614 32,565	0.16 0.07
	Mizuho Financial*	75,874	0.07
	Murata Manufacturing*	91,246	0.13
	Nintendo*	110,070	0.22
	Nippon Steel*	36,941	0.07
	Nippon Yusen*	55,489	0.11
	Nissan Motor*	32,169	0.07
2,600	ORIX*	30,524	0.06
,	Recruit*	72,855	0.15
	Sekisui House*	41,689	0.08
	Seven & i*	42,987	0.09
	Shin-Etsu Chemical*	53,663	0.11
	Shiseido*	37,379	0.08
	Shizuoka Bank* SMC*	40,566	0.08 0.11
	SoftBank*	53,412 111,539	0.11
	Sony*	100,535	0.20
	Sumitomo Electric Industries*	43,149	0.09
	Sumitomo Rubber Industries*	42,328	0.09
2,500	Sumitomo*	27,636	0.06
1,779	Takeda Pharmaceutical*	55,655	0.11
2,300	Teijin*	35,455	0.07
	Tokio Marine*	36,000	0.07
	Tokyo Electron*	53,895	0.11
	Toyota Motor*	39,425	0.08
	Toyota Tsusho* Yokohama Rubber*	44,801	0.09
2,200	TOKOITAITIA RUDDEI	31,682 <b>2,967,715</b>	0.06 <b>6.01</b>
	1 0 00% (00 A - 1 0000 - 0 000%)	2,301,113	0.01
	Jersey: 0.00% (30 April 2020: 0.08%)		
	Malaysia: 0.20% (30 April 2020: 0.27%)		
18,400	HAP Seng Consolidated	32,460	0.07



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Financial assets at	fair value through prof	fit or loss	(continued)
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Nominal	Security	Fair value US\$	% of Net Assets
	Equities: 99.33% (30 April 2020: 99.03%) (continued)		
	Malaysia: 0.20% (30 April 2020: 0.27%) (continued)		
	Public Bank Berhad	31,576	0.06
15,300	Tenaga Nasional Berhad	35,129	0.07
		99,165	0.20
	Mexico: 0.08% (30 April 2020: 0.10%)		
67 700	America Movil SAB de CV	40,890	0.08
07,700	America Movii OAD de OV		0.00
	Netherlands: 1.28% (30 April 2020: 1.49%)		
598	ASML	217,835	0.44
	Heineken	48,162	0.10
	Koninklijke Ahold Delhaize	60,310	0.12
	Koninklijke DSM	7,868	0.02
	Koninklijke Philips	57,437	0.12
	Prosus	77,762 84,471	0.16
,	Unilever Wolters Kluwers	75,609	0.17 0.15
323	Wollers Nuwers	629,454	1.28
		020,404	1.20
	People's Republic of China: 0.73% (30 April 2020: 0.00%)		
130,000	Aluminum Corporation of China	28,335	0.06
	Changchun High & New Technology Industry	33,606	0.07
	Giant Network	41,443	0.08
	Hundsun Technologies	38,919	0.08
	Jiangxi Copper	34,484	0.07
	Kingdee International Software	47,242	0.10
	Semiconductor Manufacturing WuXi AppTec	27,874 54,154	0.06 0.11
	Zijin Mining	52,093	0.10
12,000	2-jiii Wiiiiiig	358,150	0.73
	Philippines: 0.08% (30 April 2020: 0.08%)		
2,650	Ayala	41,776	80.0
	Poland, 0.069/ (20 April 2020, 0.459/)		
5 530	Poland: 0.06% (30 April 2020: 0.15%) Powszechny Zaklad Ubezpieczen	29,694	0.06
5,559	Towszeciiny Zakiau obezpieczen	29,094	0.00
	Qatar: 0.09% (30 April 2020: 0.11%)		
8,874	Qatar National Bank	43,139	0.09
	Republic of South Korea: 0.13% (30 April 2020: 0.00%)		
897	LG Electronics	66,403	0.13
	Russian Federation: 0.14% (30 April 2020: 0.55%)		
831	LUKOIL	42,706	0.09
	Tatneft	26,058	0.05
,		68,764	0.14
		•	
_	Singapore: 0.17% (30 April 2020: 0.10%)		
	UOL Group	38,294	0.08
15,300	Wilmar International	45,303	0.09
		83,597	0.17



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Nominal	Security	Fair value US\$	% of Net Assets
	Equities: 99.33% (30 April 2020: 99.03%) (continued)		
	South Africa: 0.28% (30 April 2020: 0.33%)		
10,653	FirstRand	25,005	0.05
	MTN Group	31,497	0.06
417	Naspers	81,060	0.17
		137,562	0.28
	South Korea: 1.92% (30 April 2020: 1.89%)		
168	Celltrion	35,682	0.07
	Hyundai Engineering & Construction	33,872	0.07
	Hyundai Motor	59,294	0.12
	Kakao	41,297	0.08
	LG Chem	79,693	0.16
	LG Household & Health Care NAVER	51,555 112,708	0.11 0.23
	POSCO	50,960	0.23
	Samsung Electronics	297,790	0.60
	Samsung Electronics Pref	71,086	0.15
	Shinhan Financial Group	37,473	0.08
	SK Hynix	75,696	0.15
		947,106	1.92
	Spain: 0.60% (30 April 2020: 0.60%)		
300	Aena SME	39,923	0.08
	Amadeus IT	38,186	0.08
	Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria	34,341	0.07
	Iberdrola	126,118	0.25
1,360	Industria de Diseno Textil	33,816	0.07
7,171	Telefonica	23,263	0.05
		295,647	0.60
	Sweden: 0.67% (30 April 2020: 0.37%)		
1.295	Atlas Copco	57,261	0.12
	Electrolux	66,924	0.13
	Essity	48,819	0.10
	Industrivarden	53,047	0.11
	Investment AB Latour	50,373	0.10
1,211	L E Lundbergföretagen AB	54,596	0.11
		331,020	0.67
	Switzerland: 2.36% (30 April 2020: 1.88%)		
3,547		86,203	0.17
,	Barry Callebaut	28,875	0.06
	Clariant	38,733	0.08
	Credit Suisse Group	21,923	0.04
	LafargeHolcim	46,981	0.10
	Lonza Group	89,321	0.18
	Nestle	274,457	0.56
	Novartis	127,171 241,789	0.26
	Roche Sika	241,789 37,981	0.49 0.08
7,216		83,708	0.08
	Zurich Insurance Group	85,782	0.17
		1,162,924	2.36



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Nominal	Security	Fair value US\$	% of Net Assets
	Equities: 99.33% (30 April 2020: 99.03%) (continued)		
	Taiwan: 2.41% (30 April 2020: 2.05%)		
	Chunghwa Telecom	52,371	0.11
	CTBC Financial	41,018	0.08
	Delta Electronics	66,425	0.14
	Eva Airways	36,625	0.07
	Far Eastern New Century	44,112	0.09
	Formosa Plastic	47,012 75,865	0.10
	Hon Hai Precision Industry MediaTek	118,517	0.15 0.24
	Mega Financial Holding	39,490	0.24
	Micro-Star International	44,225	0.09
	Nan Ya Plastics	49,253	0.10
	Realtek Semiconductor	49,714	0.10
	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	483,297	0.98
	Uni-President Enterprises	40,719	0.08
		1,188,643	2.41
	Theiland: 0.139/ (30 April 2020: 0.249/)		
27 800	Thailand: 0.13% (30 April 2020: 0.34%) Charoen Pokphand Foods	22,522	0.05
	CP ALL	26,731	0.05
	Kasikornbank	17,125	0.03
.,000		66,378	0.13
		·	
4.040	United Kingdom: 2.39% (30 April 2020: 3.63%)	00.005	0.00
	Anglo American	38,035	0.08
	AstraZeneca	91,534	0.18
8,599 6 477	BAE Systems	28,727 33,799	0.06 0.07
10,014		25,401	0.07
	Compass	29,081	0.06
	Diageo	57,380	0.11
	Ferguson	39,577	0.08
	Glencore	24,523	0.05
2,031	Halma	62,762	0.13
21,280	HSBC	89,148	0.18
643	Linde*	140,297	0.28
	Lloyds Banking Group	27,348	0.05
	Mondi	52,630	0.11
	Prudential  Parkitt Barakian	34,525	0.07
	Reckitt Benckiser	64,944	0.13
	RELX Rio Tinto	58,972 72,271	0.12 0.15
	Royal Dutch Shell Class A	72,422	0.15
	Smith & Nephew	41,900	0.08
	Unilever	57,420	0.12
	Vodafone Group	38,836	0.08
•	·	1,181,532	2.39
	Huitad Ctatas, E0 040/ /20 April 2000; E0 040/)		
521	United States: 59.91% (30 April 2020: 59.04%) 3M*	93 533	0.17
	Abbott Laboratories*	83,522 210,926	0.17 0.43
	AbbVie*	165,574	0.34
	Accenture*	187,965	0.38
0.0		,500	0.00



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Nominal	Security	Fair value US\$	% of Net Assets
	Equities: 99.33% (30 April 2020: 99.03%) (continued)		
	United States: 59.91% (30 April 2020: 59.04%) (continued)		
	Activision Blizzard*	59,588	0.12
	Adobe*	202,740	0.41
,	Advanced Micro Devices*	87,424	0.18
2,402		46,559	0.09
	Aflac*	29,684	0.06
	Agilent Technologies*	83,231	0.17
	Air Products & Chemicals*	98,615	0.20
	Align Technology* Allegion*	95,758 47,908	0.19 0.10
	Allstate*	44,139	0.10
	Alphabet Class A*	435,747	0.88
	Alphabet*	553,753	1.12
	Altria Group*	67,369	0.14
	Amazon.com*	1,367,192	2.77
616	American Electric Power*	55,354	0.11
705	American Express*	63,723	0.13
468	American Financial Group*	34,549	0.07
1,242	American International Group*	38,571	0.08
	American Tower*	89,206	0.18
	Ameriprise Financial*	51,648	0.10
	AMETEK*	63,711	0.13
	Amgen*	128,199	0.26
	Amphenol*	79,748	0.16
	Analog Devices* Anthem*	70,672 68,345	0.14 0.14
	Aon*	69,710	0.14
18,076		2,068,890	4.19
	Applied Materials*	62,479	0.13
	Aptiv*	42,156	0.09
	Archer-Daniels-Midland*	85,615	0.17
	AT&T*	229,340	0.46
419	Autodesk*	100,987	0.20
495	Automatic Data Processing*	77,717	0.16
	AutoZone*	63,913	0.13
	Avery Dennison*	61,749	0.12
	Axalta Coating Systems*	53,755	0.11
	Bank of America*	195,015	0.39
,	Bank of New York Mellon*	36,822	0.07
	Baxter International*	67,188	0.14
	Becton Dickinson*	57,451 282,598	0.12
	Berkshire Hathaway* Biogen*	47,266	0.57 0.10
	BlackRock*	72,933	0.15
	Boeing*	123,482	0.25
	Booking*	71,193	0.14
	Booz Allen Hamilton*	45,819	0.09
	Boston Scientific*	101,475	0.21
	Bristol-Myers Squibb	2,362	0.00
	Bristol-Myers Squibb*	127,446	0.26
	Broadcom*	135,301	0.27
	Broadridge Financial Solution*	59,220	0.12
664	Brown-Forman*	45,881	0.09



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Nominal	Security	Fair value US\$	% of Net Assets
	Equities: 99.33% (30 April 2020: 99.03%) (continued)		
	United States: 59.91% (30 April 2020: 59.04%) (continued)		
453	Camden Property Trust*	39,475	0.08
	Capital One Financial*	49,639	0.10
	Carrier Global*	35,336	0.07
	Caterpillar*	91,338	0.18
	CDW*	58,941	0.12
	Celanese*	68,552	0.14
	Centene* CF Industries Holdings*	42,146 45,849	0.09 0.09
	Charles Schwab*	43,848	0.09
	Charter Communications*	148,637	0.30
	Chevron*	112,464	0.23
	Chipotle Mexican Grill*	75,242	0.15
	Chubb*	43,874	0.09
396	Cigna*	64,221	0.13
4,698	Cisco Systems*	166,414	0.34
	Citigroup*	93,859	0.19
	Citizens Financial Group*	25,052	0.05
	Citrix Systems*	49,070	0.10
	Clorox*	49,098	0.10
	CME Group*	49,572	0.10
	Coca-Cola*  Cognizant Technology Solutions*	185,159 48,989	0.37 0.10
	Cognizant Technology Solutions* Colgate-Palmolive*	69,931	0.10
	Comcast*	183,043	0.37
	Comerica*	55,267	0.11
	ConocoPhillips*	38,637	0.08
	Constellation Brands*	40,164	0.08
1,205	Corning*	38,390	0.08
	Costco Wholesale*	179,613	0.36
	Crown Castle International*	87,029	0.18
	CSX*	123,071	0.25
	Cummins*	55,895	0.11
•	CVS Health*	69,832	0.14
	Danaher* Deere & Co*	131,526	0.27 0.16
	DexCom*	79,435 68,219	0.16
	Dollar General*	117,960	0.14
	Dollar Tree*	40,228	0.08
	Dominion Energy*	66,203	0.13
	Dow*	32,821	0.07
888	DR Horton*	59,958	0.12
1,603	DuPont de Nemours*	92,213	0.19
	Eaton*	73,234	0.15
	eBay*	46,367	0.09
	Ecolab*	71,432	0.14
	Edison International*	33,835	0.07
	Edwards Lifesciences* Electronic Arts*	61,871 42,056	0.13
	Eli Lilly and Company*	42,056 125,767	0.09 0.25
	Emerson Electric*	49,950	0.10
	EOG Resources*	21,443	0.04
	EPAM Systems*	67,648	0.14



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Nominal	Security	Fair value US\$	% of Net Assets
	Equities: 99.33% (30 April 2020: 99.03%) (continued)		
120	United States: 59.91% (30 April 2020: 59.04%) (continued)	04.000	0.40
	Equinix*	94,096 56,695	0.19 0.11
	Estée Lauder Companies* Exelon*	54,447	0.11
	Exxon Mobil*	141,199	0.29
	Facebook*	709,073	1.44
	FedEx*	69,435	0.14
658	Fidelity National Information Services*	81,646	0.17
	Fiserv*	53,419	0.11
193	FleetCor Technologies*	42,029	0.08
	FLIR Systems*	23,920	0.05
,	Ford Motor*	46,605	0.09
	Fortinet*	52,350	0.11
	Fortune Brands Home & Security*	76,146	0.15
	Freeport-McMoRan*	92,782	0.19
	General Dynamics*	73,379	0.15
	General Electric* General Mills*	61,136 45,199	0.12 0.09
	General Motors*	51,008	0.09
	Gilead Sciences*	63,726	0.10
	Global Payments*	84,474	0.17
	Globe Life*	41,644	0.08
	Goldman Sachs Group*	68,054	0.14
	HCA Healthcare*	47,046	0.10
388	HEICO*	40,627	0.08
681	Henry Schein*	42,514	0.09
	Hewlett Packard Enterprise*	22,274	0.04
	Hilton Worldwide*	51,087	0.10
	Home Depot*	287,946	0.58
	Honeywell International*	161,568	0.33
2,065		36,440	0.07
	Humana* Huntington Bancshares*	59,460 38,325	0.12 0.08
	IAC/InterActive*	18,413	0.04
	IDEX*	51,579	0.10
	IHS Markit*	63,303	0.13
	Illinois Tool Works*	80,087	0.16
	Illumina*	48,443	0.10
2,048	Ingersoll Rand*	71,305	0.14
3,070		134,402	0.27
	Intercontinental Exchange*	63,923	0.13
	International Business Machines*	82,583	0.17
	Interpublic Group of Companies*	47,267	0.10
	Intuit*	101,798	0.21
	Intuitive Surgical*	73,562	0.15
	Johnson & Johnson* Johnson Controls International*	265,106 44,260	0.54
	JPMorgan Chase & Co*	289,902	0.09 0.59
	Keurig Dr Pepper*	33,706	0.07
	Keysight Technologies*	60,593	0.12
	Kimberly-Clark*	67,763	0.14
	Kinder Morgan*	29,086	0.06
	Kroger*	47,739	0.10



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Nominal	Security	Fair value US\$	% of Net Assets
	Equities: 99.33% (30 April 2020: 99.03%) (continued)		
	United States: 59.91% (30 April 2020: 59.04%) (continued)		
	L3 Harris Technologies*	41,402	0.08
	Lam Research*	62,058	0.13
	Lockheed Martin*	49,321	0.10
	Lowe's Companies*	132,900	0.27
	Lululemon Athletica*	56,360	0.11
	LyondellBasell Industries*	31,104	0.06
,	Marathon Petroleum*	48,014	0.10
	Marriott International*	37,886	0.08
	Marsh & McLennan Cos*	95,638	0.19
	Mastercard*	233,949	0.47
	Match Group*	38,664	0.08
	Maxim Integrated Products*	57,472	0.12
	McCormick & Company*	48,551	0.10
	McDonald's* Medtronic*	146,776 158,963	0.30 0.32
	MercadoLibre*	37,445	0.08
	Merck & Co*	197,341	0.40
,	MetLife*	32,587	0.40
	Mettler-Toledo International*	83,686	0.17
	Micron Technology*	115,935	0.23
	Microsoft*	1,568,179	3.18
	Mid-America Apartment Communities*	47,212	0.10
	Molson Coors Beverage*	29,883	0.06
1,589	Mondelez International*	83,885	0.17
843	Monster Beverage*	64,876	0.13
278	Moody's*	72,566	0.15
	Morgan Stanley*	65,478	0.13
	National Oilwell Varco*	33,821	0.07
	Netflix*	250,214	0.51
	Newmont*	41,801	0.08
	NextEra Energy*	112,827	0.23
1,242		151,448	0.31
	Norfolk Southern*	88,366	0.18
	Northrop Grumman*	55,718	0.11
	NRG Energy*	36,166	0.07
	Nucor* NVIDIA*	54,813	0.11
	OGE Energy*	274,038 30,543	0.55 0.06
	Oracle*	115,759	0.23
	O'Reilly Automotive*	59,329	0.12
	Otis Worldwide*	31,494	0.06
	PACCAR*	51,952	0.11
	Parker-Hannifin*	72,611	0.15
	Paychex*	33,387	0.07
	PayPal*	280,687	0.57
	People's United Financial*	31,176	0.06
	PepsiCo*	155,460	0.31
	Pfizer*	188,033	0.38
	Philip Morris International*	97,944	0.20
	PNC Financial Services Group*	55,043	0.11
	PPG Industries*	59,247	0.12
2,492	Procter & Gamble*	340,253	0.69



Schedule of Investments (continued)

As at 31 October 2020

Nominal	Security	Fair value US\$	% of Net Assets
	Equities: 99.33% (30 April 2020: 99.03%) (continued)		
	United States: 59.91% (30 April 2020: 59.04%) (continued)		
707	Progressive*	63,897	0.13
	Prologis*	88,491	0.18
	Prudential Financial*	32,160	0.07
	Qualcomm*	173,681	0.35
	Raytheon Technologies*	91,770	0.19
	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals*	63,436	0.13
	Regions Financial*	48,199	0.10
	ResMed*	47,570	0.10
	Rockwell Automation*	84,734	0.17
	Roper Technologies*	70,294	0.14
	Ross Stores*	63,458	0.13
	S&P Global	69,509	0.14
	Salesforce.com*	231,125	0.47
	Schlumberger*	57,582	0.12
	Sempra Energy*	47,350	0.10
	ServiceNow*	73,987	0.15
	Sherwin-Williams*	78,993	0.16
	Southern*	62,106 97,780	0.13
	Square*		0.20
	Starbucks* State Street*	117,697 28,829	0.24 0.06
	Stryker*	133,114	0.00
	Sysco*	48,729	0.27
	T. Rowe Price Group*	60,661	0.10
	Take-Two Interactive*	57,835	0.12
	Target*	83,130	0.12
	TE Connectivity*	56,530	0.17
	Tesla*	301,734	0.61
	Texas Instruments*	129,714	0.26
	Thermo Fisher Scientific*	170,944	0.35
	TJX Cos*	69,620	0.14
	T-Mobile US*	95,320	0.19
	Trane Technologies*	61.729	0.12
	Travelers Cos*	41,446	0.08
	Trimble*	48,068	0.10
2,308	Truist Financial*	95,865	0.19
	Twitter*	72,747	0.15
732	Union Pacific*	127,895	0.26
636	United Parcel Service*	101,855	0.21
981	UnitedHealth*	295,676	0.60
1,656	US Bancorp*	62,571	0.13
652	Valero Energy*	24,286	0.05
	Ventas*	31,879	0.06
	VEREIT*	31,621	0.06
	Verisign*	59,328	0.12
	Verisk Analytics	63,680	0.13
	Verizon Communications*	201,620	0.41
	Vertex Pharmaceutical*	54,652	0.11
530		36,222	0.07
2,106		386,416	0.78
	Vornado Realty Trust*	21,251	0.04
826	Walgreens Boots Alliance*	27,480	0.06



Schedule of Investments (continued)

As at 31 October 2020

Financial assets at	fair value through pro	ofit or loss (continued)
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Nominal	Security	Fair value US\$	% of Net Assets
	Equities: 99.33% (30 April 2020: 99.03%) (continued)		
	United States: 59.91% (30 April 2020: 59.04%) (continued)		
	Walmart*	170,950	0.35
1,636	Walt Disney*	197,348	0.40
547	Waste Connections*	53,638	0.11
615	Waste Management*	65,647	0.13
245	Waters*	54,853	0.11
91	Wayfair*	23,100	0.05
	Wells Fargo*	55,034	0.11
	Williams Cos*	35,752	0.07
1,160	Xcel Energy*	81,443	0.16
	Xilinx*	58,184	0.12
594	Yum! Brands*	55,971	0.11
1,142	Zions Bancorporation*	35,771	0.07
	Zoetis*	122,546	0.25
279	Zoom Video Communications*	135,596	0.27
		29,585,925	59.91
	Total Equities (Cost: US\$46,299,230)	49,052,803	99.33
	Open forward foreign currency exchange contracts: 0.00% (30 April 2020: 0	0.09%)	
	Total financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	49,270,628	99.77
		Fair value US\$	% of Net Assets
Total investmen	nts at fair value through profit and loss	49,270,628	99.77
Cash and cash of		131,249	0.27
Other net liabiliti		(18,591)	(0.04)
	butable to holders of redeemable participating shares	49,383,286	100.00
Ameliania of Total	-1.4	07 . 6	4-4-14: **
Analysis of Tot		% Of	total assets**
Investment Fund		. wl. m.t	0.44
Transferable securities admitted to an official stock exchange listing or traded on a recognised market		98.68	

\* Level 1 investment with fair value adjustment.

Other assets

Total



0.88 **100.00** 

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

#### **General information**

For the financial period ended 31 October 2020

#### **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**

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") Investment Funds Centre website:

http://www.hmrc.gov.uk/cisc/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.



#### Appendix 1 - Information for investors in Switzerland

For the financial period ended 31 October 2020

Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (the "Manager") 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 <a href="https://www.fundinfo.com">www.fundinfo.com</a>. Share prices (Net Asset Value with the words "plus commissions") are published daily on the internet at <a href="https://www.fundinfo.com">www.fundinfo.com</a>.

All the information appearing in these reports & accounts is solely with respect to those Funds of the Company which are licensed for public offer and marketing in or from Switzerland, namely Barings Europe Select Fund, Barings European Opportunities Fund, Barings German Growth Fund, Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund and Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund.

#### Representative and Paying Agent for Switzerland

BNP Paribas Securities Services, Paris
Succursale de Zurich
Selnaustrasse 16
CH-8002
Zurich
Switzerland

#### **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 financial period ended 31 October 2020.

The TER for each Fund for the financial period/year ended 31 October 2020 and 30 April 2020 are as follows:

Name of Fund	31 October 2020	30 April 2020
	TER in %	TER in %
Barings China A-Share Fund - Class A USD Acc*	1.95	1.94
Barings China A-Share Fund - Class F EUR Acc*	0.76	0.78
Barings China A-Share Fund - Class F GBP Acc*	0.73	0.79
Barings China A-Share Fund - Class F HKD Acc*	0.78	0.72
Barings China A-Share Fund - Class F USD Acc*	0.78	0.72
Barings China A-Share Fund - Class X GBP Inc*	0.25	0.25
Barings China A-Share Fund - Class X USD Acc*	0.25	0.25
Barings Europe Select Fund - Class B GBP Inc	1.55	1.53
Barings Europe Select Fund - Class B EUR Acc	1.55	1.55
Barings Europe Select Fund - Class B EUR Inc	1.55	1.55
Barings Europe Select Fund - Class J EUR Acc	0.80	0.80
Barings Europe Select Fund - Class J EUR Inc	0.80	0.80
Barings Europe Select Fund - Class J GBP Inc	0.80	0.80
Barings European Opportunities Fund - Class A EUR Acc	1.95	1.94
Barings European Opportunities Fund - Class A USD Acc	2.36	2.19
Barings European Opportunities Fund - Class I EUR Acc	1.00	1.00
Barings European Opportunities Fund - Class I GBP Inc	1.00	1.00
Barings European Opportunities Fund - Class I USD Acc	0.32	0.33
Barings European Opportunities Fund - Class X GBP Acc	0.25	0.25
Barings German Growth Fund - Class B EUR Acc	1.56	1.56
Barings German Growth Fund - Class B EUR Inc	1.56	1.56
Barings German Growth Fund - Class B GBP Acc	1.56	1.56
Barings German Growth Fund - Class B GBP Inc	1.56	1.55
Barings German Growth Fund - Class B USD Acc**	N/A	0.21

<sup>\*</sup> Barings China A-Share was launched on 6 February 2020.



<sup>\*\*</sup> Barings German Growth Fund Class B USD Acc was closed on 20 June 2019.

#### Appendix 1 – Information for investors in Switzerland (continued)

For the financial period ended 31 October 2020

#### Total expense ratio (continued)

Name of Fund	31 October 2020 TER in %	30 April 2020 TER in %
Barings German Growth Fund - Class J EUR Acc	0.80	0.81
Barings German Growth Fund - Class J GBP Acc	0.81	0.81
Barings German Growth Fund - Class J GBP Inc	0.81	0.81
Barings German Growth Fund - Class J USD Acc*	N/A	0.80
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class A USD Acc	1.61	1.59
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F GBP Acc**	0.40	0.40
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F GBP Inc**	0.40	0.40
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F USD Acc**	0.44	0.44
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class F USD Inc**	0.44	0.44
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I GBP Acc	0.85	0.85
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I GBP Inc***	0.85	0.81
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class I USD Inc****	0.84	0.85
Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund - Class X USD Acc*****	0.10	N/A
Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund - Class I USD Acc*****	0.78	0.75
Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund - Class X USD Acc******	0.25	N/A
Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund - Class A EUR Acc******	N/A	1.70
Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund - Class A EUR Inc******	N/A	1.70
Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund - Class I EUR Acc******	N/A	0.76
Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund - Class X EUR Acc******	N/A	0.11

<sup>\*</sup> Barings German Growth Fund Class J USD Acc was closed on 30 April 2020.

This information was established by the Manager, Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited, based on the data contained in the Statement of Comprehensive Income for the above reference period (Fund management fees, administration fees, depositary fees, taxes and duties, and all other commissions and expenses appearing as per the breakdown of the Statement of Comprehensive Income and not already included in any of the foregoing categories). The TER is calculated using the average daily Net Asset Value for the period.

#### 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.



<sup>\*\*</sup> Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund Class F GBP Acc, Class F GBP Inc, Class F USD Acc and Class F USD Inc were launched on 10 June 2019.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund Class I GBP Inc was launched on 12 July 2019.

<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup> Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund Class I USD Inc was closed on 18 August 2020 and was subsequently re-launched on 22 September 2020. The class was further closed on 16 October 2020 and subsequently re-launched on 20 October 2020.

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup> Barings Global Dividend Champions Fund Class X USD Acc was launched on 18 August 2020.

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*\*</sup> Barings Global Equity Allocation Fund was launched on 28 June 2019.

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*\*\*</sup> Barings Global Flexible Allocation Fund was terminated on 1 October 2020.

Appendix 1 – Information for investors in Switzerland (continued)

For the financial period ended 31 October 2020

#### Trailer fees and reimbursements (continued)

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).



#### Appendix 2 - Information for investors in Germany

For the financial period 31 October 2020

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 Guiollettstraße 54 60325 Frankfurt am Main Germany

#### Special risks resulting from tax publication requirements in Germany

Foreign investment companies (such as Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (the "Manager")) must provide documentation to the German fiscal authorities upon request, e.g. in order to verify the accuracy of 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 Manager'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 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.



# Barings Investment Funds Plc Barings European Opportunities Fund

### Appendix 3 - Additional information Hong Kong Code

For the financial period ended 31 October 2020

The Barings European Opportunities Fund has been registered for sale in Hong Kong.

### Highest issue and lowest redemption prices

### Highest issue price during the period/year\*

	31 October 2020	30 April 2020	30 April 2019	30 April 2018	30 April 2017
Class A EUR Acc	15.99	18.13	16.37	16.00	13.59
Class A USD Acc	18.63	19.42	19.07	19.78	14.83
Class I EUR Acc	16.97	19.13	17.00	16.55	15.28
Class I EUR Inc**	_	_	_	17.96	16.22
Class I GBP Inc	17.01	17.89	17.22	16.66	13.53
Class I USD Acc	20.30	20.93	19.84	20.42	15.12
Class X GBP Acc	18.95	19.66	18.28	17.64	14.17
Highest issue price during the period/ye	ear* (continued)				
	30 April 2016	30 April 2015	30 April 2014	30 April 2013	30 April 2012
Class A EUR Acc	14.38	13.73	11.21	N/A	N/A
Class A USD Acc	15.59	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I EUR Acc	14.63	13.90	11.25	N/A	N/A
Class I EUR Inc**	16.92	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I GBP Inc	12.14	11.65	10.86	N/A	N/A
Class I USD Acc	15.36	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class X GBP Acc	12.48	11.82	10.89	N/A	N/A
Lowest redemption price during the per	iod/year*				
	31 October 2020	30 April 2020	30 April 2019	30 April 2018	30 April 2017
Class A EUR Acc	13.47	10.86	12.88	14.29	10.42
Class A USD Acc	14.38	11.56	14.58	16.21	11.52
Class I EUR Acc	14.24	11.47	13.44	14.73	11.79
Class I EUR Inc**	_	_	_	17.31	12.31
Class I GBP Inc	13.93	11.80	13.66	14.65	10.12
Class I USD Acc	15.54	12.46	15.34	16.53	11.61
Class X GBP Acc	15.47	12.97	14.28	15.44	10.52
Lowest redemption price during the period/year* (continued)					
	30 April 2016	30 April 2015	30 April 2014	30 April 2013	30 April 2012
Class A EUR Acc	<b>1</b> 1.58	9.42	9.88	N/A	N/A
Class A USD Acc	12.96	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I EUR Acc	11.80	9.50	9.89	N/A	N/A
Class I EUR Inc**	13.67	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class I GBP Inc	10.60	8.83	9.67	N/A	N/A
Class I USD Acc	13.01	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Class X GBP Acc	10.90	8.92	9.68	N/A	N/A

<sup>\*</sup> The above highest issue prices and lowest redemption prices during the financial period/year are quoted in their respective share classes' denomination currency.



<sup>\*\*</sup> The Barings European Opportunities Fund Class I EUR Inc was closed on 17 June 2017.

# Barings Investment Funds Plc Barings European Opportunities Fund

Appendix 3 – Additional information Hong Kong Code (continued)

For the financial period ended 31 October 2020

### Statement of movements in portfolio holdings

	31 October 2020			
	% of NAV***	% of NAV***	% of NAV***	% of NAV***
Equities and Investment Funds	96.27	96.72	96.34	99.13
Total investments at fair value through profit and loss	96.27	96.72	96.34	99.13
Cash and cash equivalents	3.77	3.01	2.71	0.72
Other net (liabilities)/assets	(0.04)	0.27	0.95	0.15
Total net assets	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Movement in portfolio holdings have been analysed above based on a percentage of Net Asset Value invested in each geographic location. The movement in each country's position between the period/year has to be inferred.

#### Portfolio information

Top Ten Holdings	% of Net Assets
SIG Combibloc Group	2.27
IMCD	2.23
Amplifon	2.05
HelloFresh	2.02
ASM International	1.92
GN Store Nord	1.91
Royal Unibrew	1.88
ASR Nederland	1.82
Euronext	1.82
Brenntag	1.74



# **Barings Investment Funds Plc Barings China A-Share Fund**

### Appendix 4 - Significant Changes in Portfolio Composition

For the financial period ended 31 October 2020

	Cost		Proceeds
Purchases	US\$'000	Sales	US\$'000
Yum China	220	STO Express	283
China Life Insurance	212	Meituan Dianping	221
China International Travel Service	183	Rainbow Department Store	209
Sany Heavy Industry	166	Alibaba	185
Kingsoft Cloud ADR	122	Shennan Circuits	138
Lens Technology	116	Shanghai International Airport	135
East Money Information	115	Xinjiang Goldwind Science & Technology	129
Financial Street Property	111	NetEase	125
NetEase	106	S.F. Holding	121
Industrial Bank	103	Chongqing Brewery	115
JCET Group	92	Beijing Sinnet Technology	85
JD.com	90	Avic Sunda	82
Centre Testing International	88	Financial Street Property	57
Shandong Weigao	85	China Life Insurance	55
Beijing Sinnet Technology	85	China Resources Beer	48
Li Auto ADR	74	Ping An Bank	46
KWG Living Group	67	Guangdong Haid	46
ENN Ecological	65	Kweichow Moutai	44
Geely Automobile	61	Hangzhou Tigermed Consulting	42
ZTO Express Cayman	61	Yum China	38
Guangzhou Jiacheng International Logistics	60	Suzhou Maxwell Technologies	35
Wuliangye Yibin	58	China Merchants Bank	34
Gree Electric Appliances Inc of Zhuhai	48	Ping An Insurance Group Co of China	33
21Vianet ADR	47	JCET Group	32
Beijing Shunxin Agriculture	41		
Autek China	41		
Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology	35		

Listed above are aggregate purchases of securities exceeding one percent of the total value of purchases for the financial period ended 31 October 2020 and aggregate sales of securities greater than one percent of the total value of sales for the financial period ended 31 October 2020.



# **Barings Investment Funds Plc Barings Europe Select Fund**

Appendix 4 – Significant Changes in Portfolio Composition (continued)

For the financial period ended 31 October 2020

Purchases Northern Trust Global Funds - Sterling Fund Rexel Getinge Rockwool International Signify Nokian Renkaat HOCHTIEF Wienerberger Galenica Sante HelloFresh De'Longhi Husqvarna TKH Group Wendel Publicis Groupe BE Semiconductor Industries ProSiebenSat.1 Media Securitas AF Poyry Logitech International CANCOM Elis Edenred	Cost €'000 2,931 702 694 638 613 590 573 573 566 543 487 461 431 423 416 337 331 296 292 284 281 277 273	Sales Northern Trust Global Funds - Sterling Fund Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund DiaSorin Teleperformance Edenred Storebrand Orpea Barry Callebaut Takeaway.com ICA Gruppen Valmet Barco SCOR Tomra Systems Ubisoft Entertainment Wendel Applus Services Logitech International CompuGroup Medical Infrastrutture Wireless Italiane Elisa ALSO ASM International	Proceeds €'000 3,030 1,273 1,013 717 715 605 589 565 543 507 506 494 485 402 368 368 363 352 338 322 310 296 291
		Logitech International	
CANCOM Elis	281 277	Elisa ALSO	310 296

Listed above are aggregate purchases of securities exceeding one percent of the total value of purchases for the financial period ended 31 October 2020 and aggregate sales of securities greater than one percent of the total value of sales for the financial period ended 31 October 2020.



# **Barings Investment Funds Plc Barings European Opportunities Fund**

Appendix 4 – Significant Changes in Portfolio Composition (continued)

For the financial period ended 31 October 2020

Purchases Northern Trust Global Funds - Euro Liquidity Fund Northern Trust Global Funds - Sterling Fund Enagas HOCHTIEF HelloFresh Getinge Auto Trader Wienerberger Softwareone Husqvarna FinecoBank ProSiebenSat.1 Media Publicis Groupe CANCOM Korian Baloise ICA Gruppen Securitas Logitech International	Cost €'000 36,946 14,413 1,678 1,284 1,185 1,142 1,083 861 828 824 771 669 576 568 548 466 395 386 348	Sales Northern Trust Global Funds - Euro Liquidity Fund Northern Trust Global Funds - Sterling Fund DiaSorin Teleperformance Valmet Orpea ASM International KION Edenred Amplifon Storebrand Euronext Tomra Systems SIG Combibloc Group HomeServe Ashtead Elisa Barco SCOR	Proceeds €'000 36,954 14,576 3,614 2,850 2,700 2,597 2,386 1,871 1,868 1,732 1,689 1,598 1,563 1,505 1,436 1,390 1,385 1,380 1,350
Securitas Logitech International Smurfit Kappa Group	386 348 342	SCOR JD Sports Fashion	1,380 1,350 1,346
отнити карра оточр	342	Hays Worldline	1,320 1,262

Listed above are aggregate purchases of securities exceeding one percent of the total value of purchases for the financial period ended 31 October 2020 and aggregate sales of securities greater than one percent of the total value of sales for the financial period ended 31 October 2020.



# **Barings Investment Funds Plc Barings German Growth Fund**

Appendix 4 – Significant Changes in Portfolio Composition (continued)

For the financial period ended 31 October 2020

	Cost		Proceeds
Purchases	€'000	Sales	€'000
Northern Trust Global Funds - Euro Liquidity Fund	5,431	Northern Trust Global Funds - Euro Liquidity Fund	5,787
Linde	1,474	Allianz	1,098
Hannover Rueck	636	Volkswagen	818
Daimler	533	Airbus	723
Northern Trust Global Funds - Sterling Fund	455	Bayer	587
Infineon Technologies	228	Rheinmetall	517
Fresenius Medical Care	181	SAP	512
Traton	180	Wirecard	511
Dialog Semiconductor	161	Northern Trust Global Funds - Sterling Fund	453
HelloFresh	129	HOCHTIEF	325
Rheinmetall	114	Deutsche Post	273
Deutsche Wohnen	88	TUI	245
Exasol	84	Aurubis	244
Bayer	76	Lanxess	223
PharmaSGP Holding	76	Steico	211
Wienerberger	69	S&T	144
2G Energy	60	Medios	143
Siltronic	56	Merck	142
Aixtron	37	DFV Deutsche Familienversicherung	133
SAF-Holland	35	CompuGroup Medical	129

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Appendix 4 – Significant Changes in Portfolio Composition (continued)

For the financial period ended 31 October 2020

	Cost		Proceeds
Purchases	US\$'000	Sales	US\$'000
Northern Trust Global Funds - Sterling Fund	2,855	Northern Trust Global Funds - Sterling Fund	3,506
Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund	1,299	Colgate-Palmolive	2,632
Air Liquide	1,278	Microsoft	2,249
Northern Trust Global Funds - Euro Liquidity Fund	1,161	L'Oreal	1,890
Aon	868	Northern Trust Global Funds - Euro Liquidity Fund	1,165
Visa	723	Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund	1,038
Becton Dickinson	631	Zoetis	918
3M	612	Stryker	630
Compass	499	Unilever	570
Halma	468	Nestle	563
Nestle	319	Air Liquide	475
Unilever	316	Coloplast	464
Stryker	306	Reckitt Benckiser	457
International Flavors & Fragrances	190	Nintendo	418
TJX Cos	189	Klepierre REITs	414
Novo Nordisk	182	PepsiCo	404
Snam	170	Mastercard	398
MARR	149	Amadeus IT	376
Coloplast	121	Becton Dickinson	372
		3M	318
		Sonic Healthcare	304
		Kone	302
		Intuit	302
		Novo Nordisk	277
		Compass	270
		Wal-Mart De Mexico	258
		Associated British Foods	255

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Appendix 4 – Significant Changes in Portfolio Composition (continued)

For the financial period ended 31 October 2020

	Cost		Proceeds
Purchases	US\$'000	Sales	US\$'000
Amazon.com	233	Unilever	143
Xtrackers Russell 2000 UCITS ETF	204	BP	123
Facebook	177	NVIDIA	123
Microsoft	171	MercadoLibre	119
Tesla	146	Johnson & Johnson	107
Boeing	143	Toyota Motor	107
Charter Communications	137	Alphabet	95
BP	132	Dollar General	95
Alphabet Class A	129	Facebook	91
Air Liquide	125	GlaxoSmithKline	91
Schneider Electric	122	Bangkok Dusit Medical Services	90
Chevron	122	Charter Communications	90
Apple	121	Cadence Design Systems	89
Berkshire Hathaway	116	AstraZeneca	87
BASF	111	Uber Technologies	87
Meituan Dianping	111	Digital Realty Trust	87
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	110	Intel	81
AT&T	108	Oracle	81
Diageo	107	New Oriental Education & Technology ADR	81
Dollar General	106	Adyen	80
		British American Tobacco	79
		Synopsys	78
		Amazon.com	78
		Yum China	78
		Lyxor International Asset Management	76 75
		Goodman Group	75
		LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton	69 68
		Koninklijke DSM Commonwealth Bank of Australia	68
		Duke Energy	66
		United Parcel Service	64
		Segro	64
		Alimentation Couche-Tard	64
		Nissin Foods	63
		Jack Henry & Associates	62
		Celltrion	61
		Weichai Power	61
		Duke Realty	58
		Bunzl	58
		AT&T	57
		Mastercard	57
		Croda International	56
		BHP	56

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Appendix 4 – Significant Changes in Portfolio Composition (continued)

For the financial period ended 31 October 2020

	Cost		Proceeds
Purchases	€'000	Sales	€'000
Portugal Treasury Bill 0.00% 18/09/2020	2,403	Barings European High Yield Bond Fund F EUR	3,589
Hellenic Republic Government Bond 0.00% 11/09/2020	2,191	Portugal Treasury Bill 0.00% 17/07/2020	2,830
Italy Buoni Ordinari Del Tesoro BOT 0.00% 30/09/2020	2,191	Portugal Treasury Bill 0.00% 18/09/2020	2,401
Portugal Treasury Bill 0.00% 20/11/2020	2,190	Amundi Physical Gold ETC	2,323
Spain Letras del Tesoro 0.00% 15/01/2021	2,190	Hellenic Republic Government Bond 0.00% 11/09/2020	2,192
Spain Letras del Tesoro 0.00% 09/10/2020	1,802	Italy Buoni Ordinari Del Tesoro BOT 0.00% 30/09/2020	2,190
Japan Treasury Discount Bill 0.00% 31/08/2020	1,507	Portugal Treasury Bill 0.00% 20/11/2020	2,188
Italy Buoni Ordinari Del Tesoro BOT 0.00% 30/10/2020	1,501	Spain Letras del Tesoro 0.00% 15/01/2021	2,188
Japan Treasury Discount Bill 0.00% 28/09/2020	1,468	Spain Letras del Tesoro 0.00% 10/07/2020	2,000
France (Republic of) 0.00% 14/10/2020	1,402	Spain Letras del Tesoro 0.00% 09/10/2020	1,801
Amundi Physical Gold ETC	1,393	Italy Buoni Ordinari Del Tesoro BOT 0.00% 30/10/2020	1,501
US Treasury Inflation Indexed Bonds 0.88% 15/01/2029	422	Italy Buoni Ordinari Del Tesoro BOT 0.00% 14/07/2020	1,500
Brazilian Government International Bond 4.50% 30/05/2029	367	Spain Letras del Tesoro 0.00% 12/06/2020	1,500
Mexican Bonos 8.50% 31/05/2029	237	Hellenic Republic Treasury Bill 0.00% 05/06/2020	1,500
Petroleos Mexicanos 6.63% 15/06/2035	224	Japan Treasury Discount Bill 0.00% 28/09/2020	1,495
Portugal Obrigacoes do Tesouro OT 2.13% 17/10/2028	222	US Treasury Inflation Indexed Bonds 2.38% 15/01/2027	1,475
Russian Foreign Bond - Eurobond 7.05% 19/01/2028	216	Japan Treasury Discount Bill 0.00% 31/08/2020	1,456
Brazilian Government International Bond 5.00% 27/01/2045	171	France (Republic of) 0.00% 14/10/2020	1,402
Barings European High Yield Bond Fund F EUR	35	Portugal Treasury Bill 0.00% 15/05/2020	1,000
<b>.</b> . <b>.</b>		Hellenic Republic Government Bond 3.38% 15/02/2025	939
		Turkey Government International Bond 5.13% 18/05/2020	850
		Indonesia Government International Bond 5.88% 15/01/2024	785
		US Treasury Note/Bond 2.50% 31/01/2025	747
		Brazilian Government International Bond 4.50% 30/05/2029	732
		Brazilian Government International Bond 2.63% 05/01/2023	683
		Twelve Cat Bond Fund I USD	637
		Philippine Government International Bond 5.50% 30/03/2026	631
		Portugal Obrigacoes do Tesouro OT 2.13% 17/10/2028	628

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