



**Barings Currency Umbrella Fund**  
Prospectus

9 December 2019

**IMPORTANT:** This notice (the “**Notice**”) is sent to you as a unitholder of Barings US\$ Reserve Fund (the “**Fund**”), a sub-fund of Barings Currency Umbrella Fund (the “**Unit Trust**”). It is important and requires your immediate attention. If you have any questions about the content of this Notice or are in any doubt as to the action to be taken, you should seek independent professional advice and immediately consult your stockbroker, solicitor or attorney or other professional advisor. If you sold or otherwise transferred your holding in the Sub-Fund, please send this Notice to the stockbroker or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected for transmission to the purchaser or transferee.

**This Notice has not been reviewed by the Central Bank of Ireland (the “Central Bank”) nor the Securities and Futures Commission (the “SFC”) and it is possible that changes thereto may be necessary to meet the requirements of the Central Bank and the SFC. The directors of Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (the “Manager”), the manager of the Unit Trust, (the “Directors”) are of the opinion that there is nothing contained in this Notice nor in the proposals detailed herein that conflicts with the guidance issued by and regulations of the Central Bank and the SFC.**

The Directors have taken all reasonable care to ensure that, as at the date of this Notice, the information contained in this Notice is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this Notice.

Unless otherwise indicated, all capitalised terms in this Notice shall have the same meaning as described in the Prospectus dated 9 December 2019, the Hong Kong Covering Document dated December 2019 of the Unit Trust and Product Key Facts Statement of the Fund dated December 2019 (collectively the “**Hong Kong Offering Documents**”).

**BARING INTERNATIONAL FUND MANAGERS (IRELAND) LIMITED**

*Registered Office*  
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Ireland

27 March 2020

Dear Unitholder

**Barings Currency Umbrella Fund**  
**- Barings US\$ Reserve Fund**

We are writing to you as a Unitholder to notify you of certain changes being made to the Unit Trust, the Fund and of certain updates to the Hong Kong Offering Documents.

**1. Change of list of potential investment sub-delegates**

The Hong Kong Offering Documents currently provide that, subject to the Central Bank and the SFC's approval, the Investment Manager may sub-delegate such investment management to other entities including group companies Baring Asset Management Limited and Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited.

Following a review of the capabilities across the group companies of Barings, with effect from 29 April 2020 (the “**Effective Date**”), Barings LLC will be added to the list of potential investment sub-delegates.

The addition of Barings LLC to the list of potential investment sub-delegates will not result in any changes in the operation and/or manner in which the Fund is being managed.

## **2. Addition of sub-investment manager to the Fund**

Currently, the Manager delegates its investment management functions in respect of the Fund to Baring Asset Management Limited as Investment Manager.

Following a review of the capabilities across the group companies of Barings, with effect from the Effective Date, Barings LLC will be appointed as a Sub-Investment Manager of the Fund and will be involved in the discretionary investment management of the Fund's assets together with Baring Asset Management Limited, which will continue to be the Investment Manager of the Fund.

The addition of Barings LLC as a Sub-Investment Manager of the Fund will not result in any other changes in the operation and/or manner in which the Fund is being managed.

The changes set out in sections 1 and 2 above will not result in any change to the features and risk profiles/risks applicable to the Fund and will not result in any change in the fee structure and the maximum fee level of the Fund. None of the changes set out in this Notice will materially prejudice the existing Unitholders' rights or interests (including changes that may limit Unitholders' ability in exercising their rights).

The fees and expenses incurred in connection with the proposed changes will be borne by the Manager.

If you do not agree with the proposed changes, you may redeem your Units or switch to any other SFC-authorized Barings fund(s) <sup>1</sup> which are made available to you free of charge before 5pm (Hong Kong time) on 28 April 2020 in accordance with the provisions of the Hong Kong Offering Documents. Please note that we will not impose any charges in respect of your redemption and/or switching instructions. However, your bank or financial adviser may charge you additional fees (such as redemption fees, switching fees or transaction fees) or expenses at their own discretion in respect of such instructions and they may apply different procedures from what is stated in the Hong Kong Offering Documents.

The Hong Kong Offering Documents will be updated to reflect the appointment of Barings LLC as the Sub-Investment Manager of the Fund, the update to the list of potential sub-delegates and other miscellaneous changes. The revised Hong Kong Offering Documents will be available on or around the Effective Date. A copy of the Hong Kong Offering Documents is available from the Hong Kong Representative at the address listed below and will also be available from [www.baring.com](http://www.baring.com)<sup>2</sup>.

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

Yours faithfully,



**Director**

**For and on behalf of**

**BARING INTERNATIONAL FUND MANAGERS (IRELAND) LIMITED**

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<sup>1</sup> SFC authorization is not a recommendation or endorsement of a fund nor does it guarantee the commercial merits of the fund or its performance. It does not mean the fund is suitable for all investors nor is it an endorsement of its suitability for any particular investor or class of investors.

<sup>2</sup> Please note that the website has not been authorised by the SFC and may contain information relating to funds which are not authorised in Hong Kong and information which is not targeted to Hong Kong investors.

# **BARINGS CURRENCY UMBRELLA FUND**

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## **HONG KONG COVERING DOCUMENT** **December 2019**

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## INFORMATION FOR HONG KONG INVESTORS

**Important - If you are in any doubt about the contents of this document or any of the documents accompanying it, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other independent professional financial adviser.**

This Hong Kong covering document (the “**Hong Kong Covering Document**”) is supplemental to, forms part of and should be read in conjunction with the prospectus for Barings Currency Umbrella Fund (the “**Unit Trust**”) dated 9 December 2019 as supplemented from time to time (the “**Prospectus**”). Unless otherwise provided in this Hong Kong Covering Document, terms defined in the Prospectus have the same meaning in this Hong Kong Covering Document unless the context otherwise requires.

The Directors of Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (the “**Manager**”), accept full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in the Prospectus, the Hong Kong Covering Document and the Product Key Fact Statement of Barings US\$ Reserve Fund (“**KFS**”) and confirm, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of their knowledge and belief there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement misleading.

Barings Currency Umbrella Fund and the Fund set out below under the section headed “Funds Available in Hong Kong” have been authorised by the Securities and Futures Commission (“**SFC**”) in Hong Kong under Section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance of Hong Kong (“**SFO**”) and are available for sale to the public in Hong Kong. The SFC’s authorisation is not a recommendation or endorsement of a scheme nor does it guarantee the commercial merits of a scheme or its performance. It does not mean the scheme is suitable for all investors nor is it an endorsement of its suitability for any particular investor or class of investors.

Barings Currency Umbrella Fund was established pursuant to the trust deed dated 22 November 1990 as amended and restated on 21 July 2015 made between Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited as Manager and Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited as Depositary, as amended from time to time.

### FUNDS AVAILABLE IN HONG KONG

**Warning:** In relation to the Fund as set out in the Prospectus, only the following Fund is authorised by the SFC pursuant to Section 104 of the SFO and hence may be offered to the public in Hong Kong:-

- Barings US\$ Reserve Fund

The Prospectus is a global offering document and therefore contains references to the following collective investment schemes managed by the Manager which are **not** authorised by the SFC:-

- Barings Alpha Funds plc
- Barings China A-Share Fund plc
- Barings Component Funds
- Barings Global Investment Funds plc

No offer shall be made to the public of Hong Kong in respect of the above unauthorised collective investment schemes.

The issue of the Prospectus was authorised by the SFC only in relation to the offer of the above SFC-authorised Fund to the public of Hong Kong. Intermediaries should take note of this restriction.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In Hong Kong, distribution of the Prospectus and this Hong Kong Covering Document is not authorised unless accompanied by a copy of the then latest published annual report of the Unit Trust and, if published after such annual report, a copy of the latest semi-annual report. Before investing you must have received and read the KFS.

Units in the Unit Trust are offered only on the basis of the information contained in the Prospectus, the relevant Supplement, this Hong Kong Covering Document, the relevant KFS, the most recent annual report and, if subsequently published, the semi-annual report of the Unit Trust. Neither the delivery of the Prospectus or the relevant Supplement or this Hong Kong Covering Document nor the issue of Units shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that the affairs of the Unit Trust have not changed since the respective dates of the documents or that the information contained therein is correct as of any time subsequent to the date of the relevant document.

Notwithstanding any disclosure in the Prospectus, for so long as a Fund is authorised by the SFC, the Unitholder and the Manager agree to submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the Irish courts and the jurisdiction of the courts of Hong Kong shall not be excluded from entertaining an action concerning the Unit Trust and the Fund.

The website [www.barings.com](http://www.barings.com) and other websites (if any) set out in this Hong Kong Covering Document and the Prospectus have not been reviewed by the SFC and may contain information relating to funds which are not authorised in Hong Kong and information which is not targeted at Hong Kong investors.

## DEFINITIONS

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| <b>“Code”</b>                                      | the Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds issued by the SFC (and applicable to those funds authorised by the SFC pursuant to the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Chapter 571 of the laws of Hong Kong) in respect of a retail offering in Hong Kong) and includes any amendments or substitutions that may from time to time be made thereto.   |
| <b>“Group” or “entities within the same Group”</b> | entities which are included in the same group for the purposes of consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with internationally recognized accounting standards.   |
| <b>“Government And Other Public Securities”</b>    | any investment issued by, or the payment of principal and interest on which is guaranteed by a government or any fixed-interest investment issued by its public or local authorities or other multilateral agencies.   |
| <b>“Hong Kong Business Day”</b>                    | a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which banks in Hong Kong are open for normal business, provided that where as a result of a number 8 typhoon signal, black rainstorm warning or other similar event, the period during which banks in Hong Kong are open on any day is reduced, such day shall not be a Hong Kong Business Day unless the Manager and the Depositary determine otherwise or such other day or days as the Manager and the Depositary may determine; |
| <b>“Hong Kong Representative”</b>                  | Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited.  |

## HONG KONG REPRESENTATIVE

Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited has been appointed by the Manager as the Hong Kong Representative to represent the Manager in Hong Kong generally in relation to the affairs of the Unit Trust. As part of its function as the Hong Kong representative, it may receive applications for Units from prospective investors in Hong Kong and its localities and deal with redemption and/or conversion requests and other enquiries from Unitholders. The fees of the Hong Kong Representative in relation to the Unit Trust will be borne by the Manager.

Investors may contact the Hong Kong Representative if they have any complaints or enquiries in respect of the Unit Trust. Depending on the subject matter of the complaints or enquiries, these will be dealt with either by the Hong Kong Representative directly, or referred to the Manager/relevant parties for further handling. The Hong Kong Representative will, on a best effort basis, revert and address the investor's complaints and enquiries as soon as practicable. The contact details of the Hong Kong Representative are set out in the section headed “Other Information” below.



## **INVESTMENT MANAGER**

Subject to the Central Bank and the SFC's approval, the Investment Manager may sub-delegate such investment management to other entities including group companies (group companies currently refers to Baring Asset Management Limited and Baring Asset Management (Asia) Limited). Prior approval from the SFC will be sought in relation to (i) any sub-delegation to entities within the group companies listed above; (ii) any change to the list of sub-delegates above; or (iii) any appointment or removal of sub-delegates not being a group company. Except in the case of a sub-delegation to entities within the group companies listed above, one month's prior notice will be given to Unitholders. No prior notice would be given to Unitholders in respect of any sub-delegation to entities within the group companies listed above, however, details of such sub-delegation will be disclosed in the Unit Trust's annual and semi-annual accounts and an up-to-date list of sub-delegates will be available free of charge upon request from the Hong Kong Representative. The fees and expenses of any sub-investment managers appointed by the Investment Manager will be discharged by the Investment Manager. Details of any sub-investment managers appointed to a Fund will be provided to Unitholders upon request and details will also be provided in the periodic reports of the Unit Trust.

## **DEPOSITARY**

The Depositary may not retire voluntarily except upon the appointment of a new depositary approved by the Central Bank and the SFC, acceptable to the Manager and approved by an Extraordinary Resolution of Unitholders. However, the Depositary may, with the prior approval of the Manager, the Central Bank and the SFC retire in favour of an affiliate of the Depositary.

## **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE AND POLICIES**

As stated in the Prospectus, the objective of the Barings US\$ Reserve Fund is to provide as high an overall rate of return as is consistent with the preservation of capital and liquidity. Investors should note that there is no guarantee of repayment of capital.

For so long as the Barings US\$ Reserve Fund is authorised by the SFC, the Fund will only invest in Short Term Money Market Funds that are authorised by the SFC under the relevant Chapter of the SFC's Code on Unit Trusts and Mutual Funds ("**Code**") or regulated in a manner generally comparable with the requirements of the SFC and acceptable to the SFC.

The Fund does not currently use total return swaps, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, buy-sell back or sell-buy back transactions and securities lending. In the event that the Fund does propose to utilise such techniques and instruments, Unitholders will be notified and the Hong Kong Covering Document and the Prospectus will be revised in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank and the SFC. Due notification will be given to Unitholders and prior approval from the SFC (if required) will be sought if the Fund proposes to utilise such techniques and instruments in the future.

## **NET DERIVATIVE EXPOSURE**

Barings US\$ Reserve Fund will not use derivatives for any purposes.

## **INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS**

In addition to the investment restrictions set out in the Prospectus, it shall comply with the investment restrictions and the limits applicable to investment in derivatives set out in the Prospectus or, where more restrictive, Chapter 7 and 8.2 of the Code (save to the extent that any approval, permission or waiver in respect of any of the restrictions imposed by the Code has been obtained from the SFC or otherwise provided under the Code or any handbook, guideline and/or code issued by the SFC from time to time).

1. During such period as Barings US\$ Reserve Fund is authorised by the SFC, the following additional restrictions shall be complied with:

- (i) An “Approved Credit Institution” as referred to in the Prospectus, must qualify as “Substantial financial institution” as defined in the Code and the total amount of such holding shall not exceed 10% of the entity’s share capital and non-distributable capital reserves;
- (ii) the Fund may not invest in or gain exposure to any single entity through the following in an aggregate amount exceeding 10% of its Net Asset Value:
  - (a) investments in securities issued by that entity;
  - (b) exposure to that entity through underlying assets of financial derivative instruments; and
  - (c) net counterparty exposure to that entity arising from transactions of over-the-counter financial derivative instruments;
- (iii) subject to sub-paragraph 1(ii) of the section headed “Investment Restrictions” of this Hong Kong Covering Document, the Fund may not invest more than 20% of its Net Asset Value in, or seek exposure to, entities within the same Group through the following:
  - (a) investments in securities issued by those entities;
  - (b) exposure to those entities through underlying assets of financial derivative instruments; and
  - (c) net counterparty exposure to those entities arising from transactions of over-the-counter financial derivative instruments;
- (iv) the Fund may not place more than 20% of its Net Asset Value on cash deposits with the same entity or entities within the same Group provided that the 20% limit may be exceeded in the following circumstances:
  - (a) cash held before the launch of the Fund and for a reasonable period thereafter prior to the initial subscription proceeds being fully invested;
  - (b) cash proceeds from liquidation of investments prior to the merger or termination of the Fund, whereby the placing of cash deposits with various financial institutions would not be in the best interests of investors; or
  - (c) cash proceeds received from subscriptions pending investments and cash held for the settlement of redemption and other payment obligations, whereby the placing of cash deposits with various financial institutions be unduly burdensome and the cash deposits arrangement would not compromise investors’ interests.

For the purposes of this sub-paragraph 1(iv) of the section headed “Investment Restrictions” of this Hong Kong Covering Document, “cash deposits” generally refer to those that are repayable on demand or have the right to be withdrawn by the Fund and not referable to provision of property or services.
- (v) notwithstanding sub-paragraphs 1(iii) and 1(iv) of the section headed “Investment Restrictions” of this Hong Kong Covering Document, the Fund may not place more than 20% of its Net Asset Value in entities within the same group through instruments and deposits provided that:
  - (a) the aforesaid limit will not apply in respect of cash deposit of less than US\$ 1,000,000 or its equivalent in the Base Currency of the Fund, where it cannot otherwise diversify as a result of its size;
  - (b) where the entity is a “Substantial financial institution” as defined in the Code and the total amount does not exceed 10% of the entity’s share capital and non-distributable capital reserves, the limit may be increased to 25%;
- (vi) the Fund may not invest in physical commodities;
- (vii) the Fund may not invest in any type of real estate (including buildings) or interests in real estate (including any options or rights but excluding shares in real estate companies and interests in real estate investment trusts);
- (viii) the Fund may not make short sales;

- (ix) subject to sub-paragraph (6) of Appendix I of the Prospectus, the Fund may not lend, assume, guarantee, endorse or otherwise become directly or contingently liable for or in connection with any obligation or indebtedness of any person;
- (x) the Fund may not acquire any asset or engage in any transaction which involves the assumption of any liability by the Fund which is unlimited. For the avoidance of doubt, the liability of the Unitholders of the Fund is limited to their investments in the Fund;
- (xi) the Fund may not invest in any security of any class in any company or body if any director or officer of the Manager individually owns more than 0.5% of the total nominal amount of all the issued securities of that class, or, collectively the directors and officers of the Manager own more than 5% of those securities;
- (xii) the portfolio of the Fund may not include any security where a call is to be made for any sum unpaid on that security unless that call could be met in full out of cash or near cash from the Fund's portfolio whereby such amount of cash or near cash has not been segregated to cover a future or contingent commitment arising from transaction in financial derivative instruments for the purpose of Sub-Chapter 7.29 and 7.30 of the Code;
- (xiii) the Fund may not invest in exchange traded funds;
- (xiv) the Fund may not invest in financial derivative instruments and may not hold any collateral;
- (xv) the Fund may only invest in short-term deposits and high quality money market instruments (i.e. securities normally dealt in on the money markets, for example government bills, certificates of deposit, commercial papers, short-term notes, bankers' acceptances, asset-backed securities such as asset-backed commercial papers), and money market funds that are authorised by the SFC for public distribution in Hong Kong pursuant to the SFO under the Code or regulated in a manner generally comparable with the requirements of the SFC and acceptable to the SFC;
- (xvi) In addition to the requirements set out in the Prospectus (including the Supplement for the Fund), the Fund's investments in other Money Market Funds (as defined in the Prospectus) may not in aggregate exceed 10% of its Net Asset Value. Such other Money Market Funds must be either (i) money market funds that are authorised under the Code or, (ii) regulated in a manner generally comparable with the requirements of the SFC and acceptable to the SFC.
- (xvii) the Fund shall maintain a portfolio with weighted average maturity not exceeding 60 days and a weighted average life not exceeding 120 days and must not purchase an instrument with a remaining maturity of more than 397 days (or such shorter period set out in the Prospectus) (or two years in the case of Government And Other Public Securities). For the purposes herein:
  - (1) **"weighted average maturity"** is a measure of the average length of time to maturity of all the underlying securities in the Fund weighted to reflect the relative holdings in each instrument; and is used to measure the sensitivity of the Fund to changing money market interest rates; and
  - (2) **"weighted average life"** is the weighted average of the remaining life of each security held in the Fund; and is used to measure the credit risk, as well as the liquidity risk,

provided that the use of interest rate resets in variable-notes or variable-rate notes generally should not be permitted to shorten the maturity of a security for the purpose of calculating weighted average life, but may be permitted for the purpose of calculating weighted average maturity;
- (xviii) the currency risk of the Fund should be appropriately managed and any material currency risk that arises from investments of the Fund that are not denominated in its Base Currency shall be appropriately hedged;
- (xix) the Fund's Supplement provides that at least 7.5% of the Fund's assets will be daily maturing and at least 15% of the Fund's assets will be weekly maturing. For the purposes herein:

- (1) daily liquid assets refers to (a) cash; (b) instruments or securities convertible into cash (whether by maturity or through exercise of a demand feature) within one Business Day; and (c) amount receivable and due unconditionally within one Business Day on pending sales of portfolio securities; and
- (2) weekly liquid assets refers to (a) cash; (b) instruments or securities convertible into cash (whether by maturity or through exercise of a demand feature) within five working days; and (c) amount receivable and due unconditionally within five Business Days on pending sales of portfolio securities;
- (xx) the Fund's may not hold investments in the form of asset-backed securities in the amount exceeding 15% of its Net Asset Value;
- (xxi) the Manager shall carry out periodic stress testing of the assets of the Fund in order to monitor the liquidity of the Fund;
- 2. For the purposes of sub-paragraphs 2.8 and 2.9 of Appendix I of the Prospectus, the money market instruments falling within the said paragraphs shall also qualify as Government and Other Public Securities.
- 3. In respect of Fund(s) that are authorised by the SFC (including the Barings US\$ Reserve Fund):
  - (xxii) if the name of the Fund indicates a particular objective, investment strategy, geographic region or market, the Fund must, under normal market circumstances, invest at least 70% of its Net Asset Value in securities and other investments to reflect the particular objective, investment strategy or geographic region or market which the Fund represents.
  - (xxiii) If a fund is authorised as a money market fund under the Code, the name of such fund must not appear to draw a parallel between that fund and the placement of cash on deposit.
  - (xxiv) In respect of investments in other collective investment schemes (including money market funds):
    - (1) the value of the Fund's investment in units or shares in other collective investment schemes may not in aggregate exceed 10% of its Net Asset Value. For the avoidance of doubt, when a Fund is also a Money Market Fund (as defined in the Prospectus), such Fund may only invest in collective investment schemes which are Money Market Funds;
    - (2) no investment may be made in any underlying scheme the investment objective of which is to invest primarily in any investment prohibited by Chapter 7 of the Code;
    - (3) where an underlying scheme's objective is to invest primarily in investments restricted by Chapter 7 of the Code, such investments may not be in contravention of the relevant limitation. For the avoidance of doubt, a Fund may invest in underlying scheme(s) authorized by the SFC under Chapter 8 of the Code (except for hedge funds under 8.7 of the Code), eligible scheme(s) of which the net derivative exposure does not exceed 100% of its total net asset value or such other percentage as may be permitted under the Code, handbook, code and/or guideline issued by the SFC from time to time or permitted by the SFC from time to time.
    - (4) the underlying scheme's objective may not be to invest primarily in other collective investment scheme(s);
    - (5) all initial charges and redemption charges on the underlying scheme(s) must be waived if the underlying scheme is managed by the Manager or its connected persons;
    - (6) the Manager or any person acting on behalf of a Fund or the Manager may not obtain a rebate on any fees or charges levied by an underlying scheme or its management company, or any quantifiable monetary benefits in connection with investments in any underlying scheme.

For the avoidance of doubt, unless otherwise provided under the Code, the spread requirements under sub-paragraphs (5), (6) and (9) of Appendix I of the Prospectus and sub-paragraphs 1(ii) and

1(iii) of the section headed “Investment Restrictions” of this Hong Kong Covering Document do not apply to investments in other collective investment schemes by a Fund.

- (xxv) if any of the investment limits are breached, the Manager shall take as a priority objective all steps as are necessary within a reasonable period of time to remedy the situation, taking due account of the interests of the holders.

As provided in the Prospectus, the Unit Trust may beneficially own any entity, including all or part of the issued share capital of any company or companies, which for fiscal or other reasons the Manager considers it necessary or desirable for the Depositary to incorporate or acquire or utilise for the purpose of holding certain of the investments contained in the Unit Trust. In addition to the requirements set out in the Prospectus, the holding of such entity shall be subject to the requirements under the Code.

## **BORROWINGS**

Notwithstanding the statement in the section headed “Borrowings” in the Prospectus that “Any Funds which are Money Market Funds are not permitted to borrow money and the above provision is not applied to such Funds, save that committed overdraft facilities do not constitute borrowing for this purpose”. For so long as the Barings US\$ Reserve Fund is authorised by the SFC, borrowings through the use of overdraft facilities will not exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund at the time of borrowing. The use of overdraft facilities will be made on a temporary basis for meeting redemption requests or defraying operating expenses.

## **RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

Investors should refer to the section headed “Risk Considerations” of the Prospectus and the following additional information in respect of the risks associated with investing in the Fund.

Notwithstanding the statement in the section headed “Risk Considerations” in the Prospectus that “The following Risk Considerations detail particular risks associated with an investment in the Unit Trust, which investors are encouraged to discuss with their professional advisers. It does not purport to be a comprehensive summary of all of the risks associated with an investment in the Unit Trust or an individual Fund.”. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors of the Manager, the Prospectus and the Hong Kong Covering Document contain explanations of the risks that may apply to the relevant Fund and that investors should be aware of as at the date of the Prospectus and the Hong Kong Covering Document. Investors should note that the Fund is exposed to various risks depending on their respective investment policies. Investors should be aware that in a changing environment the Fund may be exposed to risks that were not envisaged as at the date of the Prospectus and the Hong Kong Covering Document. Potential investors should consider the risks involved prior to investing in the Fund to determine whether an investment in the Fund is suitable to them.

### ***No investment guarantee***

An investment in the Barings US\$ Reserve Fund is not the same as placing funds on deposit with a bank or deposit-taking company and the Manager has no obligation to redeem Units at the offer price. The Barings US\$ Reserve Fund is not subject to the supervision of the Hong Kong Monetary Authority.

### ***Conflicts of Interest***

Transactions between a Fund and the Manager, the Investment Manager, the Depositary, the Administrator or related entities of the Manager, the Investment Manager, the Depositary or the Administrator (or the respective officers, directors or executives) as principal may only be made with the prior written consent of the Depositary.

## **DISTRIBUTION POLICY**

As stated in the Prospectus, it is not intended to distribute to Unitholders any income by way of dividend, all such income being accumulated within the relevant Fund.

## LIQUIDITY RISK MANAGEMENT

The Manager has established a liquidity management policy which enables it, through the investment risk management team of the Investment Managers which is functionally independent from the Investment Managers' portfolio investment team, to identify, monitor and manage the liquidity risks of the Unit Trust and to ensure the liquidity profile of the investments of each Fund will facilitate compliance with the Fund's underlying obligations. Any deterioration in liquidity profile is communicated to the portfolio managers and the appropriate oversight committee.

Details of the redemption rights of Unitholders, including redemption rights of Unitholders in normal and exceptional circumstances and existing redemption arrangements are set out above or in the Prospectus. More particularly, the tools which may be used to manage liquidity risk include the following:

- (a) The Manager may with the approval of the Depositary limit the number of Units which may be redeemed on any Dealing Day to 10% of the total number of Units in issue of that Fund. If such limitation is imposed, this would restrict the ability of a Unitholder to redeem in full the Units he intends to redeem on a particular Dealing Day.
- (b) At the request or with the consent of the redeeming Unitholder wishing to redeem Units representing 5% or more of the Net Asset Value of a Fund on a single Dealing Day, a distribution in respect of redemptions may be made in specie at the discretion of the Manager. Unless such Unitholder requests the Manager to sell the relevant assets in writing, the redeeming Unitholder will receive redemption proceeds in the form of securities instead of in cash.
- (c) The Manager may, with the approval of the Depositary, value the assets of the Fund (1) at the lowest market dealing bid prices where on any Dealing Day, the value of all redemption requests received exceeds the value of all application for Units, or (2) at the highest market dealing offer prices where on any Dealing Day the value of all applications for Units received for that Dealing Day exceeds the value of all redemption requests received on that Dealing Day. For details, please refer to the "Dilution Adjustment" under the section headed "Determination of Net Asset Value". As a result of such adjustment, the Net Asset Value per Unit will be higher or lower than the Net Asset Value per Unit which otherwise would be if such adjustment has not been made.
- (d) A Fund may borrow up to 10% of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund at the time of borrowing on a temporary basis for meeting redemption requests or defraying operating expenses. For so long as the Barings US\$ Reserve Fund is authorised by the SFC, borrowings through the use of overdraft facilities will not exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value of the Fund at the time of borrowing. There can be no assurance that the relevant Fund will be able to borrow on favourable term.
- (e) The Manager may, with the approval of the Depositary, temporarily suspend the redemption of Units in the Fund during certain circumstances as set out in the section headed "Temporary Suspension of Redemptions" of the Prospectus. During such period of suspension, Unitholders would not be able to redeem their investments in the relevant Fund.

## AVAILABLE UNITS IN HONG KONG

As at the date of this Hong Kong Covering Document, Units of the following Fund which are being offered to the public of Hong Kong are set out below. Please refer to the Prospectus for further information relating to the Unit Classes.

### **Barings US\$ Reserve Fund**

Class A USD Acc

Class A HKD Acc

Other Classes of Units which are not mentioned above are not available to the public in Hong Kong.

Under the Trust Deed the Manager is given the exclusive right to effect for the account of the Unit Trust the issue of Units of any Class and to create, subject to the requirements of the SFC (and other relevant

authorities)(if any), new Classes and has absolute discretion to accept or reject in whole or in part any application for Units.

## **SUBSCRIPTIONS, REDEMPTIONS AND CONVERSION OF UNITS BY HONG KONG INVESTORS**

The below sets out the subscription, redemption and conversion procedures for Hong Kong investors. Full details of subscription, redemption and conversion procedures, all charges payable and other important information concerning the subscription, redemption and conversion of Units are set out in the Prospectus; and Hong Kong investors should read the relevant sections carefully in conjunction with this Hong Kong Covering Document.

Investors should note that different distributor(s) may impose different dealing cut-off times before the dealing deadlines for receiving instructions for subscription, redemption and/or conversion and may have different dealing arrangements/procedures. Before placing your subscription, redemption and/or conversion orders, please check with your distributor for the distributor's internal dealing deadline (which may be earlier than the Fund's dealing deadline) and the distributor's dealing arrangements/procedures.

### ***Application Procedures***

Initial subscriptions should be made by completing the Account Opening Form and the Subscription Form, together with the supporting documents in relation to anti-money laundering requirements and the originals submitted to the Hong Kong Representative by 5 p.m. Hong Kong time for onward transmission to the Manager c/o the Administrator on a Dealing Day.

Subsequent subscriptions may be made in writing by submitting the signed originals of the Subscription Form to the Hong Kong Representative for onward transmission to the Manager c/o the Administrator or directly to the Manager c/o the Administrator. Subsequent subscriptions may also be made in writing by completing the Subscription Form and submitted by facsimile directly to the Manager c/o the Administrator. In addition, Hong Kong investors can, with the agreement of the Manager (or the Hong Kong Representative) and the Administrator, submit the subscription applications via electronic messaging services such as SWIFT, or via other means as agreed by the Manager or the Hong Kong Representative from time to time. Both the Account Opening Form and the Subscription Form may be obtained from the Hong Kong Representative.

Units of each Class may be issued with effect from each Dealing Day pursuant to applications received by the Hong Kong Representative by 5 p.m. Hong Kong time or received by the Manager by 12 noon Irish time on that Dealing Day. The dealing price at which Units will be issued, after the initial issue, is calculated by reference to the Net Asset Value per Unit determined as at the Valuation Point on that Dealing Day. Applications received by the Manager after 12 noon Irish time on a Dealing Day will be treated as having been received on the following Dealing Day. Notwithstanding the aforesaid, any subscription applications received by the Hong Kong Representative after 5 p.m. Hong Kong time on a Hong Kong Business Day or treated as having been received by the Hong Kong Representative on a Dealing Day which is not a Hong Kong Business Day will be deemed to have been received by the Hong Kong Representative on the next Hong Kong Business Day that is also a Dealing Day.

If any of the details that are provided in respect of an application for Units change, including your address, other contact details (e.g. telephone number, email address) or bank account details, please inform the Hong Kong Representative or the Administrator immediately by letter. Failure to do so may cause a delay in processing any subsequent orders.

No money should be paid to any intermediary in Hong Kong who is not licensed or registered to carry on Type 1 (dealing in securities) regulated activities under Part V of the Securities and Futures Ordinance.

Payment is normally due in the currency of the relevant Class of the relevant Fund. Should investors prefer to make payment in any currency other than the currency of the relevant Class they are advised to make direct contact with the Hong Kong Representative or with the Manager c/o the Administrator.

As provided in the section headed "Subscription of Units" in the Prospectus, the calculation of the Net Asset Value per Unit may be suspended when the right of Unitholders to require the redemption of Units is suspended as detailed in section headed "Redemption of Units" in the Prospectus and in the section headed

“Redemption of Units” of this document. Any such suspension will be notified to the SFC without delay and where possible all reasonable steps will be taken to bring any period of suspension to an end as soon as possible.

Please refer to the Prospectus for further details relating to the application of Units.

### ***Redemption of Units***

Redemption requests may be made in writing by submitting the signed originals to the Hong Kong Representative for onward transmission to the Manager c/o the Administrator or directly to the Manager c/o the Administrator. Redemption requests may also be made in writing and submitted by facsimile directly to the Manager c/o the Administrator.

In addition Hong Kong investors can, with the agreement of the Manager (or the Hong Kong Representative) and the Administrator, submit the redemption applications via electronic messaging services such as SWIFT, or via other means as agreed by the Manager or the Hong Kong Representative from time to time. No redemption payments shall be made until the original Account Opening Form (and upon completion of any applicable identification procedures in relation to the Unitholder pursuant to any statutory and regulatory obligation from time to time) has been received by the Hong Kong Representative for onward transmission to the Manager c/o the Administrator. The redemption form may be obtained from the Hong Kong Representative.

Applications for the redemption of Units received by the Hong Kong Representative prior to 5 p.m. Hong Kong time or received by the Manager prior to 12 noon Irish time on a Dealing Day will, subject as mentioned in the section headed “Redemption of Units” in the Prospectus, be dealt with by reference to the Net Asset Value per Unit determined as at the Valuation Point on that Dealing Day. Redemption applications received by the Manager after 12 noon Irish time will be treated as having been received on the following Dealing Day. Notwithstanding the aforesaid, any redemption applications received by the Hong Kong Representative after 5 p.m. Hong Kong time on a Hong Kong Business Day or treated as having been received by the Hong Kong Representative on a Dealing Day which is not a Hong Kong Business Day will be deemed to have been received by the Hong Kong Representative on the next Hong Kong Business Day that is also a Dealing Day.

Arrangements can be made for Unitholders wishing to redeem their Units to receive payment in currencies other than the currency of the relevant Class of Unit. In such circumstances the Unitholder is advised to make direct contact with the Hong Kong Representative or Manager c/o the Administrator in order to facilitate payment. The cost of currency conversion and other administrative expenses, including electronic transfers, may be charged to the Unitholder.

Partial redemptions of holdings are permitted provided that this will not result in the Unitholder holding an amount which is less than the Minimum Holding.

### ***Temporary Suspension of Redemptions***

As provided in the Prospectus, the calculation of the Net Asset Value per Unit may be suspended when the right of Unitholders to require the redemption of Units is suspended as detailed in section headed “Redemption of Units” in the Prospectus. Any such suspension will be notified to the SFC without delay and where possible all reasonable steps will be taken to bring any period of suspension to an end as soon as possible. In addition, the fact that dealing has been suspended will be published immediately and thereafter at least once a month during the period of suspension in an appropriate manner (including via the Manager’s website [www.barings.com](http://www.barings.com)).

### ***In Specie Redemption***

As provided in the Prospectus, the Manager has the discretion to satisfy the redemption request by a distribution of investments in specie. For so long as a Fund is authorised by the SFC, a redemption in specie will only be effected with the prior consent of the redeeming Unitholder.

Please refer to the Prospectus for further details relating to the redemption of Units.



## **Conversion of Units**

Unitholders will be able to apply to convert on any Dealing Day all or part of their holding of Units of any Class (the “**Original Class**”) into Units of another Class of the same Fund or in another Fund, which are being offered at that time (the “**New Class**”). Conversion applications may be made in writing by submitting the signed originals to the Hong Kong Representative for onward transmission to the Manager c/o the Administrator or directly to the Manager c/o the Administrator. Conversion requests may also be made in writing and submitted by facsimile directly to the Manager c/o the Administrator.

In addition, Hong Kong investors can, with the agreement of the Manager (or the Hong Kong Representative) and the Administrator, submit the conversion applications via electronic messaging services such as SWIFT, or via other means as agreed by the Manager or the Hong Kong Representative from time to time. The general provisions and procedures relating to redemption set out above and in the Prospectus will apply equally to conversions. The conversion form may be obtained from the Hong Kong Representative. No conversion will be made if it would result in the Unitholder holding an amount of either the Original Class or the New Class of a value which is less than the Minimum Holding for the relevant Class.

Please refer to the Prospectus for further details relating to the conversion of Units.

## **CHARGES AND EXPENSES**

Details of the fees and expenses relating to the Unit Trust are set out in the section headed “Charges and Expenses” in the Prospectus. The attention of prospective investors is in particular drawn to the information relating to fees and expenses set out therein.

The Depositary is entitled to transaction charges at the rate of £50 per security transaction effected for the Unit Trust.

The Manager is entitled under the Trust Deed, in calculating the Net Asset Value per Unit, to deduct from the account of the relevant Fund a charge (not exceeding 1% of the Net Asset Value per Unit) to meet duties and charges incurred in realising assets to provide monies to meet such redemption requests. Prior notice of at least one month will be given to affected Unitholders should the Managers decide to make such deduction.

For so long as the Unit Trust and the Fund are authorised in Hong Kong, no sales commissions, advertising or promotional expenses shall be charged to such Fund.

## **CALCULATION OF NET ASSET VALUE**

The Net Asset Value per Unit is calculated by dividing the value of the assets of the Fund, less its liabilities, by the total number of Units in issue as at that Dealing Day. The Net Asset Value per Unit is the resulting sum adjusted to the nearest basis point or its equivalent when the Net Asset Value per Unit is published in the currency unit (5 up 4 down) (which is currently interpreted as being rounded to 5 significant figures in the relevant currency unit). As of the date of this Hong Kong Covering Document, the Barings US\$ Reserve Fund's Net Asset Value per Unit of the Unit Classes denominated in HKD are rounded to 2 decimal places (5 up 4 down); and the Net Asset Value per Unit of the Unit Classes denominated in USD are rounded to 3 decimal places (5 up 4 down).

## **AVAILABILITY OF THE NET ASSET VALUE PER UNIT**

Except where the redemption of Units of a Fund has been suspended, in the circumstances described in the Prospectus, the Net Asset Value per Unit of each Class shall be available on the Barings website at [www.baring.com](http://www.baring.com) or any appropriate manner and will be updated on each Dealing Day. Such prices can also be ascertained from the offices of the Hong Kong Representative.

## **REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS**

The audited accounts and a report on the Unit Trust and the unaudited semi-annual report will be available in English only. The Manager will notify Unitholders where the annual report and audited accounts can be

obtained (in printed and electronic forms), and where the unaudited semi-annual accounts can be obtained (in printed and electronic forms) within the timeframe set out in the section headed “Reports and Accounts” in the Prospectus.

Once issued, copies of the latest annual and semi-annual accounts may also be obtained at the office of the Manager, Investment Manager and the Hong Kong Representative.

## **TAXATION IN HONG KONG**

The following is a summary of certain Hong Kong tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposal of Units. The summary of Hong Kong taxation is of a general nature, is for information purposes only, and is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all of the tax considerations that may be relevant to a decision to purchase, own, redeem or otherwise dispose of the Units. Potential investors in Units should consult their own advisors as to the Hong Kong or other tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposal of Units.

During such period as the Unit Trust is authorised by the SFC then, under present Hong Kong law and practice:—

- (a) The Unit Trust is not expected to be subject to Hong Kong tax in respect of any of its authorised activities;
- (b) No tax will be payable by Unitholders in Hong Kong in respect of any capital gains arising on a sale, redemption or other disposal of Units in the Unit Trust, except that Hong Kong profits tax may arise where such transactions form part of a trade, profession or business carried on in Hong Kong; and
- (c) No tax should generally be payable by Unitholders in Hong Kong in respect of dividends or other income distributions of the Unit Trust.

## **OECD COMMON REPORTING STANDARD**

The Inland Revenue (Amendment) (No.3) Ordinance (the “Ordinance”) came into force on 30 June 2016. This is the legislative framework for the implementation in Hong Kong of the Standard for Automatic Exchange of Financial Account Information (“**AEOI**”). The AEOI requires financial institutions (“**FI**”) in Hong Kong to collect information relating to non-Hong Kong tax residents holding accounts with FIs, and to file such information with the Hong Kong Inland Revenue Department (“**IRD**”) who in turn will exchange such information with the jurisdiction(s) in which that account holder is resident. Generally, tax information will be exchanged only with jurisdictions with which Hong Kong has a Competent Authority Agreement (“**CAA**”); however, FIs may further collect information relating to residents of other jurisdictions.

By investing in the Unit Trust or the relevant Fund and/or continuing to invest in the Unit Trust or the relevant Fund through FIs in Hong Kong, investors acknowledge that they may be required to provide additional information to the relevant FI in order for the relevant FI to comply with AEOI. The investor’s information (and information on beneficial owners, beneficiaries, direct or indirect shareholders or other persons associated with such Unitholders that are not natural persons), may be communicated by the IRD to authorities in other jurisdictions.

Each Unitholder and prospective investor should consult its own professional advisor(s) on the administrative and substantive implications of AEOI on its current or proposed investment in the Unit Trust through FIs in Hong Kong.

## **FOREIGN ACCOUNT TAX COMPLIANCE ACT**

As at the date of this Hong Kong Covering Document, Baring Asset Management Limited, the Investment Manager, has registered as a “sponsoring entity” and agreed to perform, on behalf of the sponsored investment entities (including the Unit Trust and/or its Fund), all due diligence, reporting and other relevant FATCA requirements. The Investment Manager has a GIIN of HU7DQI.00000.SP.826. The Unit Trust and/or each Fund will be classified as a “sponsored investment entity” and will be a non-reporting financial institution treated as a registered deemed-compliant foreign financial institution.

## KEY INFORMATION DOCUMENTS

Notwithstanding the references to the Key Information Documents in the Prospectus, the Key Information Documents are not intended to be, and shall not in any event be interpreted as, an offering document of the Unit Trust in Hong Kong and is not distributed to investors in Hong Kong.

## DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

Copies of the following documents may be obtained or inspected free of charge at the offices of the Hong Kong Representative set out below:

- the Trust Deed (as amended)
- the Administration Agreement
- the Investment Management Agreement
- the agreement between the Hong Kong Representative and the Manager
- the latest annual and half yearly reports and accounts (the annual and half yearly reports are available in English only)

Investors may also contact the Hong Kong Representative for information on the Investment Manager's Best Execution Policy, the Investment Manager's proxy voting policy, and up-to-date information on the Depositary's list of delegates and sub-delegates and any conflicts of interest that may arise from such delegation.

## OTHER INFORMATION

### Hong Kong Representative

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# **PROSPECTUS**

## **Barings Currency Umbrella Fund**

(an umbrella fund constituted as an open-ended unit trust established pursuant to the Unit Trusts Act, 1990)

The Directors of Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (the “Manager”), whose names appear under the heading “Directors of the Manager” in the Directory section, accept responsibility for the information contained in this Prospectus. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure such is the case) the information contained in this Prospectus is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information. The Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

## Important Information

**If you are in any doubt about the contents of this Prospectus, you should consult your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other financial adviser.**

### Authorisation by the Central Bank of Ireland

The Unit Trust has been authorised by the Central Bank of Ireland (the "Central Bank") as a retail investor alternative investment fund ("RIAIF"). The Unit Trust has been authorised as a RIAIF pursuant to the AIFM Regulations. **The Central Bank shall not be liable by virtue of its authorisation of this Unit Trust as a RIAIF or by reason of its exercise of the functions conferred on it by legislation in relation to this Unit Trust for any default of the Unit Trust. Please see below for additional restrictions applicable to investors in particular jurisdictions.**

**Authorisation by the Central Bank does not constitute a warranty by the Central Bank as to the performance of the Funds and the Central Bank shall not be liable for the performance or default of the Funds. Authorisation of the Unit Trust does not constitute a warranty by the Central Bank as to the creditworthiness or financial standing of the various parties to the Unit Trust.**

**Authorisation by the Central Bank is not an endorsement or guarantee of the Unit Trust nor is the Central Bank responsible for the contents of this Prospectus.**

**Investment in a Money Market Fund is not of the same nature of a deposit in a bank account and is not protected by any government, government agency or other guarantee scheme which may be available to protect the holder of a bank deposit account. Consequently, there is the risk that the principal invested in a Money Market Fund is capable of fluctuation and there is a significant risk of the loss of the entire amount of the value of an investor's investment. The risk of loss of the principal is borne by the investor. The Money Market Funds do not rely on external support for guaranteeing the liquidity of these Funds. Any investment in a Money Market Fund is subject to fluctuations in value and you may get back less than you invest.**

This Prospectus (which term shall include a reference to any Supplement herein or hereto) provides information about the Unit Trust and the Funds. Prospective investors are required as part of the Account Opening Form to confirm they have read and understood it. It contains information which prospective investors ought to know before investing in the Unit Trust and should be retained for future reference. Further copies may be obtained from the Manager or from a distributor. Copies of the most recent annual report and, if subsequently published, the semi-annual report of the Unit Trust are available free of charge on request.

Units in the Unit Trust are offered only on the basis of the information contained in this Prospectus, the relevant Supplement, the relevant Key Information Document, the most recent annual report and, if subsequently published, the semi-annual report of the Unit Trust. Any further information or representations given or made by any dealer, broker or other person should be disregarded and, accordingly, should not be relied upon. No person has been authorised to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained in this Prospectus, each relevant Supplement, Key Information Document, the most recent annual report and, if subsequently published, the semi-annual report of the Unit Trust and, if given or made, such information or representation must not be relied upon as having been authorised. This Prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any such Units other than the Units to which it relates or an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy such Units by any person in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful. Neither the delivery of this Prospectus or the relevant Supplements nor the issue of Units shall, under any circumstances, create any implication that the affairs of the Unit Trust have not changed since the date hereof or that the information contained herein is correct as of any time subsequent to this date.

The Manager has taken reasonable care to ensure that the facts stated herein are true and accurate in all material respects and that there are no other material facts the omission of which makes misleading any statement herein, whether of fact or opinion. The Manager accepts responsibility accordingly. This Prospectus and any Supplements may be translated into other languages. Any such translation shall only contain the same information and have the same meaning as the English language Prospectus and Supplements. To the extent that there is any inconsistency between the English language Prospectus and Supplements and the Prospectus/Supplements in another language, the English language Prospectus/Supplements will prevail, except to the extent (but only to the extent) required by the laws of any jurisdiction including the regulations or requirements of the financial regulator of such jurisdiction where the Units are sold, that in any action based upon disclosure in the Prospectus/Supplement in a language other than English, the language of the Prospectus/Supplement on which such action is based shall prevail.

The Unit Trust is an "umbrella fund" enabling investors to choose between one or more investment objectives by investing in one or more separate trust funds (a "Fund") offered by the Unit Trust. Under the Trust Deed, the assets and liabilities attributable to each Fund established by the Unit Trust, will be segregated by the Depositary. A separate pool of assets

will not be maintained for each Class. As of the date of this Prospectus, the Unit Trust is offering Units in the Funds described in the most recent Supplements in force at the date of this Prospectus. The Directors may from time to time decide to offer, with the prior approval of the Central Bank, additional separate Funds and, with prior notice to and clearance from the Central Bank, additional Classes in existing Fund(s). In such an event, this Prospectus will be updated and amended so as to include detailed information on the new Funds and/or Classes, and/or a separate Supplement or addendum with respect to such Funds and/or Classes will be prepared. Such updated and amended Prospectus or new separate Supplement or addendum will not be circulated to existing Unitholders except in connection with their subscription for Units of such Funds.

Investors may, subject to applicable law, invest in any Fund offered by the Unit Trust. Investors should choose the Fund that best suits their specific risk and return expectations as well as their diversification needs and are encouraged to seek independent advice in that regard. A separate pool of assets will be maintained for each Fund and will be invested in accordance with the investment policy applicable to the relevant Fund in seeking to achieve its investment objective. The Net Asset Value and the performance of the Units of the different Funds and Classes thereof are expected to differ. **It should be remembered that the price of Units and the income (if any) from them may fall as well as rise and there is no guarantee or assurance that the stated investment objective of a Fund will be achieved. Investors should note that, if specified in a Fund's Supplement as applicable, a Redemption Charge of up to 1% of the Net Asset Value of the Units being redeemed may be chargeable in respect of that Fund. An investment in a Fund should not constitute a substantial proportion of an investment portfolio and may not be appropriate for all investors. Please refer to the "Risk Considerations" section of the Prospectus for further details.**

### **Listing of Units**

The Manager may determine to apply to have certain Units admitted to the Official List and to trading on the Global Exchange Market of the Euronext Dublin. Investors should contact the Manager to determine which Classes in the Unit Trust are available for subscription and/or listed on the Euronext Dublin at any particular time.

The Manager does not anticipate that an active secondary market will develop in any listed Units admitted to the Official List and to trading on the Global Exchange Market of the Euronext Dublin. The launch and listing of various Classes in the Unit Trust may occur at different times and therefore, at the time of the launch of a Class, the pool of assets to which such Class relates may have commenced trading. For further information in this regard, the most recent interim and annual reports of the Unit Trust will be made available to potential investors upon request.

### **GENERAL NOTICE**

Potential subscribers of Units should inform themselves as to (a) the possible tax consequences, (b) the legal requirements and (c) any foreign exchange restrictions or exchange control requirements which they might encounter under the laws of the countries of their citizenship, residence or domicile and which might be relevant to the subscription, holding or disposal of Units. Potential subscriber's attention is drawn to the risk factors described under the heading "Risk Considerations" within this Prospectus.

EACH PURCHASER OF UNITS MUST COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN FORCE IN EACH JURISDICTION IN WHICH IT PURCHASES, OFFERS OR SELLS SUCH UNITS OR POSSESSES OR DISTRIBUTES THE PROSPECTUS AND MUST OBTAIN ANY CONSENT, APPROVAL OR PERMISSION REQUIRED FOR THE PURCHASE, OFFER OR SALE BY IT OF UNITS UNDER THE LAWS AND REGULATIONS IN FORCE IN ANY JURISDICTIONS TO WHICH IT IS SUBJECT OR IN WHICH IT MAKES SUCH PURCHASES, OFFERS OR SALES, AND NONE OF THE MANAGER, THE INVESTMENT MANAGER (OR ANY OF ITS AFFILIATES), THE DEPOSITARY OR THE ADMINISTRATOR SPECIFIED HEREIN SHALL HAVE ANY RESPONSIBILITY THEREFOR.

### **US**

THE UNITS OFFERED HEREBY HAVE NOT BEEN RECOMMENDED, APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY ANY UNITED STATES FEDERAL OR STATE SECURITIES REGULATORY AUTHORITY OR COMMISSION, NOR HAS ANY SUCH AUTHORITY OR COMMISSION PASSED ON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

THE UNITS HAVE NOT BEEN, NOR WILL THEY BE, REGISTERED UNDER THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED (THE "1933 ACT"), OR ANY U.S. STATE OR FOREIGN SECURITIES LAWS. THE OFFERING OF UNITS CONTEMPLATED HEREIN (THE "OFFERING") WILL BE MADE IN RELIANCE UPON AN EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE 1933 ACT AND THE REGULATIONS PROMULGATED THEREUNDER FOR AN OFFER AND SALE OF SECURITIES THAT DOES NOT INVOLVE A PUBLIC OFFERING. THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC MARKET FOR THE UNITS. THE UNITS ARE BEING OFFERED ONLY TO "ACCREDITED INVESTORS" AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN REGULATION D UNDER THE 1933 ACT AND EACH U.S. PURCHASER OF UNITS OFFERED HEREBY

MUST BE AN "ACCREDITED INVESTOR" WITHIN THE MEANING OF REGULATION D. EACH UNITED STATES PERSON WILL ALSO BE REQUIRED TO REPRESENT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT IT IS ACQUIRING THE UNITS PURCHASED BY IT FOR INVESTMENT AND NOT WITH A VIEW TO RESALE OR DISTRIBUTION.

THE UNIT TRUST WILL NOT BE REGISTERED AS AN INVESTMENT COMPANY UNDER THE UNITED STATES INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940, AS AMENDED (THE "1940 ACT"), IN RELIANCE UPON AN EXCLUSION FROM THE DEFINITION OF "INVESTMENT COMPANY" PROVIDED IN SECTION 3(C)(7) THEREOF, WHICH REQUIRES THAT EACH UNITED STATES PERSON BE A "QUALIFIED PURCHASER" AS DEFINED IN THE 1940 ACT AND THAT THE ISSUER DOES NOT MAKE OR PROPOSE TO MAKE A PUBLIC OFFERING OF ITS SECURITIES. ACCORDINGLY, EACH UNITED STATES PERSON MAY BE REQUIRED TO REPRESENT, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT IT MEETS THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A "QUALIFIED PURCHASER." THE UNIT TRUST WILL BE SUBJECT TO SIGNIFICANTLY LESS REGULATION AND SUPERVISION THAN REGISTERED INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

WHILE THE FUNDS MAY TRADE COMMODITY FUTURES AND/OR COMMODITY OPTIONS CONTRACTS, THE INVESTMENT MANAGER IS EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION WITH THE COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION (THE "CFTC") AS A COMMODITY POOL OPERATOR ("CPO") UNDER CFTC RULE 4.13(A)(3). THEREFORE, THE INVESTMENT MANAGER IS NOT REQUIRED TO DELIVER A CFTC COMPLIANT DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT OR CERTIFIED ANNUAL REPORTS THAT SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CFTC RULES. THE FUNDS DO, HOWEVER, INTEND TO PROVIDE INVESTORS WITH ANNUAL AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. TO THE EXTENT A FUND IN THE FUTURE MAY NOT RELY ON THE RULE 4.13(A)(3) EXEMPTION, IT WILL COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE CFTC RULES AND REGULATIONS OR RELY ON AN APPROPRIATE EXEMPTION FROM SUCH RULES AND REGULATIONS.

THE CFTC EXEMPTION RULES REQUIRE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THAT EACH PROSPECTIVE INVESTOR SATISFY CERTAIN SOPHISTICATION CRITERIA, OR OTHERWISE BE AN ELIGIBLE INVESTOR SPECIFIED IN THE RULE. SUCH RULES ALSO REQUIRE THAT UNITS BE EXEMPT FROM REGISTRATION UNDER THE 1933 ACT AND BE OFFERED AND SOLD WITHOUT MARKETING TO THE PUBLIC IN THE UNITED STATES. THIS PROSPECTUS HAS NOT BEEN REVIEWED OR APPROVED BY THE CFTC.

THE UNITS HELD BY UNITED STATES PERSONS WILL BE SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIONS ON TRANSFER AND RESALE AND MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED OR RESOLD EXCEPT AS PERMITTED UNDER THE 1933 ACT AND APPLICABLE U.S. STATE SECURITIES LAWS, PURSUANT TO REGISTRATION OR AN EXEMPTION THEREFROM. ACCORDINGLY, UNITED STATES PERSONS SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THEY WILL BE REQUIRED TO BEAR THE FINANCIAL RISKS AND LACK OF LIQUIDITY OF AN INVESTMENT IN THE UNIT TRUST FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OF TIME. THERE WILL BE NO PUBLIC MARKET FOR THE UNITS, NO SUCH MARKET IS EXPECTED TO DEVELOP IN THE FUTURE AND THERE IS NO OBLIGATION ON THE PART OF ANY PERSON TO REGISTER THE UNITS UNDER THE 1933 ACT OR ANY U.S. STATE SECURITIES LAWS. INVESTMENT IN THE UNIT TRUST INVOLVES CERTAIN SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT RISKS, INCLUDING LOSS OF AN INVESTOR'S ENTIRE VALUE OF INVESTMENT OR OTHER AMOUNT OF CAPITAL.

INVESTORS ARE ADVISED TO READ AND CONSIDER CAREFULLY THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS PROSPECTUS AND TO REVIEW, IN PARTICULAR, THE SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS SET FORTH UNDER THE HEADING "RISK CONSIDERATIONS" HEREIN.

THE U.S. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED ("ERISA"), IMPOSES CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON THE INVESTMENT BY CERTAIN PENSION AND OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS IN INVESTMENTS SUCH AS THE UNIT TRUST. THEREFORE, ANY PENSION OR OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN CONSIDERING AN INVESTMENT IN THE UNIT TRUST SHOULD CONSULT ITS OWN COUNSEL AS TO THE LEGAL EFFECTS OF SUCH INVESTMENT. NOTHING SET FORTH IN THIS PROSPECTUS, TOGETHER WITH ANY AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION (WHETHER PROVIDED ORALLY OR IN WRITING) CONSTITUTES A RECOMMENDATION THAT ANY PERSON TAKE OR REFRAIN FROM TAKING ANY COURSE OF ACTION WITHIN THE MEANING OF U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REGULATION §2510.3-21(B)(1). THIS PROSPECTUS, TOGETHER WITH ANY AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT MAY BE FURNISHED TO PROSPECTIVE INVESTORS BY THE UNIT TRUST, CONTAINS FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL SECURITIES LAWS. FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS ARE THOSE THAT PREDICT OR DESCRIBE FUTURE EVENTS OR TRENDS AND THAT DO NOT RELATE SOLELY TO HISTORICAL MATTERS. FOR EXAMPLE, FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS MAY PREDICT FUTURE ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE, DESCRIBE PLANS AND OBJECTIVES OF MANAGEMENT FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS AND MAKE PROJECTIONS OF REVENUE, INVESTMENT RETURNS OR OTHER FINANCIAL ITEMS. A PROSPECTIVE INVESTOR CAN GENERALLY IDENTIFY FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS AS STATEMENTS CONTAINING THE WORDS "WILL," "BELIEVE," "EXPECT," "ANTICIPATE," "INTEND," "CONTEMPLATE," "ESTIMATE," "ASSUME" OR OTHER SIMILAR EXPRESSIONS. SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS ARE INHERENTLY UNCERTAIN, BECAUSE THE MATTERS THEY DESCRIBE ARE SUBJECT TO

KNOWN (AND UNKNOWN) RISKS, UNCERTAINTIES AND OTHER UNPREDICTABLE FACTORS, MANY OF WHICH ARE BEYOND THE MANAGER'S CONTROL. NO REPRESENTATIONS OR WARRANTIES ARE MADE AS TO THE ACCURACY OF SUCH FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS. MANY RELEVANT RISKS ARE DESCRIBED UNDER THE HEADING "RISK CONSIDERATIONS" HEREIN, AND A PROSPECTIVE INVESTOR SHOULD CONSIDER THE IMPORTANT FACTORS LISTED THEREIN AS SUCH PROSPECTIVE INVESTOR READS THIS PROSPECTUS AND CONSIDERS AN INVESTMENT IN THE UNIT TRUST.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THIS PROSPECTUS AND THE OFFER AND SALE OF UNITS IN CERTAIN JURISDICTIONS MAY BE RESTRICTED BY LAW. THIS PROSPECTUS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE AN OFFER TO SELL OR THE SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO BUY IN ANY UNITED STATES STATE OR OTHER JURISDICTION TO ANY PERSON TO WHOM IT IS UNLAWFUL TO MAKE SUCH OFFER OR SOLICITATION IN SUCH STATE OR JURISDICTION. THIS PROSPECTUS IS NOT, AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES IS IT TO BE CONSTRUED AS, AN ADVERTISEMENT, AND THE OFFERING CONTEMPLATED IN THIS PROSPECTUS IS NOT, AND UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES IS IT TO BE CONSTRUED AS, A PUBLIC OFFERING OF THE UNITS. THIS PROSPECTUS IS FOR THE CONFIDENTIAL USE OF ONLY THOSE PERSONS TO WHOM IT IS TRANSMITTED IN CONNECTION WITH THIS OFFERING.

## **Japan**

THE UNITS HAVE NOT BEEN AND WILL NOT BE REGISTERED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 4, PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND EXCHANGE LAW OF JAPAN (LAW NO. 25 OF 1948, AS AMENDED) AND, ACCORDINGLY, NONE OF THE UNITS NOR ANY INTEREST THEREIN MAY BE OFFERED OR SOLD, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, IN JAPAN OR TO, OR FOR THE BENEFIT, OF ANY JAPANESE PERSON OR TO OTHERS FOR RE-OFFERING OR RESALE, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, IN JAPAN OR TO ANY JAPANESE PERSON EXCEPT UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH WILL RESULT IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS, REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES PROMULGATED BY THE RELEVANT JAPANESE GOVERNMENTAL AND REGULATORY AUTHORITIES AND IN EFFECT AT THE RELEVANT TIME. FOR THIS PURPOSE, A "JAPANESE PERSON" MEANS ANY PERSON RESIDENT IN JAPAN, INCLUDING ANY CORPORATION OR OTHER ENTITY ORGANISED UNDER THE LAWS OF JAPAN.



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## Definitions

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| “Accounting Date”             | 30 April of each year by reference to which annual accounts for the Unit Trust are prepared or such other date as the Manager may from time to time decide.  |
| “Accounting Period”           | a period ending on an Accounting Date and commencing on the day following expiry of the last Accounting Period.  |
| “Account Opening Form”        | any initial application to be completed by investors as prescribed by the Manager from time to time.   |
| “Act”                         | Unit Trusts Act, 1990 or any amendment thereto for the time being in force.  |
| “Administrator”               | Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited or any other person or persons for the time being duly appointed by the Manager as administrator of the Unit Trust in succession thereto with the prior approval of the Central Bank.  |
| “Administration Agreement”    | the Administration Agreement made between the Manager, the Depositary and the Administrator, as may be amended or supplemented from time to time.  |
| “AIF”                         | an alternative investment fund as defined in Regulation 5(1) of the AIFM Regulations.  |
| “AIFM”                        | Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited, an alternative investment fund manager as defined in Regulation 5(1) of the AIFM Regulations.  |
| “AIFMD”                       | the Alternative Investment Fund Managers Directive (Directive 2011/61/EU) as amended and any regulations issued thereunder.  |
| “AIFM Regulations”            | European Union (Alternative Investment Fund Managers) Regulations 2013.  |
| “AIF Rulebook”                | the rulebook issued by the Central Bank as may be amended from time to time which sets out the Central Bank’s regulatory regime for AIFs and other the relevant entities that fall to be regulated under the AIFM Regulations.   |
| “Base Currency”               | the currency of account of a Fund as specified in the Prospectus.  |
| “Business Day”                | in relation to a Fund any day other than Saturday or Sunday on which banks in both Ireland and the United Kingdom are open for business.   |
| “Central Bank”                | the Central Bank of Ireland or its successor entity.   |
| “Class”, “Classes”            | a particular division of Units in a Fund.  |
| “Class Currency”              | the currency in which a Class is designated.   |
| “Collection Account”          | the account operated by the Administrator into which all subscription monies are received and from which all redemption and distribution proceeds are paid as described under the heading “Collection Account”.  |
| “Data Protection Legislation” | (i) the Data Protection Acts 1988 and 2003 or any other legislation or regulations implementing Directive 95/46/EC, (ii) the European Communities (Electronic Communications Networks and Services) (Privacy and Electronic Communications) Regulations 2011, (iii) the General Data Protection Regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and the Council of 27 April 2016) and any consequential national data protection legislation and (iv) any guidance and/or codes of practice issued by the Irish Data Protection Commissioner or other relevant supervisory authority, including without limitation the European Data Protection Board. |
| “Dealing Day”                 | every Business Day and/or such other day or days as the Manager may, with the approval of the Depositary and with advance notice to Unitholders, determine, provided that there shall be at least two Dealing Days in each month.  |
| “Declaration”                 | a valid declaration in a form prescribed by the Irish Revenue Commissioners for the purposes of Section 739D of the Taxes Consolidation Act of Ireland.  |

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| “Depository”                      | Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited or any other person or persons for the time being duly appointed as depository of the Unit Trust in succession thereto with the prior approval of the Central Bank.  |
| “Directors”                       | the directors of the Manager or any duly authorised committee or delegate thereof.   |
| “ESMA”                            | the European Securities and Markets Authority.   |
| “ESMA Guidelines”                 | the European Securities and Markets Authority’s Final report - Guidelines on sound remuneration policies under the UCITS Directive and AIFMD (ESMA/2016/411).  |
| “Euro”, “EUR”                     | the currency of certain member states of the European Union.   |
| “Euronext Dublin”                 | the Irish Stock Exchange trading as Euronext Dublin.   |
| “European Economic Area (EEA)”    | the EU Member States together with Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway and such other states which may join the EEA from time to time and excluding such states which may leave the EEA.   |
| “Exempt Investor”                 | Irish Residents who are permitted (whether by legislation or by express concession of the Irish Revenue Commissioners to hold Units in the Unit Trust without requiring the Unit Trust to deduct or account for Irish tax as more fully described in the section of the Prospectus entitled “Taxation”.  |
| “Extraordinary Resolution”        | a resolution proposed as such and passed as such by a majority consisting of 75%, or more of the total number of votes of those present and entitled to vote in person or by proxy at a duly convened meeting of Unitholders or, as the case may require, Unitholders of a particular Class, held in accordance with the provisions contained in the Trust Deed. |
| “FCA”                             | the Financial Conduct Authority of the United Kingdom.   |
| “FSMA”                            | the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 of the United Kingdom.   |
| “Fund” or “Funds”                 | a sub-fund of the Unit Trust the proceeds of issue of which are pooled separately and invested in accordance with the investment objective and policies applicable to such sub-fund and which is established by the Manager from time to time with the approval of the Central Bank.   |
| “GBP”                             | the currency of the United Kingdom.  |
| “Global Exchange Market”          | the global exchange market of Euronext Dublin.   |
| “HMRC”                            | Her Majesty’s Revenue & Customs in the United Kingdom.   |
| “HKD”                             | the currency of Hong Kong.   |
| “Intermediary”                    | a person who: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) carries on a business which consists of, or includes, the receipt of payments from a regulated investment undertaking resident in Ireland on behalf of other persons; or</li> <li>(b) holds units in such an investment undertaking on behalf of other persons.</li> </ul>                              |
| “Investment Management Agreement” | the investment management agreement between the Manager and Baring Asset Management Limited, as amended.   |
| “Investment Manager”              | Baring Asset Management Limited or any other person or persons for the time being duly appointed as investment manager of the Unit Trust in succession thereto in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.  |
| “Investor Money Regulations”      | the Central Bank (Supervision and Enforcement) Act 2013 (Section 48(1)) Investor Money Regulations 2015 for Fund Service Providers.  |

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| “Ireland”                     | the Republic of Ireland.  |
| “Irish Resident”              | unless otherwise determined by the Manager, any company resident, or other person resident or ordinarily resident, in Ireland for the purposes of Irish tax. Please see the “Taxation” section below.   |
| “Irish Revenue Commissioners” | the Irish authority responsible for taxation and customs duties.  |
| “Key Information Document”    | key information document pursuant to requirements of Regulation (EU) 1286/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on Key Information Documents for Packaged Retail and Insurance-Based Investment Products.  |
| “Manager”                     | Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited or any other person or persons for the time being duly appointed as manager of the Unit Trust in succession thereto in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank.   |
| “Mark-to-Market”              | a method of valuation whereby the relevant asset is valued at readily available close out prices that are sourced independently, including exchange prices, screen prices or quotes from several independent reputable brokers.   |
| “Mark-to-Model”               | a method of valuation whereby the valuation of the relevant asset is benchmarked, extrapolated or otherwise calculated from one or more market inputs.  |
| “Minimum Investment”          | such amount in respect of initial and/or subsequent subscriptions as may be specified in the Prospectus or as the Manager may determine and notify to investors in advance.   |
| “Minimum Holding”             | the minimum number or value of Units which must be held by Unitholders as specified in the Prospectus.  |
| “MMF Regulations”             | Regulation (EU) 2017/1131 of the European Parliament and of the Council as amended or supplemented from time to time, including any delegated acts adopted thereunder and any implementing rules or conditions that may from time to time be imposed thereunder by the Central Bank or ESMA.  |
| “Money Market Fund”           | means a Fund regulated as a money market fund pursuant to the MMF Regulations.  |
| “Money Market Instruments”    | instruments normally dealt in on the money market which are liquid and have a value which can be accurately determined at any time. Examples of such Money Market Instruments include certificates, deposits and listed short-term fixed and floating rate securities (including government and corporate notes and bonds).   |
| “Net Asset Value”             | the net asset value of a Fund or a relevant Class, as the case may be, determined in accordance with the principles set out in the section “Determination of Net Asset Value” within this Prospectus.   |
| “OECD”                        | the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. The thirty-six following countries are members of the OECD as of the date of this Prospectus: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States. |
| “Official List”               | the list of securities or shares admitted to the official list and trading on the Global Exchange Market of the Euronext Dublin and published daily.  |
| “Ordinary Resolution”         | a resolution proposed as such at a meeting of Unitholders of the Unit Trust, a Fund or, as the case may require, Unitholders of a particular Class convened and held in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed and passed as such at such meeting by a simple majority of the total number of votes cast for and against such resolution.   |
| “Preliminary Charge”          | a fee charged on subscriptions as specified in this Prospectus or such higher amount as may be approved by an Extraordinary Resolution.   |

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| "Privacy Statement"            | the privacy statement adopted by the Manager in respect of the Unit Trust, as amended from time to time. The current version is available via the website <a href="http://www.barings.com">www.barings.com</a> .  |
| "Prospectus"                   | this document as may be amended, supplemented or modified from time to time.  |
| "Redemption Charge"            | a percentage of the Net Asset Value per Unit as specified in this Prospectus or such higher amount as may be approved by an Extraordinary Resolution.   |
| "RIAIF"                        | a retail investor AIF as defined in the AIF Rulebook.   |
| "Semi-Annual Accounting Date"  | 31 October in each year.  |
| "Settlement Date"              | three Business Days following the relevant Dealing Day (or such other day or days as the Manager may from time to time determine in respect of any Class of Units).   |
| "Short Term Money Market Fund" | a short term money market fund as defined in accordance with the MMF Regulations.   |
| "Specified US Person"          | (i) a US citizen or resident individual, (ii) a partnership or corporation organized in the United States or under the laws of the United States or any State thereof (iii) a trust if (a) a court within the United States would have authority under applicable law to render orders or judgments concerning substantially all issues regarding administration of the trust, and (b) one or more US persons have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust, or an estate of a decedent that is a citizen or resident of the United States or (iv) an estate of a decedent that is a citizen or resident of the US; excluding (1) a corporation the stock of which is regularly traded on one or more established securities markets; (2) any corporation that is a member of the same expanded affiliated group, as defined in section 1471(e)(2) of the US Internal Revenue Code, as a corporation described in clause (i); (3) the United States or any wholly owned agency or instrumentality thereof; (4) any State of the United States, any US Territory, any political subdivision of any of the foregoing, or any wholly owned agency or instrumentality of any one or more of the foregoing; (5) any organization exempt from taxation under section 501(a) or an individual retirement plan as defined in section 7701(a)(37) of the US Internal Revenue Code; (6) any bank as defined in section 581 of the US Internal Revenue Code; (7) any real estate investment trust as defined in section 856 of the US Internal Revenue Code; (8) any regulated investment company as defined in section 851 of the US Internal Revenue Code or any entity registered with the Securities Exchange Commission under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-64); (9) any common trust fund as defined in section 584(a) of the US Internal Revenue Code; (10) any trust that is exempt from tax under section 664(c) of the US Internal Revenue Code or that is described in section 4947(a)(1) of the US Internal Revenue Code; (11) a dealer in securities, commodities, or derivative financial instruments (including notional principal contracts, futures, forwards, and options) that is registered as such under the laws of the United States or any State; or (12) a broker as defined in section 6045(c) of the US Internal Revenue Code. This definition shall be interpreted in accordance with the US Internal Revenue Code. |
| "Standard Money Market Fund"   | a standard money market fund as defined in accordance with the MMF Regulations.   |
| "Subscription Form"            | the subscription form to be completed by an investor or Unitholder in the Unit Trust in such form as prescribed by the Manager from time to time.   |
| "Supplement"                   | any supplement issued by the Manager in connection with a Fund from time to time which is appended to the Prospectus or which takes the form of a separate document and which, in either case, forms part of the Prospectus.  |
| "Trust Deed"                   | the trust deed made between Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited as Manager and Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited as Depositary, as amended from time to time.  |
| "Unit or Units"                | an undivided share in the assets of a Fund.   |
| "United States", "US"          | the United States of America, its territories, possessions and all areas subject to its jurisdiction (including the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico).   |
| "United States Person"         | any citizen or resident of the United States, any corporation, trust, partnership or other entity created or organised in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or any estate   |

or trust the income of which is subject to United States federal income tax, regardless of source. The expression also includes any person falling within the definition of the term "US Person" under Regulation S promulgated under the United States Securities Act of 1933.

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| "Unitholder"                  | a person who is registered as a holder of Units in the Register of Unitholders for the time being kept by or on behalf of the Unit Trust.   |
| "Unit Trust"                  | Barings Currency Umbrella Fund.   |
| "US Dollar",<br>"USD", "US\$" | the currency of the United States of America.   |
| "Valuation Point"             | 12 noon (Irish time) on every Dealing Day. The Manager, with the approval of the Depositary, may change the Valuation Point of a Fund upon giving reasonable advance notice to Unitholders provided that in any event, dealing will always be on a forward pricing basis. |
| "VNAV MMF"                    | a variable net asset value money market fund, pursuant to the MMF Regulations. A VNAV MMF may be either a Short Term Money Market Fund or a Standard Money Market Fund, pursuant to the MMF Regulations.  |

## Introduction

Barings Currency Umbrella Fund is a unit trust managed by Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (the “Manager”) and is designed to give both individual and institutional investors the benefit of experienced professional portfolio management. The Unit Trust was established pursuant to the Trust Deed.

The Unit Trust is classified as a RIAIF and organised as an umbrella fund. The Trust Deed provides that the Unit Trust may offer separate Funds. Each Fund will have a distinct portfolio of investments. The Unit Trust has obtained the approval of the Central Bank for the establishment of the Funds set out below. Information specific to a Fund will be set out in each Supplement.

### **Funds of the Unit Trust**

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| <b>Barings US\$ Reserve Fund</b> |
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With the prior approval of the Central Bank, the Manager from time to time may create an additional Fund or Funds, the investment policies and objectives for which shall be outlined in a Supplement, together with details of the initial offer period, the initial subscription price for each Unit and such other relevant information in relation to the additional Fund or Funds as the Manager deems appropriate, or the Central Bank requires, to be included. Each Supplement shall form part of, and should be read in conjunction with, this Prospectus, whether or not it is contained therein as one document. In addition, the Manager may create additional Classes within a Fund to accommodate different charges and/or fees provided that the Central Bank is notified in advance, and gives prior clearance, of the creation of any such additional Class.

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## Allocation of Assets and Liabilities

Under the Trust Deed, the Depositary is required to establish a separate Fund with separate records in the following manner:

- (a) records and accounts of each Fund shall be maintained separately and in such currency as the Manager and the Depositary shall from time to time determine;
- (b) the proceeds from the issue of each Class of Unit (excluding the Preliminary Charge) shall be applied to the Fund established for that Class of Unit, and the assets and liabilities and income and expenditure attributable thereto shall be applied to such Fund subject to the provisions of the Trust Deed;
- (c) where any asset is derived from another asset, the derived asset shall be applied to the same Fund as the assets from which it was derived and on each revaluation of an asset the increase or diminution in value shall be applied to the relevant Fund;
- (d) in the case of any asset which the Depositary does not consider as attributable to a particular Fund or Funds, the Depositary shall have discretion, subject to the approval of the Manager and the auditors, to determine the basis upon which any such asset shall be allocated between Funds, and the Depositary shall have power at any time and from time to time, subject to the approval of the Manager and the auditors, to vary such basis provided that the approval of the Manager and of the auditors shall not be required in any case where the asset is allocated between all Funds pro rata to their Net Asset Values at the time when the allocation is made;
- (e) the Depositary shall have discretion, subject to the approval of the Manager and the auditors, to determine the basis upon which any liability shall be allocated between Funds (including conditions as to the subsequent re-allocation thereof if circumstances so permit) and shall have power at any time and from time to time to vary such basis, provided that the approval of the Manager and the auditors shall not be required in any case where a liability is allocated to the Fund or Funds to which in the opinion of the Depositary it relates or if in the opinion of the Depositary it does not relate to any particular Fund or Funds, between all the underlying Funds pro rata to their Net Asset Values;
- (f) subject to the approval of the Manager and the auditors, the Depositary may transfer any assets to and from Funds if, as a result of a creditor proceeding against certain of the assets of the Unit Trust or otherwise, a liability would be borne in a different manner from that in which it would have been borne under paragraph (e) above or in any similar circumstances; and



- (g) subject to paragraph (f) above, the assets of each Fund shall belong exclusively to that Fund, shall be segregated from other Funds and shall not be used to discharge directly or indirectly the liabilities of or claims against any other Fund and shall not be available for any such purpose.
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## Investment Objective and Policies

The Funds will invest in assets in the manner specified in the relevant Supplement and in accordance with the “Investment Restrictions” set out at Appendix I.

Investors' attention is particularly drawn to the fact that the portfolio for each Fund may, in addition to any investments referred to below, include deposits, instruments with floating interest rates and short-term paper including treasury bills, certificates of deposit and bankers' acceptances and other ancillary liquid assets.

The Manager may also seek to fulfil the investment objective of each Fund and to gain exposure to relevant markets by investing the assets of each Fund in the shares or units of other collective investment undertakings, including collective investment undertakings managed by the Manager or related companies, subject in each case to the limits and restrictions set out below under “Investment Restrictions”. Such investment may be made in both closed-ended and open-ended schemes.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Prospectus, the Unit Trust does not currently use total return swaps, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, buy-sell back or sell-buy back transactions and securities lending. Should the directors of the Manager elect to change this policy in the future, due notification will be given to the Unitholders and this Prospectus will be updated accordingly.

The investment objective and policies of a Fund are set out in the Supplement for that Fund. The investment objective of each Fund will not at any time be altered without the approval of an Ordinary Resolution. Changes to investment policies which are material in nature may only be made with the approval of an Ordinary Resolution to which the changes relate. A change would be material if, were it to be made, would alter significantly the asset type, credit quality, borrowing limits or risk profile of the relevant Fund. In the event of a change of investment objective and/or a material change in investment policy a reasonable notification period will be provided by the Manager and the Manager will provide facilities to enable Unitholders to redeem their Units prior to implementation of these changes.

The investment restrictions applicable to the Unit Trust and each Fund are set out in Appendix I.

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## Risk Considerations

There can be no assurance that a Fund's investments will be successful or that the investment objectives of a Fund will be achieved. **A Fund's investment portfolio may fall in value due to any of the key risk factors below and therefore your investment in the Unit Trust may suffer losses. There is no guarantee of the repayment of principal.**

An investment in Units of a Fund does not constitute a complete investment programme. Investors may wish to complement an investment in a Fund with other types of investments.

**The difference at any one time between the sale and redemption price of Units in a Fund means that the investment should be viewed as medium to long term.**

Whilst some risks will be more relevant to certain Funds, investors should ensure that they understand all the risks discussed in this Prospectus, insofar as they may relate to that Fund. In addition, the relevant Supplement provides more information on the specific risks associated with individual Funds, where relevant.

Investors should read all the Risk Considerations to determine applicability to a specific Fund in which the investor intends to invest.

The following Risk Considerations detail particular risks associated with an investment in the Unit Trust, which investors are encouraged to discuss with their professional advisers. It does not purport to be a comprehensive summary of all of the risks associated with an investment in the Unit Trust or an individual Fund.

### **Conflicts of Interest**

The Manager and delegates of the Manager which are associated companies of the Manager may deal in securities and other investments for the Unit Trust through or with any associated company of the Manager.

In addition, any cash of the Unit Trust may be deposited, subject to the provisions of the Central Bank Acts, 1942 to 2010, with the Depositary or any associated company of the Depositary or invested in certificates of deposit or banking instruments issued by the Depositary or any associated company of the Depositary. Banking and similar transactions may also be undertaken with or through the Depositary or any other associated company of the Depositary.

There is no prohibition on dealings in the assets of a Fund by the Manager, the Investment Manager, the Administrator, the Depositary or entities related to the Manager, the Investment Manager, the Administrator or the Depositary or to their respective officers, directors or executives, provided that the transaction is negotiated at arm's length. Such transactions must be consistent with the best interests of the Unitholders.

There will be no obligation on the part of the Manager, the Investment Manager, the Administrator, the Depositary or entities related to the Manager, the Investment Manager, the Administrator or the Depositary or their respective officers, directors or executives to account to the Unitholders for any benefits so arising and any such benefits may be retained by the relevant party provided that:

- (i) a person approved by the Depositary (or in the case of a transaction involving the Depositary, the Manager) as independent and competent certifies the price at which the transaction is effected is fair; or
- (ii) the execution of the transaction is on best terms on an organised investment exchanges under its rules; or
- (iii) where the conditions set out in (i) or (ii) above are not practical, the Depositary (or in the case of a transaction involving the Depositary, the Manager) is satisfied that such transaction conforms with the principle that it is negotiated at arm's length and is in the best interest of Unitholders.

The Investment Manager is acting for the Manager in relation to this Prospectus and matters relating thereto and it or any of its associates may have an interest or position in Units in the Unit Trust. It is not acting for, or advising, or treating as its customer, any other person (unless other arrangements apply between the Investment Manager and such person) in relation to investment in the Unit Trust and will not be responsible for providing to any such other person best execution or any other of the protections afforded to its customers.

### **Counterparty Risk**

Counterparty risk, otherwise known as default risk, is the risk that an organisation does not pay out on a bond or other trade or transaction when it is supposed to. If a counterparty fails to honour its obligations in a timely manner and the Fund is delayed or prevented from exercising its rights with respect to the investments in its portfolio, it may experience a decline in the value of its position, lose income and/or incur costs associated with asserting its rights.

### **Credit Risk – General**

Funds may be exposed to credit / default risk of issuers of debt securities that a Fund may invest in. When a Fund invests in a security or other instrument which is guaranteed by a bank or other type of financial institution there can be no assurance that such guarantor will not itself be subject to credit difficulties, which may lead to the downgrading of such securities or instruments, or to the loss of some or all of the sums invested in such securities or instruments, or payments due on such securities or instruments.

### **Downgrading Risk**

The credit rating of a debt instrument or its issuer may subsequently be downgraded. In the event of such downgrading, the value of a Fund may be adversely affected. The Investment Manager may or may not be able to dispose of the debt instruments that are being downgraded.

### **Currency Risk**

The underlying investments of a Fund may be denominated in currencies other than the Base Currency of the Fund. Also, a Class of a Fund may be designated in a currency other than the Base Currency of the Fund. The Net Asset Value of the Fund may be affected unfavourably by fluctuations in the exchange rates between these currencies and the Base Currency and by changes in exchange rate controls. No steps are taken to mitigate the effects of exchange rate fluctuations between the currency of denomination of the Units and the Base Currency.

## **Cyber Security Risk**

The Manager and its service providers are susceptible to operational and information security and related risks of cyber security incidents. In general, cyber incidents can result from deliberate attacks or unintentional events. Cyber security attacks include, but are not limited to, gaining unauthorized access to digital systems (i.e. through "hacking" or malicious software coding) for purposes of misappropriating assets or sensitive information, corrupting data or causing operational disruption.

Cyber attacks also may be carried out in a manner that does not require gaining unauthorized access, such as causing denial-of-service attacks on websites (i.e. efforts to make services unavailable to intended users). Cyber security incidents affecting the Manager, Investment Manager, Administrator or Depositary or other service providers such as financial intermediaries have the ability to cause disruptions and impact business operations, potentially resulting in financial losses, including by interference with the Administrator's ability to calculate the Net Asset Value; impediments to trading for the relevant Fund's portfolio; the inability of Unitholders to transact business with the Manager in respect of the Unit Trust; violations of applicable privacy, data security or other laws; regulatory fines and penalties; reputational damage; reimbursement or other compensation or remediation costs; legal fees; or additional compliance costs.

Similar adverse consequences could result from cyber security incidents affecting issuers of securities in which the Manager invests, counterparties with which the Manager engages in transactions, governmental and other regulatory authorities, exchange and other financial market operators, banks, brokers, dealers, insurance companies and other financial institutions and other parties. While information risk management systems and business continuity plans have been developed which are designed to reduce the risks associated with cyber security, there are inherent limitations in any cyber security risk management systems or business continuity plans including the possibility that certain risks have not been identified.

## **Fund Termination Risk**

In the event of the early termination of a Fund, the Manager would have to distribute to the Unitholders their pro rata interest in the assets of a Fund. It is possible that at the time of such sale or distribution, certain investments held by a Fund may be worth less than the initial cost of such investments, resulting in a substantial loss to the Unitholders. Moreover, any expenses with regard to a Fund that had not yet become fully amortised would be debited against a Fund's capital at that time. The circumstances under which a Fund may be terminated are set out under the heading "Duration of the Unit Trust".

## **Interest Rate Risk**

The fixed income securities in which a Fund may invest are interest rate sensitive and subject to interest rate risk, which means that their value and, consequently, the Net Asset Value of a Fund will fluctuate as interest rates fluctuate. An increase in interest rates will generally reduce the value of the fixed income securities, whilst their value will generally rise with a decrease in interest rates. A Fund's performance, therefore, will depend in part on its ability to anticipate and respond to such fluctuations in market interest rates and to utilise appropriate strategies to maximise returns to the Fund while attempting to minimise the associated risks to its investment capital.

## **Inflation Risk**

A Fund's assets or income from a Fund's investments may be worth less in real terms in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the real value of a Fund's portfolio will decline unless it grows by more than the rate of inflation.

## **Investing in Fixed Income Instruments**

Investment in fixed income securities is subject to interest rate and credit risks. Lower-rated securities will usually offer higher yields than higher-rated securities to compensate for the reduced creditworthiness and increased risk of default that these securities carry.

The volume of transactions effected in certain international bond markets may be appreciably below that of the world's largest markets, such as the United States. Accordingly, a Fund's investment in such markets may be less liquid and their prices may be more volatile than comparable investments in securities trading in markets with larger trading volumes. Moreover, the settlement periods in certain markets may be longer than in others which may affect portfolio liquidity.

Many fixed income securities especially those issued at high interest rates provide that the issuer may repay them early. Issuers often exercise this right when interest rates decline. Accordingly, holders of securities that are pre-paid may not benefit fully from the increase in value that other fixed income securities experience when rates decline. Furthermore, in such a scenario a Fund may re-invest the proceeds of the pay-off at the then current yields, which will be lower than those

paid by the security that was paid off. Pre-payments may cause losses on securities purchased at a premium, and unscheduled pre-payments, which will be made at par, will cause that Fund to experience loss equal to any unamortized premium.

### **Sovereign Debt Risk**

A Fund's investment in securities issued or guaranteed by governments may be exposed to political, social and economic risks. In adverse situations, the sovereign issuers may not be able or willing to repay the principal and/or interest when due or may request the Fund to participate in restructuring such debts. A Fund may suffer significant losses when there is a default of sovereign debt issuers.

A government entity's willingness or ability to repay principal and interest due in a timely manner may be affected by, among other factors, its cash flow situation, the extent of its foreign reserves, the availability of sufficient foreign exchange on the date a payment is due, the relative size of the debt service burden to the economy as a whole, the government entity's policy towards the International Monetary Fund and the political constraints to which a government entity may be subject. Government entities may also be dependent on expected disbursements from foreign governments, multilateral agencies and others abroad to reduce principal and interest arrearage on their debt. Such commitments may be conditioned on a government entity's implementation of economic reforms and/or economic performance and the timely service of such debtor's obligations. Failure to implement such reforms, achieve such levels of economic performance or repay principal or interest when due may result in the cancellation of such third parties' commitments to lend funds to the government entity, which may further impair such debtor's ability or willingness to service its debt on a timely basis.

### **Volatility and Liquidity Risk**

Liquidity risk exists when a particular security or instrument is difficult to purchase or sell. If the amount of a transaction is particularly large or if the relevant market is illiquid (as is the case with many privately negotiated derivatives, structured products etc), it may not be possible to initiate a transaction or liquidate a position at an advantageous time or price. In addition, debt instruments in certain markets may be subject to higher volatility and lower liquidity when compared to more developed markets. The prices of securities traded in such markets may be subject to fluctuations. Further, the bid and offer spreads of the price of such securities or instruments may be large and a Fund may incur significant trading costs.

### **Investment in Specific Countries, Regions and Sectors**

A Fund's investments may be concentrated in specific industry sectors, instruments, countries or regions. In such cases, the value of a Fund may be more volatile than that of a fund having a more diverse portfolio of investments. The value of a Fund may be more susceptible to adverse economic, political, policy, foreign exchange, liquidity, tax, legal or regulatory events affecting the specific country or region market.

### **Market Disruption Risk**

The Fund may be exposed to the risk of incurring large losses in the event of disrupted markets. Disruptions can include the suspension or limit on trading of a financial exchange and disruptions in one market sector can have an adverse effect on other market sectors. If this happens, the risk of loss to a Fund can be increased because many positions may become illiquid, making them difficult to sell. Finance available to a Fund may also be reduced which can make it more difficult for a Fund to trade.

### **Suspension of Trading**

A securities exchange typically has the right to suspend or limit trading in any instrument traded on that exchange. The government or the regulators may also implement policies that may affect the financial markets. A suspension could render it impossible for the Investment Manager or an underlying fund manager to liquidate positions and thereby expose a Fund to losses and may have a negative impact on a Fund.

### **Taxation**

Any change in the taxation legislation or the interpretation thereof in any jurisdiction where a Fund is registered, marketed or invested could affect the tax status of the Fund, and consequently the value of the Fund's investments in the affected jurisdiction, the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objective and/or to alter the post tax returns to Unitholders.

A Fund may be subject to withholding or other taxes on income and/or gains arising from its investments. Certain investments may themselves be subject to similar taxes on the underlying investments that they hold. Any investment in either developed or emerging markets, may be subject to new taxes or the rate of tax applicable to any income arising or capital gains may increase or decrease as a result of any prospective or retrospective change in applicable laws, rules or

regulations or the interpretation thereof. It is possible that a Fund may or may not be able to benefit from relief under a double tax agreement between Ireland and the country where an investment is resident for tax purposes.

Certain countries may have a tax regime that is less well defined, may be subject to unpredictable change and may permit retroactive taxation thus the Funds could become subject to a local tax liability that had not reasonably been anticipated. Such uncertainty could necessitate significant provisions being made by any relevant Fund in the Net Asset Value per Unit calculations for foreign taxes while it could also result in a Fund incurring the cost of a payment made in good faith to a fiscal authority where it was eventually found that a payment need not have been made.

Consequently, where through fundamental uncertainty as to the tax liability, or the lack of a developed mechanism for practical and timely payment of taxes, a Fund pays taxes relating to previous years, any related costs will likewise be chargeable to the Fund. Such late paid taxes will normally be debited to a Fund at the point the decision to accrue the liability in the Fund's accounts is made.

As a result of the situations referred to above, any provisions made by the Funds in respect of the potential taxation of and returns from investments held at any time may prove to be excessive or inadequate to meet any eventual tax liabilities. Consequently, investors in a Fund may be advantaged or disadvantaged when they subscribe or redeem their Units in the Fund.

Unitholders and potential investors' attention is drawn to the taxation risks associated with investing in a Fund. Please refer to the section headed "TAXATION".

### **Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act**

The foreign account tax compliance provisions ("FATCA") of the Hiring Incentives to Restore Employment Act 2010 which apply to certain payments are essentially designed to require reporting of Specified US Person's direct and indirect ownership of non-US accounts and non-US entities to the US Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), with any failure to provide the required information resulting in a 30% US withholding tax on direct US investments (and possibly indirect US investments). In order to avoid being subject to US withholding tax, both US investors and non-US investors are likely to be required to provide information regarding themselves and their investors. In this regard the Irish and US Governments signed an intergovernmental agreement ("Irish IGA") with respect to the implementation of FATCA (see section entitled "Compliance with US reporting and withholding requirements" for further detail) on 21 December 2012.

Under the Irish IGA (and the relevant Irish regulations and legislation implementing same), foreign financial institutions (such as the Unit Trust) should generally not be required to apply 30% withholding tax. To the extent the Unit Trust however suffers US withholding tax on its investments as a result of FATCA, or is not in a position to comply with any requirement of FATCA, the Administrator acting on behalf of the Unit Trust may take any action in relation to a Unitholder's investment in the Unit Trust to redress such non-compliance and/or to ensure that such withholding is economically borne by the relevant Unitholder whose failure to provide the necessary information or to become a participating foreign financial institution or other action or inaction gave rise to the withholding or non-compliance, including compulsory redemption of some or all of such Unitholder's holding of Units. The Manager in taking any such action or pursuing any such remedy shall act in good faith and on reasonable grounds, and pursuant to applicable laws and regulations.

Unitholders and prospective investors should consult their own tax advisor with regard to US federal, state, local and non-US tax reporting, the possible implications of FATCA on them and the Unit Trust and certification requirements associated with an investment in the Unit Trust.

### **Common Reporting Standard**

The OECD developed the Common Reporting Standard ("CRS") to address the issue of offshore tax evasion on a global basis. The CRS provides a common standard for due diligence, reporting and exchange of financial account information. Pursuant to the CRS, participating jurisdictions will obtain from reporting financial institutions, and automatically exchange with exchange partners on an annual basis, financial information with respect to all reportable accounts identified by financial institutions on the basis of common due diligence and reporting procedures. Ireland has legislated to implement the CRS. As a result the Unit Trust will be required to comply with the CRS due diligence and reporting requirements, as adopted by Ireland. Unitholders may be required to provide additional information to the Unit Trust to enable the Unit Trust to satisfy its obligations under the CRS. Failure to provide requested information may subject an investor to liability for any resulting penalties or other charges and/or compulsory redemption of its Units in the relevant Fund.

Unitholders and prospective investors should consult their own tax advisor with regard to with respect to their own certification requirements associated with an investment in the Unit Trust.

### **Valuation Risk**

Valuation of a Fund's investments may involve uncertainties and judgmental determinations. If such valuation turns out to be incorrect, this may affect the Net Asset Value calculation of a Fund.

### **Zero Coupon Risk**

The market prices of securities structured as zero coupon or pay-in-kind securities are generally affected to a greater extent by interest rate changes. These securities tend to be more volatile than securities which pay interest periodically.

### **Reliability of Credit Ratings**

The credit rating of a corporation is a financial indicator to potential investors of debt securities such as bonds. The credit rating is a formal evaluation of an individual or company's credit history and capability of repaying financial obligations. These are assigned by credit rating agencies such as Standard & Poor's, Moody's or Fitch Ratings and have letter designations such as AAA, B, CC.

The Standard & Poor's rating scale is as follows, from excellent to poor: AAA, AA, A, BBB, BB, B, CCC, CC, C, D.

AAA to BBB is considered 'investment grade'. Investment grade is a term given to bonds/securities which are regarded as unlikely to carry a high risk of default. Anything lower than a BBB rating is considered sub-investment grade, which are regarded as carrying a higher risk of default and sensitivity to economic conditions. They are sometimes known as junk bonds.

The Moody's rating system applies a similar methodology however the naming convention is as follows, from excellent to poor: Aaa, Aa, A, Baa, Ba, B, Caa, Ca, C.

A Fund may in accordance with its investment policy only be permitted to invest in securities / investments of a certain credit rating. Credit ratings may however not always be an accurate or reliable measure of the strength of the securities / investments being invested in. Credit ratings assigned by rating agencies are subject to limitations and do not guarantee the creditworthiness of the securities and/or issuer at all times. Where such credit ratings prove inaccurate or unreliable losses may be incurred by any Fund which has invested in such securities / investments.

### **Potential Implications of Brexit**

On 23 June 2016 the United Kingdom held a referendum and voted to leave the European Union. This has led to volatility in the financial markets of the United Kingdom and more broadly across Europe and may also lead to weakening in consumer, corporate and financial confidence in such markets. The extent and process by which the United Kingdom will exit the European Union, and the longer term economic, legal, political and social framework to be put in place between the United Kingdom and the European Union are unclear at this stage and are likely to lead to ongoing political and economic uncertainty and periods of exacerbated volatility in both the United Kingdom and in wider European markets for some time. This mid to long term uncertainty may have an adverse effect on the economy generally and on the ability of the Unit Trust and its investments to execute their respective strategies and to receive attractive returns.

Leaving the European Union may also result in significant changes to law and regulation in the United Kingdom. It is not currently possible to assess the effect of these changes on the Unit Trust, its investments or the position of the Unitholders. Unitholders should be aware that these and other similar consequences following from the referendum result may adversely affect the value of the Units and the Unit Trust's performance.

### **Money Market Fund Reform**

EU Regulation 2017/1131 on money market funds applied to the Money Market Funds from 18 January 2019. There remains some uncertainty regarding the full impact that this regulation will ultimately have on the Unit Trust, the Money Market Funds and the markets in which these Funds trade and invest. Such uncertainty may itself be detrimental to the Money Market Funds. Further, the impact potential future regulatory requirements or changes to regulatory requirements applicable to the Money Market Funds (whether through implementation of the regulation or otherwise) is unknown and may be detrimental to the Money Market Funds. It may impact the ability of the Money Market Funds to execute their strategies and may also result in increased costs to the Money Market Funds. The Manager will adopt such arrangements as they deem necessary or desirable to comply with applicable regulatory requirements, with a view to ensuring that the Unit Trust and the Money Market Funds continue to execute their respective strategies in the best interests of Unitholders.

## **Depositary Risk**

Assets of the Unit Trust that are financial instruments/securities are held in custody by the Depositary. Such assets of the Unit Trust will be identified in the Depositary's books as belonging to the Unit Trust at all times and will be segregated from other assets of the Depositary. The Depositary will be liable for any loss of assets held in custody unless it can prove that the loss has arisen as a result of an external event beyond its reasonable control the consequences of which would have been unavoidable despite reasonable efforts to the contrary. The Depositary's liability will not be affected by the fact that it has entrusted to a third party/sub-custodian all or some of its custody tasks and the Depositary will remain liable for the loss of such assets, even where the loss occurred at the level of the third party/sub-custodian. In the event of such a loss (and the absence of proof of the loss being caused by such an external event), the Depositary is required to return identical assets or a corresponding amount to the Unit Trust without undue delay.

For non-custody assets such as cash, the Depositary is not required to segregate these assets and is only required to verify the Unit Trust's ownership of such non-custody assets and to maintain a record of such assets. The Depositary will only be liable for the loss of those assets if a loss is suffered as a result of its negligent or intentional failure to properly verify the Unit Trust's ownership of such non-custody assets. Cash of the Unit Trust is held with a third party bank on deposit. In the event of insolvency of the third party, in accordance with standard banking practice, the Unit Trust will rank as an unsecured creditor. The Depositary, in such instance, may not be liable to return such cash.

In the event of insolvency of the Depositary, Unitholders are exposed to the risk of the Depositary not being able to fully meet its obligations to reconstitute in a short time frame all of the assets of the Unit Trust. No segregation applies to cash which means there is an increase in the risk of non-restitution in the case of insolvency. Unitholders may be exposed to the risk of insolvency of third party/sub-custodians in certain circumstances and may suffer loss as a result.

## **Marketing Outside the EU**

The Unit Trust is domiciled in Ireland and Unitholders should note that all the regulatory protections provided by their local regulatory authorities may not apply. In addition, the Funds will be registered in non-EU jurisdictions. As a result of such registrations, Unitholders should be made aware that the Funds may be subject to further restrictive regulatory regimes. In such circumstances the Funds will abide by these more restrictive requirements, which may prevent the Funds from making the fullest possible use of the investment limits.

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## **Borrowings**

The Trust Deed enables borrowings to be undertaken for the account of any Fund up to a limit of 25% of the net assets of the relevant Fund at the time of borrowing. Notwithstanding this provision in the Trust Deed, borrowings to be undertaken for the account of the Fund will not exceed 10% of the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund at the time of borrowing. Such borrowing will be on a temporary basis for meeting redemption requests or defraying operating expenses. The Trust Deed provides that the assets of any such Fund may be charged or pledged as security for any such borrowings and the Central Bank has given its approval to the charging and pledging of assets for this purpose.

Any Funds which are Money Market Funds are not permitted to borrow money and the above provision is not applied to such Funds, save that committed overdraft facilities do not constitute borrowing for this purpose.

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## **Trust Deed**

Copies of the Trust Deed may be obtained from the Manager, the Depositary or the Investment Manager or may be inspected during normal working hours at the offices of the Manager, the Depositary or the Investment Manager free of charge.

Subject to the prior approval of the Central Bank, the Depositary and the Manager may modify or add to the provisions of the Trust Deed if the Depositary is satisfied that the modification or addition either (a) does not materially prejudice the interests of the Unitholders, does not operate to release to any material extent the Depositary or the Manager or any other person from any responsibility to the Unitholders and will not increase the costs and charges payable out of the Unit Trust or (b) is necessary for compliance with any fiscal or other statutory, regulatory or official requirements (whether or not having the force of law) or (c) is solely for the purpose of enabling Units to be issued in bearer form.

Any other modification or addition requires, in addition, the approval of an Extraordinary Resolution (as described under "Meetings of Unitholders") of a meeting of Unitholders or of the relevant Class of Unitholders. No modification or addition may impose on any Unitholder any obligation to make a further payment or to accept any liability in respect of his Units.

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## Charges and Expenses

The following fees and expenses are applicable to each Fund:

### **Fund Charges and Expenses**

#### **Manager**

The Manager is entitled under the Trust Deed to charge a management fee at the rate not exceeding 1% of Net Asset Value per annum of the value of the Net Asset Value of each Fund (or such higher percentage per annum as may be approved by an Extraordinary Resolution of Unitholders of the relevant Class). The management fee is payable monthly in arrears and will be calculated by reference to the Net Asset Value of each Fund attributable to the relevant Class as at each day as at which the Net Asset Value of the relevant Fund and the relevant Class is calculated.

#### **Administration**

The fees of the Administrator will be paid by the Manager.

#### **Investment Management**

The Manager will discharge the fees and expenses of the Investment Manager for the discretionary management of the assets of the Unit Trust out of its management fee.

#### **Depositary**

The Depositary is entitled under the Trust Deed to receive out of the assets of each Fund an annual fee of up to 0.025% of the Net Asset Value per annum of each Fund payable monthly in arrears.

In addition, the Depositary will also charge transaction fees, safekeeping fees and account maintenance charges out of the assets of each Fund which shall be at normal commercial rates. The Depositary is entitled to be reimbursed all fees and charges of sub-custodians appointed by it and all other out of pocket expenses incurred by it. Any sub-custodian fees will be charged at normal commercial fees.

#### **General Expenses**

The Depositary will pay out of the assets of the Unit Trust the above fees and expenses, stamp duties, taxes, brokerage or other expenses of acquiring and disposing of investments, the fees and expenses of the auditors, listing fees and legal expenses of the Manager and the cost of establishing, maintaining and registering the Unit Trust and the Units with any governmental or regulatory authority or with any regulated market deemed appropriate by the Manager from time to time. The Fund will generally pay brokerage at customary institutional brokerage rates. Transactions of the Fund may be entered into through associates of the Manager. The Manager and its associates will not receive cash or other rebates from brokers or dealers in respect of transactions for the Fund. Execution of transactions for the Fund will be consistent with best execution standards. The costs of printing and distributing reports, accounts and any Prospectus or Key Information Document, publishing prices and any costs incurred as a result of a change in law or the introduction of any new law (including any costs incurred as a result of compliance with any code relating to unit trusts, whether or not having the force of law) will also be paid out of the assets of the Unit Trust.

Expenses will be charged to the Fund in respect of which they were incurred or, where an expense is not considered by the Depositary to be attributable to any one Fund, the expense will normally be allocated by the Depositary to all Funds pro rata to the value of the net assets of the relevant Funds.

### **Unitholder Fees**

#### **Preliminary Charge**

The Manager may impose a Preliminary Charge (not exceeding 5% of Net Asset Value per Unit), which will be retained by the Manager and out of which the Manager may pay commission to authorised agents.



The Manager may, at their discretion, make a Preliminary Charge of up to 2% of Net Asset Value per Unit (or such higher amount as may be approved by an Extraordinary Resolution), which will be retained by the Manager and out of which the Manager may pay commission to authorised agents.

The Manager is also entitled to add to the Net Asset Value per Unit, for their own account, a charge sufficient to cover amounts paid by them on account of stamp duties and taxation in respect of the issue of Units or certificates and delivery and insurance costs in respect of certificates and may also add a charge (not exceeding 1% of the Net Asset Value per Unit, subject to rounding) for the account of the relevant Fund in respect of fiscal and purchase charges. It is not, however, the intention of the Manager to make any such additions in normal circumstances.

#### Redemption Charge

The Manager is entitled under the Trust Deed, in calculating the Net Asset Value per Unit, to deduct from the account of the appropriate Fund a charge (not exceeding 1% of the Net Asset Value per Unit) to meet duties and charges incurred in realising assets to provide monies to meet such redemption requests. It is not the intention of the Manager to make any deduction in respect of such duties and charges in normal circumstances.

#### Conversion Charge

The Preliminary Charge and any other charges normally made on the issue of Units will not normally be made on a conversion but the Manager is entitled to make any such charges at their discretion.

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## **Administration of the Unit Trust**

### **Determination of Net Asset Value**

The Net Asset Value per Unit is calculated by dividing the value of the assets of the Fund, less its liabilities, by the total number of Units in issue as at that Dealing Day. The Net Asset Value per Unit is the resulting sum adjusted to the number of decimal places as the Manager may determine in accordance with the provisions of the Trust Deed.

The method of establishing the value of the net assets of any Fund is set out in the Trust Deed and summarised below. The Net Asset Value of each Fund shall be calculated in the Base Currency of the Fund by valuing the asset of the Fund in accordance with the valuation rules set out in the Trust Deed and summarised below and deducting the liabilities of the Fund. However, in respect of certain Funds where different Classes are available, the Net Asset Value of the Fund is calculated as set out below and is allocated between each Class in accordance with their respective values. The portion of the Net Asset Value allocated to each Class is divided by the number of Units of the relevant Class then in issue and the resultant amount is the Net Asset Value of the relevant Class.

In general, for Funds which are not Money Market Funds:

- quoted investments are valued at their last traded price (or, if no last traded price is available, at mid-market prices) and unquoted investments are valued at cost or in accordance with the most recent revaluation made by the Manager with the approval of the Depositary or requested by the Depositary;
- the Trust Deed also provides that cash deposits and similar investments shall normally be valued at face value (together with accrued interest);
- certificates of deposit shall be valued by reference to the best price for certificates of deposit of like maturity, amount and credit risk on the relevant Dealing Day;
- treasury bills and bills of exchange shall be valued with reference to prices ruling in the appropriate markets for such instruments of like maturity, amount and credit risk on that Dealing Day;
- collective investment schemes are valued, where appropriate, on the basis of last published Net Asset Value per share or if unavailable, the last bid price per share (excluding any Preliminary Charge). Interest and other income and liabilities are, where practicable, accrued from day-to-day;
- where the value of an investment is not ascertainable as described above, the value shall be the probable realisation value estimated by the Manager with care and good faith or by a competent person approved for purpose by the Depositary.

The Trust Deed also provides that notwithstanding the above, the Manager may with the prior consent of, and in consultation with, the Depositary adjust the value of any investment if, having regard to currency, applicable rate of interest, maturity, marketability and/or such other considerations as they may deem relevant, they consider that such adjustment is required to reflect the fair value thereof. A description of fair value pricing and the circumstances where it may be applied is set out below.

For Funds which are Money Market Funds:

- The assets of the Fund will be valued on at least a daily basis. When calculating the Net Asset Value of the Fund, the assets shall be valued using the Mark-to-Market method.
- When using the Mark-to-Market method, the asset of the Fund shall be valued at the more prudent side of bid and offer unless the asset can be closed out at mid-market. In addition, only good quality market data shall be used and such data shall be assessed on the basis of all of the following factors: (i) the number and quality of the counterparties; (ii) the volume and turnover in the market of the asset of the Fund; (iii) the issue size and the portion of the issue that the Fund plans to buy or sell.
- In addition, the Mark-to-Model method of valuation may be used where the Mark-to-Market method of valuation is not of sufficient quality. In such circumstances, the Mark-to-Model method of valuation adopted shall seek to accurately estimate the intrinsic value of a relevant asset based on the following up to date key factors: (i) the volume and turnover in the market of that asset; (ii) the issue size and the portion of the issue that the Fund plans to buy or sell; and (iii) market risk, interest rate risk and / or credit risk attached to the asset.

### **Fair Value Pricing**

Fair value pricing ("FVP") may be defined as the application of the Manager's best estimate of the amount a Fund might receive on a sale, or expect to pay on a purchase, of one or more securities or even an entire portfolio of securities, at the time of the Fund's Valuation Point, with the intention of producing a fairer dealing price, thereby protecting ongoing, incoming and outgoing investors.

In the opinion of the Manager, where market conditions may be such that the last applicable real time quoted price or the Valuation Point does not capture the best reflection of the buying and selling price of a stock, FVP may be applied for Funds which are not Money Market Funds. Due to the time differences between the closing of the relevant securities exchanges and the time of the Fund's Valuation Point, a Fund may fair value on its investments more frequently than it does other securities and on some Funds this may occur on a daily basis. The Manager has determined that movements in relevant indices or other appropriate market indicators, after the close of the securities exchanges, may demonstrate that market quotations are unreliable and may trigger fair value pricing for certain securities. Therefore the fair values assigned to a Fund's investments may not be the quoted or published prices of the investments on their primary markets or exchanges. By fair valuing a security which is suspended for trading, for example, because of financial irregularities, or whose price may have been affected by significant events or by news after the last market pricing of the security, the Funds attempt to establish a price that they might reasonably expect to receive upon the current sale of that security. It may also be necessary to use FVP in the event of a market remaining closed unexpectedly due to a force majeure event.

Suspended securities may provide an exception to this general policy. When individual securities are suspended for trading, for example, because of financial irregularities, the Investment Manager will suggest what it believes to be a reasonable price for that security. This is normally, but not always, achieved by applying a percentage discount to the last traded price prior to suspension, and which will be justified to the Manager.

### **Dilution Adjustment**

In determining the Net Asset Value of the Unit Trust and each Fund, the Manager may with the approval of the Depositary (i) value the assets at lowest market dealing bid prices where on any Dealing Day, the value of all redemption requests received exceeds the value of all applications for Units or (ii) at highest market dealing offer prices where on any Dealing Day the value of all applications for Units received for that Dealing Day exceeds the value of all redemption requests received on that Dealing Day, provided that in each case, the valuation policy by the Manager shall be applied consistently through the various categories of assets and will be applied consistently (with effect from the date of this Prospectus) through the lifetime of the Unit Trust or each Fund, for as long as the Unit Trust or each Fund is operated on a going concern basis.

The calculation of such prices may take into account any provision for market spreads (bid/offer spread of underlying securities), duties (for example transaction taxes) and charges (for example settlement costs or dealing commission) and other dealing costs related to the adjustment or disposal of investments and to preserve the value of the underlying assets of the relevant Fund. The application of the foregoing pricing methodology will comply with the requirements of the Central Bank. The Manager's intention is only to exercise this discretion to preserve the value of the holdings of continuing Unitholders in the event of substantial or recurring net redemptions or subscriptions.

### **Availability of the Net Asset Value per Unit**

Except where the redemption of Units of a Fund has been suspended, in the circumstances described in the section headed “Temporary Suspension of Redemptions”, the Net Asset Value per Unit of each Class shall be available on the Barings website at [www.baring.com](http://www.baring.com). Prices can also be ascertained at the offices of the Investment Manager.

Such information will relate to the Net Asset Value per Unit for the previous Dealing Day and is made available for information purposes only. It is not an invitation to subscribe for or redeem Units at that Net Asset Value per Unit. In the case of listed Units, the Net Asset Value per Unit will also be notified to Euronext Dublin immediately upon calculation and shall be available on the website [www.ise.ie](http://www.ise.ie).

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## **Distribution Policy**

It is not intended to distribute to Unitholders any income by way of dividend, all such income is accumulated within the relevant Fund.

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## **Subscription of Units**

Applications for Units must be received prior to 12 noon Irish time on each Dealing Day. Units will be issued at the Net Asset Value per Unit applicable on the relevant Dealing Day.

Under the Trust Deed, the Directors are given the exclusive right to effect for the account of the Unit Trust the issue of Units of any Class and to create, with the consent of the Depositary and the Central Bank, new Classes and have absolute discretion to accept or reject in whole or in part any application for Units.

### **Account Opening**

Investors subscribing for Units for the first time must complete the Account Opening Form and submit it to the Manager c/o the Administrator as set out in the Account Opening Form. The Account Opening Form may be obtained from the Manager or the Administrator. The signed original Account Opening Form together with supporting documentation in relation to anti-money laundering requirements must be received before the application will be accepted. If any of the details that are provided change, including your address, other contact details (e.g. telephone number, email address) or bank account details, please inform the Administrator immediately by letter at the address set out in the “Directory” section. Failure to do so may cause a delay in processing any subscription or redemption orders.

Prospective investors should note that by completing an Account Opening Form they are providing the Manager with personal information, which may constitute personal data within the meaning of the Data Protection Legislation. The personal data of prospective investors and registered Unitholders shall be processed in accordance with the Privacy Statement. The Administrator may and will hold all or part of the data provided in accordance with applicable laws even after the investor has fully redeemed from the Fund.

By signing the Account Opening Form, prospective investors consent to the recording of telephone calls made to and received from investors by the Manager, its delegates, its duly appointed agents and any of their respective related, associated or affiliated companies for record keeping, security and/or training purposes.

### **Application of Units**

Subscription of Units may be made by submitting the completed Subscription Form to the Manager c/o the Administrator as set out in the Subscription Form. Investors can, with the agreement of the Manager and the Administrator, subscribe via electronic messaging services such as SWIFT. All requests received by the Manager will be treated as definitive orders even if not subsequently confirmed in writing and will not be capable of withdrawal after acceptance by the Manager. Completed Subscription Form received by the Manager prior to 12 noon (Irish time) on a Dealing Day will be dealt with by reference to the Net Asset Value per Unit determined as at the Valuation Point on that Dealing Day. Subscription requests received after 12 noon (Irish time) will be treated as having been received on the following Dealing Day.

Subscription monies in cleared funds must be received by the Settlement Date. Payment is normally due in the currency of the relevant Class of the relevant Fund. The Manager may accept payment in other currencies, but such payments will be converted into the currency of the relevant Class and only the proceeds of such conversion at the prevailing exchange rate (after deducting expenses relating to such conversion) will be applied by the Manager towards payment of the subscription monies. The Manager has standing arrangements for subscription monies to be paid by electronic transfer as specified in the Subscription Form.

Payments by electronic transfer should quote the applicant's name, bank, bank account number, Fund name and confirmation note number (if one has already been issued). Any charges incurred in making payment by electronic transfer will be payable by the applicant.

A confirmation note will be sent to each successful applicant. If payment in full in cleared funds has not been received by the Settlement Date, the application may be refused and any allotment or transfer of Units made on the basis thereof cancelled, or, alternatively, the Manager may treat the application as an application for such number of Units as may be purchased or subscribed with such payment. The Manager reserves the right, in the event of non-receipt of cleared funds by the due date and cancellation of a subscription, to charge the applicant for losses accruing. The Manager reserves the right to limit deals without prior receipt of cleared funds. In such an event the investor shall indemnify the Manager, the Administrator, the Depositary, the Unit Trust, the applicable distributor, the Investment Manager and any of their respective affiliates for any and all claims, losses, liabilities or damages (including attorneys' fees and other related out-of-pocket expenses) suffered or incurred by any such person as a result of the investor not remitting the amount of its subscription by the due date for such subscription or otherwise failing to comply with the terms of such Subscription Form.

Units will be issued in registered form. Registration of the Units comprised in the application will normally be effected within twenty-one days of the Manager receiving the relevant registration details. Ownership is recorded by an entry in the Unit register and a personal account number is allocated to the investor which will be shown in a registration advice despatched within twenty-one days of the Manager receiving the relevant registration details. The personal account number must be quoted in all communications relating to the relevant Fund.

The Manager, the Administrator or a distributor may, in their sole discretion, reject any subscription order for Units in whole or in part for any or no reason, including in particular, where the Manager or the Administrator, as appropriate, reasonably believes the subscription order may represent a pattern of excessive trading or market timing activity in respect of a Fund. Where an application for Units is rejected, the subscription monies shall be returned to the applicant within fourteen days of the date of such application at the applicant's cost and risk and no interest or other compensation will be payable in respect of such returned monies.

The Manager shall have an absolute discretion to declare any Fund or Class closed to further subscriptions. Existing Unitholders of the relevant Fund or Class will be provided with prior notification of such closure and the Manager shall also notify distributors and/or placing agents. The Manager may invoke this discretion to close the Fund to further subscriptions where they are satisfied that it will be in the best interests of the Unitholders of a Fund, given the market conditions prevailing at the time. The Manager will have the discretion to re-open the relevant Fund or Class for subscription on any Dealing Day and existing Unitholders will be given advance notification of such re-opening.

Units may not be issued or sold by the Manager during any period when the right of Unitholders to require the redemption of their Units is suspended in the manner described under "Redemption of Units". Applicants for Units will be notified of such postponement or cancellation and, unless withdrawn, their applications will be considered as at the next Dealing Day following the end of such suspension. In such cases where the calculation of the Net Asset Value per Class is suspended, such suspension will be notified to the Central Bank (immediately and in any event within the same Business Day) and Euronext Dublin (if applicable) without delay and where possible all reasonable steps will be taken to bring any period of suspension to an end as soon as possible.

### **Types of Units**

Units will be issued in registered form. Unit certificates will not be issued. Fractions of not less than one-thousandth of a Unit may be issued. Application monies representing smaller fractions of a Unit will not be returned to the applicant but will be retained as part of the relevant Fund's assets.

All Units of each Class will rank *pari passu*. Details of the issues of Units in the Funds, including the Minimum Investment / Minimum Holding in respect of each Class, are set out in the relevant Supplement. The Minimum Investment / Minimum Holding in respect of each Class may be waived at the discretion of the Manager.

### **In Specie Subscriptions**

The Trust Deed permits the Directors to issue Units at the Net Asset Value per Unit for consideration of the vesting in the Depositary of investments approved by the Manager. The costs associated with such in specie subscription shall be borne by the investor. The Directors may decline any request for in specie subscription at their discretion.

## **Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorist Financing Measures**

Measures aimed at the prevention of money laundering and terrorist financing require a detailed verification of the investor's identity and where applicable the beneficial owner on a risk sensitive basis. Politically exposed persons ("PEPs"), an individual who is or has, at any time in the preceding year, been entrusted with a prominent public function, and immediate family member, or persons known to close associates of such persons, must also be identified. By way of example an individual may be required to produce a copy of a passport or identification card together with evidence of his/her address such as a copy of, a utility bill or bank statement and proof of tax residence. In the case of corporate investors, such measures may require production of a certified copy of the certificate of incorporation (and any change of name), memorandum and articles of association (or equivalent), the names, occupations, dates of birth and resident and business address of all directors. Depending on the circumstances of each application, a detailed verification might not be required where for example, the application is made through a relevant third party as such term is defined in the Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) Act 2013. This exception will only apply if the relevant third party referred to above is located within a country recognised in Ireland as having equivalent anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing regulations and satisfies other applicable conditions such as providing a letter of undertaking confirming that it has carried out the appropriate verification checks on the investor and will retain such information in accordance with the required timeframe and will provide such information on request to the Manager or the Administrator.

The details above are given by way of example only and in that regard the Manager and the Administrator each reserve the right to request any such information or documents as is necessary to comply with their obligations under anti-money laundering legislation at the time of application (and also during the business relationship) for Units in the Unit Trust to verify the identity of an investor and where applicable the beneficial owner of an investor. In particular, the Manager and the Administrator each reserve the right to carry out additional procedures in relation to an investor who is classed as a PEP.

Verification of the investor's identity is required to take place before the establishment of the business relationship. In any event, evidence of identity is required for all investors as soon as is reasonably practicable after the initial contact. In the event of delay or failure by an investor or applicant to produce any information required for verification purposes, the Manager or the Administrator may reject the application and subscription monies and return all subscription monies or compulsorily redeem such Unitholder's Units. Further, no redemption proceeds will be paid until the Unitholder provides such information. None of the Manager, the Investment Manager or the Administrator shall be liable to the subscriber or Unitholder where an application for Units is not processed or Units are compulsorily redeemed or payment of redemption proceeds is delayed in such circumstances. If an application is rejected in whole or in part, the Administrator may return application monies or the balance thereof by electronic transfer in accordance with any applicable laws to the account from which it was paid at the cost and risk of the applicant. The Manager or the Administrator will refuse to pay redemption proceeds if the original Account Opening Form has not been received by the Administrator. Any such redemption proceeds will be held in the Collection Account where the requisite information for verification purposes has not been produced by a Unitholder.

For existing unitholdings which are compulsorily redeemed the proceeds of redemption will be held in an Umbrella Cash Account until such time as the Manager or the Administrator have verified the Unitholder's identity to its satisfaction.

## **Umbrella Cash Accounts**

In circumstances where Units have been compulsorily redeemed for failure to provide the information required for verification purposes, the proceeds of redemption will be held in an "Umbrella Cash Account" (as described hereafter) and therefore, investors should note that such proceeds shall be treated as an asset of the relevant Fund. An Umbrella Cash Account is an account opened in the name of the Depositary on behalf of the Unit Trust for the purpose of holding redemption proceeds due to an investor which cannot be transferred to the relevant investor. The relevant investor will rank as an unsecured creditor of the relevant Fund until such time as the Manager or the Administrator are satisfied that its anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing procedures have been fully complied with, following which redemption proceeds will be released. Any such unclaimed monies following a termination of a Fund will also be held in an Umbrella Cash Account (see section headed "Duration of the Unit Trust").

In the event of an insolvency of the relevant Fund or the Unit Trust, there is no guarantee that the relevant Fund or the Unit Trust will have sufficient funds to pay unsecured creditors in full. Investors due redemption proceeds which are held in an Umbrella Cash Account will rank equally with all other unsecured creditors of the relevant Fund and will be entitled to a pro-rata share of monies which are made available to all unsecured creditors by the insolvency practitioner. Therefore in such circumstances, the investor may not recover all monies originally paid into an Umbrella Cash Account for onward transmission to that investor.

In the event of the insolvency of another Fund, recovery of any amounts to which a Fund is entitled, but which may have transferred to such other Fund as a result of the operation of the Umbrella Cash Account, will be subject to the principles of Irish law and the terms of the operational procedures for the Umbrella Cash Account. There may be delays in effecting and / or disputes as to the recovery of such amounts, and the insolvent Fund may have insufficient funds to repay amounts

due to the relevant Fund. Accordingly, there is no guarantee that such Fund or the Unit Trust will recover such amounts. Furthermore, there is no guarantee that in such circumstances such Fund or the Unit Trust would have sufficient funds to repay any unsecured creditors.

Accordingly, investors should ensure that all documentation required by the Manager or Administrator to comply with anti-money laundering and anti-fraud procedures are submitted promptly to the Manager or Administrator when subscribing for Units.

The Manager and the Administrator reserve the right to obtain any additional information or documents from investors, at any point during the business relationship and may not carry out a service for the investor until the additional information or documentation is obtained to the satisfaction of the Unit Trust. The Manager and the Administrator cannot rely on third parties to meet this obligation, which remains their ultimate responsibility.

### **Collection Accounts**

The Administrator operates the Collection Account in accordance with the Central Bank's Investor Money Regulations for a number of collective investment schemes managed by the Manager. The Collection Account is held at a credit institution as prescribed by the Investor Money Regulations ("Relevant Bank") in the name of the Administrator and is designated as a "Collection Account" or "Coll a/c". All monies in the Collection Account will be held at the Relevant Bank on a segregated basis by the Administrator, in trust for the benefit of the investors and on behalf of, and at the risk of, the investors for whom such investor monies are being held. The Relevant Bank will hold the cash on the Administrator's behalf (for the benefit of the investors on behalf of whom such monies are being held) in an account separate from any money the Relevant Bank holds for the Administrator in its own right. In the event of the insolvency of the Relevant Bank, the Administrator should have a claim against the Relevant Bank on behalf of the investors for whom the monies in the Collection Account are being held. In the event of the insolvency of the Administrator, monies in the Collection Account would not form part of the Administrator's assets.

Any subscription monies which are received by the Administrator prior to investment in a Fund, will be held in a collection account and will not form part of the assets of the relevant fund until such monies are transferred from the Collection Account to the account of the relevant Fund.

Redemption proceeds will be paid into the Collection Account on the Settlement Date and distributions on the relevant distribution payment date, when they will no longer be considered an asset of the relevant Fund. Further, any conversion from one Fund or Class (the "Original Fund") into another Fund or Class (the "New Fund") will be deemed to be a redemption from the Original Fund and a subscription into the New Fund and the relevant proceeds will be held in the Collection Account until transferred to the New Fund.

No interest is payable by the Manager or the Administrator on monies credited to the Collection Account.

### **Fair Treatment of Unitholders**

The detailed rights and obligations of the Investment Manager, the Depositary and Unitholders are set out in the Trust Deed. The Investment Manager ensures that the Trust Deed is made available for review by each Unitholder as set out in the section headed "Documents Available for Inspection", such that every Unitholder is informed about its rights and obligations under that document.

The Investment Manager will at all times seek the fair treatment of Unitholders in the Unit Trust by complying with the Trust Deed and provisions of applicable law.

In addition, the Investment Manager operates in accordance with the principles of treating customers (including, as appropriate, funds and their investors) fairly. Amongst other things, the principles of treating customers fairly include (i) developing and marketing products responsibly, keeping product ranges under constant review and adapting to changes in markets and regulation; (ii) ensuring that all marketing communications are clear, fair and not misleading and carefully tailored to their intended audience; (iii) ensuring that employees are properly trained and supervised to perform at the appropriate professional standards; and (iv) ensuring that material conflicts of interests are identified, avoided where possible, managed and disclosed to ensure fair outcomes to clients.

Unitholders should note however that fair treatment does not necessarily equate to equal or identical treatment and that, as described in the section entitled "Charges and Expenses", the terms and conditions of any given Unitholder's investments in a Fund may differ to other Unitholders.

In consideration of a waiver of a minimum subscription amount as specified in the Supplements for the Funds for an investor, the Manager may take into account subscriptions from associated entities or affiliated Unitholders of the investor.

In addition, the Manager and the Investment Manager may enter into arrangements with certain Unitholders which cover areas such as, inter alia, country-specific regulatory and tax matters.

As of the date of this Prospectus, the Manager has agreed arrangements with institutional investors who administer accounts or provide the Unit Trust to clients through single or multiple distribution channels. These institutional investors have no legal or economic links to the Manager or their affiliates. The terms of these arrangements include differentiating the amount of the management fee or other fees and expenses as agreed by the Manager.

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## Redemption of Units

Applications for the redemption of Units of a Fund received by the Manager prior to 12 noon (Irish time) on a Dealing Day, will be dealt with by reference to the Net Asset Value per Unit, as defined under "Calculation of Net Asset Value", applicable on the relevant Dealing Day. Redemption requests received after 12 noon (Irish time) will be treated as having been received on the following Dealing Day.

Requests for the redemption of Units may be made to the Manager c/o the Administrator as set out in the Subscription Form. All instructions must be signed by the registered Unitholders or where a representative has been appointed following receipt of a completed power of attorney. All requests received by the Manager will be treated as definitive orders even if not subsequently confirmed in writing and will not be capable of withdrawal after acceptance by the Manager. In addition, investors can, with the agreement of the Manager and the Administrator, redeem Units via electronic messaging services such as SWIFT. Redemption requests can be processed on receipt of electronic instructions only where payment is made to the account of record.

Partial redemptions of holdings are permitted provided that this will not result in the Unitholder holding an amount which is less than the Minimum Holding. In cases where a Fund is temporarily suspended for redemptions, the redemption request will be processed on the next Dealing Day when dealing is no longer suspended.

No redemption payments shall be made until the original Account Opening Form (and supporting documentation) has been received by the Manager. Units also need to be fully registered and settled before redemption payments can be made. The Manager and the Administrator will withhold payment of the proceeds of redemption and income on Units and may automatically re-invest distribution entitlements until the original Account Opening Form has been received from the investor and where it is considered necessary or appropriate to carry out or complete identification procedures in relation to the Unitholder pursuant to a statutory, regulatory or European Union obligation.

Payment of redemption proceeds will be made in accordance with initial redemption payment instructions, as notified to the Manager, to the registered Unitholder or in favour of the joint registered Unitholders as appropriate. If investors wish to make any change in the redemption payment instructions, such change must be by written notice to the Manager signed by the sole registered Unitholder or all joint registered Unitholders. The Manager will be deemed to be authorised to act on any redemption instruction received from any person purporting to be the Unitholder and reciting the relevant account number.

Payment will normally be made by the Settlement Date (excluding non-Dealing Days and days when due to public holidays in the relevant country, payments in the relevant currency of the Class cannot be settled) or, if later, four Business Days after receipt by the Manager of a dealing confirmation submitted by the Unitholder, excluding days when due to public holidays in the relevant country, payments in the relevant currency cannot be settled. Delayed payment of redemption proceeds can occur where there is a delay in the settlement of the underlying securities in a particular Fund. Such delay will not exceed 10 Business Days from the date of receipt of the redemption request. Where all relevant documentation and information is held in respect of the Unitholder the proceeds will be paid to the bank account provided by the Unitholder. Where redemption proceeds are paid but are refused by the Unitholder's receiving bank, the monies will be returned to the Collection Account until valid bank details for the Unitholder are provided.

Subject as mentioned above, the amount due on the redemption of Units will normally be paid in the relevant currency of the Class. Arrangements, however, can be made for Unitholders wishing to redeem their Units to receive payment in currencies other than the relevant currency of the Class by electronic transfer. The cost of currency conversion and other administrative expenses will be charged to the Unitholder.

The Manager may, in its sole discretion, redeem some or all of the Units of a Unitholder where the Unitholder has failed to pay subscription monies by the due date and may apply the redemption proceeds in satisfaction of the Unitholder's liabilities to the Manager, the Investment Manager or any of their respective affiliates pursuant to the indemnity described under "Subscription of Units".

### **Redemption Deferral Policy**

The Manager is entitled, with the approval of the Depositary, to limit the number of Units which may be redeemed on any Dealing Day to 10% of the total number of Units in issue of that Fund (the “Deferral Policy”). The Deferral Policy will apply pro rata amongst all Unitholders seeking to redeem Units on the relevant Dealing Day, and in such event, the Manager will carry out such redemptions which, in aggregate, amount to 10% of the Units then in issue in the Fund. Where the Manager decides to invoke this Deferral Policy, the excess of Units above 10% which have not been redeemed will be carried forward until the next Dealing Day and will be redeemed on the next Dealing Day (subject to a further operation of the Deferral Policy on the next Dealing Day). Requests for redemption of Units carried forward from an earlier Dealing Day shall be dealt with in priority to any redemption requests received subsequently until all the Units to which the original request related have been redeemed. If requests for redemption are so carried forward, the Manager will give immediate notice to the Unitholders affected.

### **Temporary Suspension of Redemptions**

In addition, the Directors may at any time, with the approval of the Depositary, temporarily suspend the right of Unitholders to require the redemption of Units of any Class and/or may delay the payment of any monies in respect of any such redemption during:

- (i) any period when any market on which a substantial part of the investments of the relevant Fund are quoted, listed or dealt is closed or when trading on such a market is limited or suspended;
- (ii) any period when dealings on any such market are restricted or suspended;
- (iii) the existence of any state of affairs as a result of which disposal of the investments of the relevant Fund cannot, in the opinion of the Manager, be effected normally or without seriously prejudicing the interests of Unitholders of that Class;
- (iv) any breakdown in the means of communication normally employed in determining the value of the net assets of the relevant Fund or when, for any other reason, the value of any investments of the relevant Fund cannot be promptly and accurately ascertained; or
- (v) any period during which the Depositary is unable to repatriate funds required for making payments due on redemption of Units or during which the realisation of investments or the transfer of funds involved in such redemption cannot, in the opinion of the Manager, be effected at normal prices or normal rates of exchange.

Unitholders who have requested redemptions of any Units will be notified of any such suspension and, unless withdrawn but subject to the limitation referred to above, their requests will be dealt with on the first Dealing Day after the suspension is lifted. Any such suspension will be notified to the Central Bank and Euronext Dublin immediately and in any event, where practicable within the same Business Day and other competent authorities in the Member States in which the Unit Trust is marketed.

### **Liquidity Risk Management**

The Manager has established a liquidity management policy which enables it to identify, monitor and manage the liquidity risks of the Unit Trust and to ensure the liquidity profile of the investments of each Fund will facilitate compliance with the Fund’s underlying obligations. The Manager’s liquidity policy takes into account the investment strategy, the liquidity profile, redemption policy and other underlying obligations of the Funds. The liquidity management systems and procedures include appropriate escalation measures to address anticipated or actual liquidity shortages or other distressed situations of the Unit Trust.

In summary, the liquidity management policy monitors the profile of investments held by the Manager on behalf of the Unit Trust and each Fund and ensures that such investments are appropriate to the redemption policy as stated under “Redemption of Units” above, and will facilitate compliance with each Fund’s underlying obligations. Further, the liquidity management policy includes details on periodic stress testing carried out by the Manager to manage the liquidity risk of the Unit Trust in exceptional and extraordinary circumstances.

The Manager seeks to ensure that the investment strategy, the liquidity profile and the redemption policy of each Fund are consistent. The investment strategy, liquidity profile and redemption policy of the Unit Trust will be considered to be aligned when investors have the ability to redeem their investments in a manner consistent with the fair treatment of all investors and in accordance with the Manager’s redemption policy and its obligations. In assessing the alignment of the investment strategy, liquidity profile and redemption policy, the Manager shall have regard to the impact that redemptions may have on the underlying prices or spreads of the individual assets of each Fund.

Details of the redemption rights of Unitholders, including redemption rights of Unitholders in normal and exceptional circumstances and existing redemption arrangements are set out above in this section.



### **In Specie Redemptions**

The Manager may at its discretion, satisfy any redemption request by in-specie distribution in circumstances where a Unitholder wishes to redeem Units representing 5% or more of the Net Asset Value of a Fund, on a single Dealing Day and where the Unitholder either requests in specie distribution or has consented to such in specie redemption. Any such in specie redemption will be valued at the redemption price for the Units redeemed as if the redemption proceeds were paid in cash less any redemption charge and other expenses of the transfer as the Directors may determine. The assets for distribution will be selected in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Depositary on such basis as the Manager deems equitable and so that there is no prejudice to the interests of remaining Unitholders. Where a redeeming Unitholder has elected or has consented to receive redemption proceeds by an in specie distribution of stock of Units representing 5% or more of the Net Asset Value of any Fund, the Units settled in-specie will not be included in the calculation of the percentage of the Units for which redemption requests have been received for the purpose of determining whether the Redemption Deferral Policy may be invoked on a particular Dealing Day. Where a Unitholder has elected or consented to receive part or all of the redemption proceeds in-specie, the Manager shall advise the Unitholder that a Redemption Deferral Policy may operate if cash settlement is requested.

Unitholders will bear any risks of the distributed securities and may be required to pay a brokerage commission or other costs in order to dispose of such securities. The Unitholder may, by notice in writing to the Manager, require the Manager to sell such investments on their behalf and to pay them the proceeds of sale less any costs incurred in connection with such sale. The Directors may decline any request for in specie redemption at their discretion. Any distribution of assets in specie will not be materially prejudicial to the rights of the remaining Unitholders.

### **Compulsory Redemption of Units**

The Directors shall have the power (but shall not be under a duty) to impose such restrictions as they may think necessary for the purpose of ensuring that no Units in any Fund are acquired or held by any person in breach of the law or any requirements of any country or governmental authority, including any foreign exchange control regulations or by a United States Person or Japanese Person (except in transactions exempt from the requirements of the United States Securities Act of 1933 (as amended) and applicable state securities laws) or by any person described in (a) to (g) below.

The Manager may at any time give notice in writing to request the transfer of, Units held directly or beneficially by:

- (a) any person in breach of any law or requirement of any country or governmental authority or by virtue of which such person is not qualified to hold such Units;
- (b) any United States Person;
- (c) any Japanese Person;
- (d) any person who in the opinion of the Manager is engaging in repeatedly purchasing and selling Units in response to short-term market fluctuations, known as "market timing" or are otherwise excessive or potentially disruptive to the Unit Trust;
- (e) any person or persons in circumstances which, (whether directly or indirectly affecting such person or persons and whether taken alone or in conjunction with any other person or persons connected or not, or any other circumstances appearing to the Manager to be relevant) in the opinion of the Manager might result in the Unit Trust, the relevant Fund or its Unitholders incurring any liability to taxation or suffering pecuniary disadvantages which the Unit Trust, the relevant Fund or its Unitholders might not otherwise have incurred or suffered;
- (f) any Unitholder, on the basis of the circumstances of the Unitholder concerned, if it has reasonable grounds to believe that the Unitholder is engaging in any activity which might result in the Unit Trust or its Unitholders as a whole suffering any regulatory, pecuniary, legal, taxation or other material administrative disadvantage which the Unit Trust or its Unitholders as a whole might not otherwise have suffered; or
- (g) any person or persons holding Units with a value less than the Minimum Holding.

The Manager shall be entitled to give notice to such persons requiring him/her to transfer such Units to a person who is qualified or entitled to own them or submit a request for redemption. If any such person upon whom such a notice is served as aforesaid does not within 30 days after such notice transfer such Units or request the Manager to purchase such Units as aforesaid he shall be deemed forthwith upon the expiration of 30 days to have requested the Manager to purchase his Units and the Manager shall be entitled to appoint any person to sign on his/her behalf such documents as may be required for the purposes of the purchase of the said Units by the Manager.

## Conversion of Units

Unless otherwise specified in the relevant Supplement, Unitholders will be able to apply to convert on any Dealing Day all or part of their holding of Units of any Class (the “Original Class”) into Units of another Class in the same Fund or in another Fund which are being offered at that time (the “New Class”) by giving notice to the Manager in the manner set out under “Redemption of Units”. A conversion procedure is processed as a redemption from the Original Class followed by a subscription into the New Class. The general provisions and procedures relating to redemption set out under “Redemption of Units” will apply equally to conversions.

The Manager has the discretion to reject any conversion requests subject to the availability of the New Class and to the compliance with any eligibility requirements and other specific conditions of the New Class (such as minimum subscription and holding amounts). No conversion will be made if it would result in the Unitholder holding an amount of either the Original Class or the New Class of a value which is less than the Minimum Holding for the relevant Class.

The number of Units of the New Class to be issued will be calculated in accordance with the following formula:

$$N = \frac{P(R \times CF)}{S}$$

Where:

- N is the number of Units of the New Class to be allotted
- P is the number of Units of the Original Class to be converted
- R is the Net Asset Value per Unit of the Original Class applicable to redemption requests received on the relevant Dealing Day
- CF is the currency conversion factor determined by the Manager as representing the effective rate of exchange on the relevant Dealing Day between the Base Currencies of the Original Class and the New Class (where the base currencies are different)
- S is the Net Asset Value per Unit of the New Class applicable to subscription applications received on the relevant Dealing Day.

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## Transfer of Ownership of Units

Units in each Fund will be transferable by sending instruction in writing to the Manager c/o the Administrator. Such instruction should be signed by (or, in the case of a transfer by a body corporate, signed on behalf of or sealed by) the transferor provided that the transfer does not result in the transferor or the transferee holding a number of Units of a value which is less than the Minimum Holding for that Fund. The Minimum Holding requirement for a transfer may be waived at the discretion of the Directors. The Manager will not register the transfer of Units or acknowledge the fact that a transfer has been made until such time as the transferor and the transferee have completed the Account Opening Form, have provided the Manager with such evidence of their identities as the Manager may require for the purpose of complying with applicable money laundering prevention checks and the relevant documentation has been received by the Manager or its delegate. In the case of the death of one of joint Unitholders, the survivor or survivors will be the only person or persons recognised by the Manager as having any title to or interest in the Units registered in the names of such joint Unitholders. The Directors may decline any request for a transfer of Units if they are aware or reasonably believe the transfer would result in the beneficial ownership of such Units by a person in contravention of any of the following restrictions on ownership imposed by the Directors:

- (a) any person in breach of any law or requirement of any country or governmental authority or by virtue of which such person is not qualified to hold such Units;
- (b) any United States Person;
- (c) any Japanese Person;
- (d) any person who in the opinion of the Manager is engaging in repeatedly purchasing and selling Units in response to short-term market fluctuations, known as “market timing” or are otherwise excessive or potentially disruptive to the Unit Trust;

- (e) any person or persons in circumstances which, (whether directly or indirectly affecting such person or persons and whether taken alone or in conjunction with any other person or persons connected or not, or any other circumstances appearing to the Manager to be relevant) in the opinion of the Manager might result in the Unit Trust, the relevant Fund or its Unitholders incurring any liability to taxation or suffering pecuniary disadvantages which the Unit Trust, the relevant Fund or its Unitholders might not otherwise have incurred or suffered;
- (f) any Unitholder, on the basis of the circumstances of the Unitholder concerned, if it has reasonable grounds to believe that the Unitholder is engaging in any activity which might result in the Unit Trust or its Unitholders as a whole suffering any regulatory, pecuniary, legal, taxation or other material administrative disadvantage which the Unit Trust or its Unitholders as a whole might not otherwise have suffered; or
- (g) any person or persons holding Units with a value less than the Minimum Holding.

Irish Resident Unitholders other than Exempt Investors must notify the Manager in advance of any proposed transfer of Units.

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## Manager, Investment Manager, Depositary and Administrator

### Manager and AIFM

The Manager of the Unit Trust is Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited which was incorporated in Ireland on 16 July 1990 as a private limited company. The issued share capital of the Manager is £100,000, all of which has been paid up in full. The company secretary of the Manager is Matsack Trust Limited.

### Directors of the Manager

The Directors of the Manager are described below:

**James Cleary:** (resident of Ireland) Mr Cleary is the principal of Cleary Consulting, a fund consultancy practice based in Ireland, since June 2002. He worked in public practice in London and Luxembourg focusing on the financial services sector from 1986 to 1990. He has focused directly in offshore fund management since 1990 and has established and managed fund management offices in Luxembourg and Toronto for State Street Bank from February 1990 to October 1993, as Finance Director of PFPC, Dublin from October 1993 to June 1997, and as Managing Director of SEI Investments, Dublin from June 1997 to June 2002. He has been a committee member of the Irish Funds Industry Association and a member of the Alternative Investment Management Association. He has written and lectured within the industry and is a director of a number of mutual fund companies and of a number of companies operating in the Ireland's International Financial Services Centre. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Association of Certified Accountants and received an MBA (cum laude) from the University of Limerick.

**Timothy B. Schulze:** (resident of the United States) Mr Schulze is the Chief Risk Officer and Global Head of Risk Management for Barings LLC. Tim is responsible for global oversight of the firm's Enterprise Risk Management program, including the investment, counterparty and organisational risk functions. He presently sits on the Board of Directors of several of Barings' affiliated fund companies domiciled in Ireland and Luxembourg. Tim has worked in the industry since 2001. Prior to joining Barings LLC (formerly Babson Capital Management LLC) in 2003, Tim spent two years as a participant in MassMutual's Executive Development Program. Tim holds a B.A. from the University of Colorado at Boulder and an M.B.A. from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. He is a CFA® charterholder, and holds the Financial Risk Manager and Professional Risk Manager designations. He is a member of the CFA Institute, the Global Association of Risk Professionals and the Professional Risk Managers' International Association.

**Barbara Healy:** (resident of Ireland) Ms Healy is a chartered accountant by profession and has over 25 years' experience in the asset management industry. Ms Healy was Global Head of Operations for JPMorgan Hedge Fund Services incorporating the role of Executive Director and Head of Technical Solutions EMEA and Asia, (2004 – 2009). During Ms Healy's tenure assets grew from \$5Bn to \$100Bn, positioning the firm as a top-tier service provider in the hedge fund administration market. Ms Healy previously ran operations for Tranaut Fund Administration Ltd. (2002-2004) which was subsequently acquired by JPMorgan, and before this was Director of Accounting for SEI Investments Europe. Ms Healy has also worked in fund accounting positions in Banker's Trust and Chase Manhattan Bank. Since 2009 she has been serving as an independent non-executive director to Irish and Cayman domiciled investment funds and hedge funds. Ms Healy holds a Bachelor of Commerce Degree (Honours) and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Professional Accounting from University College Dublin. She is a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland and is also a member of the Institute of Directors in Ireland. Ms Healy attended the High Performance Boards Corporate Governance Programme at IMD, Lausanne, Switzerland, 2011.

**David Conway:** (resident in Ireland) Mr Conway is a company director and formerly a senior executive at Ulster Bank. He has extensive leadership experience across the investment management industry, including portfolio management, asset management, funds administration, custodial services, private client and wealth management. Mr Conway, who is Irish, held a variety of roles at Ulster Bank over a period of 26 years, most recently as Director, Ulster Bank Wealth Management Division. He is currently a Director of a number of collective investment schemes across a broad range of asset classes. Mr Conway holds an honours degree in Economics from Trinity College Dublin and is a Certified Investment Fund Director (CIFD).

**Julian Swayne:** (resident of the United Kingdom) Mr Swayne is the Chief Executive Officer of 'Barings' in Europe. He is responsible for the day-to-day general management of Barings' main UK operating entities. He previously served as the Chief Financial Officer International of 'Barings', having joined Baring Asset Management when it was formed in 1989. Mr Swayne became Finance Director in 1997 and then Chief Financial Officer International in 2016 when the new 'Barings' group was created. Prior to joining Baring Asset Management, he worked at Baring Brothers & Co. Previous to that, Mr Swayne was with London City based auditors Neville Russell. Mr Swayne holds a degree in Economics from Leicester University and qualified as a chartered accountant in 1985.

**Peter Clark:** (resident in the United Kingdom) is a Managing Director and General Counsel, European Fixed Income & Private Investments of Barings. He joined in 2007 from the London office of Latham & Watkins, where he was a senior member of the Finance Group. Peter is responsible for leading and managing the Legal Team at Barings. He is involved in analysing the legal aspects of investment opportunities, setting up new funds, engaging in workout and restructuring discussions with respect to distressed loan investments and legal oversight. He was admitted as a Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales in 1999 and as a member of the California State Bar in 2001.

**Alan Behen:** (resident in Ireland) is the Chief Executive Officer of the Manager. Alan is responsible for the day-to-day general management of Barings' Irish entities. He has over 20 years' experience in the investment industry, spanning offshore funds, asset management and fixed income markets. Prior to his appointment with Barings, Alan served as a Managing Director at State Street International Ireland Limited. Alan holds a B.A. from Columbia University.

**Paul Smyth:** (resident in Ireland) is the Chief Investment Officer of the Manager. Paul joined the Manager in March 2019 and is responsible for the oversight of the investments team and their regulatory obligations. Paul has worked in the investment management industry since 2000, and joined from Aberdeen Standard Investments, where he was a senior member of the global client team, and was also responsible for managing multi-asset mandates.

The Manager has the right under the Trust Deed to retire at any time upon the appointment of a successor as provided in the Trust Deed. They may be removed by the Depositary in certain circumstances, including where the holders of not less than 50% of the Units for the time being in issue so request.

The Trust Deed contains provisions governing the responsibilities of the Manager and providing for its indemnification in certain circumstances, subject to exclusions in the case of negligence, fraud, bad faith or wilful default and subject to the provisions of the Regulations and any conditions imposed by the Central Bank thereunder.

The Manager is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, a member of the MassMutual Financial Group. MassMutual Financial Group is a global, growth-oriented, diversified financial services organisation providing life insurance, annuities, disability income insurance, long-term care insurance, retirement planning products, structured settlement annuities, trust services, money management, and other financial products and services.

The Manager covers potential professional liability risks resulting from those activities which it carries out pursuant to the AIFM Regulations through holding additional own funds which are appropriate to cover potential liability risks arising from professional negligence as required under the AIFM Regulations.

The Manager is the AIFM of the Unit Trust and have been authorised by the Central Bank pursuant to the AIFM Regulations. The Manager is responsible, under the Trust Deed, for the general management and administration of the Unit Trust's affairs including the investment and re-investment of the Unit Trust's assets having regard to the investment objective and policies and for ensuring compliance with the AIFM Regulations.

The Manager also carries out certain risk management functions on behalf of the Unit Trust. In this regard however, the Manager has appointed the Investment Manager to carry out certain portfolio management functions on behalf of the AIFM. The Manager has delegated certain administration functions such as the preparation of accounts, executing redemption of Units, making distributions and calculating the Net Asset Value per Unit to the Administrator. However, the Manager has ultimate responsibility for management of the Unit Trust's affairs, including giving instructions to its delegates and replacing them or terminating their appointment (if needs be) and to manage the risks associated with each delegation.

The Manager will at all times have due regard to its respective duties owed to the Unit Trust and if any conflict of interest should arise the Manager will have regard to its obligations under the Trust Deed and its obligation to act in the best interests of their clients in seeking to ensure that the conflict is resolved fairly. Furthermore, the Manager is aware of its duty to act in the best interest of investors, the integrity of the market and to ensure fair treatment of investors. In this regard, the Manager has various policies and procedures in place in respect of due diligence and market malpractice.

In addition to managing the Unit Trust, the Manager also manages the following Irish domiciled funds: Barings Umbrella Fund plc, Barings Global Investment Funds plc, Barings Alpha Funds plc, Barings China A-Share Fund plc, Barings Component Funds, Barings Emerging Markets Umbrella Fund, Barings Global Opportunities Umbrella Fund, Barings Global Umbrella Fund, Barings International Umbrella Fund, Barings Investment Funds plc and Barings Korea Feeder Fund. Only Barings Global Umbrella Fund, Barings International Umbrella Fund and Barings Emerging Markets Umbrella Fund, are recognised schemes for the purpose of the FSMA.

#### **Remuneration Policy**

The Manager has a remuneration policy in place (the “Remuneration Policy”) which is designed to ensure that its remuneration practices are consistent with and promote sound and effective risk management, do not encourage risk taking and are consistent with the risk profile of the Funds. The Manager considers the Remuneration Policy to be appropriate to its size, internal operations, nature scale and complexity of the Unit Trust and in line with the risk profile, risk appetite and the strategy of the Unit Trust. The Remuneration Policy will apply to the fixed and variable (if any) remuneration received by the identified staff. The Manager is responsible for determining the categories of identified staff whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profile of the Manager and the Funds. The Directors of and those employees occupying pre-approved control functions on behalf of the Manager are currently in scope of the provisions of the Remuneration Policy.

In respect of any investment management delegates, the Manager requires that:(i) the entities to which such activities have been delegated are subject to regulatory requirements on remuneration that are equally as effective as those applicable under the ESMA Guidelines/Annex II of AIFMD; or (ii) appropriate contractual arrangements are put in place with entities to which such activities have been delegated in order to ensure that there is no circumvention of the remuneration rules set out in the ESMA Guidelines/Annex II of AIFMD.

#### **Investment Manager**

The Manager has delegated the investment management of each Fund or part thereof to the Investment Manager who are authorised and regulated by the FCA. The Investment Manager, as part of the Baring Asset Management Group, manages investment on behalf of clients, which include the pension funds of major international and national corporations, central and local government bodies, charitable foundations, investment and unit trusts and private individuals.

The Investment Management Agreement provides that the appointment of the Investment Manager may be terminated by either party giving notice in writing to the other party and provides for the orderly transfer of the Investment Manager’s responsibilities in such circumstances.

Subject to the Central Bank approval the Investment Manager may sub-delegate such investment management to other entities including group companies. The fees and expenses of any sub-investment managers appointed by the Investment Manager will be discharged by the Investment Manager. Details of any sub-investment managers appointed to a Fund will be provided to Unitholders upon request and details will also be provided in the periodic reports of the Unit Trust.

The Investment Manager may in the course of its business have conflicts of interest with the Unit Trust. The Investment Manager will, however, have regard to its obligations to act in the best interest of its clients when undertaking any investments where conflicts of interest may arise and will seek to resolve such conflicts fairly. In relation to co-investment opportunities which arise between the Funds and the Investment Manager’s other clients, the Investment Manager will ensure that the Funds participate fairly in such investment opportunities and that these are fairly allocated.

#### **Depositary**

The Depositary of the Unit Trust is Northern Trust Fiduciary Services (Ireland) Limited, a private limited company incorporated in Ireland on 5 July, 1990. The main activity of the Depositary is to act as trustee/depositary of collective investment schemes. The Depositary is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Northern Trust Corporation. Northern Trust Corporation and its subsidiaries comprise the Northern Trust Group, one of the world’s leading providers of global custody and administration services to institutional and personal investors. As at 30 June 2018, the Northern Trust Group’s assets under custody and administration totalled in excess of US\$10.7 trillion.

The duty of the Depositary is to provide safekeeping, oversight and asset verification services in respect of the assets of the Unit Trust in accordance with the provisions of the AIFM Regulations and AIFMD. The Depositary will also provide cash monitoring services in respect of the Unit Trust's cash flows and subscriptions.

The Trust Deed provides that the Depositary shall be liable to the Unit Trust and the Unitholders for loss of Financial Instruments (as defined in the Trust Deed) by the Depositary or a third party to which it has delegated its Custody Services or Asset Verification Services. The Depositary shall not be liable if it can prove that the loss has arisen as a result of an external event beyond its reasonable control, the consequences of which would have been unavoidable despite all reasonable efforts to the contrary. The Depositary shall also be liable for the Unit Trust and the Unitholders for all other losses suffered by them as a result of its negligent or intentional failure to fulfil its obligations pursuant to the AIFM Regulations.

The Depositary may hold securities through Euroclear, Clearstream or any similar clearing system and shall have full power, subject to compliance with the relevant provisions of the Trust Deed, to delegate the whole or any part of the Custody Services or the Asset Verification Services (as defined and as set out in the Trust Deed) to any person, firm or company subject to certain specific requirements set out in the Trust Deed and in accordance with the AIFMD Regulations and further provided that the liability of the Depositary will not be affected by the fact that it has entrusted to a third party some or all of the investments in its safekeeping. In this regard it is required to exercise all due skill, care and diligence in selecting and appointing a third party as a safe-keeping agent and keep exercising all due skill, care and diligence in the periodic review and ongoing monitoring of the delegate and its arrangements in respect of the tasks delegated to it in accordance with AIFMD and shall be satisfied that each third party remains suitably qualified and competent on an ongoing basis to provide the relevant services. The Depositary has delegated to its global sub-custodian, The Northern Trust Company, London branch, responsibility for the safekeeping of the Unit Trust's financial instruments and cash. The global sub-custodian proposes to further delegate these responsibilities to sub-delegates and a list of these sub-delegates is included at Appendix III. The specific conditions under which the Depositary may delegate its responsibilities and discharge its liability in accordance with AIFM Legislation are set out in the Trust Deed.

The Manager will disclose to investors before they invest in a Fund any arrangement made by the Depositary to contractually discharge itself of liability. In the event that there are any changes to Depositary liability, the Manager will inform Unitholders of such changes without delay.

The Depositary may not retire voluntarily except upon the appointment of a new depositary approved by the Central Bank, acceptable to the Manager and approved by an Extraordinary Resolution of Unitholders. However, the Depositary may, with the prior approval of the Manager and the Central Bank, retire in favour of an affiliate of the Depositary.

The Trust Deed contains provisions governing the responsibilities of the depositary and providing for its indemnification in certain circumstances, other than in circumstances where the Depositary is liable under the AIFM Regulations.

Up-to-date information on the Depositary, its duties, any conflicts that may arise, the safe-keeping functions delegated by the depositary, the list of delegates and sub-delegates and any conflicts of interest that may arise from such a delegation will be made available to Unitholders on request. The Depositary will use its reasonable endeavours to ensure that the performance of its duties will not be impaired by any conflicts of interest and that any conflicts of interest which may arise will be resolved fairly.

### **Administrator**

Under the terms of the Administration Agreement, the Manager has appointed Northern Trust International Fund Administration Services (Ireland) Limited as the Administrator of the Unit Trust. The Manager has delegated its duties as registrar to the Administrator pursuant to the Administration Agreement. The Administrator Agreement provides that the appointment of the Administrator may be terminated by any party giving not less than 24 months' notice in writing to the others. The Administrator, a company incorporated in Ireland on 15 June, 1990, the Administrator is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Northern Trust Corporation. Northern Trust Corporation and its subsidiaries comprise the Northern Trust Group, one of the world's leading providers of global custody and administration services to institutional and personal investors and specialises in the administration of investment funds.

The Administrator is not involved directly or indirectly with the business affairs, organisation, sponsorship or management of the Unit Trust and is not responsible for the preparation of this document other than the preparation of the above description and accepts no responsibility or liability for any information contained in this document except disclosures relating to it. The Administrator is not responsible for the monitoring of the compliance of the Unit Trust or any Fund's investments with any investment rules and restrictions contained in any agreement and/or this Prospectus and/or in any other service agreement(s) concluded between the Manager and its service providers unless otherwise stated.

As at the date of this Prospectus, the Administrator is not aware of any conflicts of interest in respect of its appointment as administrator to the Unit Trust. If a conflict of interest arises, the Administrator will ensure it is addressed in accordance with the Administration Agreement, applicable laws and in the best interests of the Unitholders.

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## Reports and Accounts

The Unit Trust's year end is 30 April in each year. Audited accounts and a report in relation to the Unit Trust will be produced within four months after the conclusion of each Accounting Period and unaudited semi-annual reports will also be produced within two months of the Semi-Annual Accounting Date in each year and will be hosted on the Manager's website at [www.barings.com](http://www.barings.com). Annual reports will be sent to Euronext Dublin. Copies of the latest annual and semi-annual accounts may also be obtained at the registered office of the Manager and the Investment Manager.

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## Taxation

### Ireland

The following is a summary of certain Irish tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposal of Units. The summary does not purport to be a comprehensive description of all of the Irish tax considerations that may be relevant. The summary relates only to the position of persons who are the absolute beneficial owners of Units and may not apply to certain other classes of persons.

The summary is based on Irish tax laws and the practice of the Irish Revenue Commissioners in effect on the date of this Prospectus (and is subject to any prospective or retroactive change). Potential investors in Units should consult their own advisors as to the Irish or other tax consequences of the purchase, ownership and disposal of Units.

### Taxation of the Unit Trust

The Manager intends to conduct its affairs so that the Unit Trust is Irish tax resident. On the basis that the Unit Trust is Irish tax resident, the Unit Trust qualifies as an 'investment undertaking' for Irish tax purposes and, consequently, is exempt from Irish tax on its income and gains.

The Unit Trust will be obliged to account for Irish income tax to the Irish Revenue Commissioners if Units are held by non-exempt Irish resident Unitholders (and in certain other circumstances), as described below. Explanations of the terms 'resident' and 'ordinarily resident' are set out at the end of this summary.

### Taxation of Non-Irish Unitholders

Where a Unitholder is not resident (or ordinarily resident) in Ireland for Irish tax purposes, the Unit Trust will not deduct any Irish tax in respect of the Unitholder's Units once the declaration set out in the Account Opening Form has been received by the Unit Trust confirming the Unitholder's non-resident status. The declaration may be provided by an Intermediary who holds Units on behalf of investors who are not resident (or ordinarily resident) in Ireland, provided that, to the best of the Intermediary's knowledge, the investors are not resident (or ordinarily resident) in Ireland.

If this declaration is not received by the Unit Trust, the Unit Trust will deduct Irish tax in respect of the Unitholder's Units as if the Unitholder was a non-exempt Irish resident Unitholder (see below). The Unit Trust will also deduct Irish tax if the Unit Trust has information which reasonably suggests that a Unitholder's declaration is incorrect. A Unitholder will generally have no entitlement to recover such Irish tax, unless the Unitholder is a company and holds the Units through an Irish branch and in certain other limited circumstances. The Unit Trust must be informed if a Unitholder becomes Irish tax resident.

Generally, Unitholders who are not Irish tax resident will have no other Irish tax liability with respect to their Units. However, if a Unitholder is a company which holds its Units through an Irish branch or agency, the Unitholder may be liable to Irish corporation tax in respect of profits and gains arising in respect of the Units (on a self-assessment basis).

### Taxation of exempt Irish Unitholders

Where a Unitholder is resident (or ordinarily resident) in Ireland for Irish tax purposes and falls within any of the categories listed in section 739D(6) of the Taxes Consolidation Act of Ireland ("TCA"), the Unit Trust will not deduct Irish tax in respect

of the Unitholder's Units once the declaration set out in the Account Opening Form has been received by the Unit Trust confirming the Unitholder's exempt status.

The categories listed in section 739D(6) TCA can be summarised as follows:

1. Pension schemes (within the meaning of section 774, section 784 or section 785 TCA).
2. Companies carrying on life assurance business (within the meaning of section 706 TCA).
3. Investment undertakings (within the meaning of section 739B TCA).
4. Investment limited partnerships (within the meaning of section 739J TCA).
5. Special investment schemes (within the meaning of section 737 TCA).
6. Unauthorised unit trust schemes (to which section 731(5)(a) TCA applies).
7. Charities (within the meaning of section 739D(6)(f)(i) TCA).
8. Qualifying managing companies (within the meaning of section 734(1) TCA).
9. Specified companies (within the meaning of section 734(1) TCA).
10. Qualifying fund and savings managers (within the meaning of section 739D(6)(h) TCA).
11. Personal Retirement Savings Account (PRSA) administrators (within the meaning of section 739D(6)(i) TCA).
12. Irish credit unions (within the meaning of section 2 of the Credit Union Act 1997).
13. The National Asset Management Agency.
14. the National Treasury Management Agency or a Fund Investment Vehicle (within the meaning of section 37 of the National Treasury Management Agency (Amendment) Act 2014) of which the Minister for Finance is the sole beneficial owner, or Ireland acting through the National Treasury Management Agency.
15. Qualifying companies (within the meaning of section 110 TCA).
16. Any other person resident in Ireland who is permitted (whether by legislation or by the express concession of the Irish Revenue Commissioners) to hold Units in the Unit Trust without requiring the Unit Trust to deduct or account for Irish tax.

Irish resident Unitholders who claim exempt status will be obliged to account for any Irish tax due in respect of Units on a self-assessment basis.

If this declaration is not received by the Unit Trust in respect of a Unitholder, the Unit Trust will deduct Irish tax in respect of the Unitholder's Units as if the Unitholder was a non-exempt Irish resident Unitholder (see below). A Unitholder will generally have no entitlement to recover such Irish tax, unless the Unitholder is a company within the charge to Irish corporation tax and in certain other limited circumstances.

### **Taxation of Other Irish Unitholders**

Where a Unitholder is resident (or ordinarily resident) in Ireland for Irish tax purposes and is not an 'exempt' Unitholder (see above), the Unit Trust will deduct Irish tax on distributions, redemptions and transfers and, additionally, on 'eighth anniversary' events, as described below.

### **Distributions by the Unit Trust**

If the Unit Trust pays a distribution to a non-exempt Irish resident Unitholder, the Unit Trust will deduct Irish tax from the distribution. The amount of Irish tax deducted will be:

1. 25% of the distribution, where the distributions are paid to a Unitholder who is a company which has made the appropriate declaration for the 25% rate to apply; and



2. 41% of the distribution, in all other cases.

The Unit Trust will pay this deducted tax to the Irish Revenue Commissioners.

Generally, a Unitholder will have no further Irish tax liability in respect of the distribution. However, if the Unitholder is a company for which the distribution is a trading receipt, the gross distribution (including the Irish tax deducted) will form part of its taxable income for self-assessment purposes and the Unitholder may set off the deducted tax against its corporation tax liability.

### **Redemptions and Transfers of Units**

If the Unit Trust redeems Units held by a non-exempt Irish resident Unitholder, the Unit Trust will deduct Irish tax from the redemption payment made to the Unitholder. Similarly, if such an Irish resident Unitholder transfers (by sale or otherwise) an entitlement to Units, the Unit Trust will account for Irish tax in respect of that transfer. The amount of Irish tax deducted or accounted for will be calculated by reference to the gain (if any) which has accrued to the Unitholder on the Units being redeemed or transferred and will be equal to:

1. 25% of such gain, where the Unitholder is a company which has made the appropriate declaration for the 25% rate to apply; and
2. 41% of the gain, in all other cases.

The Unit Trust will pay this deducted tax to the Irish Revenue Commissioners. In the case of a transfer of Units, to fund this Irish tax liability the Unit Trust may appropriate or cancel other Units held by the Unitholder. This may result in further Irish tax becoming due.

Generally, a Unitholder will have no further Irish tax liability in respect of the redemption or transfer. However, if the Unitholder is a company for which the redemption or transfer payment is a trading receipt, the gross payment (including the Irish tax deducted) less the cost of acquiring the Units will form part of its taxable income for self-assessment purposes and the Unitholder may set off the deducted tax against its corporation tax liability.

If Units are not denominated in Euro, a Unitholder may be liable (on a self-assessment basis) to Irish capital gains taxation on any currency gain arising on the redemption or transfer of the Units.

### **Eighth Anniversary' Events**

If a non-exempt Irish resident Unitholder does not dispose of Units within eight years of acquiring them, the Unitholder will be deemed for Irish tax purposes to have disposed of the Units on the eighth anniversary of their acquisition (and any subsequent eighth anniversary). On such deemed disposal, the Unit Trust will account for Irish tax in respect of the increase in value (if any) of those Units over that eight year period. The amount of Irish tax accounted for will be equal to:

1. 25% of such increase in value, where the Unitholder is a company which has made the appropriate declaration for the 25% rate to apply; and
2. 41% of the increase in value, in all other cases.

The Unit Trust will pay this tax to the Irish Revenue Commissioners. To fund the Irish tax liability, the Unit Trust may appropriate or cancel Units held by the Unitholder.

However, if less than 10% of the Units (by value) in the relevant Fund are held by non-exempt Irish resident Unitholders, the Unit Trust may elect not to account for Irish tax on this deemed disposal. To claim this election, the Unit Trust must:

1. confirm to the Irish Revenue Commissioners, on an annual basis, that this 10% requirement is satisfied and provide the Irish Revenue Commissioners with details of any non-exempt Irish resident Unitholders (including the value of their Units and their Irish tax reference numbers); and
2. notify any non-exempt Irish resident Unitholders that the Unit Trust is electing to claim this exemption.

If the exemption is claimed by the Unit Trust, any non-exempt Irish resident Unitholders must pay to the Irish Revenue Commissioners on a self-assessment basis the Irish tax which would otherwise have been payable by the Unit Trust on the eighth anniversary (and any subsequent eighth anniversary).

Any Irish tax paid in respect of the increase in value of Units over the eight year period may be set off on a proportionate basis against any future Irish tax which would otherwise be payable in respect of those Units and any excess may be recovered on an ultimate disposal of the Units.

### **Unit Exchanges**

Where a Unitholder exchanges Units on arm's length terms for other Units in the Unit Trust or for Units in another Fund of the Unit Trust and no payment is received by the Unitholder, the Unit Trust will not deduct Irish tax in respect of the exchange.

### **Stamp Duty**

No Irish stamp duty (or other Irish transfer tax) will apply to the issue, transfer or redemption of Units. If a Unitholder receives a distribution in specie of assets from the Unit Trust, a charge to Irish stamp duty could potentially arise.

### **Gift and Inheritance Tax**

Irish capital acquisitions tax (at a rate of 33%) can apply to gifts or inheritances of Irish situate assets or where either the person from whom the gift or inheritance is taken is Irish domiciled, resident or ordinarily resident or the person taking the gift or inheritance is Irish resident or ordinarily resident.

The Units could be treated as Irish situate assets because they have been issued by an Irish trust. However, any gift or inheritance of Units will be exempt from Irish gift or inheritance tax once:

1. the Units are comprised in the gift or inheritance both at the date of the gift or inheritance and at the 'valuation date' (as defined for Irish capital acquisitions tax purposes);
2. the person from whom the gift or inheritance is taken is neither domiciled nor ordinarily resident in Ireland at the date of the disposition; and
3. the person taking the gift or inheritance is neither domiciled nor ordinarily resident in Ireland at the date of the gift or inheritance.

### **OECD Common Reporting Standard**

The automatic exchange of information regime known as the "Common Reporting Standard" developed by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development applies in Ireland. Under this regime, the Unit Trust is required to report information to the Irish Revenue Commissioners relating to all Unitholders, including the identity, residence and tax identification number of Unitholders and details as to the amount of income and sale or redemption proceeds received by Unitholders in respect of the Units. This information may then be shared by the Irish Revenue Commissioners with tax authorities in other EU member states and other jurisdictions which implement the OECD Common Reporting Standard.

The OECD Common Reporting Standard replaces the previous European information reporting regime in respect of savings income under Directive 2003/48/EC (commonly known as the EU Savings Directive regime).

### **Meaning of Terms**

#### *Meaning of 'Residence' for Companies*

A company which has its central management and control in Ireland is tax resident in Ireland irrespective of where it is incorporated. A company which does not have its central management and control in Ireland but which was incorporated in Ireland on or after 1 January 2015 is tax resident in Ireland except where the company is regarded as not resident in Ireland under a double taxation treaty between Ireland and another country.

A company which does not have its central management and control in Ireland but which was incorporated before 1 January 2015 in Ireland is resident in Ireland except where:

1. the company (or a related company) carries on a trade in Ireland and either the company is ultimately controlled by persons resident in EU member states or in countries with which Ireland has a double tax treaty, or the company (or a related company) are quoted companies on a recognised stock exchange in the EU or in a tax treaty country; or

2. the company is regarded as not resident in Ireland under a double tax treaty between Ireland and another country.

Finally, a company that was incorporated in Ireland before 1 January 2015 will also be regarded as resident in Ireland if the company is (i) managed and controlled in a territory with which a double taxation agreement with Ireland is in force (a 'relevant territory'), and such management and control would have been sufficient, if exercised in Ireland, to make the company Irish tax resident; and (ii) the company would have been tax resident in that relevant territory under its laws had it been incorporated there; and (iii) the company would not otherwise be regarded by virtue of the law of any territory as resident in that territory for the purposes of tax.

#### *Meaning of 'Residence' for Individuals*

An individual will be regarded as being tax resident in Ireland for a calendar year if the individual:

1. spends 183 days or more in Ireland in that calendar year; or
2. has a combined presence of 280 days in Ireland, taking into account the number of days spent in Ireland in that calendar year together with the number of days spent in Ireland in the preceding year. Presence in Ireland by an individual of not more than 30 days in a calendar year will not be reckoned for the purposes of applying this 'two year' test.

An individual is treated as present in Ireland for a day if that individual is personally present in Ireland at any time during that day.

#### *Meaning of 'Ordinary Residence' for Individuals*

The term 'ordinary residence' (as distinct from 'residence') relates to a person's normal pattern of life and denotes residence in a place with some degree of continuity. An individual who has been resident in Ireland for three consecutive tax years becomes ordinarily resident with effect from the commencement of the fourth tax year. An individual who has been ordinarily resident in Ireland ceases to be ordinarily resident at the end of the third consecutive tax year in which the individual is not resident. For example, an individual who is resident and ordinarily resident in Ireland in 2017 and departs Ireland in that year will remain ordinarily resident in Ireland up to the end of the tax year in 2020.

#### **Foreign Taxes**

The Unit Trust may be liable to taxes (including withholding taxes) in countries other than Ireland on income earned and capital gains arising on its investments. The Unit Trust may not be able to benefit from a reduction in the rate of such foreign tax by virtue of the double taxation treaties between Ireland and other countries. The Unit Trust may not, therefore, be able to reclaim any foreign withholding tax suffered by it in particular countries. If this position changes and the Unit Trust obtains a repayment of foreign tax, the Net Asset Value of the Unit Trust will not be restated and the benefit will be allocated to the then-existing Unitholders rateably at the time of repayment.

#### **Compliance with US Reporting and Withholding Requirements**

Very generally, pursuant to Sections 1471-1474 of the means the US Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as modified by US Treasury Regulations, guidance from the IRS, intergovernmental agreements and implementing non-US laws and regulations, and subject to any further guidance (collectively, "FATCA"), to the extent a non-US fund makes an investment which would generate US source income, then certain US source interest, dividends, and certain other payments relating to such investment, including, in some cases, gross proceeds realized upon the sale or other disposition of such investment, made to the non-US fund will be subject to a 30% withholding tax unless, very generally, the non-US fund (i) enters into a valid agreement with the Secretary of the US Department of Treasury that obligates the non-US fund to obtain and verify certain information from its investors and comply with annual reporting requirements with respect to certain direct and indirect US investors, among other requirements, or (ii) satisfies the requirements of an applicable intergovernmental agreement (or otherwise qualifies for an exemption from the foregoing). In this respect, Ireland and the United States have entered into an intergovernmental agreement with respect to FATCA implementation (the "IGA"), under which the Unit Trust and each Fund may be required to obtain and provide to the Irish government certain information from its investors and meet certain other requirements. Ireland has also enacted regulations to introduce the provisions of the IGA into Irish law.

If the Unit Trust and each Fund comply with their obligations under the IGA and if Ireland complies with its obligations under the IGA, the Unit Trust and each Fund generally should not be subject to withholding under FATCA, although the Unit Trust or a Fund may be subject to withholding if a member of its "affiliated group" or a "related entity" fails to comply with FATCA. Withholding pursuant to FATCA may reduce returns to Unitholders.

Any information reported by the Unit Trust to the Irish Revenue Commissioners will be communicated to the US Internal Revenue Service pursuant to the IGA. It is possible that the Irish Revenue Commissioners may also communicate this information to other tax authorities pursuant to the terms of any applicable double tax treaty, intergovernmental agreement or exchange of information regime.

Any Unitholder that fails to provide a Fund with any information, documentation or certifications requested by the Fund to meet its obligations pursuant to FATCA may be subject to the 30% withholding tax with respect to the payments described above that are made to such Unitholder, and may be required to indemnify the Fund and the Unit Trust for other taxes and costs attributable to such Unitholder's failure. The Unit Trust and each Fund may disclose information provided by Unitholders to taxing authorities and other parties as necessary or appropriate to comply with FATCA or reduce withholding tax thereunder. Unitholders who fail to provide applicable information, documentation, or certifications may be subject to additional adverse consequences and may be subject to compulsory redemption from each Fund in which they have invested.

The requirements of FATCA are complex and remain unclear in certain respects and are potentially subject to material changes resulting from any future guidance. Unitholders are urged to consult their advisers about the requirements imposed on the Unit Trust, each Fund, and the Unitholders and the effect that any requirements may have on Unitholders.

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## Meetings of Unitholders

The Trust Deed contains detailed provisions for meetings of Unitholders generally and Unitholders of each particular Class. Meetings may be convened by the Depositary, the Manager or the holders of at least 10% in value of the Units in issue or the Units of the particular Class in issue, on not less than twenty-one days' notice. Notices of meetings will be sent to Unitholders or Unitholders of the particular Class. Unitholders may appoint proxies, who need not themselves be Unitholders. The quorum for a meeting to pass an Extraordinary Resolution will be Unitholders present in person or by proxy and holding or representing not less than 25% of the Units (or Units of the relevant Class) for the time being in issue or, for an adjourned meeting, Unitholders present in person or by proxy whatever their number or the number of Units held by them.

On a show of hands every Unitholder who (being an individual) is present in person or (being a corporation) is present by a representative or one of its officers as its proxy shall have one vote. On a poll every Unitholder present in person or by representative or proxy shall have one vote for every Unit for which he is registered as the holder. For so long as the Unit Trust is authorised by the Securities and Futures Commission in Hong Kong, a poll will be conducted at a meeting of Unitholders. Such voting rights may be amended in the same manner as any other provision of the Trust Deed.

An Extraordinary Resolution is a resolution proposed as such at a meeting of Unitholders at which a quorum is present and passed by a majority of 75% of the total number of votes of those present and entitled to vote in person or proxy at a duly convened meeting.

The Trust Deed provides that a resolution which, in the opinion of the Depositary, affects one Class only of Units will be duly passed if passed at a separate meeting of the Unitholders of that Class; if, in the opinion of the Depositary, the resolution affects more than one Class of Unit but does not give rise to a conflict of interests between the holders of the Units of the respective Classes, the resolution will be duly passed if passed at a single meeting of the holders of the Units of those Classes; if the resolution affects, in the opinion of the Depositary, more than one Class of Unit and gives or may give rise to a conflict of interests between the holders of Units of the respective Classes, the resolution will only be duly passed if, in lieu of being passed at a single meeting of the holders of the Units of those Classes, it is passed at separate meetings of the holders of Units of those Classes.

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## Duration of the Unit Trust

The Unit Trust will continue indefinitely until terminated in accordance with the Trust Deed either (a) by the Depositary or the Manager by giving not less than five months' notice to the other; or (b) by the Manager if the aggregate value of net assets of the Unit Trust amounts, is less than the threshold as stated in the Trust Deed or (c) by either the Manager or the Depositary at any time in certain circumstances (e.g. if any law is passed which renders it illegal or, in the opinion of the Manager or the Depositary, impracticable or inadvisable to continue the Unit Trust), or (d) by the Depositary if the Manager shall go into liquidation or if a receiver is appointed over its assets or the Manager is in the opinion of the Depositary being incapable of performing or has failed to perform its duties, or if the Unit Trust fails to be authorised pursuant to the Act, or (e) by the Depositary if within 6 months of the Depositary serving notice of retirement, the Manager has failed to appoint a new depositary, or (f) by the Manager, if the Manager (or the Manager as AIFM) have served notice of its intention to retire

and no new manager or (as the case may be, AIFM), has been appointed within 6 months, or (g) by Extraordinary Resolution of a meeting of Unitholders passed at any time.

The Manager has the power to terminate any particular Fund one year following the date of the Trust Deed or first issue of Units in that Fund or on any date thereafter if the value of the net assets of that Fund amounts at such date to less than the threshold as stated in the Trust Deed. A Fund may also be terminated by Extraordinary Resolution of a meeting of Unitholders passed at any time.

The Trust Deed provides that upon the Unit Trust being terminated the Depositary shall:

- (a) sell all investments held for the Unit Trust; and
- (b) distribute all net cash proceeds derived from the redemption of the assets of each Fund to the relevant Unitholders in proportion to their respective interests in the relevant Fund upon production of the Unit certificate (if issued) or delivery of such form of request as the Depositary may require.

The Depositary shall not be bound (except in the case of final distribution) to distribute any monies for the time being in its hands the amount of which is insufficient to pay the equivalent of US\$1.00 in respect of each Unit. In addition, the Depositary shall be entitled to retain out of any moneys in its hands as part of the property of the Unit Trust, full provision for all costs, charges, expenses, claims and demands.

Following the termination of a Fund, any unclaimed proceeds or monies which cannot be distributed to investors (e.g. where an investor has not provided the documentation required for client identification and verification purposes or where an investor cannot be traced,) will be held in an Umbrella Cash Account. Your attention is drawn to the section of the Prospectus entitled “Anti-Money Laundering and Counter Terrorist Financing Measures” – “Umbrella Cash Accounts” for a description of the Umbrella Cash Accounts and associated risks.

Any unclaimed proceeds or monies which cannot be distributed to investors following a termination will be transferred to and held in the Umbrella Cash Account from the date of termination of a Fund. Any such unclaimed termination proceeds of a Fund held in the Umbrella Cash Account may be paid into court at the expiration of 12 months from the date of Fund termination, subject to the right of Depositary to deduct therefrom any expense that it may incur in making such payment. During such period as unclaimed termination proceeds are held in the Umbrella Cash Account, Unitholders who are entitled to the relevant part of the unclaimed termination proceeds may make a claim to the Manager or the Administrator for payment of its entitlement and will be paid upon provision of all required information and/or documents as required by the Manager and/or the Administrator. Please also refer to the section headed “Umbrella Cash Accounts” in the Prospectus.

The Manager may resolve at its discretion to retain sufficient monies prior to effecting a total redemption of Units to cover the costs associated with the subsequent termination of the Unit Trust or relevant Fund.

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## General Information

The Unit Trust is not involved in any litigation nor is the Manager aware of any pending or threatened litigation.

Any investor wishing to make a complaint regarding any aspect of the Unit Trust or its operations may do so directly to the Manager or to the Investment Manager at the addresses shown under the “Directory” section.

Unitholders are entitled to participate in the Unit Trust on the basis set out in this Prospectus, as amended from time to time. Absent a direct contractual relationship between a Unitholder and a service provider to the Unit Trust, a Unitholder will generally have no direct rights against the service provider. Instead the proper plaintiff in respect of an action in respect of which a wrong doing is alleged to have been committed against the Unit Trust or Unitholders by the relevant service provider is the Manager or the Depositary as applicable.

This Prospectus is governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Republic of Ireland and the main (but not the sole) legal implication of the contractual relationship entered into for the purpose of investment in this Unit Trust is that an investor purchases Units in the Unit Trust where a Unit issued in the Unit Trust represents the beneficial ownership of one undivided share in the assets of the Unit Trust or Class (where applicable). Each Unitholder is bound by the terms of the Prospectus, the Trust Deed and the Account Opening Form executed by or on behalf of each Unitholder. The Account Opening Form is governed by Irish law and the parties thereto submit to the jurisdiction of the Irish courts. Irish law provides for the enforcement of judgments obtained in other countries subject to certain conditions having been met.

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## Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures

The Manager will vote proxies on the securities held by the Funds in accordance with the procedures of the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager has established a proxy voting policy which is overseen by the Investment Manager's proxy voting working group. The policy is designed to ensure that votes are cast in accordance with the best economic interest of the clients of the Investment Manager, such as the Unit Trust. The Investment Manager uses the services of an independent third party service provider who provides proxy analysis, information on events requiring voting and vote recommendations, and also to execute the voting decisions of the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager ordinarily votes proxies according to the independent third party service provider's proxy voting recommendations. Proxies on all proposals are voted, except in those instances when the Investment Manager, with guidance from the proxy voting working group if desired, determines that the cost of voting those proxies outweighs the economic benefit to the Investment Manager's clients.

The Investment Manager's detailed proxy voting policy is available on request from the Investment Manager.

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## Best Execution

The Manager relies on the Best Execution Policy of the Investment Manager. Best execution is the term used to describe the objective of taking all sufficient steps to obtain the best possible result for each transaction carried out by the Investment Manager on the property of the Unit Trust. In order to obtain the best possible result the Investment Manager takes into account a number of factors including price, both the explicit and implicit costs of trading, size and speed of execution and any other specific considerations relevant to that transaction.

The Investment Manager's detailed Best Execution Policy is available on request from the Investment Manager.

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## Inducements

In the course of providing portfolio management services, the Investment Manager is prohibited from accepting and retaining any fees, commission or monetary benefits, or accepting any non-monetary benefits (other than acceptable minor non-monetary benefits and research which is permitted), where these are paid or provided by any third party or a person acting on their behalf. The Investment Manager considers that:

- (a) information or documentation relating to a financial instrument or investment service, that is generic in nature or personalised to reflect the circumstances of an individual client;
- (b) written material from a third party that is commissioned and paid for by a corporate issuer or potential issuer to promote a new issuance by the issuer, or where the third party firm is contractually engaged and paid by the issuer to produce such material on an ongoing basis, provided that the relationship is clearly disclosed in the material and that the material is made available at the same time to any firms wishing to receive it, or to the general public;
- (c) participation in conferences, seminars and other training events on the benefits and features of a specific financial instrument or an investment service;
- (d) hospitality of a reasonable de minimis value, including food and drink during a business meeting or a conference, seminar or other training event specified in this paragraph;
- (e) research relating to an issue of shares, debentures, warrants or certificates representing certain securities by an issuer, which is:
  - produced prior to the issue being completed, by a person that is providing underwriting or placing services to the issuer on that issue; and
  - made available to prospective investors in the issue; and
- (f) research that is received during a trial period so that the Investment Manager may evaluate the research provider's research service in accordance with FCA rules

are regarded as acceptable minor non-monetary benefits as they are capable of enhancing the quality of the service provided by the Investment Manager to the Unitholder; of a scale and nature that it could not be judged to impair the Investment Manager's compliance with its duty to act honestly, fairly and professionally in the best interests of the Unitholder; and reasonable, proportionate and of a scale that is unlikely to influence the Investment Manager's behaviour in any way that is detrimental to the interests of the Unitholder.

If the Investment Manager receives any such fees, commissions or monetary benefits, it will transfer these for the benefit of the relevant Fund and will inform the relevant Fund within the standard reporting.

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## **Documents Available for Inspection**

Copies of the following documents may be obtained from the Manager free of charge or inspected during usual business hours on a Business Day at the registered office of the Manager and at the offices of the Investment Manager at the address set out under the “Directory” section of this Prospectus:

- (a) the Trust Deed;
- (b) the Prospectus;
- (c) Key Information Documents (available from the offices of the Investment Manager only); and
- (d) the annual and half-yearly reports relating to the Unit Trust most recently prepared and published by the Manager.

The most recently prepared annual report relating to the Unit Trust will be available to Unitholders and prospective investors at [www.barings.com](http://www.barings.com) or on request from the offices of the Manager.

### **Periodic Disclosure to Investors**

The Manager will periodically disclose, in a clear and presentable way, to investors in the Unit Trust the historical performance. The historical performance of the Unit Trust shall also be available at the registered office of the Investment Manager.

Such disclosure will be made to Unitholders as part of the periodic reporting to Unitholders and at least at the same time as the publication of the annual accounts. On occasion, the Manager may be requested to disclose information of a particular form or in a particular format to one or more investors as result of their legal, regulatory, or structural requirements. In such instances the Manager will make all reasonable efforts to ensure the same level of information is available to all investors.

The Manager or its duly appointed delegates shall periodically disclose the following to Unitholders, if relevant:

- (i) the percentage of a Fund’s assets which are subject to special arrangements arising from their illiquid nature;
- (ii) any new arrangements for managing the illiquidity of a Fund; and
- (iii) the current risk profile of a Fund and the risk management systems employed by the Manager as AIFM to manage those risks.

## Appendix I – Investment Restrictions

The Trust Deed provides that the property of the Unit Trust shall be invested only in investments permitted under the Act, and shall be subject to the restrictions and limits set out in the Act or any regulations made pursuant thereto.

In relation to any Fund that is a Money Market Fund, the following investment restrictions shall apply:

### 1. Eligible Assets

A Money Market Fund shall invest only in one or more of the following categories of financial assets and only under the conditions specified in the Money Market Fund Regulation (EU) 2017/1131 (“MMFR”):

- 1.1 Money market instruments.
- 1.2 Eligible securitisations and asset-backed commercial paper (“ABCPs”).
- 1.3 Deposits with credit institutions.
- 1.4 Financial derivative instruments.
- 1.5 Repurchase agreements that fulfil the conditions set out in Article 14 of the MMFR.
- 1.6 Reverse repurchase agreements that fulfil the conditions set out in Article 15 of the MMFR.
- 1.7 Units or shares of other Money Market Funds.

### 2. Investment Restrictions

- 2.1 A Money Market Fund shall invest no more than:
  - (i) 5% of its assets in money market instruments, securitisations and ABCPs issued by the same body;
  - (ii) 10% of its assets in deposits made with the same credit institution, unless the structure of the banking sector in the EU Member State in which the Money Market Fund is domiciled is such that there are insufficient viable credit institutions to meet that diversification requirement and it is not economically feasible for the Money Market Fund to make deposits in another EU Member State, in which case up to 15% of its assets may be deposited with the same credit institution.
- 2.2 By way of derogation from point (a) of paragraph 2.1, a VNAV MMF may invest up to 10% of its assets in money market instruments, securitisations and ABCPs issued by the same body provided that the total value of such money market instruments, securitisations and ABCPs held by the VNAV MMF in each issuing body in which it invests more than 5% of its assets does not exceed 40% of the value of its assets.
- 2.3 The aggregate of all of a Money Market Fund’s exposures to securitisations and ABCPs shall not exceed 20% of the assets of the Money Market Fund, whereby up to 15% of the assets of the Money Market Fund may be invested in securitisations and ABCPs that do not comply with the criteria for the identification of STS securitisations and ABCPs.
- 2.4 The aggregate risk exposure of a Money Market Fund to the same counterparty to OTC derivative transactions which fulfil the conditions set out in Article 13 of the MMFR shall not exceed 5% of the assets of the Money Market Fund.
- 2.5 The cash received by a Money Market Fund as part of the repurchase agreement does not exceed 10% of its assets.
- 2.6 The aggregate amount of cash provided to the same counterparty of a Money Market Fund in reverse repurchase agreements shall not exceed 15% of the assets of the Money Market Fund.
- 2.7 Notwithstanding paragraphs 2.1 and 2.4 above, a Money Market Fund shall not combine, where to do so would result in an investment of more than 15% of its assets in a single body, any of the following:
  - (i) investments in money market instruments, securitisations and ABCPs issued by that body;



- (ii) deposits made with that body;
  - (iii) OTC financial derivative instruments giving counterparty risk exposure to that body.
- 2.8 By way of derogation from the diversification requirement provided for in paragraph 2.7, where the structure of the financial market in the EU Member State in which the Money Market Fund is domiciled is such that there are insufficient viable financial institutions to meet that diversification requirement and it is not economically feasible for the Money Market Fund to use financial institutions in another EU Member State, the Money Market Fund may combine the types of investments referred to in points (a) to (c) up to a maximum investment of 20% of its assets in a single body.
- 2.9 A Money Market Fund may invest up to 100% of its assets in different money market instruments issued or guaranteed separately or jointly by the EU, the national, regional and local administrations of the EU Member States or their central banks, the European Central Bank, the European Investment Bank, the European Investment Fund, the European Stability Mechanism, the European Financial Stability Facility, a central authority or central bank of a third country, the International Monetary Fund, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Council of Europe Development Bank, the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Bank for International Settlements, or any other relevant international financial institution or organisation to which one or more EU Member States belong.
- 2.10 Paragraph 2.9 shall only apply where all of the following requirements are met:
- (i) the Money Market Fund holds money market instruments from at least six different issues by the issuer;
  - (ii) the Money Market Fund limits the investment in money market instruments from the same issue to a maximum of 30% of its assets;
  - (iii) the Money Market Fund makes express reference, in its fund rules or instruments of incorporation, to all administrations, institutions or organisations referred to in the first subparagraph that issue or guarantee separately or jointly money market instruments in which it intends to invest more than 5% of its assets;
  - (iv) the Money Market Fund includes a prominent statement in its prospectus and marketing communications drawing attention to the use of the derogation and indicating all administrations, institutions or organisations referred to in the first subparagraph that issue or guarantee separately or jointly money market instruments in which it intends to invest more than 5% of its assets.
- 2.11 Notwithstanding the individual limits laid down in paragraph 2.1, a Money Market Fund may invest no more than 10% of its assets in bonds issued by a single credit institution that has its registered office in an EU Member State and is subject by law to special public supervision designed to protect bond-holders. In particular, sums deriving from the issue of those bonds shall be invested in accordance with the law in assets which, during the whole period of validity of the bonds, are capable of covering claims attaching to the bonds and which, in the event of failure of the issuer, would be used on a priority basis for the reimbursement of the principal and payment of the accrued interest.
- 2.12 Where a Money Market Fund invests more than 5% of its assets in the bonds referred to in paragraph 2.11 issued by a single issuer, the total value of those investments shall not exceed 40% of the value of the assets of the Money Market Fund.
- 2.13 Notwithstanding the individual limits laid down in paragraph 2.1, a Money Market Fund may invest no more than 20% of its assets in bonds issued by a single credit institution where the requirements set out in point (f) of Article 10(1) or point (c) of Article 11(1) of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/61 are met, including any possible investment in assets referred to in paragraph 2.11.
- 2.14 Where a Money Market Fund invests more than 5% of its assets in the bonds referred to in paragraph 2.13 issued by a single issuer, the total value of those investments shall not exceed 60% of the value of the assets of the Money Market Fund, including any possible investment in assets referred to in paragraph 2.11, respecting the limits set out therein.
- 2.15 Companies which are included in the same group for the purposes of consolidated accounts under Directive 2013/34/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council or in accordance with recognised international accounting rules, shall be regarded as a single body for the purpose of calculating the limits referred to in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.8.

### **3. Eligible Units or Shares of Money Market Funds**

- 3.1 A Money Market Fund may acquire the units or shares of any other Money Market Fund (the “targeted MMF”) provided that all of the following conditions are fulfilled:
- (i) no more than 10% of the assets of the targeted MMF are able, according to its fund rules or instruments of incorporation, to be invested in aggregate in units or shares of other Money Market Funds;
  - (ii) the targeted MMF does not hold units or shares in the acquiring Money Market Fund.
- 3.2 A Money Market Fund whose units or shares have been acquired shall not invest in the acquiring Money Market Fund during the period in which the acquiring Money Market Fund holds units or shares in it.
- 3.3 A Money Market Fund may acquire the units or shares of other Money Market Funds, provided that no more than 5% of its assets are invested in units or shares of a single Money Market Fund.
- 3.4 A Money Market Fund may, in aggregate, invest no more than 17.5% of its assets in units or shares of other Money Market Funds.
- 3.5 Units or shares of other Money Market Funds shall be eligible for investment by a Money Market Fund provided that all of the following conditions are fulfilled:
- (i) the targeted MMF is authorised under the MMFR;
  - (ii) where the targeted MMF is managed, whether directly or under a delegation, by the same manager as that of the acquiring Money Market Fund or by any other company to which the manager of the acquiring Money Market Fund is linked by common management or control, or by a substantial direct or indirect holding, the manager of the targeted MMF, or that other company, is prohibited from charging subscription or redemption fees on account of the investment by the acquiring Money Market Fund in the units or shares of the targeted MMF;
- 3.6 Short Term Money Market Funds may only invest in units or shares of other Short Term Money Market Funds.
- 3.7 Standard Money Market Funds may invest in units or shares of Short Term Money Market Funds and Standard Money Market Funds.

The following investment restrictions shall apply unless otherwise disclosed in the relevant Supplement:

- (1) Deposits may not be made with banks or building societies unless such deposits are repayable on demand and mature in no more than six months.
- (2) Fixed rate securities and financial instruments with an unexpired maturity at the date of acquisition of more than twelve months may not be acquired or purchased.
- (3) Variable or floating rate securities whose next coupon refixing date is more than six months from the date of acquisition may not be acquired or purchased.
- (4) The weighted average maturity in respect of each portfolio will not exceed 90 days. The portfolio must not purchase an instrument with a remaining maturity of more than one year, or two years in the case of Government and other public securities.
- (5) Common stocks, preferred stocks, warrants or other equity securities may not be acquired or purchased.
- (6) No holding of any investment may be acquired on behalf of, or added to, a particular Fund if it would result in the value of the aggregate holding of investments which are not traded on a Market (as defined in the Trust Deed) exceeding 10% of the latest Net Asset Value of that Fund.

In relation to investments, a Market, in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank, is:

- (i) any stock exchange over the counter market or other securities market, located in any member state of the European Union, the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Japan, Norway, Switzerland, Australia or New Zealand;
- (ii) the Hong Kong Stock Exchange; and
- (iii) any market whose members are members of the International Capital Markets Association.

The Manager may revise this list of markets from time to time. The Central Bank does not issue a list of approved markets.

- (7) No holding of any investment may be acquired on behalf of, or added to, a particular Fund if it would result in the value of the aggregate holding of investments issued by companies (other than banks) with shareholders' funds (as at the last balance sheet date of and as evidenced in the latest published audited accounts of each such company) of less than EUR1.25 billion (or its equivalent in any other currency) exceeding 5% of the latest Net Asset Value of that Fund.
- (8) No holding of any investment may be acquired on behalf of, or added to, a particular Fund which would result in the nominal amount of the Fund's holding of any class of investment issued by any company or body exceeding 10% of the total nominal amount of all the issued investments of that class immediately after such investment has been made.
- (9) A Fund may not acquire any investment or make a deposit which would result in the aggregate value of that Fund's holding of investments issued by a single issuer and deposits held with the same issuer as deposit taker exceeding 10% of the latest Net Asset Value of that Fund.

Notwithstanding paragraph (9) above where the issuer referred to therein is an Approved Credit Institution (as defined in the Trust Deed) there shall be substituted for the figure of 10% therein the figure of 25%.

An Approved Credit Institution is defined in the Trust Deed as any financial or credit institution:

- (i) a credit institution authorised in the European Economic Area (EEA) (European Member States, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein);
- (ii) a credit institution authorised in a signatory state, other than a member state of the EEA, to the Basle Capital Convergence Agreement of July 1988;
- (iii) a credit institution authorised in Jersey, Guernsey, the Isle of Man, Australia or New Zealand; or
- (iv) a financial or credit institution is a holding company or subsidiary of the Depositary or which is a subsidiary of the Depositary's holding company.

The Trust Deed permits up to 100% of the assets of any Fund which is not a Money Market Fund to be invested in investments issued by or the payment of principal and interest on which is guaranteed by the government of any sovereign state, its constituent states, its local authorities or any public international body of which one or more sovereign states is a member provided that such investment has been approved by the Central Bank, and no more than 30% is invested in any one issue.

The Unit Trust may beneficially own any entity, including all or part of the issued share capital of any company or companies, which for fiscal or other reasons the Manager considers it necessary or desirable for the Depositary to incorporate or acquire or utilise for the purpose of holding certain of the investments contained in the Unit Trust, provided that all arrangements in connection with the formation and operation thereof shall have been approved by the Depositary; none of the limitations or restrictions referred to above shall apply to investments in, loans to or deposits with any such entity. However, the Trust Deed provides that investments held by any such entity shall be deemed to be held by the relevant Fund and therefore the restrictions referred to above will apply to such investments.

The Trust Deed does not contain any power for the Manager to enter into futures or options contracts for any purpose, including efficient portfolio management.

The Trust Deed empowers the Depositary and the Manager to amend the Trust Deed without the consent of Unitholders for the purpose of incorporating the investment powers and restrictions to apply to any further Fund as and when any such further Fund is introduced.

## Appendix II – Recognised Exchanges

With the exception of permitted investments in unlisted securities, the Unit Trust will only invest in securities traded on a stock exchange or market which meets with the regulatory criteria (regulated, operated regularly, be recognised and open to the public) and which is listed below.

For the purpose of the Unit Trust, a market shall be:

In relation to any Investment which constitutes a transferable security:

- (i) any stock exchange or derivatives exchange on which permitted financial derivative instruments may be listed or traded which is:
  - located in any Member State of the EEA; or
  - located in any of the following countries:
    - Australia
    - Canada
    - Japan
    - New Zealand
    - Norway
    - Switzerland
    - United Kingdom
    - United States of America; or
- (ii) any of the following:
  - the market organised by the International Capital Markets Association;
  - the “listed money market institutions”, as described in the Bank of England publication "The Regulation of the Wholesale Markets in Sterling, Foreign Exchange and Bullion" (as amended from time to time);
  - the market in US government securities conducted by primary dealers which are regulated by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York;
  - a market comprising dealers which are regulated by the United States National Association of Securities Dealers and the United States Securities and Exchange Commission;
  - NASDAQ in the United States; and
  - The over-the-counter market in Japan regulated by the Securities Dealers Association of Japan.
  - The over-the-counter market in the United States regulated by the National Association of Securities Dealers Inc. (also described as the over-the-counter market in the United States conducted by primary and secondary dealers regulated by the Securities and Exchanges Commission and by the National Association of Securities Dealers (and by banking institutions regulated by the US Comptroller of the Currency, the Federal Reserve System or Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation);
  - The French market for Titres de Créances Négotiables (over-the-counter market in negotiable debt instruments);
  - the over-the-counter market in Canadian Government Bonds, regulated by the Investment Dealers Association of Canada.
- (iii) All derivatives exchanges on which permitted financial derivative instruments may be listed or traded:
  - in a Member State;
  - in a Member State in the European Economic Area (European Union Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein);
  - in the United States of America, on the

- Chicago Board of Trade;
- Chicago Board Options Exchange;
- Chicago Mercantile Exchange;
- Eurex US;
- New York Futures Exchange;
- New York Board of Trade;
- New York Mercantile Exchange;
- in China, on the Shanghai Futures Exchange;
- in Hong Kong, on the Hong Kong Futures Exchange;
- in Japan, on the
  - Osaka Securities Exchange;
  - Tokyo International Financial Futures Exchange;
  - Tokyo Stock Exchange;
- in New Zealand, on the New Zealand Futures and Options Exchange;
- in Singapore, on the Singapore Commodity Exchange.

PROVIDED THAT the Depositary and the Manager shall be entitled without the sanction of an Extraordinary Resolution to modify this definition by adding to or deleting from the countries, markets and exchanges described above.

**The markets and exchanges described above are set out herein in accordance with the requirements of the Central Bank which does not issue a list of approved markets.**

## Appendix III – The Depositary’s Sub-Custodians

The Depositary has delegated those safekeeping duties set out in Article 21(8)(a) of the AIFMD to the Northern Trust Company, London branch, whom it has appointed as its global sub-custodian.

At the date of this prospectus, the Northern Trust Company, London branch, as global sub-custodian has appointed the local sub-custodians as listed below.

| <b>Jurisdiction</b>  | <b>Subcustodian</b>                                   | <b>Subcustodian Delegate</b>   |
|--|---|--|
| <b>Argentina</b>   | Citibank N.A., Buenos Aires Branch                    |  |
| <b>Australia</b>   | The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited | HSBC Bank Australia Limited  |
| <b>Austria</b>   | UniCredit Bank Austria AG                             |  |
| <b>Bangladesh</b>  | Standard Chartered Bank                               |  |
| <b>Belgium</b>   | Deutsche Bank AG                                      |  |
| <b>Bermuda</b>   | The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited | HSBC Bank Bermuda Limited  |
| <b>Bosnia and Herzegovina (Federation of Bosnia-Herzegovina)</b> | Raiffeisen Bank International AG                      | Raiffeisen Bank Bosnia DD BiH  |
| <b>Bosnia and Herzegovina (Republic of Srpska)</b>               | Raiffeisen Bank International AG                      | Raiffeisen Bank Bosnia DD BiH  |
| <b>Botswana</b>  | Standard Chartered Bank Botswana Limited              |  |
| <b>Brazil</b>  | Citibank N.A., Brazilian Branch                       | Citibank Distribuidora de Titulos e Valores Mobiliarios S.A ("DTVM") |
| <b>Bulgaria</b>  | Citibank Europe plc, Bulgaria Branch                  |  |
| <b>Canada</b>  | The Northern Trust Company, Canada                    |  |
| <b>Canada*</b>   | Royal Bank of Canada                                  |  |
| <b>Chile</b>   | Citibank N.A.   | Banco de Chile   |
| <b>China B Share</b>   | The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited | HSBC Bank (China) Company Limited                                    |
| <b>Clearstream</b>   | Clearstream Banking S.A.,                             |  |
| <b>Colombia</b>  | Cititrust Columbia S.A. Sociedad Fiduciaria           |  |
| <b>Costa Rica</b>  | Banco Nacional de Costa Rica                          |  |
| <b>Croatia</b>   | UniCredit Bank Austria AG                             | Zagrebacka Banka d.d.  |
| <b>Cyprus</b>  | Citibank Europe PLC                                   |  |
| <b>Czech Republic</b>  | UniCredit Bank Czech Republic and Slovenia, a.s.      |  |
| <b>Denmark</b>   | Nordea Bank Abp                                       |  |
| <b>Egypt</b>   | Citibank N.A., Cairo Branch                           |  |
| <b>Estonia</b>   | Swedbank AS   |  |
| <b>Eswatini (formerly Swaziland)</b>                             | Standard Bank Swaziland Ltd                           |  |
| <b>Finland</b>   | Nordea Bank Abp                                       |  |
| <b>France</b>  | The Northern Trust Company                            |  |

| <b>Jurisdiction</b>                                | <b>Subcustodian</b>   | <b>Subcustodian Delegate</b>  |
|--|---|-------------------------------|
| <b>Germany</b>                                     | Deutsche Bank AG  |                               |
| <b>Ghana</b>                                       | Standard Chartered Bank Ghana Limited                                 |                               |
| <b>Greece</b>                                      | Citibank Europe PLC   |                               |
| <b>Hong Kong</b>                                   | The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited                 |                               |
| <b>Hong Kong (Stock Connect Shanghai/Shenzhen)</b> | The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited                 |                               |
| <b>Hungary</b>                                     | UniCredit Bank Hungary Zrt.   |                               |
| <b>Iceland</b>                                     | Landsbankinn hf   |                               |
| <b>India</b>                                       | Citibank N.A.   |                               |
| <b>Indonesia</b>                                   | Standard Chartered Bank   |                               |
| <b>Ireland</b>                                     | Euroclear UK and Ireland Limited (Northern Trust self-custody)*       |                               |
| <b>Israel</b>                                      | Bank Leumi Le-Israel B.M.   |                               |
| <b>Italy</b>                                       | Deutsche Bank SpA   |                               |
| <b>Japan</b>                                       | The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited                 |                               |
| <b>Jordan</b>                                      | Standard Chartered Bank   |                               |
| <b>Kazakhstan</b>                                  | Citibank Kazakhstan JSC   |                               |
| <b>Kenya</b>                                       | Standard Chartered Bank Kenya Limited                                 |                               |
| <b>Kuwait</b>                                      | The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited                 | HSBC Bank Middle East Limited |
| <b>Latvia</b>                                      | Swedbank AS   |                               |
| <b>Lithuania</b>                                   | AB SEB bankas   |                               |
| <b>Luxembourg</b>                                  | Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V.  |                               |
| <b>Malaysia</b>                                    | The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited                 | HSBC Bank Malaysia Berhad     |
| <b>Mauritius</b>                                   | The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited                 |                               |
| <b>Mexico</b>                                      | Banco Nacional de Mexico S.A. integrante del Grupo Financiero Banamex |                               |
| <b>Morocco</b>                                     | Société Générale Marocaine de Banques                                 |                               |
| <b>Namibia</b>                                     | Standard Bank Namibia Ltd   |                               |
| <b>Netherlands</b>                                 | Deutsche Bank AG  |                               |
| <b>New Zealand</b>                                 | The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited                 |                               |
| <b>Nigeria</b>                                     | Stanbic IBTC Bank Plc   |                               |
| <b>Norway</b>                                      | Nordea Bank Abp   |                               |
| <b>Oman</b>  | The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited                 | HSBC Bank Oman S.A.O.G        |
| <b>Pakistan</b>                                    | Citibank N.A., Karachi Branch   |                               |

| <b>Jurisdiction</b>                  | <b>Subcustodian</b>  | <b>Subcustodian Delegate</b>                |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Panama</b>                        | Citibank N.A., Panama Branch                                   |   |
| <b>Peru</b>                          | Citibank del Peru S.A.   |   |
| <b>Philippines</b>                   | The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited          |   |
| <b>Poland</b>                        | Bank Polska Kasa Opieki Spółka Akcyjna,                        |   |
| <b>Portugal</b>                      | BNP Paribas Securities Services                                |   |
| <b>Qatar</b>                         | The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited          | HSBC Bank Middle East Limited               |
| <b>Romania</b>                       | Citibank Europe PLC  |   |
| <b>Russia</b>                        | AO Citibank  |   |
| <b>Saudi Arabia</b>                  | The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited          | HSBC Saudi Arabia                           |
| <b>Serbia</b>                        | UniCredit Bank Austria A.G.                                    | UniCredit Bank Serbia JSC                   |
| <b>Singapore</b>                     | DBS Bank Ltd   |   |
| <b>Slovakia</b>                      | Citibank Europe PLC  |   |
| <b>Slovenia</b>                      | UniCredit Banka Slovenija d.d.                                 |   |
| <b>South Africa</b>                  | The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited                      |   |
| <b>South Korea</b>                   | The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited          |   |
| <b>Spain</b>                         | Deutsche Bank SAE  |   |
| <b>Sri Lanka</b>                     | Standard Chartered Bank  |   |
| <b>Sweden</b>                        | Svenska Handelsbanken AB (publ)                                |   |
| <b>Switzerland</b>                   | Credit Suisse (Switzerland) Ltd                                |   |
| <b>Taiwan</b>                        | Bank of Taiwan   |   |
| <b>Tanzania</b>                      | Standard Chartered Bank (Mauritius) Limited                    | Standard Chartered Bank Tanzania Limited    |
| <b>Thailand</b>                      | Citibank N.A., Bangkok Branch                                  |   |
| <b>Tunisia</b>                       | Union Internationale De Banques                                |   |
| <b>Turkey</b>                        | Deutsche Bank AG & Deutsche Bank AS                            |   |
| <b>Uganda</b>                        | Standard Chartered Bank Uganda Limited                         |   |
| <b>United Arab Emirates (ADX)</b>    | The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited          | HSBC Bank Middle East Limited (DIFC) Branch |
| <b>United Arab Emirates (DFM)</b>    | The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited          | HSBC Bank Middle East Limited (DIFC) Branch |
| <b>United Arab Emirates (NASDAQ)</b> | The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited          | HSBC Bank Middle East Limited (DIFC) Branch |
| <b>United Kingdom</b>                | Euroclear UK and Ireland Limited (Northern Trust self-custody) |   |
| <b>United States</b>                 | The Northern Trust Company                                     |   |
| <b>Uruguay</b>                       | Banco Itau Uruguay S.A.  |   |
| <b>Vietnam</b>                       | The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited          | HSBC Bank (Vietnam) Ltd                     |



| Jurisdiction  | Subcustodian                       | Subcustodian Delegate |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Zambia</b>   | Standard Chartered Bank Zambia PLC |                       |
| <p>*The Royal Bank of Canada serves as Northern Trust's Sub-Custodian for securities not eligible for settlement in Canada's local central securities depository.</p> |                                    |                       |

## Supplement – Barings US\$ Reserve Fund

### Investment Objective and Policies

The objective of the Barings US\$ Reserve Fund is to provide as high an overall rate of return as is consistent with the preservation of capital and liquidity. In seeking to maximise the return for each such Class, the Manager will ensure that investments are made in highly liquid instruments. The Fund is classified as a Short Term Money Market Fund and is authorised and regulated as a VNAV MMF.

The policy of the Barings US\$ Reserve Fund is to invest in deposits, negotiable fixed and floating rate securities and Short Term Money Market Funds in accordance with the MMF Regulations. Fixed rate securities which may be purchased include certificates of deposit, short term bonds, notes, government securities and other Money Market Instruments provided they are redeemable or repayable within twelve months. Floating rate securities are purchased provided the coupon attaching is due to be refixed within six months of the date of purchase. The Fund will invest less than 10% of its assets in aggregate in Short Term Money Market Funds.

The Fund will maintain a weighted average maturity of 60 days or less and a weighted average life of 120 days or less. The calculation of both will take into account the impact of deposits used by the Fund.

Weighted average maturity is a measure of the average length of time to maturity of all of the underlying instruments weighted to reflect the relative holdings in each instrument, assuming that the maturity of a floating or variable rate instrument is the time remaining until the next interest rate reset date rather than the time remaining before the principal value of the instrument must be repaid, while weighted average life is the weighted average of the remaining life (maturity) of each instrument held, meaning the time until the principal is repaid in full.

The Fund will invest only in high quality Money Market Instruments, as determined by the Investment Manager. In making its determination, the Investment Manager will take into account a range of factors including, but not limited to: (i) the credit quality of the instrument and the issuer; (ii) the nature of the asset class represented by the instrument; (iii) the market, operational and counterparty risk inherent within the transaction; (iv) the type of issuer (e.g., whether governmental or corporate), and (v) the liquidity profile (and in particular the maturity of the instrument, as described below).

Where an instrument or its issuer has been rated by a recognised credit rating agency, that rating may be taken into account in determining the credit quality of an instrument. Unrated instruments may be considered to be of high quality, in the Investment Manager's discretion. In addition, where a security is supported by a guarantee or demand feature, the Investment Manager may rely on the credit quality of the guarantee or demand feature in determining the credit quality of the security.

At least 7.5% of the Fund's assets will be daily maturing and at least 15% of the Fund's assets will be weekly maturing. Money Market Instruments which can be redeemed and settled within five Business Days may be included in the weekly maturing assets, up to 7.5%.

The Manager will establish (and may vary from time to time):

- (i) a list of banks and building societies with which the Manager may place deposits for each Fund or whose certificates of deposit may be purchased for such Fund;
- (ii) guidelines establishing the criteria to be applied with regard to the quality of issuers when considering the purchase of floating rate securities; and
- (iii) subject to the investment restrictions provided for in the Trust Deed (see above) the proportion of assets comprising any Fund that may be deposited with any one bank or building society or invested in negotiable securities of any one issuer.

The Fund will not enter into stock-lending transactions, repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements.

The Fund will comply with the investment restrictions set out in Appendix I.

### Leverage

The Fund will not be leveraged and will not use derivatives.

**Available Unit Classes**

|  | <b>Class A USD Acc</b> | <b>Class A HKD Acc</b> |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Management Fee</b>                                      | 1.00%                  | 0.30%                  |
| <b>Depository fee</b>                                      | Up to 0.025%           | Up to 0.025%           |
| <b>Base Currency</b>                                       | USD                    | USD                    |
| <b>Minimum Subscription and Holding Level <sup>1</sup></b> | USD 5,000              | USD 5,000 <sup>2</sup> |
| <b>Subsequent Minimum Investment <sup>1</sup></b>          | USD 500                | USD 500 <sup>2</sup>   |

<sup>1</sup> Or such lower amount as the Manager may determine at its discretion

<sup>2</sup> HKD equivalent of the US\$ amounts specified

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