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Barings UK Unit Trusts

Introduction

These Interim Reports and Unaudited Financial Statements cover the period to 29 February 2020 and review the performance and market outlook for seven of the unit trusts managed by Baring Fund Managers Limited (“the Manager”). These comprise the Barings Dynamic Capital Growth Fund, the Barings Eastern Trust, the Barings European Growth Trust, the Barings Europe Select Trust, the Barings German Growth Trust, the Barings Japan Growth Trust and the Barings Strategic Bond Fund (“the Trusts”).

The functional and presentational currency for all the Trusts is Sterling except for the Barings German Growth Trust where the functional and presentational currency is Euros.

This is the first Interim Report and Financial Statements for these Trusts since the financial year ends were aligned to 31 August.

As the investor in one of the Trusts, your money is pooled with that of other investors in the same Trust and invested by the Manager in line with the Investment Objective of the particular trust.

The Barings Dynamic Capital Growth Fund closed on 3 December 2019, therefore the financial statements for this Trust have been produced on a basis other than Going Concern for the current period. The financial statements for the other Trusts have been produced on a Going Concern basis.

For further information about the Trusts please visit the Barings website, www.baring.com.

Funds Available in Hong Kong

Warning: In relation to the funds as set out in this interim financial report, only the following funds are authorised by the Securities and Futures Commission (“SFC”) pursuant to Section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance of Hong Kong (“SFO”) and hence may be offered to the public of Hong Kong:-

- Barings Europe Select Trust
- Barings Eastern Trust
- Barings European Growth Trust
- Barings German Growth Trust

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.

Please note that this interim financial report is a global document and therefore also contains information of the following funds which are not authorized by the SFC in Hong Kong and not available to the public in Hong Kong.

- Barings Dynamic Capital Growth Fund
- Barings Japan Growth Trust
- Barings Strategic Bond Fund

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

COVID-19

The spread of COVID-19 around the world in the first quarter of 2020 has caused significant volatility in international markets. There is significant uncertainty around the breadth and duration of business disruptions related to COVID-19, as well as its impact on the international economies and, as such, the Manager is actively monitoring the extent of the impact to its operations, financial accounting and reporting. There was no impact to these financial statements as of 29 February 2020. Please refer to the Post balance sheet events on pages 25, 35, 49, 68, 79 and 90.

Barings Dynamic Capital Growth Fund

Investment Objective and Policy

Fund Closure

Following a review of the Fund, the Directors resolved on 22 May 2019 to terminate the Barings Dynamic Capital Growth Fund and unitholders were offered a Scheme of Election to switch their holding into the Barings Multi Asset Fund. Any units which were not switched were redeemed on 3 December 2019, the closing date of the Fund and proceeds were returned to the unitholders.

Investment objective and policy

The investment objective of Barings Dynamic Capital Growth Fund (the "Fund") was to achieve capital growth by investing globally.

In order to achieve this objective, the investment objective was to invest directly and indirectly across a range of asset classes, such as equities and equity-related securities, fixed income, currencies, deposits, cash and money market instruments. Exposure might be gained indirectly to alternative investments.

In order to implement the investment policy, the Fund gained exposure through transferable securities, or collective investment schemes (including collective investment schemes managed by the Manager or an associate of the Manager). It also used derivatives including futures, options, warrants, swaps and forward contracts for efficient portfolio management and for investment purposes.

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

Performance Assessment

The Fund was not managed to a benchmark, nor did the Manager use a benchmark in assessing the Fund's performance. Investors may however refer to the information in the Morningstar's GBP Flexible Allocation Category which presents data for a range of funds (including the Fund) which are grouped according to investment style, including performance information, and which enables investors to compare information across products.

How the Fund was managed

The Fund invested in a range of asset classes and markets, which were determined by the Manager's asset allocation analysis. The Manager used the ideas generated by Barings' Strategic Policy Group and the asset allocation team chose what it believed to be the best asset classes to achieve the investment objectives of the Fund. Based on this analysis, the Manager selected the markets and individual companies that looked most attractive in its view. The Manager aimed to access a variety of asset classes in a transparent and flexible manner, and gained exposure to asset classes directly and/or indirectly, such as through the use of investment funds including index tracking and exchange traded funds.

Risk profile

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

- Changes in exchange rates between the currency of the Fund and the currencies in which the assets of the Fund are valued can have the effect of increasing or decreasing the value of the Fund and any income generated.
- The rating of a bond is subject to change. There is no guarantee that a bond issuer will pay the interest due or repay the loan, which would result in a loss of income to the Fund, along with its initial investment. Bond values are likely to fall if interest rates rise.
- Emerging market countries may have less developed regulation and face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries. This means your money is at greater risk.
- Derivative instruments can make a profit or a loss and there is no guarantee that a financial derivative contract will achieve its intended outcome. The use of derivatives can increase the amount by which the Fund's value rises and falls and could expose the Fund to losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative, as a relatively small movement may have a larger impact on derivatives than the underlying assets.
- Losses may occur if an organisation through which we buy an asset (such as a bank) fails to meet its obligations.
- 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.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full risk profile.

Barings Dynamic Capital Growth Fund

Investment Objective and Policy (continued)

The Fund at a glance on 29 February 2020

Total Fund size: 29 February 2020*	£Nil	
Total Fund size: 31 August 2019	£25.32 million	
OCF**	29/02/2020	31/08/2019
Class A GBP Acc	N/A	1.00%
Class A GBP Inc	N/A	1.00%
Class D GBP Acc***	N/A	0.55%
Class I GBP Acc	N/A	0.75%
Class I GBP Inc	N/A	0.75%
	Initial charge	Annual charge
Class A GBP Acc	up to 5.00%	0.75%
Class A GBP Inc	up to 5.00%	0.75%
Class D GBP Acc***	Nil	0.30%
Class I GBP Acc	Nil	0.50%
Class I GBP Inc	Nil	0.50%
	Minimum initial investment	Minimum subsequent investment
Class A GBP Acc	£1,000	£500
Class A GBP Inc	£1,000	£500
Class D GBP Acc***	£20,000,000	£500
Class I GBP Acc	£10,000,000	£500
Class I GBP Inc	£10,000,000	£500

* The Fund ceased trading on 3 December 2019.

** The Ongoing Charge Figure ("OCF") reflects the payments and expenses which cover aspects of operating the Fund and is deducted from the assets over the period. It includes fees paid for the investment management, trustee and general charges.

*** Class D units were only available for subscription by certain distributors who had in place a placing agency agreement or distribution agreement with the Manager or the Investment Manager or their delegates or otherwise at the discretion of the Manager.

Price per unit*	(pence per unit)
Class A GBP Acc	775.00p
Class A GBP Inc	280.90p
Class D GBP Acc	320.30p
Class I GBP Acc	783.10p
Class I GBP Inc	281.10p

* Prices as at 2 December 2019 as the Fund closed on 3 December 2019.

Fund Information

Barings Dynamic Capital Growth Fund

Fund Information (continued)

	Class I GBP Inc - Distribution units		
	29/02/2020*	31/08/2019	15/02/2019
	(p)	(p)	(p)
Change in net assets per unit			
Opening net asset value per unit	278.28	270.54	277.15
Return before operating charges	3.15	12.73	4.04
Operating charges	(0.45)	(1.13)	(2.20)
Return after operating charges	2.70	11.60	1.84
Distributions	(1.38)	(3.86)	(8.45)
Last quoted unit price	279.60	—	—
Closing net asset value per unit	—	278.28	270.54
after direct transaction costs of**	0.10	0.03	0.04
Performance			
Return after charges	0.97%	4.29%	0.66%
Other information			
Closing net asset value ('000)	£—	£10,821	£10,168
Closing number of units	—	3,888,654	3,758,589
Operating charges	0.60%	0.75%	0.79%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.01%	0.01%
Prices***			
Highest unit price	282.30	286.60	286.70
Lowest unit price	277.70	270.90	260.90

*The Fund's last trading date was 3 December 2019 and the published prices were only available for the period from 1 September 2019 to 3 December 2019.

**Direct transaction costs comprise commission and taxes, principally applicable to equity investment purchases and sales. Unitholders should note that there are other additional transaction costs such as dealing spread and underlying costs with regard to Investment Fund holdings which will also have reduced the Fund and unit class returns before operating charges.

***High/low prices included in the table above for the current accounting period are from 1 September 2019 to 29 February 2020. For previous periods, they relate to the accounting period from 16 February 2019 to 31 August 2019 and 16 February 2018 to 15 February 2019 respectively.

Barings Dynamic Capital Growth Fund

Report of the Investment Manager

Performance

During the reporting period from 1 September 2019 to 3 December 2019 the Barings Dynamic Capital Growth Fund (the "Fund") produced an absolute net return for Class I GBP Inc of -0.12% compared with a return of 2.85% for the performance comparator. The table below shows the net annualised returns for the Class I GBP Inc units until the closure of the Fund on the 3 December 2019 against the performance comparator over the same period.

	01/09/2019 to 03/12/2019	01/03/2019 to 03/12/2019	01/03/2017 to 03/12/2019	01/03/2015 to 03/12/2019
Barings Dynamic Capital Growth Fund	(0.12)	4.25	8.99	16.30
Morningstar GBP Flexible Allocation Category	2.85	6.96	11.17	19.43

* The Fund performance figures are for the period ended 3 December 2019, the last date that the Fund was priced. The comparator figures are for the period ended 31 December 2019.

Given the strong performance from equities over the fourth quarter of 2019, the Fund saw positive contributions across its equity positions. A particular highlight was our mid-cap European equity position, which also gained as mid-caps outperformed large-caps. UK and US equities exposure also helped performance.

We spent much of 2019 talking to clients about our conviction in the economically sensitive fixed income portions of the portfolio. These are fixed income positions including high yield bonds (US and European) and Emerging Market hard currency debt and it was heartening to see positive returns here – particularly when conventional government bonds were selling off. Income as well as spreads tightening both 'worked' which offset any losses from an increase in the underlying government bond yields. The exception is for Emerging Market local currency debt, where the strength of sterling was detrimental to these positions.

Specialist investments are a small position in the Fund. Our positions here are focused in a range of vehicles including listed private equity, and catastrophic bonds. This has been one of the largest detractors from returns over the reporting period and performance was impacted the most during the fourth quarter of 2019 as some of these positions experienced negative company specific news. However, Specialist Investments have been accretive to the performance over a longer period.

Market outlook

The continuous spread of the Coronavirus and the potential human and economic impact, both in terms of size and duration of impact, is an unknown, and the development of economic conditions will determine how the key drivers of risky asset classes will evolve. As the Coronavirus outbreak develops, it brings with it revived fears of a global growth slowdown. There has already been an impact on travel, businesses and supply chains. Companies have been cancelling events globally, are advising for only essential business travel and are encouraging the use of video and audio conferencing as an alternative to face to face meetings. An air of caution naturally remains given the likelihood of greater economic disruption as the number of infected cases rise and more restrictions are imposed on people and businesses. Governments around the world have confirmed that they will provide stimulus to boost economic activity. There may be some rallies in markets on news of slowing infection rates or news of a medical/treatment breakthrough but the uncertainty will prevail. We will be looking to reduce risk asset exposure and add to areas such as emerging market debt and types like high yield. In these type of markets, we stand by our process and principles and continue to monitor the situation as it develops.

Please note the Fund closed on 3 December 2019.

Clients of the Fund received a notification on the 10th of September 2019 regarding the Fund liquidation with the option to 'switch' to hold new shares in the Barings Multi Asset Fund (Elected Fund) upon Fund liquidation. The Fund liquidation and the "switch" took place on the 3rd of December 2019. This was not a merger.

Baring Asset Management Limited

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

Barings Dynamic Capital Growth Fund

Directors' Statement

The financial statements on pages 12 to 13 were approved by Baring Fund Managers Limited (the "Manager") and signed on its behalf by:

E. BROWNING Director

J. SWAYNE Director

London 22 April 2020

Barings Dynamic Capital Growth Fund

Portfolio statement

as at 29 February 2020

Holdings	Investments	Percentage	
		Bid-Market value (£)	of total net assets (%)
	Bonds : 0.00% (30.26%)		
	Brazil : 0.00% (0.76%)		
	Greece : 0.00% (0.64%)		
	Hungary : 0.00% (4.44%)		
	Italy : 0.00% (1.03%)		
	Mexico : 0.00% (1.69%)		
	Poland : 0.00% (1.58%)		
	United Kingdom : 0.00% (14.79%)		
	United States : 0.00% (5.33%)		
	Equities : 0.00% (11.80%)		
	Australia : 0.00% (0.07%)		
	Belgium : 0.00% (0.13%)		
	France : 0.00% (0.62%)		
	Germany : 0.00% (2.42%)		
	Guernsey : 0.00% (1.14%)		
	Republic of South Korea : 0.00% (0.31%)		
	United Kingdom : 0.00% (7.00%)		
	United States : 0.00% (0.11%)		
	Exchange Traded Funds : 0.00% (37.03%)		
	Ireland : 0.00% (31.13%)		
	Luxembourg : 0.00% (5.90%)		
	Investment Funds : 0.00% (19.26%)		
	Ireland : 0.00% (9.52%)		
	United Kingdom : 0.00% (9.74%)		
	Credit Default Swaps : 0.00% (0.32%)		
	Futures Contracts : 0.00% (-0.01%)		
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Barings Dynamic Capital Growth Fund**Portfolio statement (continued)**as at 29 February 2020

Holdings	Investments	Percentage	
		Bid-Market value (£)	of total net assets (%)
	Forward Currency Contracts : 0.00% (-0.54%)	—	—
	Portfolio of investments: 0.00% (98.12%)	—	—
	Net other liabilities	—	100.00
	Net assets	—	100.00

Note: No securities were held by the Fund as it ceased trading on 3 December 2019.

Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 August 2019.

Barings Dynamic Capital Growth Fund

Statement of total return and Statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders

for the period ended 29 February 2020

	01/09/2019 to 29/02/2020*		16/02/2018 to 15/08/2018**	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital gains		127		28
Revenue	161		593	
Expenses	(45)		(121)	
Interest payable and other similar charges	—		(8)	
Net revenue before taxation	116		464	
Taxation	(9)		(5)	
Net revenue after taxation		107		459
Total return before distributions		234		487
Distributions		(111)		(369)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		123		118
	01/09/2019 to 29/02/2020*		16/02/2018 to 15/08/2018**	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders***		25,315		29,587
Amounts receivable on issue of units	128		188	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(25,582)		(2,501)	
		(25,454)		(2,313)
Dilution adjustment		—		2
Changes in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		123		118
Retained distribution on accumulation units		12		58
Unclaimed distributions		4		4
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		—		27,456

* The accounting interim period date was changed from 15 August to 29 February.

** The accounting year end date was changed from 15 February to 31 August.

*** The opening net assets attributable to unitholders for 29 February 2020 differs to the closing position in 15 August 2018 by the movement between the two interim periods of the Fund.

Barings Dynamic Capital Growth Fund

Balance sheet

as at 29 February 2020

	29/02/2020* £'000	31/08/2019** £'000
Assets		
Current assets:		
Investment assets	–	25,042
Debtors	2	116
Cash and bank balances	16	724
Total assets	18	25,882
Liabilities		
Creditors:		
Investment liabilities	–	(203)
Distribution payable on income units	–	(279)
Other creditors	(18)	(85)
Total liabilities	(18)	(567)
Net assets attributable to unitholders	–	25,315

* The accounting interim period date was changed from 15 August to 29 February.

** The accounting year end date was changed from 15 February to 31 August.

Note to the financial statements

for the period ended 29 February 2020

The interim financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as the annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2019. They are in accordance with the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 (the "IMA SORP 2014"). The financial statements have been prepared on a basis other than going concern following the Directors' resolution on 22 May 2019 to terminate the Barings Dynamic Capital Growth Fund (the "Fund"). Any additional costs in relation to the termination will be borne by the Manager.

In applying this basis of preparation, the assets and liabilities of the Fund continue to be stated at their fair values, which materially equate to their realisable values and fixed assets and long-term liabilities are reclassified as current assets and liabilities.

Barings Dynamic Capital Growth Fund

Distribution Tables

Group 1: Units purchased prior to 1 September 2019*

Group 2: Units purchased between 1 September 2019 and 29 February 2020

Interim accumulation - Class A GBP Acc (in pence per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation	2020 Accumulation Paid	2018 Accumulation Paid
1	3.4567	0.000	3.4567	3.5354
2	2.6559	0.8008	3.4567	3.5354

Interim distribution - Class A GBP Inc (in pence per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation	2020 Distribution Paid	2018 Distribution Paid
1	1.1988	0.000	1.1988	9.3647
2	0.7280	0.4708	1.1988	9.3647

Interim accumulation - Class D GBP Acc (in pence per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation	2020 Accumulation Paid	2018 Accumulation Paid
1	1.7416	0.0000	1.7416	4.7619
2	1,7416	0.0000	1.7416	4.7619

Interim accumulation - Class I GBP Acc (in pence per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation	2020 Accumulation Paid	2018 Accumulation Paid
1	3.9389	0.0000	3.9389	10.1770
2	1.7810	2.1579	3.9389	10.1770

Interim distribution - Class I GBP Inc (in pence per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation	2020 Distribution Paid	2018 Distribution Paid
1	1.3826	0.0000	1.3826	3.8174
2	0.6034	0.7792	1.3826	3.8174

* The accounting year end date was changed from 15 February to 31 August. As a result, during the period from 16 February 2019 to 31 August 2019, there was no interim distribution compared with one interim distribution in prior accounting year from 16 February 2018 to 15 February 2019.

Barings Eastern Trust

Investment Objective and Policy

The investment objective of Barings Eastern Trust (the “Trust”) is to achieve capital growth by investing in the Asia Pacific region excluding Japan.

The Trust will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its total assets directly and indirectly in equities and equity-related securities of companies incorporated in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in the Asia Pacific region excluding Japan, or quoted or traded on the stock exchanges in those countries, including developed and emerging markets.

For the remainder of its total assets, the Trust may invest directly and indirectly in equities and equity related securities of companies outside of the Asia Pacific region excluding Japan, as well as in fixed income and cash.

In order to implement the investment policy the Trust may gain indirect exposure through American depositary receipts, global depositary receipts and other equity related securities including participation notes, structured notes, equity-linked notes and debt securities convertible into equities. The Trust may also obtain indirect exposure through investments in collective investment schemes (including collective investment schemes managed by the Manager or an associate of the Manager) and other transferable securities. It may also use derivatives including futures, options, swaps, warrants and forward contracts for efficient portfolio management (including hedging).

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

Performance Comparator

The Trust is not managed to a benchmark, however the Manager uses the MSCI AC Asia ex Japan (Total Gross Return) Index to assess the Trust’s performance.

The Manager considers the performance comparator to be an appropriate assessment tool because it tracks the performance of large and medium sized companies from developed and emerging Asian countries.

How the Trust is managed

The Trust is invested in the Asian equity markets, using a “bottom-up” investment approach. This means that the Manager focuses more on the individual merits of a specific company, rather than taking a stance on the outcome of a sector of the market or macroeconomic trends such as interest rate rises. Within this, the Trust is managed using a Growth at a Reasonable Price (“GARP”) approach. This means that when researching candidates for the portfolio, just as much emphasis is placed on the likely growth in corporate earnings at a company as is placed on the unit price valuation before deciding whether to invest or not. Our approach also emphasises quality criteria when looking at companies. In particular, we believe that structured fundamental research and a disciplined investment process combining quality, growth and upside disciplines can allow us to identify attractively priced, long-term growth companies which will outperform the market.

Risk profile

Please see detailed below the key risks applicable to the Trust:

- Changes in exchange rates between the currency of the Trust and the currencies in which the assets of the Trust are valued can have the effect of increasing or decreasing the value of the Trust and any income generated.
- Emerging markets or less developed countries may face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries. Coupled with less developed regulation, this means your money is at greater risk.
- Regional Trusts have a narrower focus than those which invest broadly across markets and are therefore considered to be more risky.
- Derivative instruments can make a profit or a loss and there is no guarantee that a financial derivative contract will achieve its intended outcome. The use of derivatives can increase the amount by which the Trust’s value rises and falls and could expose the Trust to losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative as a relatively small movement may have a larger impact on derivatives than the underlying assets.
- Losses may occur if an organisation through which we buy an asset (such as a bank) fails to meet its obligations.
- 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.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full risk profile.

Barings Eastern Trust
Investment Objective and Policy (continued)

The Trust at a glance on 29 February 2020

Total Trust size: 29 February 2020	£101.43 million	
Total Trust size: 31 August 2019	£109.48 million	
OCF*	29/02/2020	31/08/2019
Class A GBP Acc	1.71%	1.71%
Class A GBP Inc	1.71%	1.71%
Class A USD Acc	1.71%	1.71%
Class D GBP Inc	0.80%	0.81%
Class I GBP Acc	0.95%	0.96%
Class I GBP Inc	0.95%	0.96%
	Initial charge	Annual charge
Class A GBP Acc	up to 5.00%	1.50%
Class A GBP Inc	up to 5.00%	1.50%
Class A USD Acc	up to 5.00%	1.50%
Class D GBP Inc	Nil	0.60%
Class I GBP Acc	Nil	0.75%
Class I GBP Inc	Nil	0.75%
	Minimum initial investment	Minimum initial investment
Class A GBP Acc	£1,000	£500
Class A GBP Inc	£1,000	£500
Class A USD Acc	US\$5,000	US\$2,500
Class D GBP Inc	£30,000,000	£500
Class I GBP Acc	£10,000,000	£500
Class I GBP Inc	£10,000,000	£500

* The Ongoing Charge Figure ("OCF") reflects the payments and expenses which cover aspects of operating the Trust and is deducted from the assets over the year. It includes fees paid for investment management, trustee and general charges.

Price per unit	(pence/cents per unit)
Class A GBP Acc	1,049.00p
Class A GBP Inc	1,021.00p
Class A USD Acc	1,347.00c
Class D GBP Inc	1,050.00p
Class I GBP Acc	1,093.00p
Class I GBP Inc	1,049.00p

Barings Eastern Trust

Trust Information

	Class A GBP Acc - Accumulation units			Class A GBP Inc - Distribution units		
	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	28/02/2018	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	28/02/2018
	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Change in net assets per unit						
Opening net asset value per unit	1,058.69	1,126.01	848.26	1,030.11	1,105.08	832.39
Return before operating charges	(2.12)	(40.89)	295.06	(1.98)	(40.03)	289.92
Operating charges	(9.24)	(26.43)	(17.31)	(8.99)	(26.01)	(17.23)
Return after operating charges*	(11.36)	(67.32)	277.75	(10.97)	(66.04)	272.69
Distributions	–	(8.78)	–	–	(8.93)	–
Retained distributions on accumulation units	–	8.78	–	–	–	–
Closing net asset value per unit after direct transaction costs of**	1,047.33	1,058.69	1,126.01	1,019.14	1,030.11	1,105.08
	0.73	4.02	2.92	0.71	3.95	2.90
Performance						
Return after charges	(1.07)%	(5.98)%	32.74%	(1.06)%	(5.98)%	32.76%
Other information						
Closing net asset value ('000)	£27,478	£31,718	£50,925	£76	£84	£171
Closing number of units	2,623,608	2,995,955	4,522,645	7,440	8,158	15,450
Operating charges	1.71%	1.71%	1.70%	1.71%	1.71%	1.70%
Direct transaction costs	0.07%	0.39%	0.29%	0.07%	0.39%	0.29%
Prices***						
Highest unit price	1,166.00	1,145.00	1,165.00	1,166.00	1,150.00	1,143.00
Lowest unit price	1,038.00	889.70	856.80	1,036.00	899.00	840.70

	Class A USD Acc - Accumulation units			Class D GBP Inc - Distribution units		
	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	28/02/2018	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	28/02/2018
	(c)	(c)	(c)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Change in net assets per unit						
Opening net asset value per unit	1,285.89	1,557.90	1,055.43	1,055.20	1,131.18	849.42
Return before operating charges	71.56	(246.24)	527.39	(2.05)	(40.07)	298.12
Operating charges	(11.88)	(25.77)	(24.92)	(4.32)	(12.61)	(8.64)
Return after operating charges*	59.68	(272.01)	502.47	(6.37)	(52.68)	289.48
Distributions	–	(8.09)	–	–	(23.30)	(7.72)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	–	8.09	–	–	–	–
Closing net asset value per unit after direct transaction costs of**	1,345.57	1,285.89	1,557.90	1,048.83	1,055.20	1,131.18
	0.93	3.92	4.20	0.73	4.04	3.13
Performance						
Return after charges	4.64%	(17.46)%	47.61%	(0.60)%	(4.66)%	34.08%
Other information						
Closing net asset value ('000)	\$261	\$313	\$2,495	£24,630	£23,531	£14,079
Closing number of units	19,403	24,351	160,157	2,348,310	2,229,980	1,244,606
Operating charges	1.71%	1.71%	1.70%	0.80%	0.81%	0.79%
Direct transaction costs	0.07%	0.39%	0.29%	0.07%	0.39%	0.29%
Prices***						
Highest unit price	1,512.00	1,139.57	1,627.00	1,165.36	1,149.99	1,177.00
Lowest unit price	1,277.00	888.47	1,050.00	1,035.41	898.95	858.00

*Operating charges were presented in pounds for the year ended 28 February 2018. These were revised to show as pence and returns before operating charges have been changed.

**Direct transaction costs comprise commission and taxes, principally applicable to equity investment purchases and sales. Unitholders should note that there are other additional transaction costs such as dealing spread and underlying costs with regard to Investment Fund holdings which will also have reduced the Trust and unit class returns before operating charges.

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Trust Information (continued)

	Class I GBP Acc - Accumulation units			Class I GBP Inc - Distribution units		
	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	28/02/2018	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	28/02/2018
	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Change in net assets per unit						
Opening net asset value per unit	1,099.27	1,155.83	863.92	1,054.23	1,130.59	849.44
Return before operating charges	(2.24)	(41.29)	301.97	(2.10)	(40.51)	297.12
Operating charges	(5.34)	(15.27)	(10.06)	(5.13)	(14.94)	(9.94)
Return after operating charges*	(7.58)	(56.56)	291.91	(7.23)	(55.45)	287.18
Distributions	–	(21.53)	(6.12)	–	(20.91)	(6.03)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	–	21.53	6.12	–	–	–
Closing net asset value per unit	1,091.69	1,099.27	1,155.83	1,047.00	1,054.23	1,130.59
after direct transaction costs of**	0.75	4.13	3.04	0.72	4.04	3.00
Performance						
Return after charges	(0.69)%	(4.89)%	33.79%	(0.69)%	(4.90)%	33.81%
Other information						
Closing net asset value ('000)	£30,636	£34,037	£38,475	£18,406	£19,853	£26,086
Closing number of units	2,806,287	3,096,298	3,328,795	1,757,947	1,883,219	2,307,300
Operating charges	0.95%	0.96%	0.95%	0.95%	0.96%	0.95%
Direct transaction costs	0.07%	0.39%	0.29%	0.07%	0.39%	0.29%
Prices***						
Highest unit price	1,214.00	1,175.00	1,195.00	1,164.00	1,150.00	1,175.00
Lowest unit price	1,079.00	917.80	872.70	1,035.00	897.60	858.00

*Operating charges were presented in pounds for the year ended 28 February 2018. These were revised to show as pence and returns before operating charges have been changed.

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Report of the Investment Manager

Performance

During the reporting period from 1 September 2019 to 29 February 2020 the Barings Eastern Trust ("the Trust") produced an absolute net return for Class A GBP Acc of -1.04% compared with a return of 0.65% for the performance comparator. The table below shows the 6 month, 1 year, 3 year and 5 year absolute net return for the Class A GBP Acc units against the performance comparator.

	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
Barings Eastern Trust	(1.04)	7.52	23.53	53.99
MSCI AC Asia ex Japan (Total Gross Return) Index	0.65	4.55	19.09	49.78

During the time period under review, the Trust edged slightly lower and underperformed the performance comparator. Performance was challenged as we faced the Coronavirus pandemic. Holdings in the consumer discretionary sector have been impacted due to demand shock from the outbreak of Coronavirus. Notable detractors include our positions in Philippines-based AllHome, as the share price came under pressure on concerns over potential disruptions to its inventory sourcing, while the widespread Coronavirus also further weakened consumer sentiment. Thailand's CP ALL was another notable drag to relative performance, largely due to softened sales growth in the fourth quarter of 2019 as well as management's conservative guidance of the company for 2020 in light of the virus epidemic.

On the positive side, selective names in the information technology sector contributed to relative performance. Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. (TSMC) was a key contributor to relative performance in light of positive expectations on the company's earnings of the fourth quarter of 2019 alongside strong demand on 5G and smartphones in 2020. Chinese conglomerate Tencent also added value to the Trust, thanks to resilient user growth of the company's mobile games during Chinese New Year as reported, while positive outlook on the development of its Fintech business also serves as another growth driver and supported the share price.

In terms of positioning and key trade activities, we maintain our positive bias towards information technology and increased exposure through names that are more resilient in the current market disposition such as SK Hynix and Samsung Electronics, while exited positions in Ramco Cements due to near-term economic slowdown pressure on construction needs.

The top ten purchases and sales during the period were as follows:

Purchases	Costs £'000	Sales	Proceeds £'000
TAL Education Group	1,443	ICICI Prudential Life Insurance India	1,561
MediaTek	1,176	Infosys	1,387
SK Hynix	1,131	Shinhan Financial	1,230
AllHome	1,126	Ramco Cements	1,107
SBI Life Insurance	1,018	CapitaLand Commercial Trust	1,103
Kakao	953	Hong Kong Exchange	1,092
Meituan Dianping	768	Lenovo	1,060
Samsung Electronics	647	Hiwin Technologies	953
Alibaba Group	604	China Construction Bank	892
Hindustan Unilever	529	POSCO	889

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Report of the Investment Manager (continued)

Market outlook

We believe markets will endure bouts of volatility in the near-term as the Coronavirus epidemic continues in a dynamic fashion. While the world is grappling with the pandemic, disintegration of OPEC plus alliance in early March brought oil shock as the second blow to global sentiment. Logically speaking, Asia is net importer of crude oil and hence should benefit eventually if oil price stays low, but initial negative response is unavoidable. What we see is that technical factors have taken over fundamentals and clearly for long term investors this is a once in a decade opportunity. No one can clearly tell when the peak of the crisis will be reached, but substantial damage is already reflected in asset prices. We recognise that shapes of the global and Asian growth will be very different and recovery may not be very swift this time. We have been risk managing our positions and looking for quality opportunities with attractive fundamentals that have been over-sold due to the virus scare or weakened the first quarter of 2020 earnings expectation.

We continue to remain disciplined and anchored by our bottom-up investment process, as we believe in the attractive long-term fundamentals of the region despite near term growth concerns. We are using this opportunity to further strengthen our portfolio with superior franchises. We remain positive on the key growth themes embedded in the Trust, including changing and emerging consumption patterns in Asia, beneficiaries of the next secular growth areas in technology, and the rise of Asian brands in a global landscape.

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

Baring Asset Management Limited

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

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Directors' Statement

The financial statements on pages 24 to 25 were approved by Baring Fund Managers Limited (the "Manager") and signed on its behalf by:

E. BROWNING Director

J. SWAYNE Director

London 22 April 2020

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Portfolio statement

as at 29 February 2020

Holdings	Investments	Bid-Market value (£)	Percentage of total net assets (%)
	Investment Funds: 1.60% (1.84%)		
94,500	Barings China A-Share Fund	1,623,510	1.60
	Equities: 98.12% (98.02%)		
	China: 42.73% (39.75%)		
503,256	Alibaba Group	10,025,367	9.88
4,982,000	China Construction Bank	3,126,264	3.08
264,700	China Fortune Land Development	690,681	0.68
776,000	China Resources Cement	757,476	0.75
382,000	China Resources Land	1,365,964	1.35
6,552,000	China Tower	1,233,437	1.22
1,140,000	CNOOC	1,210,440	1.19
21,804	Kweichow Moutai	2,558,979	2.52
824,000	Li Ning	1,682,528	1.66
73,600	Meituan Dianping	724,663	0.71
386,500	Ping An Insurance Group of China	3,333,871	3.29
2,200	Poly Property Development	14,474	0.01
1,106,000	Shenzhen Expressway	1,037,737	1.02
191,000	Shenzhou	1,820,651	1.80
305,500	Shimao Property	847,457	0.84
288,100	STO Express	598,832	0.59
87,000	Sunny Optical Technology	1,050,275	1.04
41,775	TAL Education Group	1,788,782	1.76
246,400	Tencent	9,473,476	9.34
		43,341,354	42.73
	Hong Kong: 9.61% (11.73%)		
540,000	AIA	4,130,821	4.07
273,000	Galaxy Entertainment	1,397,678	1.38
51,600	Hong Kong Exchange	1,310,603	1.29
185,500	Link REIT	1,334,020	1.32
143,000	Sun Hung Kai Properties	1,576,758	1.55
		9,749,880	9.61
	India: 10.76% (13.00%)		
200,983	HDFC Bank	2,546,711	2.51
24,102	Hindustan Unilever	565,177	0.56
674,040	Indian Hotels	978,801	0.97
133,664	Larsen & Toubro	1,712,456	1.69
81,340	PI Industries	1,315,475	1.30
199,257	Reliance Industries	2,844,196	2.80
99,494	SBI Life Insurance	947,784	0.93
		10,910,600	10.76
	Indonesia: 2.08% (2.92%)		
6,124,700	Ace Hardware Indonesia	493,755	0.49
7,137,300	Bank Rakyat Indonesia Persero	1,610,314	1.59
		2,104,069	2.08

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Portfolio statement (continued)
as at 29 February 2020

		Percentage Bid-Market of total net value assets (£) (%)	
Holdings	Investments		
	Equities: 98.12% (98.02%) (continued)		
	Malaysia: 1.19% (0.74%)		
1,064,600	Hartalega	1,209,736	1.19
	Philippines: 1.77% (1.76%)		
6,237,700	AllHome	891,968	0.88
89,040	Ayala	897,641	0.89
		1,789,609	1.77
	Singapore: 0.96% (2.12%)		
72,800	DBS	976,092	0.96
	South Korea: 12.30% (10.22%)		
8,706	Hyundai Mobis	1,168,576	1.15
5,460	Kakao	598,516	0.59
1,672	LG Household & Health Care	1,303,813	1.29
244,225	Samsung Electronics	8,460,744	8.34
16,865	SK Hynix	947,533	0.93
		12,479,182	12.30
	Taiwan: 12.93% (10.42%)		
643,296	Chailease	1,896,604	1.87
112,000	MediaTek	1,033,686	1.02
1,113,000	Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing	9,016,754	8.89
343,000	Taiwan Union Technology	1,169,536	1.15
		13,116,580	12.93
	Thailand: 3.14% (3.90%)		
1,390,900	Bangkok Dusit Medical Services	756,200	0.75
827,100	CP ALL	1,337,834	1.32
31,147	Sea	1,089,734	1.07
		3,183,768	3.14
	Vietnam: 0.65% (1.46%)		
381,900	Airports Corp of Vietnam	654,378	0.65
	Portfolio of investments: 99.72% (99.86%)	101,138,758	99.72
	Net other assets	288,913	0.28
	Net assets	101,427,671	100.00

Note: Securities shown on the portfolio statement are ordinary shares admitted to official stock exchange listings or traded on a regulated market, unless otherwise stated.

Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 August 2019.

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Statement of total return and Statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders

for the period ended 29 February 2020

	01/09/2019 to 29/02/2020*		01/03/2018 to 31/08/2018**	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital losses		(345)		(12,782)
Revenue	684		2,292	
Expenses	(856)		(850)	
Net (expense)/revenue before taxation	(172)		1,142	
Taxation	(93)		(513)	
Net (expense)/revenue after taxation		(265)		929
Total return before equalisation		(610)		(11,853)
Equalisation		(5)		68
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		(615)		(11,785)
	01/09/2019 to 29/02/2020*		01/03/2018 to 31/08/2018**	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders***		109,480		131,539
Amounts receivable on issue of units	9,177		62,864	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(16,614)		(40,627)	
		(7,437)		22,237
Dilution adjustment		–		17
Changes in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		(615)		(11,785)
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		101,428		142,008

* The accounting interim period date was changed from 31 August to 29 February.

** The accounting year end date was changed from 28 February to 31 August.

*** The opening net assets attributable to unitholders for 29 February 2020 differs to the closing position in 31 August 2018 by the movement between the two interim periods of the Trust.

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Balance sheet
as at 29 February 2020

	29/02/2020* £'000	31/08/2019** £'000
Assets		
Investment assets	101,139	109,325
Current assets:		
Debtors	507	807
Cash and bank balances	650	1,351
Total assets	<u>102,296</u>	<u>111,483</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors:		
Bank overdrafts	(14)	–
Distribution payable on income units	–	(914)
Other creditors	(854)	(1,089)
Total liabilities	<u>(868)</u>	<u>(2,003)</u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders	<u><u>101,428</u></u>	<u><u>109,480</u></u>

* The accounting interim period date was changed from 31 August to 29 February.

** The accounting year end date was changed from 28 February to 31 August.

Note to the financial statements
for the period ended 29 February 2020

The interim financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as the annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2019. They are in accordance with the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 (the “IMA SORP 2014”). The financial statements have been prepared on a going-concern basis.

Post balance sheet events

Subsequent to the period end, the price per unit of the A GBP Accumulation class has decreased from 1,049.00p to 1,046.00p as at 17 April 2020. This movement takes into account routine transactions but also reflects the market movements including the impact on the financial markets from the increasing fears over the spread of Coronavirus. The Manager continues to monitor investment performance in line with investment objectives.

Barings European Growth Trust

Investment Objective and Policy

The investment objective of Barings European Growth Trust (the “Trust”) is to achieve capital growth by investing in Europe excluding the United Kingdom.

The Trust will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its total assets directly and indirectly in equities and equity-related securities of companies incorporated in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in Europe excluding the United Kingdom, or quoted or traded on the stock exchanges in Europe excluding the United Kingdom.

For the remainder of its total assets, the Trust may invest directly and indirectly in equities and equity-related securities outside of Europe (including in the United Kingdom) as well as in fixed income and cash.

In order to implement the investment policy, the Trust may gain indirect exposure through American depositary receipts, global depositary receipts and other equity related securities including participation notes, structured notes, equity-linked notes and debt securities convertible into equities. The Trust may also obtain indirect exposure through investments in collective investment schemes (including collective investment schemes managed by the Manager or an associate of the Manager) and other transferable securities. It may also use derivatives including futures, options, swaps, warrants and forward contracts for efficient portfolio management (including hedging).

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

Performance Comparator

The Trust is not managed to a benchmark, however the Manager uses the MSCI Europe ex UK (Total Net Return) Index to assess the Trust’s performance.

The Manager considers the performance comparator to be an appropriate assessment tool because it tracks the performance of large and medium sized companies from developed and emerging European countries excluding the UK.

How the Trust is managed

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

Risk profile

Please see detailed below the key risks applicable to the Trust:

- Changes in exchange rates between the currency of the Trust and the currencies in which the assets of the Trust are valued can have the effect of increasing or decreasing the value of the Trust and any income generated.
- The Trust can hold smaller company shares which can be more difficult to buy and sell as they may trade infrequently and in small volumes, so their share prices may fluctuate more than those of larger companies.
- Derivative instruments can make a profit or a loss and there is no guarantee that a financial derivative contract will achieve its intended outcome. The use of derivatives can increase the amount by which the Trust’s value rises and falls and could expose the Trust to losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative as a relatively small movement may have a larger impact on derivatives than the underlying assets.
- Emerging market countries may have less developed regulation and face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries. This means your money is at greater risk.
- Losses may occur if an organisation through which we buy an asset (such as a bank) fails to meet its obligations.
- 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.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full risk profile.

Barings European Growth Trust

Investment Objective and Policy (continued)

The Trust at a glance on 29 February 2020

Total Trust size: 29 February 2020	£60.46 million	
Total Trust size: 31 August 2019	£73.20 million	
OCF*	29/02/2020	31/08/2019
Class A GBP Inc	1.60%	1.59%
Class I GBP Inc	0.85%	0.84%
	Initial charge	Annual charge
Class A GBP Inc	up to 5.00%	1.50%
Class I GBP Inc	Nil	0.75%
	Minimum initial investment	Minimum subsequent investment
Class A GBP Inc	£1,000	£500
Class I GBP Inc	£10,000,000	£500

* The Ongoing Charge Figure ("OCF") reflects the payments and expenses which cover aspects of operating the Trust and is deducted from the assets over the year. It includes fees paid for investment management, trustee and general charges.

Price per unit	(pence per unit)
Class A GBP Inc	1,276.00p
Class I GBP Inc	1,285.00p

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Trust Information

	Class A GBP Inc - Distribution units			Class I GBP Inc - Distribution units		
	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	30/04/2018	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	30/04/2018
	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Change in net assets per unit						
Opening net asset value per unit	1,392.05	1,448.96	1,311.65	1,396.56	1,453.22	1,315.24
Return before operating charges	(105.81)	(3.50)	170.80	(106.53)	(2.85)	171.60
Operating charges	(11.24)	(29.22)	(23.07)	(6.00)	(15.55)	(12.36)
Return after operating charges	(117.05)	(32.72)	147.73	(112.53)	(18.40)	159.24
Distributions	–	(24.19)	(10.42)	–	(38.26)	(21.26)
Closing net asset value per unit after direct transaction costs of*	1,275.00	1,392.05	1,448.96	1,284.03	1,396.56	1,453.22
	0.31	0.69	0.70	0.31	0.69	0.71
Performance						
Return after charges	(8.41)%	(2.25)%	11.26%	(8.06)%	(1.27)%	12.11%
Other information						
Closing net asset value ('000)	£36,589	£47,506	£64,726	£23,868	£25,664	£26,779
Closing number of units	2,869,753	3,412,702	4,467,060	1,858,840	1,837,653	1,842,704
Operating charges	1.60%	1.59%	1.60%	0.85%	0.84%	0.85%
Direct transaction costs	0.02%	0.05%	0.05%	0.02%	0.05%	0.05%
Prices**						
Highest unit price	1,451.00	1,512.00	1,552.00	1,461.00	1,517.00	1,564.00
Lowest unit price	1,276.00	1,152.00	1,315.00	1,285.00	1,161.00	1,318.00

*Direct transaction costs comprise commission and taxes, principally applicable to equity investment purchases and sales. Unitholders should note that there are other additional transaction costs such as dealing spread and underlying costs with regard to Investment Fund holdings which will also have reduced the Trust and unit class returns before operating charges.

**High/low prices included in the table above are for the current accounting period from 1 September 2019 to 29 February 2020. For previous periods, they relate to the accounting period from 1 May 2018 to 31 August 2019 and 1 May 2017 to 30 April 2018 respectively.

Barings European Growth Trust

Report of the Investment Manager

Performance

During the reporting period from 1 September 2019 to 29 February 2020 the Barings European Growth Trust ("the Trust") produced an absolute net return for Class A GBP Inc of -8.39% compared with a return of -5.12% for the performance comparator. The table below shows the 6 month, 1 year, 3 year and 5 year absolute net return for the Class A GBP Inc units against the performance comparator.

	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
Barings European Growth Trust	(8.39)	0.24	6.87	29.85
MSCI Europe ex UK (Total Net Return) Index	(5.12)	6.08	13.71	34.95

Following a more positive start to the financial year, in which stock selection was the main driver of relative returns, in February equity markets became significantly impacted by fears related to the Coronavirus outbreak as the spread of Coronavirus outside of China increased concerns about the negative effect on the global economy and corporate earnings. This led to underperformance from a number of companies in the portfolio. For example, shares in airplane manufacturer Airbus sharply declined as investors feared that the travel industry would be negatively impacted by the Coronavirus outbreak.

Elsewhere, company specific newsflow did impact the share price of some companies in the portfolio over the period under review. Electronic payments company Wirecard continued to experience weak returns as the company has been slow to recover from negative reports alleging accounting fraud; Wirecard's management team continue to refute the allegations and nothing has so far been proven. Military technology company Rheinmetall suffered profit-taking following previous strong performance, as management indicated caution in their outlook for 2020. On the positive side, Dutch Semiconductor Production Equipment manufacturer ASML performed well as demand for its new generation of lithography tools continued to grow against a supportive backdrop for leading edge semiconductor customers. Elsewhere a new product suite at Roche (particularly Ocrevus and Hemlibra) continued to outperform expectations whilst at the same time, biosimilar erosion no worse than expected so earnings expectations generally rose.

A number of transactions were made over the quarter. For example, we purchased shares in SGS, a global leader in the testing and inspection sector, an area we regard as relatively insulated from cyclical volatility, with demand driven more by tightening legislation in areas such as environmental and safety standards.

We sold shares in Ryanair. Whilst we continue to consider Ryanair one of the better operators in the airline industry, the stock was sold due to our view that the valuation was not fully reflecting the increasingly competitive environment within its "budget" sub-sector. Another negative factor was that the company had also encountered various issues with a number of its employee groups, which we felt would lead to not only higher costs going forward, but also damage to its brand.

Barings European Growth Trust

Report of the Investment Manager (continued)

The top purchases and top ten sales during the period were as follows:

Purchases	Costs £'000	Sales	Proceeds £'000
Cairn Homes	1,014	Ryanair	1,815
SGS	636	First Derivatives	1,725
Wirecard	365	ArcelorMittal	1,392
Fresenius	320	Wirecard	1,170
Temenos	205	ASML	1,152
ArcelorMittal	94	Hexagon Composites	766
		Natixis	495
		CRH	406
		Dalata Hotel	357
		Wendel	305

Market outlook

The continuous spread of Coronavirus and the emergency represented by the growing number of fatalities has been a shock to the world. First, because of the sudden and unexpected loss of lives; second, because it forced multiple countries into lockdown. In many countries, activity has been completely stopped in some areas (such as entertainment) and severely disrupted in others (such as manufacturing).

European companies, like the rest of the world, have been hit hard by the pandemic. Perhaps unsurprisingly, those sectors which have traditionally been seen as more defensive in nature, such as Health Care and Utilities, have fared better than those more sensitive to economic conditions, such as Industrials and Consumer Discretionary.

Surveys of Business Confidence showed a widespread slump in optimism across Europe during March, reflecting lockdown conditions being imposed across a number of economies. Strategists' forecasts for European companies' earnings per share typically assume significant declines this year, but anticipate a partial to strong recovery in 2021. These ranges are similar across most developed equity markets outside North America. Our portfolio is well positioned to take advantage of a market recovery once the most severe headwinds from Coronavirus have passed. Meanwhile, we will continue to be proactive by seeking to acquire selective stocks at more attractive valuations than they were trading at prior to the market correction.

In this environment we will continue to be guided by our bottom-up investment process and look to identify attractive entry points in companies where the long-term earnings delivery potential remains intact despite the challenges posed by this outbreak. This will remain the case for all markets where over the medium to long run, we believe corporate earnings should drive equity prices.

Baring Asset Management Limited

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

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Directors' Statement

The financial statements on pages 34 to 35 were approved by Baring Fund Managers Limited (the "Manager") and signed on its behalf by:

E. BROWNING Director

J. SWAYNE Director

London 22 April 2020

Barings European Growth Trust

Portfolio statement

as at 29 February 2020

Holdings	Investments	Bid-Market value (£)	Percentage of total net assets (%)
1,617,000	Investment Funds: 2.67% (0.56%) Northern Trust Global Funds - Sterling Fund†	1,617,000	2.67
	Equities: 97.70% (101.89%)		
	Belgium: 5.19% (5.18%)		
66,720	KBC Ancora	2,220,211	3.67
31,219	Telenet	916,861	1.52
		3,137,072	5.19
	France: 24.13% (25.00%)		
29,002	Airbus	2,737,876	4.53
153,170	AXA	2,757,591	4.56
37,394	Cap Gemini	3,130,640	5.18
400,848	Natixis	1,249,746	2.07
25,192	Safran	2,687,943	4.44
21,396	Wendel	2,024,593	3.35
		14,588,389	24.13
	Germany: 11.17% (12.69%)		
19,302	Allianz	3,249,728	5.38
42,816	Fresenius	1,542,586	2.55
20,025	Rheinmetall	1,394,236	2.31
5,832	Wirecard	565,288	0.93
		6,751,838	11.17
	Ireland: 9.03% (9.53%)		
961,243	Cairn Homes	985,851	1.63
91,563	CRH	2,427,364	4.01
569,919	Dalata Hotel	2,047,241	3.39
		5,460,456	9.03
	Italy: 4.89% (4.54%)		
15,750	Ferrari	1,915,673	3.17
105,646	UniCredit	1,040,418	1.72
		2,956,091	4.89
	Netherlands: 10.65% (11.85%)		
23,674	ASML	4,954,990	8.20
88,152	Royal Dutch Shell	1,483,395	2.45
		6,438,385	10.65
	Norway : 0.00% (0.92%)		
	Portugal: 2.40% (2.40%)		
134,192	Galp Energia	1,450,698	2.40

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Portfolio statement (continued)

as at 29 February 2020

		Bid-Market value (£)	Percentage of total net assets (%)
Holdings	Investments		
	Equities: 97.70% (101.89%) (continued)		
	Sweden: 2.37% (2.31%)		
89,955	Boliden	1,430,412	2.37
	Switzerland: 27.87% (24.13%)		
22,071	Cembra Money Bank	1,932,950	3.20
55,659	Julius Baer	1,789,718	2.96
61,064	Nestle	4,896,524	8.10
22,589	Roche	5,649,090	9.34
309	SGS	593,125	0.98
18,263	Temenos	1,989,775	3.29
		16,851,182	27.87
	United Kingdom : 0.00% (3.34%)		
	Portfolio of investments: 100.37% (102.45%)	60,681,523	100.37
	Net other liabilities	(224,291)	(0.37)
	Net assets	60,457,232	100.00

† Units in Investment Funds. Uninvested cash from the Trust is swept into these funds daily.

Note: Securities shown on the portfolio statement are ordinary shares admitted to official stock exchange listings or traded on a regulated market, unless otherwise stated.

Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 August 2019.

Barings European Growth Trust

Statement of total return and Statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders

for the period ended 29 February 2020

	01/09/2019 to 29/02/2020*		01/05/2018 to 31/10/2018**	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital losses		(5,143)		(8,713)
Revenue	199		1,550	
Expenses	(453)		(614)	
Interest payable and other similar charges	—		(2)	
Net (expense)/revenue before taxation	(254)		934	
Taxation	(13)		(132)	
Net (expense)/revenue after taxation		(267)		802
Total return before equalisation		(5,410)		(7,911)
Equalisation		—		(67)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		(5,410)		(7,978)
	01/09/2019 to 29/02/2020*		01/05/2018 to 31/10/2018**	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders***		73,170		91,505
Amounts receivable on issue of units	2,664		2,750	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(9,977)		(8,909)	
		(7,313)		(6,159)
Dilution adjustment		—		2
Changes in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		(5,410)		(7,978)
Unclaimed distributions		10		—
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		60,457		77,370

* The accounting interim period date was changed from 31 October to 29 February.

** The accounting year end date was changed from 28 February to 31 August.

*** The opening net assets attributable to unitholders for 29 February 2020 differs to the closing position in 31 October 2018 by the movement between the two interim periods of the Trust.

Barings European Growth Trust**Balance sheet**as at 29 February 2020

	29/02/2020* £'000	31/08/2019** £'000
Assets		
Investment assets	60,682	74,959
Current assets:		
Debtors	283	319
Cash and bank balances	84	1,777
Total assets	<u>61,049</u>	<u>77,055</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors:		
Bank overdrafts	(74)	(1,766)
Distribution payable on income units	–	(1,529)
Other creditors	(518)	(590)
Total liabilities	<u>(592)</u>	<u>(3,885)</u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders	<u>60,457</u>	<u>73,170</u>

* The accounting interim period date was changed from 31 October to 29 February.

** The accounting year end date was changed from 28 February to 31 August.

Note to the financial statements

for the period ended 29 February 2020

The interim financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as the annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2019. They are in accordance with the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 (the "IMA SORP 2014"). The financial statements have been prepared on a going-concern basis.

Post balance sheet events

Subsequent to the period end, the price per unit of the A GBP Income class has decreased from 1,276.00p to 1,153.00p as at 17 April 2020. This movement takes into account routine transactions but also reflects the market movements including the impact of the financial markets from the increasing fears over the spread of Coronavirus. The Manager continues to monitor investment performance in line with investment objectives.

Barings Europe Select Trust

Investment Objective and Policy

The investment objective of Barings Europe Select Trust (the “Trust”) is to achieve capital growth by investing in Europe excluding the United Kingdom.

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

Smaller European companies can be defined as those companies which are constituents of the bottom 30% of total market capitalisation of Europe’s listed companies (this excludes companies in the United Kingdom).

For the remainder of its total assets, the Trust may invest directly and indirectly in equities and equity-related securities outside of Europe (including in the United Kingdom), as well as in larger companies, and in fixed income and cash.

In order to implement the investment policy, the Trust may gain indirect exposure through American depositary receipts, global depositary receipts and other equity related securities including participation notes, structured notes, equity-linked notes and debt securities convertible into equities. The Trust may also obtain indirect exposure through investments in collective investment schemes (including collective investment schemes managed by the Manager or an associate of the Manager) and other transferable securities. It may also use derivatives including futures, options, swaps, warrants and forward contracts for efficient portfolio management (including hedging).

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

Performance Comparator

The Trust is not managed to a benchmark, however the Manager uses the EMIX Smaller European Companies Ex UK (Total Gross Return) Index to assess the Trust’s performance.

The Manager considers the performance comparator to be an appropriate assessment tool because it tracks the performance of small and medium sized companies from developed European countries excluding the UK.

How the Trust is managed

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

Risk profile

Please see detailed below the key risks applicable to the Trust:

- Changes in exchange rates between the currency of the Trust and the currencies in which the assets of the Trust are valued can have the effect of increasing or decreasing the value of the Trust and any income generated.
- The Trust can hold smaller company shares, which can be more difficult to buy and sell as they may trade infrequently and in small volumes, so their share prices may fluctuate more than those of larger companies.
- Regional Funds have a narrower focus than those which invest broadly across markets and are therefore considered to be more risky.
- Derivative instruments can make a profit or a loss and there is no guarantee that a financial derivative contract will achieve its intended outcome. The use of derivatives can increase the amount by which the Trust’s value rises and falls and could expose the Trust to losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative, as a relatively small movement may have a larger impact on derivatives than the underlying assets.. Some derivative transactions may be entered into directly with an eligible person or institution (a “counterparty”). There is a risk that the counterparty may not meet its obligations or becomes insolvent, which could cause the Trust to incur a loss.
- Emerging markets or less developed countries may face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries. Coupled with less developed regulation, this means your money is at greater risk.

Barings Europe Select Trust

Investment Objective and Policy (continued)

Risk profile (continued)

- Losses may occur if an organization through which we buy an asset (such as a bank) fails to meet its obligations.
- 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.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full risk profile.

The Trust at a glance on 29 February 2020

Total Trust size: 29 February 2020	£1,368.86 million	
Total Trust size: 31 August 2019	£1,565.63 million	
OCF*	29/02/2020	31/08/2019
Class A GBP Inc**	1.56%	1.56%
Class A EUR Acc**	1.56%	1.56%
Class A EUR Inc**	1.56%	1.56%
Class A USD Acc	1.56%	1.56%
Class I GBP Inc	0.81%	0.81%
Class I EUR Acc	0.81%	0.81%
Class I EUR Inc	0.81%	0.81%
	Initial charge	Annual charge
Class A GBP Inc**	up to 5.00%	1.50%
Class A EUR Acc**	up to 5.00%	1.50%
Class A EUR Inc**	up to 5.00%	1.50%
Class A USD Acc	up to 5.00%	1.50%
Class I GBP Inc	Nil	0.75%
Class I EUR Acc	Nil	0.75%
Class I EUR Inc	Nil	0.75%
	Minimum initial investment	Minimum subsequent investment
Class A GBP Inc**	£1,000	£500
Class A EUR Acc**	€5,000	€1,000
Class A EUR Inc**	€5,000	€1,000
Class A USD Acc	US\$5,000	US\$2,500
Class I GBP Inc	£10,000,000	£500
Class I EUR Acc	€10,000,000	€1,000
Class I EUR Inc	€10,000,000	€1,000

* The Ongoing Charge Figure ("OCF") reflects the payments and expenses which cover aspects of operating the Trust and is deducted from the assets over the year. It includes fees paid for investment management, depositary and general charges.

** Calculation based on mid-price.

Barings Europe Select Trust
Investment Objective and Policy (continued)

The Trust at a glance on 29 February 2020 (continued)

Price per unit	(pence/cents per unit)
Class A GBP Inc	3,987.00p
Class A EUR Acc	4,981.00c
Class A EUR Inc	4,669.00c
Class A USD Acc	5,463.00c
Class I GBP Inc	4,001.00p
Class I EUR Acc	5,016.00c
Class I EUR Inc	4,690.00c

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Trust Information

	Class A GBP Inc - Distribution units			Class A EUR Acc - Accumulation units		
	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	31/05/2018	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	31/05/2018
	(p)	(p)	(p)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Change in net assets per unit						
Opening net asset value per unit	4,217.91	4,063.90	3,881.28	4,959.27	4,911.96	4,681.55
Return before operating charges	(202.05)	250.24	266.56	57.91	129.60	315.28
Operating charges	(32.78)	(78.47)	(62.04)	(40.95)	(82.29)	(84.86)
Return after operating charges	(234.83)	171.77	204.52	16.96	47.31	230.42
Distributions	–	(17.76)	(21.90)	–	–	(13.89)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	–	–	–	–	–	13.89
Closing net asset value per unit after direct transaction costs of*	3,983.08	4,217.91	4,063.90	4,976.23	4,959.27	4,911.96
	1.99	2.38	3.13	2.48	2.50	4.29
Performance						
Return after charges	(5.57)%	4.23%	5.27%	0.34%	0.96%	4.92%
Other information						
Closing net asset value ('000)	£208,407	£232,387	£276,753	€36,571	€38,581	€133,361
Closing number of units	5,232,313	5,509,533	6,810,034	734,914	777,949	2,715,017
Operating charges	1.56%	1.56%	1.55%	1.56%	1.56%	1.55%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%	0.06%	0.08%	0.05%	0.06%	0.08%
Prices**						
Highest unit price	4,419.00	4,383.00	4,184.00	5,616.00	5,141.00	5,000.00
Lowest unit price	3,987.00	3,534.00	3,828.00	4,883.00	4,150.00	4,482.00

	Class A EUR Inc - Distribution units			Class A USD Acc - Accumulation units		
	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	31/05/2018	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	31/05/2018
	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Change in net assets per unit						
Opening net asset value per unit	4,649.41	4,623.86	4,432.63	5,464.50	5,736.98	5,249.97
Return before operating charges	54.10	111.59	299.35	39.09	(189.45)	603.17
Operating charges	(38.33)	(77.81)	(80.56)	(44.92)	(83.03)	(116.16)
Return after operating charges	15.77	33.78	218.79	(5.83)	(272.48)	487.01
Distributions	–	(8.23)	(27.29)	–	(27.50)	(36.33)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	–	–	–	–	27.50	36.33
Closing net asset value per unit after direct transaction costs of*	4,665.18	4,649.41	4,623.86	5,458.67	5,464.50	5,736.98
	2.33	2.36	4.07	2.73	2.52	5.87
Performance						
Return after charges	0.34%	0.73%	4.94%	(0.11)%	(4.75)%	9.28%
Other information						
Closing net asset value ('000)	€185,442	€292,038	€612,383	\$15,957	\$16,926	\$28,181
Closing number of units	3,975,021	6,281,177	13,243,986	292,322	309,752	491,209
Operating charges	1.56%	1.56%	1.55%	1.56%	1.56%	1.55%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%	0.06%	0.08%	0.05%	0.06%	0.08%
Prices**						
Highest unit price	5,265.00	4,828.00	4,735.00	6,071.00	5,971.00	6,184.00
Lowest unit price	4,578.00	3,907.00	4,243.00	5,340.00	4,728.00	5,206.00

*Direct transaction costs comprise commission and taxes, principally applicable to equity investment purchases and sales. Unitholders should note that there are other additional transaction costs such as dealing spread and underlying costs with regard to Investment Fund holdings which will also have reduced the Trust and unit class returns before operating charges.

**High/low prices included in the table above for the current accounting period are from 1 September 2019 to 29 February 2020. For previous periods, they relate to the accounting period from 1 June 2018 to 31 August 2019 and 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018 respectively.

Trust Information (continued)

	Class I EUR Inc - Distribution units		
	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	31/05/2018
	(c)	(c)	(c)
Change in net assets per unit			
Opening net asset value per unit	4,652.29	4,645.25	4,452.93
Return before operating charges	53.80	119.06	297.15
Operating charges	(19.98)	(40.83)	(42.05)
Return after operating charges	33.82	78.23	255.10
Distributions	–	(71.19)	(62.78)
Closing net asset value per unit	4,686.11	4,652.29	4,645.24
after direct transaction costs of*	2.34	2.39	4.12
Performance			
Return after charges	0.73%	1.68%	5.73%
Other information			
Closing net asset value ('000)	€33,090	€36,082	€54,407
Closing number of units	706,134	775,583	1,171,244
Operating charges	0.81%	0.81%	0.80%
Direct transaction costs	0.05%	0.06%	0.08%
Prices**			
Highest unit price	5,287.00	4,886.00	4,786.00
Lowest unit price	4,585.00	3,939.00	4,271.00

** High/low prices included in the table above for the current accounting period are from 1 September 2019 to 29 February 2020. For previous periods, they relate to the accounting period from 1 June 2018 to 31 August 2019 and 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2018 respectively.

Barings Europe Select Trust

Report of the Investment Manager

Performance

During the reporting period from 1 September 2019 to 29 February 2020, the Barings Europe Select Trust ("the Trust") produced an absolute net return for Class A GBP Inc of -5.55% compared with a return of -2.50% for the performance comparator. The table below shows the 6 month, 1 year, 3 year and 5 year absolute net return for the Class A GBP Inc units against the performance comparator.

	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
Barings Europe Select Trust	(5.55)	5.08	17.67	62.12
EMIX Smaller European Companies Ex UK (Total Gross Return) Index	(2.50)	6.17	15.66	60.59

This follows a strong end to the Trust's last financial year, wherein positive stock selection led to the fund delivering greater than 2% outperformance against its comparator index (based on the A GBP Inc share class, net of fees, in the six months to 31 August 2019).

The underperformance experienced over the last six months occurred predominantly in the final quarter of 2019, when European Smaller Companies rebounded strongly from earlier weakness as markets became driven by hopes of an acceleration in global economic growth, rather than by fundamental company newsflow. This led to a recovery in shares that had seen significant negative earnings revisions earlier in the year. The Trust has limited exposure to companies with these characteristics given our Growth at a Reasonable Price investment approach, which led to underperformance relative to the benchmark.

Subsequently, in the first two months of 2020, equity markets broadly declined as the spread of Coronavirus outside of China increased concerns about the negative effect on the global economy and corporate earnings. The Trust proved more resilient than the performance comparator in this weaker market environment. This reflects the financial style characteristics of the portfolio: our active approach to bottom-up stock selection aims to identify attractive opportunities in high quality, sustainably growing companies, but also to avoid the weaker stocks that are more likely to succumb to short-term market weakness.

A number of transactions were made over the period. For example, we sold shares in German sportswear and athleisure company Puma following strong performance, as in our view the valuation fully incorporated the company's growth prospects. We purchased shares in Interpump, an Italian industrial conglomerate with a robust balance sheet, which we believe will continue to demonstrate strong acquisitive growth while maintaining their high margin profile and ongoing focus on cost control.

The top ten purchases and sales during the period were as follows:

Purchases	Costs £'000	Sales	Proceeds £'000
Prysmian	19,723	Swedish Match	21,824
Korian	18,771	Qiagen	16,965
JCDecaux	18,048	Wendel	16,180
Telenet	17,114	DNA	16,060
Dormakaba	14,804	FLSmidth & Co.	15,637
Interpump Group	12,698	Aalberts Industries	15,564
Just Eat Takeaway	11,805	Hugo Boss	14,713
SCOR	11,717	CIE Plastic Omnium	13,238
IPSOS	11,548	Elis	13,025
Anima	9,387	Puma	13,002

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Report of the Investment Manager (continued)

Market outlook

The continuous spread of Coronavirus and the emergency represented by the growing number of fatalities has been a shock to the world. European smaller companies, like the rest of the world, have been hit hard by the pandemic. A key challenge for equities going forward, particularly smaller companies, is that corporate earnings forecasts, and the analysts' forecasts that contribute to consensus expectations, were largely made prior to the Coronavirus crisis and collapse in oil prices. This means we are likely to see widespread downgrades to earnings forecasts in the coming months.

Strategists' forecasts for smaller companies' earnings per share typically assume declines of between 25% and 35% this year, but anticipate a partial to strong recovery in 2021, of between 15% and 25%. These ranges are similar across most developed equity markets outside North America. Smaller companies, in general, are seen as at greater risk of earnings contraction than larger companies, reflecting their weaker profitability development in the 2008-09 financial crisis, the recovery in smaller companies' profit margins over recent years, and the perception that smaller companies' access to financing from banks and equity markets is restricted relative to larger companies. While share prices have moved to discount some of this expected downgrade, how accurate these downgrades are remains to be seen. Additionally, information inefficiencies in the smaller companies asset class mean that earnings forecasts for smaller companies are typically adjusted more slowly compared to larger companies and are less likely to be accurate.

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

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Directors' Statement

The financial statements on pages 48 to 49 were approved by Baring Fund Managers Limited (the "Manager") and signed on its behalf by:

E. BROWNING Director

J. SWAYNE Director

London 22 April 2020

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Portfolio statement

as at 29 February 2020

Holdings	Investments	Bid-Market value (£)	Percentage of total net assets (%)
	Investment Funds: 2.50% (5.01%)		
1,753,433	Northern Trust Global Funds - Euro Liquidity Fund†	1,739,611	0.13
10,204,000	Northern Trust Global Funds - Sterling Fund†	10,204,000	0.74
29,427,000	Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund†	22,318,737	1.63
		34,262,348	2.50
	Equities: 95.65% (95.20%)		
	Austria: 0.81% (0.53%)		
268,974	BAWAG	8,835,775	0.65
132,103	S&T	2,258,833	0.16
		11,094,608	0.81
	Belgium: 5.10% (3.78%)		
140,981	Barco	23,336,513	1.71
177,992	D'ieteren	7,973,214	0.58
270,534	KBC Ancora	9,002,437	0.66
261,111	Kinepolis	10,738,555	0.78
434,023	Ontex	5,058,679	0.37
465,887	Telenet	13,682,489	1.00
		69,791,887	5.10
	Colombia: 0.51% (0.00%)		
199,689	Millicom International Cellular	6,941,066	0.51
	Denmark: 5.86% (7.05%)		
625,650	GN Store Nord	26,575,872	1.94
191,982	Royal Unibrew	12,942,555	0.95
484,806	Topdanmark	16,142,420	1.18
1,150,038	Tryg	24,556,527	1.79
		80,217,374	5.86
	Finland: 3.47% (4.02%)		
511,693	Elisa	23,008,787	1.68
1,343,085	Valmet	24,478,139	1.79
		47,486,926	3.47
	France: 17.64% (15.81%)		
59,184	Alten	4,931,172	0.36
11,034,486	CGG	22,784,585	1.67
346,438	Edenred	13,603,347	0.99
281,978	Eurazeo	14,483,895	1.06
475,657	Eutelsat Communications	5,056,914	0.37
74,173	Gaztransport Et Technigaz	5,404,772	0.40
221,484	IPSOS	5,215,850	0.38
818,057	JCDecaux	14,504,500	1.06
552,248	Korian	19,225,071	1.40
191,458	La Francaise Des Jeux SA	4,492,415	0.33
201,174	Nexity	7,150,967	0.52

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Portfolio statement (continued)

as at 29 February 2020

Holdings	Investments	Bid-Market value (£)	Percentage of total net assets (%)
	Equities: 95.65% (95.20%) (continued)		
	France: 17.64% (15.81%) (continued)		
241,514	Orpea	23,842,364	1.74
372,267	Rubis	15,621,283	1.14
602,534	SCOR	16,975,879	1.24
190,165	SEB	18,497,331	1.35
781,381	SPIE	11,274,054	0.82
132,159	Teleperformance	24,920,839	1.82
265,244	Worldline	13,550,476	0.99
		241,535,714	17.64
	Germany: 9.57% (10.87%)		
425,885	Aixtron	3,367,844	0.25
519,070	Brenntag	17,861,906	1.31
144,072	CompuGroup Medical	6,957,764	0.51
722,576	Deutsche Pfandbriefbank	7,737,504	0.57
306,196	Evotec	5,515,202	0.40
343,986	Gerresheimer	18,784,273	1.37
446,686	KION	18,252,435	1.33
421,944	Scout24	21,223,268	1.55
283,373	Software	7,103,688	0.52
332,291	Softwareone	5,339,747	0.39
327,242	Stroer	18,805,301	1.37
		130,948,932	9.57
	Iceland: 0.19% (0.00%)		
797,782	Marel HF	2,675,164	0.19
	Ireland: 0.99% (1.51%)		
322,480	Kingspan	13,509,764	0.99
	Italy: 13.51% (10.76%)		
442,640	ACEA	7,251,461	0.53
1,214,981	Amplifon	25,833,971	1.89
2,383,820	Anima	8,066,773	0.59
922,775	Banca Generali	21,967,147	1.61
210,670	DiaSorin	18,550,518	1.36
878,624	Freni Brembo	6,762,126	0.49
6,581,433	Hera	22,338,751	1.63
2,659,137	Infrastrutture Wireless Italiane	21,384,333	1.56
540,240	Interpump Group	12,971,329	0.95
362,885	MARR	5,189,394	0.38
507,666	Moncler	15,121,733	1.10
1,086,794	Prysmian	19,501,147	1.42
		184,938,683	13.51

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Portfolio statement (continued)

as at 29 February 2020

Holdings	Investments	Percentage	
		Bid-Market value (£)	of total net assets (%)
	Equities: 95.65% (95.20%) (continued)		
	Luxembourg: 0.25% (1.37%)		
137,704	Befesa	3,407,361	0.25
	Netherlands: 14.60% (13.99%)		
573,220	Arcadis	10,055,834	0.73
288,598	ASM International	25,658,702	1.87
828,508	ASR Nederland	21,419,680	1.57
290,427	BE Semiconductor Industries	8,658,318	0.63
451,641	Euronext	29,248,849	2.14
300,710	Flow Traders	5,731,980	0.42
659,029	GrandVision	15,508,594	1.13
397,917	IMCD	25,022,669	1.83
574,229	Intertrust	7,398,364	0.54
178,421	Just Eat Takeaway	11,775,515	0.86
1,117,608	SBM Offshore	13,741,278	1.00
694,461	Vopak	25,704,612	1.88
		199,924,395	14.60
	Norway: 4.62% (3.32%)		
115,798	Bakkafrost	5,628,835	0.41
3,909,623	Storebrand	18,988,284	1.39
1,065,390	TGS-NOPEC Geophysical Company	18,730,955	1.37
833,825	Tomra Systems	19,851,871	1.45
		63,199,945	4.62
	Spain: 3.67% (3.46%)		
2,796,451	Applus Services	24,504,808	1.79
431,236	CIE Automotive	6,170,519	0.45
659,636	Ebro Foods	9,759,489	0.71
359,238	Enagas	7,056,043	0.52
5,562,014	Unicaja Banco	2,699,171	0.20
		50,190,030	3.67
	Sweden: 4.04% (7.47%)		
1,120,271	AAK	15,016,489	1.10
970,342	Elekta	7,990,163	0.59
1,642,282	Hexpol	9,481,311	0.69
1,733,103	Securitas	14,263,318	1.04
507,161	Thule	8,502,255	0.62
		55,253,536	4.04
	Switzerland: 10.82% (10.00%)		
175,090	Baloise	21,974,271	1.60
9,640	Barry Callebaut	15,552,952	1.14
70,069	Bucher Industries	16,596,844	1.21
295,511	Cembra Money Bank	25,880,476	1.89
163,916	DKSH	7,118,511	0.52
26,013	Dormakaba	10,382,933	0.76

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Portfolio statement (continued)

as at 29 February 2020

		Bid-Market value (£)	Percentage of total net assets (%)
Holdings	Investments		
	Equities: 95.65% (95.20%) (continued)		
	Switzerland: 10.82% (10.00%) (continued)		
149,686	Dufry	8,353,877	0.61
1,941,910	SIG Combibloc	21,968,675	1.60
109,969	Sulzer	7,788,695	0.57
58,077	Tecan	12,533,786	0.92
		148,151,020	10.82
	United States : 0.00% (1.26%)		
	Portfolio of investments: 98.15% (100.21%)	1,343,528,753	98.15
	Net other assets	25,325,860	1.85
	Net assets	1,368,854,613	100.00

† Units in Investment Funds. Uninvested cash from the Trust is swept into these funds daily.

Note: Securities shown on the portfolio statement are ordinary shares admitted to official stock exchange listings or traded on a regulated market, unless otherwise stated.

Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 August 2019.

For the period ended 29 February 2020

* The accounting interim period date was changed from 30 November to 29 February.
 ** The accounting year end date was changed from 31 May to 31 August.
 *** The opening net assets attributable to unitholders for 29 February 2020 differs to the closing position in 30 November 2018 by the movement between the two interim periods of the Trust.

Barings Europe Select Trust**Balance sheet**as at 29 February 2020

	29/02/2020* £'000	31/08/2019** £'000
Assets		
Investment assets	1,343,529	1,568,877
Current assets:		
Debtors	24,160	18,583
Cash and bank balances	19,733	18,600
Total assets	<u>1,387,422</u>	<u>1,606,060</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors:		
Bank overdraft	(6,629)	(14,282)
Distribution payable on income units	–	(15,430)
Other creditors	(11,938)	(10,721)
Total liabilities	<u>(18,567)</u>	<u>(40,433)</u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders	<u>1,368,855</u>	<u>1,565,627</u>

* The accounting interim period date was changed from 30 November to 29 February.

** The accounting year end date was changed from 31 May to 31 August.

Note to the financial statements

for the period ended 29 February 2020

The interim financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as the annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2019. They are in accordance with the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 (the "IMA SORP 2014"). The financial statements have been prepared on a going-concern basis.

Post balance sheet events

Subsequent to the period end, the price per unit of the A GBP Income class has decreased from 3,987.00p to 3,594.00p as at 17 April 2020. This movement takes into account routine transactions but also reflects the market movements including the impact on the financial markets from the increasing fears over the spread of Coronavirus. The Manager continues to monitor investment performance in line with investment objectives.

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Distribution Tables

Group 1: Units purchased prior to 1 September 2019*

Group 2: Units purchased between 1 September 2019 and 29 February 2020

Interim distribution - Class A GBP Inc (in pence per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation	2020 Distribution	2018 Distribution Paid
1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Interim accumulation - Class A EUR Acc (in cents per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation	2020 Accumulation	2018 Accumulation Paid
1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Interim distribution - Class A EUR Inc (in cents per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation	2020 Distribution	2018 Distribution Paid
1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Interim accumulation - Class A USD Acc (in cents per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation	2020 Accumulation	2018 Accumulation Paid
1	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Interim distribution - Class I GBP Inc (in pence per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation	2020 Distribution	2018 Distribution Paid
1	Nil	Nil	Nil	3.5259
2	Nil	Nil	Nil	3.5259

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Distribution Tables (continued)

Interim accumulation - Class I EUR Acc (in cents per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation	2020 Accumulation	2018 Accumulation Paid
1	Nil	Nil	Nil	4.0990
2	Nil	Nil	Nil	4.0990

Interim distribution - Class I EUR Inc (in cents per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation	2020 Distribution	2018 Distribution Paid
1	Nil	Nil	Nil	3.9242
2	Nil	Nil	Nil	3.9242

* The accounting interim period date was changed from 30 November to 29 February.

Barings German Growth Trust

Investment Objective and Policy

The investment objective of Barings German Growth Trust (the “Trust”) is to achieve capital growth by investing in Germany.

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

For the remainder of its total assets, the Trust may invest directly and indirectly in equities and equity related securities outside of Germany as well as in fixed income and cash.

In order to implement the investment policy, the Trust may gain exposure through American depositary receipts, global depositary receipts and other equity related securities including participation notes, structured notes, equity-linked notes and debt securities convertible into equities. The Trust may also obtain indirect exposure through investments in collective investment schemes (including collective investment schemes which are managed by the Manager or an associate of the Manager) and other transferable securities. It may also use derivatives including futures, options, swaps, warrants and forward contracts for efficient portfolio management (including hedging).

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

Performance Comparator

The Trust is not managed to a benchmark, however the Manager uses the HDAX® (Total Return) Index to assess the Trust’s performance.

The Manager considers the performance comparator to be an appropriate assessment tool because it tracks the performance of the stock market index in Germany.

How the Trust is managed

The Investment Manager adopts a “bottom-up” approach to investing in the Trust. This means that the Investment Manager focuses more on the individual merits of a specific company, rather than taking a stance on the outcome of a sector of the market or macroeconomic trends such as interest rate rises. The Manager believes it is possible to find investment opportunities in German companies that, due to technological or market leadership, are growing rapidly, even though they operate in sectors that may not have a favourable outlook. The Manager also believes it is possible to find companies with excellent prospects in strong-performing areas of the market, which have been overlooked by the broader market. This is why the Manager believes it is important to focus on company fundamentals rather than macroeconomic trends.

Risk profile

Please see detailed below the key risks applicable to the Trust:

- Changes in exchange rates between the currency of the Trust and the currencies in which the assets of the Trust are valued can have the effect of increasing or decreasing the value of the Trust and any income generated.
- Country-specific funds have a narrower focus than those which invest broadly across markets and are therefore considered to be more risky.
- Derivative instruments can make a profit or a loss and there is no guarantee that a financial derivative contract will achieve its intended outcome. The use of derivatives can increase the amount by which the Trust’s value rises and falls and could expose the Trust to losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative as a relatively small movement may have a larger impact on derivatives than the underlying assets.
- Losses may occur if an organisation through which we buy an asset (such as a bank) fails to meet its obligations.
- 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.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full risk profile.

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Investment Objective and Policy (continued)

The Trust at a glance on 29 February 2020

Total Trust size: 29 February 2020	€385.62 million	
Total Trust size: 31 August 2019	€448.15 million	
OCF*	29/02/2020	31/08/2019
Class A GBP Acc	1.56%	1.57%
Class A GBP Inc	1.56%	1.57%
Class A EUR Acc	1.56%	1.57%
Class A EUR Inc	1.56%	1.57%
Class A USD Acc	1.56%	1.57%
Class A USD Hedged Acc	1.56%	1.57%
Class A RMB Hedged Acc	1.56%	1.57%
Class I GBP Acc	0.81%	0.82%
Class I GBP Inc	0.81%	0.82%
Class I GBP Hedged Acc	0.81%	0.82%
Class I EUR Acc	0.81%	0.82%
Class I EUR Inc	0.81%	0.82%
Class I USD Acc	0.81%	0.82%
	Initial charge	Annual charge
Class A GBP Acc	up to 5.00%	1.50%
Class A GBP Inc	up to 5.00%	1.50%
Class A EUR Acc	up to 5.00%	1.50%
Class A EUR Inc	up to 5.00%	1.50%
Class A USD Acc	up to 5.00%	1.50%
Class A USD Hedged Acc	up to 5.00%	1.50%
Class A RMB Hedged Acc	up to 5.00%	1.50%
Class I GBP Acc	Nil	0.75%
Class I GBP Inc	Nil	0.75%
Class I GBP Hedged Acc	Nil	0.75%
Class I EUR Acc	Nil	0.75%
Class I EUR Inc	Nil	0.75%
Class I USD Acc	Nil	0.75%
	Minimum initial investment	Minimum subsequent investment
Class A GBP Acc	£1,000	£500
Class A GBP Inc	£1,000	£500
Class A EUR Acc	€5,000	€1,000
Class A EUR Inc	€5,000	€1,000
Class A USD Acc	US\$5,000	US\$2,500
Class A USD Hedged Acc	US\$5,000	US\$2,500
Class A RMB Hedged Acc	RMB5,000	RMB2,500
Class I GBP Acc	£10,000,000	£500
Class I GBP Inc	£10,000,000	£1,000
Class I GBP Hedged Acc	£10,000,000	£500

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Investment Objective and Policy (continued)

The Trust at a glance on 29 February 2020 (continued)

Class I EUR Acc	€10,000,000	€1,000
Class I EUR Inc	€10,000,000	€2,500
Class I USD Acc	US\$10,000,000	US\$500

* The Ongoing Charge Figure ("OCF") reflects the payments and expenses which cover aspects of operating the Trust and is deducted from the assets over the year. It includes fees paid for investment management, trustee and general charges.

Price per unit	(pence/cents per unit)
Class A GBP Acc	739.10p
Class A GBP Inc	664.00p
Class A EUR Acc	866.40c
Class A EUR Inc	775.30c
Class A USD Acc	951.90c
Class A USD Hedged Acc	1,029.00c
Class A RMB Hedged Acc	RMB69.68
Class I GBP Acc	778.80p
Class I GBP Inc	662.00p
Class I GBP Hedged Acc	807.80p
Class I EUR Acc	913.10c
Class I EUR Inc	758.70c
Class I USD Acc	987.00c

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Trust Information

	Class A GBP Acc - Accumulation units			Class A GBP Inc - Distribution units		
	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	15/05/2018	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	15/05/2018
	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Change in net assets per unit						
Opening net asset value per unit	817.54	928.87	845.72	734.48	838.93	765.56
Return before operating charges	(74.06)	(92.26)	97.19	(66.51)	(83.34)	88.06
Operating charges	(6.40)	(19.07)	(14.04)	(5.76)	(17.22)	(12.72)
Return after operating charges	(80.46)	(111.33)	83.15	(72.27)	(100.56)	75.34
Distributions	–	(4.21)	(1.96)	–	(3.89)	(1.97)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	–	4.21	1.96	–	–	–
Closing net asset value per unit after direct transaction costs of*	737.08	817.54	928.87	662.21	734.48	838.93
	0.16	0.38	0.52	0.15	0.34	0.47
Performance						
Return after charges	(9.84)%	(11.99)%	9.83%	(9.84)%	(11.99)%	9.84%
Other information						
Closing net asset value ('000)	£57,615	£70,879	£108,935	£417	£482	£774
Closing number of units	7,816,651	8,669,792	11,727,727	63,037	65,561	92,232
Operating charges	1.56%	1.57%	1.56%	1.56%	1.57%	1.56%
Direct transaction costs	0.02%	0.04%	0.06%	0.02%	0.04%	0.06%
Prices**						
Highest unit price	866.10	936.90	980.20	778.10	846.20	887.30
Lowest unit price	739.10	708.50	830.70	664.00	639.90	752.00

	Class A EUR Acc - Accumulation units			Class A EUR Inc - Distribution units		
	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	15/05/2018	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	15/05/2018
	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Change in net assets per unit						
Opening net asset value per unit	901.94	1,055.51	996.90	807.09	949.44	900.36
Return before operating charges	(30.35)	(134.54)	76.80	(27.18)	(121.03)	69.50
Operating charges	(7.51)	(19.03)	(18.19)	(6.71)	(17.07)	(16.49)
Return after operating charges	(37.86)	(153.57)	58.61	(33.89)	(138.10)	53.01
Distributions	–	(4.71)	(2.68)	–	(4.25)	(3.93)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	–	4.71	2.68	–	–	–
Closing net asset value per unit after direct transaction costs of*	864.08	901.94	1,055.51	773.20	807.09	949.44
	0.19	0.38	0.59	0.17	0.34	0.54
Performance						
Return after charges	(4.20)%	(14.55)%	5.88%	(4.20)%	(14.55)%	5.89%
Other information						
Closing net asset value ('000)	€164,488	€187,926	€264,134	€1,968	€2,399	€2,936
Closing number of units	19,036,176	20,835,804	25,024,307	254,566	297,194	309,265
Operating charges	1.56%	1.57%	1.56%	1.56%	1.57%	1.56%
Direct transaction costs	0.02%	0.04%	0.06%	0.02%	0.04%	0.06%
Prices**						
Highest unit price	1,031.00	1,068.00	1,117.00	922.30	960.40	1,009.00
Lowest unit price	866.40	785.80	956.60	775.30	706.90	864.00

*Direct transaction costs comprise commission and taxes, principally applicable to equity investment purchases and sales. Unitholders should note that there are other additional transaction costs such as dealing spread and underlying costs with regard to Investment Fund holdings which will also have reduced the Trust and unit class returns before operating charges.

**High/low prices included in the table above for the current accounting period are from 1 September 2019 to 29 February 2020. For previous periods, they relate to the accounting period from 16 May 2018 to 31 August 2019 and 16 May 2017 to 15 May 2018 respectively.

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	Class A USD Acc - Accumulation units			Class A USD Hedged Acc - Accumulation units		
	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	15/05/2018	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	15/05/2018
	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Change in net assets per unit						
Opening net asset value per unit	995.49	1,257.98	1,093.32	1,059.09	1,193.42	1,103.32
Return before operating charges	(37.92)	(243.27)	190.54	(24.75)	(115.09)	114.24
Operating charges	(8.24)	(19.22)	(25.88)	(8.81)	(19.24)	(24.14)
Return after operating charges	(46.16)	(262.49)	164.66	(33.56)	(134.33)	90.10
Distributions	–	(5.07)	(5.39)	–	(4.69)	(4.47)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	–	5.07	5.39	–	4.69	4.47
Closing net asset value per unit after direct transaction costs of*	949.33	995.49	1,257.98	1,025.53	1,059.09	1,193.42
	0.21	0.38	0.71	0.22	0.38	0.66
Performance						
Return after charges	(4.64)%	(20.87)%	15.06%	(3.17)%	(11.26)%	8.16%
Other information						
Closing net asset value ('000)	\$6,181	\$7,583	\$24,492	\$15,685	\$18,601	\$58,295
Closing number of units	651,043	761,750	1,946,941	1,529,438	1,756,346	4,884,747
Operating charges	1.56%	1.57%	1.56%	1.56%	1.57%	1.56%
Direct transaction costs	0.02%	0.04%	0.06%	0.02%	0.04%	0.06%
Prices**						
Highest unit price	1,030.20	1,262.00	1,378.00	1,126.00	1,208.00	1,253.00
Lowest unit price	951.90	894.70	1,083.00	1,029.00	904.60	1,064.00

	Class A CHF Hedged Acc - Accumulation units			Class A RMB Hedged Acc - Accumulation units		
	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	15/05/2018	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	15/05/2018
	(CHF)	(CHF)	(CHF)	(RMB)	(RMB)	(RMB)
Change in net assets per unit						
Opening net asset value per unit	–	–	10.17	71.57	80.23	72.96
Return before operating charges	–	–	0.42	57.29	10.32	124.71
Operating charges*	–	–	(10.59)	(59.37)	(18.98)	(117.44)
Return after operating charges	–	–	10.17	(2.08)	(8.66)	7.27
Distributions	–	–	–	–	(0.42)	(0.51)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	–	–	–	–	0.42	0.51
Closing net asset value per unit after direct transaction costs of**	–	–	–	69.49	71.57	80.23
	–	–	0.42	1.51	0.38	4.34
Performance						
Return after charges	–%	–%	–%	(2.90)%	(10.79)%	9.96%
Other information						
Closing net asset value ('000)	CHF–	CHF–	CHF–	RMB5,104	RMB5,895	RMB6,355
Closing number of units	–	–	–	73,450	82,373	79,211
Operating charges	–%	–%	1.44%	1.56%	1.57%	1.56%
Direct transaction costs	0.00%	0.00%	0.06%	0.02%	0.04%	0.06%
Prices***						
Highest unit price	–	–	11.35	82.82	81.33	83.87
Lowest unit price	–	–	9.74	69.68	61.30	70.80

*Direct transaction costs comprise commission and taxes, principally applicable to equity investment purchases and sales. Unitholders should note that there are other additional transaction costs such as dealing spread and underlying costs with regard to Investment Fund holdings which will also have reduced the Trust and unit class returns before operating charges.

**High/low prices included in the table above for the current accounting period are from 1 September 2019 to 29 February 2020. For previous periods, they relate to the accounting period from 16 May 2018 to 31 August 2019 and 16 May 2017 to 15 May 2018 respectively.

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	Class I GBP Acc - Accumulation units			Class I GBP Inc - Distribution units		
	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	15/05/2018	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	15/05/2018
	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Change in net assets per unit						
Opening net asset value per unit	858.28	965.49	872.45	729.60	833.39	760.41
Return before operating charges	(78.08)	(96.78)	100.62	(66.36)	(83.41)	87.77
Operating charges	(3.49)	(10.43)	(7.58)	(2.97)	(9.05)	(6.59)
Return after operating charges	(81.57)	(107.21)	93.04	(69.33)	(92.46)	81.18
Distributions	–	(13.14)	(9.43)	–	(11.33)	(8.20)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	–	13.14	9.43	–	–	–
Closing net asset value per unit	776.71	858.28	965.49	660.27	729.60	833.39
after direct transaction costs of*	0.17	0.40	0.54	0.15	0.34	0.47
Performance						
Return after charges	(9.50)%	(11.10)%	10.66%	(9.50)%	(11.09)%	10.68%
Other information						
Closing net asset value ('000)	£85,623	£107,137	£196,106	£16,721	£20,042	£62,444
Closing number of units	11,023,898	12,482,677	20,311,551	2,532,488	2,747,024	7,492,734
Operating charges	0.81%	0.82%	0.81%	0.81%	0.82%	0.81%
Direct transaction costs	0.02%	0.04%	0.06%	0.02%	0.04%	0.06%
Prices**						
Highest unit price	912.30	973.90	1,017.00	775.60	840.70	885.90
Lowest unit price	778.80	740.00	857.00	662.00	638.90	747.00

	Class I GBP Hedged Acc - Accumulation units			Class I EUR Acc - Accumulation units		
	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	15/05/2018	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	15/05/2018
	(p)	(p)	(p)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Change in net assets per unit						
Opening net asset value per unit	835.94	954.93	890.81	947.20	1,098.01	1,029.03
Return before operating charges	(26.72)	(108.68)	71.62	(32.41)	(140.36)	78.80
Operating charges	(3.64)	(10.31)	(7.50)	(4.11)	(10.45)	(9.83)
Return after operating charges	(30.36)	(118.99)	64.12	(36.52)	(150.81)	68.98
Distributions	–	(13.35)	(9.66)	–	(14.48)	(10.93)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	–	13.35	9.66	–	14.48	10.93
Closing net asset value per unit	805.58	835.94	954.93	910.68	947.20	1,098.01
after direct transaction costs of*	0.18	0.39	0.53	0.20	0.40	0.61
Performance						
Return after charges	(3.63)%	(12.46)%	7.20%	(3.86)%	(13.73)%	6.70%
Other information						
Closing net asset value ('000)	£699	£740	£1,876	€9,792	€13,542	€32,595
Closing number of units	86,741	88,542	196,485	1,075,279	1,429,644	2,967,601
Operating charges	0.81%	0.82%	0.81%	0.81%	0.82%	0.81%
Direct transaction costs	0.02%	0.04%	0.06%	0.02%	0.04%	0.06%
Prices**						
Highest unit price	961.20	966.30	1,007.00	1,087.00	1,111.00	1,159.00
Lowest unit price	807.80	719.30	857.20	913.10	821.10	989.00

*Direct transaction costs comprise commission and taxes, principally applicable to equity investment purchases and sales. Unitholders should note that there are other additional transaction costs such as dealing spread and underlying costs with regard to Investment Fund holdings which will also have reduced the Trust and unit class returns before operating charges.

**High/low prices included in the table above for the current accounting period are from 1 September 2019 to 29 February 2020. For previous periods, they relate to the accounting period from 16 May 2018 to 31 August 2019 and 16 May 2017 to 15 May 2018 respectively.

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	Class I EUR Inc - Distribution units			Class I USD Acc - Accumulation units		
	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	15/05/2018	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	15/05/2018
	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)
Change in net assets per unit						
Opening net asset value per unit	786.80	957.29	905.91	1,030.00	1,286.61	1,110.00
Return before operating charges	(26.76)	(155.31)	69.02	(35.57)	(245.82)	190.22
Operating charges	(3.41)	(8.88)	(8.63)	(4.43)	(10.79)	(13.62)
Return after operating charges	(30.17)	(164.19)	–	(40.00)	(256.61)	176.61
Distributions	–	(6.30)	(9.02)	–	(15.90)	(12.67)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	–	–	–	–	15.90	12.67
Closing net asset value per unit	756.63	786.80	957.29	990.00	1,030.00	1,286.61
after direct transaction costs of*	0.17	0.34	0.54	0.22	0.41	0.72
Performance						
Return after charges	(3.83)%	17.15%	6.67%	(3.88)%	(19.94)%	15.91%
Other information						
Closing net asset value ('000)	€33	€35	€26	\$–	\$–	\$121
Closing number of units	4,421	4,420	2,710	10	10	9,428
Operating charges	0.81%	0.82%	0.81%	0.81%	0.82%	0.81%
Direct transaction costs	0.02%	0.04%	0.06%	0.02%	0.04%	0.06%
Prices**						
Highest unit price	902.20	969.00	1,020.00	1,167.00	1,290.00	1,406.00
Lowest unit price	758.70	688.00	871.00	987.00	918.80	1,100.00

*Direct transaction costs comprise commission and taxes, principally applicable to equity investment purchases and sales. Unitholders should note that there are other additional transaction costs such as dealing spread and underlying costs with regard to Investment Fund holdings which will also have reduced the Trust and unit class returns before operating charges.

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Report of the Investment Manager

Performance

During the reporting period from 1 September 2019 to 29 February 2020, the Barings German Growth Trust ("the Trust") produced an absolute net return for Class A EUR Acc of -4.10% compared with a return of -1.04% for the performance comparator. The table below shows the 6 month, 1 year, 3 year and 5 year absolute net return for the Class A EUR Acc units against the performance comparator.

	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
Barings German Growth Trust	(4.10)	(2.39)	(3.93)	6.12
HDAX® (Total Return) Index	(1.04)	3.17	4.93	11.45

Following a positive start to the financial year, in which performance benefitted from positive stock selection, in February equity markets became significantly impacted by fears related to the Coronavirus outbreak as the spread of Coronavirus outside of China increased concerns about the negative effect on the global economy and corporate earnings. This led to underperformance from a number of companies in the portfolio, in particular those exposed to travel and tourism, and movement of goods. For example, shares in retail travel manufacturer TUI and aeroplane manufacturer Airbus sharply declined as investors feared that the travel industry would be negatively impacted by the Coronavirus outbreak. Shares in Deutsche Post, a package delivery company, also fell on concerns regarding the impact of Coronavirus on business operations.

Elsewhere, company specific newsflow did impact the share price of some companies in the portfolio over the period under review. Electronic payments company Wirecard continued to experience weak returns as the company has been slow to recover from negative reports alleging accounting fraud; Wirecard's management team continue to refute the allegations and nothing has so far been proven. On the positive side, LPKF Laser experienced very strong share price returns as the company delivered a strong set of third quarter results in November and investors continue to appreciate its growth prospects, which are not economically sensitive in our view. Siltronic, a German silicon wafer supplier, also performed well following good results.

The key transactions in the period were to initiate a new position in Volkswagen on the basis of a market recovery in China which had already been through a 15 month sales recession and where VW has the largest exposure of any Western based manufacturer. Furthermore, with the new regulations regarding Co2 emissions, VW's lead in this field will hold them in good stead in terms of sales in European markets going forwards. On the economically cyclical side of the portfolio, this was balanced by exits from both BASF and Heidelberg Cement where we were forecasting much more limited growth opportunities. Much later in the reporting period we initiated a position in Merck which alongside from being more immune from the Coronavirus issues with its Healthcare and Life Sciences divisions was also set to see an upturn in its Performance Materials division (which will now be somewhat delayed) and this was funded from the sale of Deutsche Telecom whose prospects appeared more muted given the expenditure required on the new 5G networks.

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Report of the Investment Manager (continued)

The top ten purchases and sales during the period were as follows:

Purchases	Costs €'000	Sales	Proceeds €'000
Volkswagen	23,430	Deutsche Telekom	27,807
Merck	10,939	HeidelbergCement	13,174
Fresenius Medical Care	7,304	BASF	11,282
Siltronic	7,043	Infineon Technologies	10,533
TUI	4,331	Siemens	7,178
Wirecard	3,738	SAP	6,523
Hochtief	3,542	Stroeer	5,692
Lanxess	3,395	Rheinmetall	4,698
DWS Group GmbH & Co	2,778	Evotec	1,919
Hamburger Hafen und Logistik	2,107	Schaeffler	1,892

Market outlook

As of the end of the reporting period, our initial thoughts were “forecasts of economic growth in the first quarter of this year were already being affected before the spread of Coronavirus outside China accelerated. Global growth forecast cuts initially reflected a shock to Chinese domestic demand and industrial production, and the likely disruption to global supply chains from power-downs and extended holidays in Chinese industry. As cases of infection outside China have multiplied, however, concerns are growing about the impact on consumer confidence in Europe, Japan and, potentially, the U.S.A. If Consumer Confidence indicators meaningfully deteriorate, the impacts on the global economy and corporate earnings are likely to be severe for developed equities. Reflecting these developments, the sectors negatively impacted are broad and selling has extended from the energy and industrial sectors to impact sectors such as travel, tourism, entertainment and retail, all of which are likely to be impacted in the near-term”, with an expectation that the Coronavirus outbreak will reflect the experience of SARS: if that assumption is correct the short term impact of the virus will ultimately have limited impact on longer-term economic or corporate earnings expectations, and will likely be treated as a one-off event with very limited impact on valuations.

Clearly, these initial thoughts were rather optimistic and with many countries in lock-down, and although an end to the initial wave of infections is in sight, it is impossible to assess how quickly economies will recover as much of this will be largely dependent on consumer behaviour. The key question is if consumers will remain cautious for many more months to come or is there now a lot of pent up demand which will ultimately see economies snap-back to normal much faster than expected. At the time of writing, our first insights come from China where lock-down restrictions have largely been removed, and in numerous sectors we have seen a surge in demand (e.g. cars and cosmetics) in the first full week after restrictions were lifted.

In this environment we will continue to be guided by our bottom-up investment process and look to identify attractive entry points in companies where the long-term earnings delivery potential remains intact despite the challenges posed by this outbreak. With cash availability in the fund around the market bottom in mid-March, we were able to take advantage of some exceptionally looking cheap equity prices for certain stocks that were significantly increased in portfolio size, which regardless of short term market sentiment will significantly add value over the longer term.

Baring Asset Management Limited

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

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Directors' Statement

The financial statements on pages 67 to 68 were approved by Baring Fund Managers Limited (the "Manager") and signed on its behalf by:

E. BROWNING Director

J. SWAYNE Director

London 22 April 2020

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Portfolio statement

as at 29 February 2020

Holdings	Investments	Percentage	
		Bid-Market Value (€)	of total net assets (%)
	Investment Funds: 1.74% (6.01%)		
6,841,545	Northern Trust Global Funds - Euro Liquidity Fund†	6,643,140	1.72
72,000	Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund†	65,505	0.02
		6,708,645	1.74
	Equities: 98.77% (94.28%)		
	Consumer Discretionary: 15.24% (10.60%)		
304,989	Adler Modemaerkte	1,235,205	0.32
157,258	EDAG Engineering	1,327,258	0.34
56,698	Einhell	2,732,844	0.71
84,996	Grammer	2,146,149	0.56
81,018	HELMA Eigenheimbau	3,119,193	0.81
333,580	Polytec	2,081,539	0.54
284,597	SAF-Holland	1,561,015	0.41
117,425	Schaeffler	935,877	0.24
1,140,000	TUI	8,192,040	2.12
136,000	Volkswagen	19,564,960	5.07
112,000	Wirecard	12,723,200	3.30
145,920	Zeal Network	3,159,168	0.82
		58,778,448	15.24
	Financials: 8.91% (7.20%)		
150,970	Allianz	29,789,401	7.72
119,135	DFV Deutsche Familienversicherung	2,066,992	0.54
75,000	DWS Group GmbH & Co	2,491,500	0.65
		34,347,893	8.91
	Health Care: 11.86% (6.92%)		
729,803	AAP Implantate	402,851	0.10
76,000	CompuGroup Medical	4,301,600	1.11
52,001	Dermapharm	1,962,778	0.51
24,355	Eckert & Ziegler	3,609,411	0.94
249,500	Evotec	5,266,945	1.37
93,700	Fresenius Medical Care	6,446,560	1.67
291,000	M1 Kliniken	4,088,550	1.06
343,110	MagForce	1,209,463	0.31
125,000	Medios	3,700,000	0.96
94,000	Merck	10,321,200	2.68
697,629	MPH Mittelstaendische Pharma	2,302,176	0.60
548,024	Paion	1,060,426	0.27
98,986	Vita 34	1,073,998	0.28
		45,745,958	11.86
	Industrials: 28.81% (28.17%)		
309,780	Airbus	34,274,059	8.89
104,840	Bauer	1,486,631	0.38
108,123	Befesa	3,135,567	0.81
620,000	Deutsche Post	16,957,000	4.40
399,995	Deutz	1,680,779	0.44
42,824	Dr Hoenle	1,638,018	0.42
567,976	Francotyp-Postalia	2,220,786	0.58
57,323	Frequentis	965,893	0.25

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Portfolio statement (continued)

as at 29 February 2020

Holdings	Investments	Bid-Market Value (€)	Percentage of total net assets (%)
	Equities: 98.77% (94.28%) (continued)		
	Industrials: 28.81% (28.17%) (continued)		
89,000	Hamburger Hafen und Logistik	1,702,570	0.44
65,071	Hochtief	5,927,968	1.54
83,390	JOST Werke	2,510,039	0.65
86,500	KION	4,142,485	1.07
35,718	Rheinmetall	2,914,589	0.76
36,000	Schaltbau	1,108,800	0.29
220,000	Siemens	20,449,000	5.30
244,413	Singulus Technologies	1,077,861	0.28
33,838	Sixt	1,844,171	0.48
135,000	Steico	4,077,000	1.06
112,000	Technotrans	1,865,920	0.48
160,000	Zumtobel Group	1,132,800	0.29
		111,111,936	28.81
	Information Technology: 24.00% (21.22%)		
26,076	Adesso	1,478,509	0.38
103,665	Allgeier	3,182,515	0.83
65,038	Cancom	2,805,739	0.73
115,345	Cyan	2,041,837	0.53
52,788	DataSE	2,729,140	0.71
110,518	Elmos Semiconductor	2,331,930	0.60
204,913	GFT Technologies	2,217,159	0.58
2,478,025	Gigaset	646,765	0.17
23,829	GK Software	1,329,658	0.34
67,762	Jenoptik	1,432,489	0.37
317,000	LPKF Laser & Electronics	6,371,700	1.65
254,258	Mobotix	1,678,103	0.44
79,818	NorCom Information Technology	959,412	0.25
142,961	PSI Software	2,830,628	0.73
166,789	PVA TePla	1,934,752	0.50
260,000	S&T	5,210,400	1.35
334,000	SAP	37,053,960	9.61
159,700	Siltronic	13,347,726	3.46
142,961	Softing	880,640	0.23
93,500	Traffic Systems	2,075,700	0.54
		92,538,762	24.00
	Materials: 7.25% (11.88%)		
95,308	AlzChem	1,715,544	0.44
71,867	Aurubis	3,085,969	0.80
184,435	BRAIN Biotechnology Research & Information Network	1,645,160	0.43
125,342	Evonik Industries	2,783,846	0.72
111,946	Ibu-Tec Advanced Materials	1,253,795	0.33
287,319	Lanxess	13,509,739	3.50
125,000	Nabaltec	3,475,000	0.90
56,258	Nanogate	491,695	0.13
		27,960,748	7.25
	Technology: 0.21% (0.00%)		
85,000	Aixtron	787,780	0.21

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Portfolio statement (continued)

as at 29 February 2020

Holdings	Investments	Percentage	
		Bid-Market Value (€)	of total net assets (%)
	Equities: 98.77% (94.28%) (continued)		
	Technology: 0.21% (0.00%) (continued)		
	Telecommunications: 0.55% (6.75%)		
117,405	Freenet	2,137,358	0.55
	Utilities: 1.94% (1.54%)		
238,000	RWE	7,473,200	1.94
	Forward Currency Contracts: -0.01% (0.06%)		
USD (974,152)	Sold USD, bought EUR 896,822 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	11,273	0.01
USD (745,013)	Sold USD, bought EUR 683,344 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	6,094	—
USD (341,135)	Sold USD, bought EUR 314,672 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	4,564	—
USD (314,615)	Sold USD, bought EUR 290,009 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	4,010	—
USD (143,461)	Sold USD, bought EUR 132,610 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	2,197	—
USD (137,350)	Sold USD, bought EUR 126,803 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	1,946	—
USD (116,586)	Sold USD, bought EUR 107,853 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	1,871	—
GBP (53,422)	Sold GBP, bought EUR 63,556 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	975	—
GBP (32,900)	Sold GBP, bought EUR 39,301 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	760	—
USD (68,435)	Sold USD, bought EUR 62,920 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	710	—
USD (44,153)	Sold USD, bought EUR 40,674 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	536	—
USD (87,812)	Sold USD, bought EUR 80,306 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	481	—
GBP (33,460)	Sold GBP, bought EUR 39,619 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	421	—
USD (22,995)	Sold USD, bought EUR 21,280 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	376	—
CNH (304,517)	Sold CNH, bought EUR 39,918 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	338	—
CNH (404,619)	Sold CNH, bought EUR 52,899 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	310	—
USD (18,610)	Sold USD, bought EUR 17,081 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	164	—
USD (65,732)	Sold USD, bought EUR 59,914 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	161	—
CNH (238,826)	Sold CNH, bought EUR 31,152 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	111	—
GBP (4,725)	Sold GBP, bought EUR 5,590 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	55	—

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Portfolio statement (continued)

as at 29 February 2020

Holdings	Investments	Percentage	
		Bid-Market Value (€)	of total net assets (%)
	Forward Currency Contracts: -0.01% (0.06%)		
GBP (1,917)	Sold GBP, bought EUR 2,276 for settlement 16/03/2020	31	—
GBP (981)	Sold GBP, bought EUR 1,177 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	28	—
GBP (952)	Sold GBP, bought EUR 1,134 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	19	—
GBP (136)	Sold GBP, bought EUR 163 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	4	—
GBP (307)	Sold GBP, bought EUR 362 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	2	—
EUR (42)	Sold EUR, bought GBP 35 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	(1)	—
EUR (574)	Sold EUR, bought USD 629 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	(3)	—
EUR (9,024)	Sold EUR, bought CNH 69,216 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	(27)	—
EUR (12,047)	Sold EUR, bought GBP 10,250 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	(39)	—
EUR (12,783)	Sold EUR, bought CNH 97,501 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	(111)	—
EUR (32,021)	Sold EUR, bought USD 34,998 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	(206)	—
EUR (32,988)	Sold EUR, bought CNH 250,877 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	(381)	—
EUR (24,596)	Sold EUR, bought GBP 20,644 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	(413)	—
EUR (27,349)	Sold EUR, bought GBP 22,872 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	(555)	—
EUR (34,765)	Sold EUR, bought GBP 29,199 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	(560)	—
EUR (261,552)	Sold EUR, bought USD 286,961 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	(691)	—
EUR (782,100)	Sold EUR, bought CNH 5,998,573 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	(2,445)	—
EUR (969,777)	Sold EUR, bought GBP 822,655 for settlement 16/03/2020 (State Street)	(6,069)	—

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Portfolio statement (continued)

as at 29 February 2020

		Bid-Market Value (€)	Percentage of total net assets (%)
Holdings	Investments		
	Forward Currency Contracts: -0.01% (0.06%)		
EUR (14,390,155)	Sold EUR, bought USD 15,788,130 for settlement	(38,024)	(0.01)
EUR (3,516,782)	Sold EUR, bought USD 3,817,287 for settlement 16/03/2020	(46,693)	(0.01)
		(58,781)	(0.01)
	Portfolio of investments: 100.50% (100.35%)	387,531,947	100.50
	Net other liabilities	(1,912,018)	(0.50)
	Net assets	385,619,929	100.00

† Units in Investment Funds. Uninvested cash from the Trust is swept into these funds daily.

Note: Securities shown on the portfolio statement are ordinary shares admitted to official stock exchange listings or traded on a regulated market, unless otherwise stated.

Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 August 2019.

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Statement of total return and Statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders

for the period ended 29 February 2020

	01/09/2019 to 29/02/2020* €'000		16/05/2018 to 15/11/2018** €'000	
Income				
Net capital losses		(11,223)		(118,824)
Revenue	1,631		6,689	
Expenses	(2,945)		(4,299)	
Interest payable and other similar charges	–		(1)	
Net (expense)/revenue before taxation	(1,314)		2,389	
Taxation	(244)		(878)	
Net (expense)/revenue after taxation		(1,558)		1,511
Total return before equalisation		(12,781)		(117,313)
Equalisation		–		(640)
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		(12,781)		(117,953)
	01/09/2019 to 29/02/2020* €'000		16/05/2018 to 15/11/2018** €'000	
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders***		448,154		790,575
Amounts receivable on issue of units	27,582		59,529	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(77,335)		(181,362)	
		(49,753)		(121,833)
Dilution adjustment		–		75
Changes in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		(12,781)		(117,953)
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		385,620		550,864

* The accounting interim period date was changed from 15 November to 29 February.

** The accounting year end date was changed from 15 May to 31 August.

*** The opening net assets attributable to unitholders for 29 February 2020 differs to the closing position in 15 November 2018 by the movement between the two interim periods of the Trust.

Barings German Growth Trust**Balance sheet**as at 29 February 2020

	29/02/2020* €'000	31/08/2019** €'000
Assets		
Investment assets	387,628	449,725
Current assets:		
Debtors	2,172	627
Cash and bank balances	1,243	4,311
Total assets	<u>391,043</u>	<u>454,663</u>
Liabilities		
Creditors:		
Investment liabilities	(96)	(18)
Bank overdraft	(1,205)	(4,287)
Distribution payable on income units	–	(359)
Other creditors	(4,122)	(1,845)
Total liabilities	<u>(5,423)</u>	<u>(6,509)</u>
Net assets attributable to unitholders	<u>385,620</u>	<u>448,154</u>

* The accounting interim period date was changed from 15 November to 29 February.

** The accounting year end date was changed from 15 May to 31 August.

Note to the financial statements

for the period ended 29 February 2020

The interim financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as the annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2019. They are in accordance with the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 (the "IMA SORP 2014"). The financial statements have been prepared on a going-concern basis.

Post balance sheet events

Subsequent to the period end, the price per unit of the A EUR Accumulation class has decreased from 866.40c to 762.70c as at 17 April 2020. This movement takes into account routine transactions but also reflects the market movements including the impact on the financial markets from the increasing fears over the spread of Coronavirus. The Manager continues to monitor investment performance in line with investment objectives.

Barings Japan Growth Trust

Investment Objective and Policy

The investment objective of Barings Japan Growth Trust (the “Trust”) is to achieve capital growth by investing in Japan.

The Trust will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 70% of its total assets directly and indirectly in equities and equity-related securities of companies incorporated in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in Japan, or quoted or traded on the stock exchanges in Japan.

For the remainder of its total assets, the Trust may invest directly and indirectly in equities and equity-related securities outside of Japan as well as in fixed-income and cash.

In order to implement the investment policy, the Trust may gain exposure through American depositary receipts and other equity related securities including participation notes, structured notes, equity-linked notes and debt securities convertible into equities. The Trust may also obtain indirect exposure through investments collective investment schemes (including collective investment schemes which are managed by the Manager or an associate of the Manager) and other transferable securities. It may also use derivatives including futures, options, swaps, warrants and forward contracts for efficient portfolio management (including hedging).

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

Performance Comparator

The Trust is not managed to a benchmark, however the Manager uses the Japan (TSE) First Section (Total Gross Return) Index to assess the Trust’s performance.

The Manager considers the performance comparator to be an appropriate assessment tool because it tracks the performance of the largest companies in the Japanese stock market.

How the Trust is managed

Baring Asset Management Limited’s (the “Investment Manager’s”) equity investment teams share the philosophy of quality Growth at a Reasonable Price (“GARP”). The Investment Manager considers that long-term earnings growth is the driver of stock market performance and that structured fundamental research and a disciplined investment process combining growth, upside/valuation and quality disciplines can identify attractively priced, growth companies. The Investment Manager also considers that the best way of finding unrecognised growth is to identify quality companies with visibility of earnings over a longer time period of three to five years, especially as market consensus data tends to be only available for shorter term periods. In determining upside, the Investment Manager uses consistent and transparent methods to place emphasis on discounted earnings models.

Risk profile

Please see detailed below the key risks applicable to the Trust:

- Changes in exchange rates between the currency of the Trust and the currencies in which the assets of the Trust are valued can have the effect of increasing or decreasing the value of the Trust and any income generated.
- Country-specific funds have a narrower focus than those which invest broadly across markets and are therefore considered to be more risky.
- The Trust can hold smaller company shares which can be more difficult to buy and sell as they may trade infrequently and in small volumes, so their share prices may fluctuate more than those of larger companies.
- Derivative instruments can make a profit or a loss and there is no guarantee that a financial derivative contract will achieve its intended outcome. The use of derivatives can increase the amount by which the Trust’s value rises and falls and could expose the Trust to losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative as a relatively small movement may have a larger impact on derivatives than the underlying assets.
- Losses may occur if an organisation through which we buy an asset (such as a bank) fails to meet its obligations.
- 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.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full risk profile.

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Investment Objective and Policy (continued)

The Trust at a glance on 29 February 2020

Total Trust size: 29 February 2020	£20.19 million	
Total Trust size: 31 August 2019	£22.94 million	
OCF*	29/02/2020	31/08/2019
Class A GBP Acc	1.71%	1.72%
Class I GBP Acc	0.96%	0.97%
Class I GBP Inc	0.96%	0.97%
	Initial charge	Annual charge
Class A GBP Acc	up to 5.00%	1.50%
Class I GBP Acc	Nil	0.75%
Class I GBP Inc	Nil	0.75%
	Minimum initial investment	Minimum subsequent investment
Class A GBP Acc	£1,000	£500
Class I GBP Acc	£10,000,000	£500
Class I GBP Inc	£10,000,000	£500

* The Ongoing Charge Figure ("OCF") reflects the payments and expenses which cover aspects of operating the Trust and is deducted from the assets over the year. It includes fees paid for investment management, trustee and general charges.

Price per unit	(pence per unit)
Class A GBP Acc	202.80p
Class I GBP Acc	211.40p
Class I GBP Inc	203.30p

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Trust Information

	Class A GBP Acc - Accumulation units			Class I GBP Acc - Accumulation units		
	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	31/01/2019	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	31/01/2019
	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Change in net assets per unit						
Opening net asset value per unit	220.05	195.72	215.16	228.30	202.10	220.51
Return before operating charges	(14.17)	26.40	(15.89)	(14.58)	27.42	(16.35)
Operating charges	(1.93)	(2.07)	(3.55)	(1.11)	(1.22)	(2.06)
Return after operating charges	(16.10)	24.33	(19.44)	(15.69)	26.20	(18.41)
Distributions	–	(0.24)	(0.64)	–	(1.24)	(2.28)
Retained distributions on accumulation units	–	0.24	0.64	–	1.24	2.28
Closing net asset value per unit	203.95	220.05	195.72	212.61	228.30	202.10
after direct transaction costs of*	0.05	–	0.09	0.06	–	0.09
Performance						
Return after charges	(7.32)%	12.43%	(9.04)%	(6.87)%	12.96%	(8.35)%
Other information						
Closing net asset value ('000)	£2,849	£16,716	£17,475	£15,062	£3,369	£983
Closing number of units	1,396,994	7,596,426	8,928,844	7,084,065	1,475,868	486,435
Operating charges	1.71%	1.72%	1.71%	0.96%	0.97%	0.96%
Direct transaction costs	0.02%	0.00%	0.04%	0.02%	0.00%	0.04%
Prices**						
Highest unit price	231.70	224.40	220.50	240.80	232.70	226.90
Lowest unit price	202.80	192.90	182.60	211.40	199.40	188.40

	Class I GBP Inc - Distribution units		
	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	31/01/2019
	(p)	(p)	(p)
Change in net assets per unit			
Opening net asset value per unit	219.65	195.52	215.73
Return before operating charges	(14.03)	26.51	(15.97)
Operating charges	(1.08)	(1.19)	(2.01)
Return after operating charges	(15.11)	25.32	(17.98)
Distributions	–	(1.19)	(2.23)
Closing net asset value per unit	204.54	219.65	195.52
after direct transaction costs of*	0.05	–	0.09
Performance			
Return after charges	(6.88)%	12.95%	(8.33)%
Other information			
Closing net asset value ('000)	£2,280	£2,855	£1,002
Closing number of units	1,114,827	1,299,604	512,263
Operating charges	0.96%	0.97%	0.96%
Direct transaction costs	0.02%	0.00%	0.04%
Prices**			
Highest unit price	231.60	225.10	222.00
Lowest unit price	203.30	192.90	184.30

*Direct transaction costs comprise commission and taxes, principally applicable to equity investment purchases and sales. Unitholders should note that there are other additional transaction costs such as dealing spread and underlying costs with regard to Investment Fund holdings which will also have reduced the Trust and unit class returns before operating charges.

**High/low prices included in the table above for the current accounting period are from 1 September 2019 to 29 February 2020. For previous periods, they relate to the accounting period from 1 February 2019 to 31 August 2019 and 1 February 2018 to 31 January 2019 respectively.

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Report of the Investment Manager

Performance

During the reporting period from 1 September 2019 to 29 February 2020 the Barings Japan Growth Trust ("the Trust") produced an absolute net return for Class A GBP Acc of -7.90% compared with a return of -5.14% for the performance comparator. The table below shows the 6 month, 1 year, 3 year and 5 year absolute net return for the Class A GBP Acc units against the performance comparator.

	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
Barings Japan Growth Trust	(7.90)	4.27	9.03	50.45
Japan (TSE) First Section (Total Gross Return) Index	(5.14)	3.55	6.41	48.26

In the six months to the end of February we saw the Japanese market making steady gains in late 2019 before a weak start to 2020 on growing economic concerns relating to the Coronavirus saw all these gains given up, for the market to close down for the period. The Trust slightly lagged the performance comparator during these six-months but remains well ahead over a year and longer time periods.

A number of stocks performed strongly to contribute positively to the fund. A number of our technology related holdings saw strong share price performance as confidence rose regarding the outlook for technology demand. Electronic component maker Murata benefitted from this as well as hopes that the expansion of 5G would prove a strong tailwind to demand. Semiconductor production equipment maker Tokyo Electron and silicon wafer maker Shin-Etsu Chemical also saw similar tailwinds. Elsewhere our holding in material handling equipment maker Daifuku gained on expectations for a rise in production and distribution automation, whilst energy related company Toshiba Plant's share price rose sharply as it was acquired by its parent Toshiba.

Stocks detracting from performance in this period included online fashion retailer ZoZo as they failed to sustain the kind of subscriber growth we expected and bowling alley operator Round One struggled as their overseas growth strategy struggled to gain traction. Both have since exited the portfolio. We had one security, the oil distributor Idemitsu Kosan, which we entered during the period on the expectation that recent industry consolidation and company restructuring measures would raise returns but subsequently decided to exit following a very disappointing conversation with management and a deterioration in the external environment.

During the period we instigated a number of new investments in names such as Elecom, a provider of computer peripheral equipment which is set to benefit from ongoing market share gains based on considerable competitive advantages. Post entry it also became clear that the Coronavirus would also boost near term demand due to the need for greater work from home resources. We also entered Casio during the period on the belief that they can sustain the strong growth of the G Shock brand of watches in China. We also exited some names during the period such as shoe retailer ABC-Mart, where a share price rally pushed valuations higher than we thought appropriate.

The top ten purchases and sales during the period were as follows:

Purchases	Costs £'000	Sales	Proceeds £'000
NEC	475	Yamaha Motor	465
Idemitsu Kosan	459	Rohm	419
Terumo	449	Idemitsu Kosan	398
ZoZo	402	Toshiba Plant Systems & Services	373
Nomura Research Institute	379	Ichikoh Industries	357
Sakai Moving Service	379	Softbank	357
Comsys	345	Nomura Research Institute	339
Giken	297	Shin-Etsu Chemical	309
Aica Kogyo	289	Insource	303
Japan Elevator Service	280	Premium	284

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Report of the Investment Manager (continued)

Market outlook

The Japanese economy was already struggling to overcome the consumption tax hike of late 2019 when the impact of the Coronavirus hit. Along with many other regions the Japanese economy is thus likely to be very weak in the first half of 2020 and we have to await the progress of attempts to mitigate the expansion of the virus to see when recovery can be expected. Although we expect earnings expectations to understandably decline we feel that the market could prove relatively resilient from the current lower levels as balance sheets are strong and valuations were already fairly attractive.

We believe that this current situation and the surrounding uncertainty should reward our focus on quality companies and we continually test these attributes of all our holdings and the impact of developments on their earnings. We particularly look for companies with growth opportunities that are less dependent on the wider economy and hence should be less impacted by the general slowdown. Currently we are finding exciting opportunities in areas such as outsourcing, 5G related development, system upgrades and innovative medicines which we expect to deliver strong investment returns to the trust going forward.

Baring Asset Management Limited

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

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Directors' Statement

The financial statements on pages 78 to 79 were approved by Baring Fund Managers Limited (the "Manager") and signed on its behalf by:

E. BROWNING Director

J. SWAYNE Director

London 22 April 2020

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Portfolio statement

as at 29 February 2020

Holdings	Investments	Bid-Market Value (£)	Percentage of total net assets (%)
	Investment Funds: 0.23% (4.01%)		
46,000	Northern Trust Global Funds - Sterling Fund†	46,000	0.23
	Equities: 99.92% (95.44%)		
	Auto Manufacturers: 5.30% (5.32%)		
21,100	Toyota Motor	1,069,662	5.30
	Auto Parts & Equipment: 4.15% (3.89%)		
17,200	Bridgestone	441,933	2.19
21,200	Nifco	396,496	1.96
		838,429	4.15
	Banks: 4.90% (4.56%)		
141,000	Mitsubishi UFJ Financial	534,261	2.64
18,400	Sumitomo Mitsui Financial	456,078	2.26
		990,339	4.90
	Basic Materials: 2.75% (0.48%)		
11,600	Aica Kogyo	263,836	1.31
9,000	Nissan Chemical	291,466	1.44
		555,302	2.75
	Building Materials: 2.56% (1.50%)		
2,500	Daikin Industries	261,366	1.30
36,100	Sanwa	254,959	1.26
		516,325	2.56
	Chemicals: 4.57% (5.60%)		
15,000	NOF	369,554	1.83
6,400	Shin-Etsu Chemical	552,095	2.74
		921,649	4.57
	Commercial Services: 4.84% (3.09%)		
13,100	Nihon M&A Center	305,905	1.52
15,300	Recruit	408,302	2.02
24,400	ZoZo	263,108	1.30
		977,315	4.84
	Computers: 3.16% (3.72%)		
15,400	Nomura Research Institute	258,548	1.28
9,600	SCSK	380,480	1.88
		639,028	3.16
	Consumer, Cyclical: 3.76% (4.87%)		
3,900	Nitori	415,668	2.06
10,500	Paltac	342,292	1.70
		757,960	3.76
	Consumer, Non-cyclical: 5.69% (6.60%)		
7,600	Daiichi Sankyo	356,463	1.77
12,800	Pigeon	334,091	1.65

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Portfolio statement (continued)

as at 29 February 2020

Holdings	Investments	Bid-Market Value (£)	Percentage of total net assets (%)
	Equities: 99.92% (95.44%) (continued)		
	Consumer, Non-cyclical: 5.69% (6.60%) (continued)		
18,800	Terumo	457,670	2.27
		1,148,224	5.69
	Diversified Financial Services: 1.47% (2.77%)		
26,400	Aruhi	296,928	1.47
	Electronics: 3.76% (3.05%)		
1,200	Keyence	294,443	1.46
11,400	Murata Manufacturing	465,089	2.30
		759,532	3.76
	Engineering & Construction: 1.98% (3.89%)		
23,800	Kyowa Exeo	399,574	1.98
	Financial: 1.44% (1.70%)		
9,951	Jaifco	290,286	1.44
	Food: 2.73% (2.98%)		
12,000	MEIJI	551,010	2.73
	Hand/Machine Tools: 2.53% (2.94%)		
22,500	OSG	259,491	1.28
14,300	THK	251,721	1.25
		511,212	2.53
	Healthcare Products: 2.03% (1.72%)		
21,900	Shimadzu	409,118	2.03
	Home Builders: 1.04% (1.71%)		
13,900	Sekisui House	209,790	1.04
	Home Furnishings: 3.97% (3.25%)		
17,000	Sony	800,992	3.97
	Industrial: 6.39% (1.23%)		
15,600	Comsys	295,660	1.47
9,200	Giken	235,857	1.17
16,900	Japan Elevator Service	250,180	1.24
7,908	Sakai Moving Service	289,702	1.43
7,800	Sho-Bond	218,904	1.08
		1,290,303	6.39
	Insurance: 3.62% (2.49%)		
17,700	Tokio Marine	731,845	3.62
	Leisure Time: 0.00% (1.86%)		
	Machinery-Construction & Mining: 1.65% (1.40%)		
21,500	Komatsu	333,937	1.65
	Machinery-Diversified: 3.36% (3.08%)		
6,900	Daifuku	314,860	1.56

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Portfolio statement (continued)

as at 29 February 2020

Holdings	Investments	Bid-Market Value (£)	Percentage of total net assets (%)
	Equities: 99.92% (95.44%) (continued)		
	Machinery-Diversified: 3.36% (3.08%) (continued)		
29,500	Fuji	364,659	1.80
		679,519	3.36
	Pharmaceuticals: 2.03% (1.84%)		
15,300	Takeda Pharmaceutical	410,924	2.03
	Real Estate: 2.85% (4.18%)		
9,000	Katitas	232,337	1.15
19,500	Mitsui Fudosan	344,022	1.70
		576,359	2.85
	Retail: 1.57% (1.39%)		
1,900	Cosmos Pharmaceutical	317,359	1.57
	Semiconductors: 2.59% (3.62%)		
3,300	Tokyo Electron	522,924	2.59
	Technology: 4.84% (1.08%)		
12,600	Elecom	326,171	1.62
13,200	NEC	380,822	1.89
5,900	TIS	268,385	1.33
		975,378	4.84
	Telecommunications: 3.43% (4.53%)		
38,400	Nippon Telegraph & Telephone	692,816	3.43
	Toys/Games/Hobbies: 2.43% (2.17%)		
1,900	Nintendo	490,760	2.43
	Transportation: 2.53% (2.93%)		
8,600	East Japan Railway	510,102	2.53
	Portfolio of investments: 100.15% (99.45%)	20,220,901	100.15
	Net other liabilities	(29,628)	(0.15)
	Net assets	20,191,273	100.00

† Units in Investment Funds. Uninvested cash from the Trust is swept into this fund daily.

Note: Securities shown on the portfolio statement are ordinary shares admitted to official stock exchange listings or traded on a regulated market, unless otherwise stated.

Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 August 2019.

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Statement of total return and Statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders

for the period ended 29 February 2020

	01/09/2019 to 29/02/2020*		01/02/2019 to 31/07/2018**	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Net capital losses		(1,581)		(96)
Revenue	231		249	
Expenses	(163)		(184)	
Net revenue before taxation	68		65	
Taxation	(23)		(25)	
Net revenue after taxation		45		40
Total return before equalisation		(1,536)		(56)
Equalisation		(9)		—
Change in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		(1,545)		(56)
	01/09/2019 to 29/02/2020*		01/02/2019 to 31/07/2018**	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Opening net assets attributable to unitholders***		22,940		23,779
Amounts receivable on issue of units	2,698		804	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units	(3,902)		(1,485)	
		(1,204)		(681)
Changes in net assets attributable to unitholders from investment activities		(1,545)		(56)
Closing net assets attributable to unitholders		20,191		23,042

* The accounting interim period date was changed from 31 July to 29 February.

** The accounting year end date was changed from 31 January to 31 August.

*** The opening net assets attributable to unitholders for 29 February 2020 differs to the closing position in 31 July 2018 by the movement between the two interim periods of the Trust.

Barings Japan Growth Trust**Balance sheet**as at 29 February 2020

	29/02/2020* £'000	31/08/2019** £'000
Assets		
Investment assets	20,221	22,813
Current assets:		
Debtors	324	388
Cash and bank balances	217	83
Total assets	20,762	23,284
Liabilities		
Creditors:		
Bank overdraft	(99)	(72)
Distribution payable on income units	–	(15)
Other creditors	(472)	(257)
Total liabilities	(571)	(344)
Net assets attributable to unitholders	20,191	22,940

* The accounting interim period date was changed from 31 July to 29 February.

** The accounting year end date was changed from 31 January to 31 August.

Note to the financial statements

for the period ended 29 February 2020

The interim financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as the annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2019. They are in accordance with the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 (the "IMA SORP 2014"). The financial statements have been prepared on a going-concern basis.

Post balance sheet events

Subsequent to the period end, the price per unit of the A GBP Accumulation class has increased from 202.80p to 216.60p as at 17 April 2020. This movement takes into account routine transactions but also reflects the market movements including the impact on the financial markets from the increasing fears over the spread of Coronavirus. The Manager continues to monitor investment performance in line with investment objectives.

Barings Strategic Bond Fund

Investment Objective and Policy

The investment objective of Barings Strategic Bond Fund (the “Fund”) is to achieve capital growth together with income by investing globally.

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing directly and indirectly in fixed income securities globally, as well as cash, near cash and money market instruments.

The Fund may invest directly and indirectly in investment grade, sub-investment grade and unrated bonds issued by governments, sovereigns, supranationals and corporates in developed and emerging markets. The Investment Manager has the ability to invest directly or indirectly in debt securities of any maturity, duration or credit rating (including unrated).

In order to implement the investment policy, the Fund may gain indirect exposure through investments in collective investment schemes (including collective investment schemes which are managed by the Manager or an associate of the Manager) and other transferable securities. It may also obtain indirect exposure through derivatives including futures, options, swaps, warrants and forward contracts for efficient portfolio management and for investment purposes. Forward currency transactions will be used to gain exposure to currencies and may be used to manage currency risk when considered appropriate.

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

Performance Assessment

The Fund is not managed to a benchmark, nor does the Manager use a benchmark in assessing the Fund’s performance. Investors may however refer to the information in Morningstar’s Global Bond Category, which presents data for a range of funds (including the Fund) which are grouped according to investment style, including performance information, and which enables investors to compare information across products.

How the Fund is managed

The Fund invests in corporate and government bond markets where it is believed that yields are likely to fall and avoids those which are more expensive. The overall duration, or interest rate sensitivity, of the Fund will fluctuate as expectations for economic developments change, relative to the market. The Manager will also look to add value through foreign exchange management, identifying those markets where currencies are attractive, for example, due to sound economic fundamentals or rising interest rates.

Risk profile

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

- There is no guarantee that a bond issuer will pay the interest due or repay the loan. Bond values are likely to fall if interest rates rise.
- Where a bond market has a low number of buyers and/or a high number of sellers, it may be harder to sell fund investments at an anticipated price or in a timely manner. This could have a negative impact on the value of your investment. In extreme conditions, this could affect the Fund’s ability to meet investors’ redemption requests.
- Derivative instruments can make a profit or a loss and there is no guarantee that a financial derivative contract will achieve its intended outcome. The use of derivatives can increase the amount by which the Fund’s value rises and falls and could expose the Fund to losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative as a relatively small movement may have a larger impact on derivatives than the underlying assets.
- Emerging market countries may have less developed regulation and face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries. This means your money is at greater risk.
- Losses may occur if an organisation through which we buy an asset (such as a bank) fails to meet its obligations.
- 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.

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full risk profile.

Barings Strategic Bond Fund
Investment Objective and Policy (continued)

The Fund at a glance on 29 February 2020

Total Fund size: 29 February 2020	£36.48 million	
Total Fund size: 31 August 2019	£39.03 million	
OCF*	29/02/2020	31/08/2019
Class A GBP Inc**	1.49%	1.44%
Class I GBP Inc	0.89%	0.84%
	Initial charge	Annual charge
Class A GBP Inc**	up to 5.00%	1.25%
Class I GBP Inc	Nil	0.65%
	Minimum initial investment	Minimum subsequent investment
Class A GBP Inc**	£1,000	£500
Class I GBP Inc	£10,000,000	£500

* The Ongoing Charge Figure ("OCF") reflects the payments and expenses which cover aspects of operating the Fund and is deducted from the assets over the year. It includes fees paid for investment management, trustee and general charges. The OCF figures for the current period have increased due to the decrease in 'Other expenses' and the decrease in the 'Net assets attributable to shareholders' as shown on the Balance Sheet on page 90.

** Calculation based on mid-price.

Price per unit	(pence per unit)
Class A GBP Inc	121.30p
Class I GBP Inc	121.90p

Barings Strategic Bond Fund

Fund Information

	Class A GBP Inc - Distribution units			Class I GBP Inc - Distribution units		
	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	12/07/2018	29/02/2020	31/08/2019	12/07/2018
	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)	(p)
Change in net assets per unit						
Opening net asset value per unit	119.93	115.24	116.98	120.10	115.38	117.13
Return before operating charges	0.15	9.47	0.89	0.14	9.52	0.89
Operating charges	(0.90)	(1.90)	(1.62)	(0.54)	(1.11)	(0.92)
Return after operating charges	(0.75)	7.57	(0.73)	(0.40)	8.41	(0.30)
Distributions	(1.17)	(2.88)	(1.01)	(1.46)	(3.69)	(1.72)
Closing net asset value per unit	118.01	119.93	115.24	118.24	120.10	115.38
after direct transaction costs of*	0.01	0.03	–	0.01	0.03	–
Performance						
Return after charges	(0.63)%	6.57%	(0.62)%	(0.33)%	7.29%	(0.03)%
Other information						
Closing net asset value ('000)	£16,962	£18,357	£21,098	£19,513	£20,678	£22,341
Closing number of units	14,373,766	15,306,845	18,308,693	16,502,434	17,216,975	19,363,550
Operating charges	1.49%	1.44%	1.38%	0.89%	0.84%	0.78%
Direct transaction costs	0.01%	0.03%	0.00%	0.01%	0.03%	0.00%
Prices**						
Highest unit price	127.30	122.50	118.10	127.80	123.20	118.50
Lowest unit price	118.50	112.00	115.40	118.70	112.90	115.90

*Direct transaction costs comprise commission and taxes, principally applicable to equity investment purchases and sales. Unitholders should note that there are other additional transaction costs such as dealing spread and underlying costs with regard to Investment Fund holdings which will also have reduced the Fund and unit class returns before operating charges.

**High/low prices included in the table above are for the current accounting period from 1 September 2019 to 29 February 2020. For previous periods, they relate to the accounting period from 13 July 2017 to 12 July 2018 and 13 July 2018 to 31 August 2019 respectively.

Barings Strategic Bond Fund

Report of the Investment Manager

Performance

During the reporting period from 1 September 2019 to 29 February 2020 the Barings Strategic Bond Fund ("the Fund") produced an absolute net return for Class A GBP Inc of 0.88% compared with a return of 1.74% for the performance comparator. The table below shows the 6 month, 1 year, 3 year and 5 year absolute net return for the Class A GBP Acc units against the performance comparator.

	6 months	1 year	3 years	5 years
Barings Strategic Bond Fund	0.88	5.36	7.45	6.73
Morningstar Global Bond Category	1.74	6.64	9.40	16.57

The Fund has been positioned for a slowing global economic growth environment, benign business and consumer sentiment coupled with slowing inflation and a persistence of low risk free rates in US and Europe. Such conditions favour income strategies. On premise, the Fund invested in relatively high yielding government bonds of Eurozone periphery countries (Italy, Portugal and Greece) and Emerging Market hard currency bonds (Brazil, Mexico and Egypt among others) and European banks' perpetual bonds.

The end of February was particularly challenging following the spread of the Coronavirus around the globe. Our investments underperformed as investors' risk appetite fell resulting in liquidations in emerging markets (where the Fund has currency exposure) and credit markets (both sovereign and credit). This has caused declines in the Fund's performance. We have conviction in our investments and will continue to hold these on a 1-2yr horizon, hedging our risk as applicable.

Overall, the Fund is positioned with an income bias. It owns higher yielding cash investments in Eurozone peripheral government bonds, emerging hard currency sovereign bonds and high coupon perpetual bank bonds. Despite the market turmoil, rising credit downgrades and potential spike in default rates, we remain confident of our credit selection and that the Fund should continue to receive the coupon payments from these investments. On this premise, we are confident on the Fund meeting its income distribution target this year.

The top ten purchases and sales during the period were as follows:

Purchases	Costs £'000	Sales	Proceeds £'000
UK Treasury Bond 0.00% 27/01/2020	7,791	UK Treasury Bond 0.00% 27/01/2020	7,796
Italy Buoni Poliennali Del Tesoro 2.70% 01/03/2047	3,771	Invesco AT1 Capital Bond UCITS ETF	3,948
Invesco AT1 Capital Bond UCITS ETF	3,727	Republic of Italy Government International Bond 6.00% 4/08/2028	3,265
Hellenic Republic Government Bond 4.20% 30/01/2042	2,909	United States Treasury Inflation 1.00% 15/02/2048	2,965
United States Treasury Inflation 1.00% 15/02/2048	2,893	Mexican Bonos 8.50% 18/11/2038	2,950
Spain Government Bond 5.15% 31/10/2044	2,145	Indonesia Treasury Bond 8.375% 15/03/2024	2,946
Indonesia Treasury Bond 8.375% 15/03/2024	2,115	Hellenic Republic Government Bond 3.90% 30/01/2033	2,827
Russian Federal Bond 8.50% 17/09/2031	2,092	Hellenic Republic 3.875% 12/03/2029	2,646
Mexican Bonos 8.50% 18/11/2038	1,908	Italy Buoni Poliennali Del Tesoro 2.80% 01/03/2067	2,134
UK Treasury Bond 4.00% 22/01/2060	1,384	Italy Buoni Poliennali Del Tesoro 5.00% 01/09/2040	2,075

Barings Strategic Bond Fund

Report of the Investment Manager (continued)

Market outlook

We continue to assess the impact of the Coronavirus on global financial markets. The epidemic is by far the most important driver of financial markets at this juncture; less so fundamentals. Overall, the outlook is rapidly evolving and the investment environment highly uncertain. The disruption of economic activity which has caused shutdowns of major economic centres is likely to cause a technical recession in major economies. However, policymakers have reacted promptly and swiftly with large monetary and fiscal stimulus packages, which, for the US could include direct cash disbursements to households. Therefore, while an economic slowdown is now unavoidable, we also expect a stabilisation effect from the policy support. Markets have however remained very volatile, investors' risk appetite is very low, liquidity is extremely thin and investment conditions are quite challenging. We will use these opportunities to deploy cash into lucrative, but high quality opportunities such as investment grade sovereigns which have been indiscriminately sold in the ongoing market panic. The performance of the Fund will continue reflect the high market volatility, not seen since the Global Financial Crisis. The Fund Managers will continue to review exposures to ensure that we steer from potential default cases.

Baring Asset Management Limited

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

Barings Strategic Bond Fund

Directors' Statement

The financial statements on pages 89 to 90 were approved by Baring Fund Managers Limited (the "Manager") and signed on its behalf by:

E. BROWNING Director

J. SWAYNE Director

London 22 April 2020

Barings Strategic Bond Fund

Portfolio statement

as at 29 February 2020

Holdings	Investments	Bid-Market value (£)	Percentage of total net assets (%)
	Bonds: 86.14% (87.50%)		
	Australian dollar: 3.15% (0.00%)		
AUD 1,676,000	Australia Government Bond 3.00% 21/03/2047	1,147,690	3.15
	Brazilian real: 0.00% (1.86%)		
	Euro: 37.03% (36.56%)		
EUR 565,000	Alpha Bank AE 4.25% 13/02/2030	438,814	1.21
EUR 200,000	Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria 8.875% Perpetual	182,594	0.50
EUR 200,000	Banco de Sabadell 6.50% Perpetual	175,598	0.48
EUR 1,000,000	Egypt Government International Bond 6.375% 11/04/2031	885,738	2.43
EUR 2,290,471	Hellenic Republic Government Bond 4.20% 30/01/2042	2,711,668	7.43
EUR 583,000	HSBC 6.00% Perpetual	550,917	1.51
EUR 3,480,000	Italy Buoni Poliennali Del Tesoro 2.70% 01/03/2047	3,386,519	9.29
EUR 1,000,000	National Bank of Greece 8.25% 18/07/2029	937,970	2.57
EUR 688,000	Piraeus Bank 5.50% 19/02/2030	484,719	1.33
EUR 1,322,000	Spain Government Bond 5.15% 31/10/2044	2,171,235	5.95
EUR 1,021,000	Turkey Government International Bond 5.20% 16/02/2026	914,721	2.51
EUR 830,000	Ukraine Government International Bond 4.375% 27/01/2030	663,931	1.82
		13,504,424	37.03
	Indonesian rupiah: 0.00% (1.98%)		
	Mexican peso: 0.00% (2.52%)		
	Philippine peso: 0.00% (2.24%)		
	Pound sterling: 9.19% (11.31%)		
GBP 400,000	Barclays 7.875% Perpetual	430,000	1.18
GBP 504,000	Coventry Building Society 6.875% Perpetual	553,140	1.52
GBP 213,000	Lloyds Bank 13.00% Perpetual	383,719	1.05
GBP 800,000	Petrobras Global Finance 6.625% 16/01/2034	971,840	2.66
GBP 518,000	Santander UK Group 6.75% Perpetual	557,498	1.53
GBP 400,000	Virgin Money UK 9.25% Perpetual	454,857	1.25
		3,351,054	9.19
	Russian ruble: 0.00% (2.44%)		
	US dollar: 36.77% (28.60%)		
USD 1,000,000	Banco Santander 7.50% Perpetual	831,587	2.28
USD 698,000	Barclays 7.875% Perpetual	572,037	1.57
USD 209,000	BNP Paribas 6.625% Perpetual	174,004	0.48
USD 876,000	Brazilian Government International Bond 12.25% 06/03/2030	1,157,731	3.17
USD 1,432,000	Brazilian Government International Bond 5.625% 21/02/2047	1,335,355	3.66
USD 209,000	Credit Suisse Group 6.375% Perpetual	175,221	0.48

Barings Strategic Bond Fund

Portfolio statement (continued)

as at 29 February 2020

		Bid-Market value (£)	Percentage of total net assets (%)
Holdings	Investments		
	Bonds: 86.14% (87.50%) (continued)		
	US dollar: 36.77% (28.60%) (continued)		
	Ghana Government International Bond 10.75%		
USD 755,000	14/10/2030	740,523	2.03
USD 1,000,000	Kaisa Group 11.25% 09/04/2022	813,015	2.23
	Mexico Government International Bond 6.05%		
USD 1,168,000	11/01/2040	1,218,376	3.34
	Oman Government International Bond 5.375%		
USD 1,100,000	08/03/2027	849,251	2.33
USD 998,000	Petrobras Global Finance 6.90% 19/03/2049	930,793	2.55
USD 585,000	Petroleos Mexicanos 6.35% 12/02/2048	432,946	1.19
USD 1,489,000	Petroleos Mexicanos 6.95% 28/01/2060	1,142,017	3.13
USD 1,620,000	Petroleos Mexicanos 7.69% 23/01/2050	1,355,030	3.72
USD 163,000	Petroleos Mexicanos 6.95% 28/01/2060	125,016	0.34
USD 200,000	Royal Bank of Scotland Group 8.00% Perpetual	179,028	0.49
USD 219,000	Royal Bank of Scotland Group 7.50% Perpetual	172,125	0.47
USD 200,000	Societe Generale 8.00% Perpetual	182,386	0.50
	Sovcombank Via SovCom Capital DAC 7.75%		
USD 240,000	Perpetual	187,238	0.51
USD 1,005,000	UBS Group 7.00% Perpetual	840,621	2.30
		13,414,300	36.77
	Collective Investment Schemes: 5.04% (7.78%)		
	US dollar: 5.04% (7.78%)		
102,839	Invesco AT1 Capital Bond UCITS ETF	1,838,520	5.04
	Credit Default Swaps : 0.00% (1.01%)		
	Euro: 0.00% (0.83%)		
	US dollar: 0.00% (0.18%)		
	Futures Contracts: -1.47% (-0.23%)		
	Euro: -0.22% (-0.19%)		
30	Futures Euro BTP Long-Term June 2020	(83,371)	(0.23)
40	Futures Euro Buxl Eux June 2020	345	—
10	Futures Euro Buxl Eux March 2020	1,195	0.01
		(81,831)	(0.22)
	Pound sterling: 0.00% (0.47%)		
	US dollar: -1.25% (-0.51%)		
472	Futures British Pound CME March 2020	(769,038)	(2.11)
20	Futures Euro CME March 2020	(4,561)	(0.01)
(125)	Futures Russian Ruble CME March 2020	85,706	0.23
300,000	Futures US Ultra CBT June 2020	232,883	0.64
		(455,010)	(1.25)
	Forward Currency Contracts: -1.22% (0.08%)		
	Sold USD, bought EGP 60,750,000 for settlement		
USD (3,765,340)	23/04/2020 (Standard Chartered Bank)	20,084	0.06

Barings Strategic Bond Fund

Portfolio statement (continued)

as at 29 February 2020

Holdings	Investments	Bid-Market value (£)	Percentage of total net assets (%)
	Forward Currency Contracts: -1.22% (0.08%) (continued)		
USD (3,878,691)	Sold USD, bought EGP 60,750,000 for settlement 26/03/2020 (Standard Chartered Bank)	(36,821)	(0.10)
EUR (3,344,281)	Sold EUR, bought INR 267,943,800 for settlement 30/06/2020 (Standard Chartered Bank)	(39,662)	(0.11)
EUR (1,580,665)	Sold EUR, bought IDR 23,773,194,000 for settlement 06/03/2020 (Northern Trust)	(64,690)	(0.18)
EUR (2,275,122)	Sold EUR, bought TRY 15,105,500 for settlement 26/03/2020 (Northern Trust)	(78,708)	(0.22)
EUR (4,515,409)	Sold EUR, bought RUB 313,326,500 for settlement 26/03/2020 (Standard Chartered Bank)	(243,584)	(0.67)
		(443,381)	(1.22)
	Portfolio of investments: 88.49% (96.14%)	32,275,766	88.49
	Net other assets	4,199,118	11.51
	Net assets	36,474,884	100.00

Note: Securities shown on the portfolio statement are ordinary shares admitted to official stock exchange listings or traded on a regulated market, unless otherwise stated.

Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 31 August 2019.

Debt security allocation is as follows:

Percentage of debt securities above investment grade	39.01%
Percentage of debt securities below investment grade (sub BBB - or unrated)	60.99%
	100.00%

for the period ended 29 February 2020

* The accounting year end date was changed from 12 July to 31 August.
 ** The accounting interim period date was changed from 12 January to 29 February.
 *** The opening net assets attributable to unitholders for 29 February 2020 differs to the closing position in 12 January 2018 by the movement between the two interim periods of the Fund.

Barings Strategic Bond Fund**Balance sheet**as at 29 February 2020

	29/02/2020* £'000	31/08/2019** £'000
Assets		
Investment assets	33,596	37,823
Current assets:		
Debtors	2,026	4,006
Cash and bank balances	5,080	2,362
Total assets	40,702	44,191
Liabilities		
Creditors:		
Investment liabilities	(1,320)	(294)
Bank overdraft	(514)	–
Distribution payable on income units	(410)	(826)
Other creditors	(1,983)	(4,036)
Total liabilities	(4,227)	(5,156)
Net assets attributable to unitholders	36,475	39,035

* The accounting year end date was changed from 12 July to 31 August.

** The accounting interim period date was changed from 12 January to 29 February.

Note to the financial statements

for the period ended 29 February 2020

The interim financial statements have been prepared on the same basis as the annual audited financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2019. They are in accordance with the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments and the Statement of Recommended Practice for Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association in May 2014 (the “IMA SORP 2014”). The financial statements have been prepared on a going-concern basis.

Post balance sheet events

Subsequent to the period end, the price per unit of the A GBP Income class has decreased from 121.30p to 103.40p as at 17 April 2020. This movement takes into account routine transactions but also reflects the market movements including the impact of the financial markets from the increasing fears over the spread of Coronavirus. The Manager continues to monitor investment performance in line with investment objectives.

Barings Strategic Bond Fund

Distribution Tables

Group 1: Units purchased prior to 1 September 2019*

Group 2: Units purchased between 1 September 2019 and 29 February 2020

Interim distribution - Class A GBP Inc (in pence per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation	2020 Distribution Payable	2019 Distribution Paid
1	1.1686	0.0000	1.1686	0.6229
2	0.5479	0.6207	1.1686	0.6229

Interim distribution - Class I GBP Inc (in pence per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation	2020 Distribution Payable	2019 Distribution Paid
1	1.4638	0.0000	1.4638	0.9009
2	0.5294	0.9344	1.4638	0.9009

* The interim accounting period date was changed from 12 January to 29 February.

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The Risk and Reward Profile

	SRRI risk category* 29/02/2020	SRRI risk category* 31/08/2019
Barings Dynamic Capital Growth Fund - Class A GBP Acc	N/A	4
Barings Dynamic Capital Growth Fund - Class A GBP Inc	N/A	4
Barings Dynamic Capital Growth Fund - Class D GBP Acc	N/A	4
Barings Dynamic Capital Growth Fund - Class I GBP Acc	N/A	4
Barings Dynamic Capital Growth Fund - Class I GBP Inc	N/A	4

	SRRI risk category* 29/02/2020	SRRI risk category* 31/08/2019
Barings Eastern Trust - Class A GBP Acc	6	6
Barings Eastern Trust - Class A GBP Inc	6	5
Barings Eastern Trust - Class A USD Acc	6	6
Barings Eastern Trust - Class D GBP Inc	6	6
Barings Eastern Trust - Class I GBP Acc	6	6
Barings Eastern Trust - Class I GBP Inc	6	6

	SRRI risk category* 29/02/2020	SRRI risk category* 31/08/2019
Barings European Growth - Class A GBP Inc	5	6
Barings European Growth - Class I GBP Inc	5	6

	SRRI risk category* 29/02/2020	SRRI risk category* 31/08/2019
Barings Europe Select - Class A GBP Inc	5	5
Barings Europe Select - Class A EUR Acc	5	5
Barings Europe Select - Class A EUR Inc	5	5
Barings Europe Select - Class A USD Acc	5	5
Barings Europe Select - Class I GBP Inc	5	5
Barings Europe Select - Class I EUR Acc	5	5
Barings Europe Select - Class I EUR Inc	5	5

Barings UK Unit Trusts

The Risk and Reward Profile (continued)

	SRRI risk category* 29/02/2020	SRRI risk category* 31/08/2019
Barings German Growth - Class A GBP Acc	6	6
Barings German Growth - Class A GBP Inc	6	5
Barings German Growth - Class A EUR Acc	6	6
Barings German Growth - Class A EUR Inc	6	6
Barings German Growth - Class A USD Acc	6	6
Barings German Growth - Class A USD Hedged Acc	6	6
Barings German Growth - Class A CHF Hedged Acc	6	6
Barings German Growth - Class A RMB Hedged Acc	6	6
Barings German Growth - Class I GBP Acc	6	6
Barings German Growth - Class I GBP Inc	6	6
Barings German Growth - Class I GBP Hedged Acc	6	5
Barings German Growth - Class I EUR Acc	6	6
Barings German Growth - Class I EUR Inc	6	6
Barings German Growth - Class I USD Acc	6	6

	SRRI risk category* 29/02/2020	SRRI risk category* 31/08/2019
Barings Japan Growth Trust - Class A GBP Acc	6	5
Barings Japan Growth Trust - Class I GBP Acc	6	6
Barings Japan Growth Trust - Class I GBP Inc	6	6

	SRRI risk category* 29/02/2020	SRRI risk category* 31/08/2019
Barings Strategic Bond - Class A GBP Inc	3	3
Barings Strategic Bond - Class I GBP Inc	3	3

* The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator ("SRRI") is not a measure of the risk of capital loss, but a measure of the Fund's price movement over time; the higher the number, the greater the price movement both up and down. It is based on historical data and is not a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund. The risk category shown is in line with the Key Investor Information Document ("KIID") at period-end, is not guaranteed, and may change over time. The risk categories are measured from 1 to 7 (1 measuring typically lower risk/rewards and 7 measuring typically higher risk/rewards). The lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment. The Fund is classified in the category indicated due to past movements in the Fund's price. There is no capital guarantee. The value of investments and the income from them may go down as well as up and investors may not get back the amount they invest. The SRRI figures for some share classes shown have changed during the period, while for some, these remain unchanged.

Barings UK Unit Trusts

Important Information

Constitution

The Trusts were constituted by a Trust Deed between Baring Fund Managers Limited ('the Manager') and NatWest Trustee and Depositary Services Limited.

This document has been issued by the Manager, which is authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority.

The Trusts are authorised unit trust schemes as defined in section 243 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and have been established as Undertakings for Collective Investments in Transferable Securities ("UCITS") schemes.

Performance

Past performance is no indication of current or future performance. Investment involves risk. The value of any investments and any income generated may go down as well as up and is not guaranteed. Any reference in the Investment Manager reports for any of the Trusts should not be read as recommendations to investors to buy or sell the same but are included as illustrations only.

Key changes during the period

Termination of Barings Dynamic Capital Growth

Following a review of the Fund, the Directors resolved to terminate the Barings Dynamic Capital Growth Fund and unitholders were offered a Scheme of Election to switch their holding into the Barings Multi Asset Fund. Any units which were not switched were redeemed on 3 December 2019, the closing date of the Fund and proceeds returned to the unitholders.

The trustee fees for the Barings Unit Trusts changed as at 1 January 2020 as follows:

	Old fees	New fees
Strategic Bond Fund		
First £200m	0.0175%	0.0175%
Next £200m	0.0150%	0.0150%
Next £800m	N/A	0.0100%
Thereafter	0.0100%	0.0050%
Equity Funds		
First £150m	0.0200%	N/A
First £200m	N/A	0.0175%
Next £200m	0.0175%	0.0150%
Next £800m	N/A	0.0100%
Thereafter	0.0100%	0.0050%

Market timing

Repeatedly purchasing and selling units in the Fund in response to short-term market fluctuations – known as 'market timing' – can disrupt the Manager's investment strategy and increase the Fund's expenses to the prejudice of all unitholders.

The Fund is not intended for market timing or excessive trading. To deter these activities, the Manager may refuse to accept an application for units from persons that it reasonably believes are engaged in market timing or are otherwise excessive or potentially disruptive to the Fund.

The Manager also reserves the right to redeem units which it reasonably believes have been purchased by unitholders engaged in market timing.

Publication of prices

The prices of units are published on the Barings website at www.baring.com. You can also obtain prices by telephone by calling +44 (0) 333 300 0372.

Barings UK Unit Trusts

Important Information (continued)

Dealing basis

The Manager's basis for dealing in purchases and sales of the Funds' units is "forward". This means that the price used for any deal will be calculated at the next valuation point following receipt of the investor's instruction.

Fees and expenses

The Manager's periodic charge is calculated on each business day, based on the value of the property of the Fund on the immediately preceding business day, and is paid to the Manager monthly, in arrears, on the first business day of the calendar month immediately following. The current annual management fees charged to the Fund are shown on pages 5, 16, 27, 37, 53, 70, and 81.

Revenue allocations and reports

Revenue allocations are made on 30 April (interim) and 31 October (final) of each year, where applicable, and forwarded to shareholders together with tax vouchers. The most recent annual report and audited financial statements and interim report and unaudited financial statements will be available on the Baring Asset Management Limited website at www.baring.com.

Prospectus and Manager's reports

Copies of the Prospectus, the Key Investor Information Document(s) ("KIID(s)"), and the most recent annual or interim report and financial statements are available to all persons free of charge from the Manager upon request. The annual or interim report and financial statements are also available in French, where applicable.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (the "Independent Auditor") expresses its opinion on the English version of the annual report and financial statements, and accepts no responsibility for any translations of those financial statements.

Value Assessment

As part of the FCA's Asset Management Market Study, Authorised Fund Managers are now required to produce an annual Value Assessment for all UK authorised funds. The Manager will publish the first Value Assessment for the Barings funds as part of a broader composite report in the 4th Quarter 2020. This will be made available on the Barings website.

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Disclosure for Overseas Investors

Special risks resulting from additional German tax publication requirements in Germany

A foreign investment company such as Baring Fund Managers Limited (the "Manager") must provide documentation to the German fiscal authorities upon request, e.g. in order to verify the accuracy of the additional German published tax information. German investors will use this for their tax returns. The basis upon which such figures are calculated is open to interpretation and it cannot be guaranteed that the German fiscal authorities will accept the Manager's calculation methodology in every material respect. In addition, you should be aware that if it transpires that these publications are incorrect, any subsequent correction will, as a general rule, not have retrospective effect and will, as a general rule, only take effect during the current financial year. Consequently, the correction may positively or negatively affect the investors who receive a distribution or an attribution of deemed income distributions in the current financial period.

Information for investors in Switzerland

The Manager has appointed BNP Paribas Securities Services, Paris, Succursale de Zurich, Selnaustrasse 16, 8002 Zurich, Switzerland as representative and paying agent for Switzerland. Units are distributed in Switzerland by BNP Paribas (Switzerland) Limited at the above address. Investors can obtain free of charge the Prospectus, KIID(s), the latest annual and interim reports, copies of the Trust Deed (and any amendments thereto) as well as a list of the purchases and sales made on behalf of the Trust, in French, from the representative at the above address. Official publications for the relevant funds are found on the internet at www.fundinfo.com. Unit prices (Net Asset Value with the words "plus commissions") are published daily on the internet at www.fundinfo.com.

Important information to the performance tables on page 99 to 101

The value of an investment can fall as well as rise as a result of market fluctuations and investors may not get back the amount originally invested. Past performance is no indication of current or future performance. The performance data does not take account of the commissions and costs incurred on the issue and redemption of units, nor the effect of the Manager's preliminary charge.

In conformity with a Guideline of the Swiss Funds Association ("SFA") dated 16 May 2008, the Manager is providing the below additional information regarding performance.

Total Expense Ratio ("TER")

Following the Guideline of the Swiss Funds Association ("SFA") dated 16 May 2008, the Manager is required to publish a total expense ratio ("TER") for the Fund for the 6 months to 29 February 2020. The TER has been established by the Manager and draws upon the data contained in the "Statement of total return" (Manager's management fee, registration fees, trustee fees, safe custody charges, audit fees, Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") and other regulatory fees and taxation fees as well as any further fees and costs listed in the "Statement of total return" account which do not form part of the aforementioned categories). It is calculated with reference to these numbers and in conformity with the above guideline.

Barings UK Unit Trusts

Disclosure for Overseas Investors (continued)

The TERs for each class for the period ended 29 February 2020 and 31 August 2019 are as follows:

	TER 29/02/2020 %	TER 31/08/2019 %
Barings Europe Select Trust - Class A GBP Inc	1.56	1.56
Barings Europe Select Trust - Class A EUR Acc	1.56	1.56
Barings Europe Select Trust - Class A EUR Inc	1.56	1.56
Barings Europe Select Trust - Class A USD Acc	1.56	1.56
Barings Europe Select Trust - Class I GBP Inc	0.81	0.81
Barings Europe Select Trust - Class I EUR Acc	0.81	0.81
Barings Europe Select Trust - Class I EUR Inc	0.81	0.81

Barings UK Unit Trusts

Disclosure for Overseas Investors (continued)

The TERs for each class for the period ended 29 February 2020 and 31 August 2019 are as follows:

	TER 29/02/2020 %	TER 31/08/2019 %
Barings German Growth Trust - Class A GBP Acc	1.56	1.57
Barings German Growth Trust - Class A GBP Inc	1.56	1.57
Barings German Growth Trust - Class A EUR Acc	1.56	1.57
Barings German Growth Trust - Class A EUR Inc	1.56	1.57
Barings German Growth Trust - Class A USD Acc	1.56	1.57
Barings German Growth Trust - Class A USD Hedged Acc	1.56	1.57
Barings German Growth Trust - Class A CHF Hedged Acc	1.56	1.57
Barings German Growth Trust - Class A RMB Hedged Acc	1.56	1.57
Barings German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Acc	0.81	0.82
Barings German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Inc	0.81	0.82
Barings German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Acc	0.81	0.82
Barings German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Hedged Acc Acc	0.81	0.82
Barings German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Acc	0.81	0.82
Barings German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Inc	0.81	0.82
Barings German Growth Trust - Class I USD Acc	0.81	0.82

The TERs for each class for the period ended 29 February 2020 and 31 August 2019 are as follows:

	TER 29/02/2020 %	TER 31/08/2019 %
Barings Strategic Bond Fund - Class A GBP Inc	1.49	1.44
Barings Strategic Bond Fund - Class I GBP Inc	0.89	0.84

Trailer fees and reimbursements

Trailer fees (Bestandespflegekommissionen) may only be paid to the sales agents/partners indicated below:

- authorised sales agents (distributors) within the meaning of Article 19, Para 1, Collective Investment Schemes Act ("CISA");
- sales agents (distributors) exempted from the authorisation requirement within the meaning of Article 19, Para 4, CISA;

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- sales partners who place fund units exclusively with institutional investors with professional treasury facilities; and/or;
- sales partners who place fund units with their clients exclusively on the basis of a written commission-based asset management mandate.

Reimbursements (Rückvergütungen) may only be paid to the institutional investors detailed below who from a commercial perspective are holding the fund units for third parties:

- life insurance companies (in respect of fund units held for the account of insured persons or to cover obligations towards insured persons), pension funds and other retirement provision institutions (in respect of fund units held for the account of beneficiaries);
- investment foundations (in respect of fund units held for the account of in-house funds);
- Swiss fund management companies (in respect of fund units held for the account of the funds managed); and
- foreign fund management companies and providers (in respect of fund units held for the account of managed funds and investing unitholders).

Performance record to 29 February 2020

Barings Europe Select Trust

	01/09/2019 - 29/02/2020 %	01/06/2018 - 31/08/2019 %	01/06/2017 - 31/05/2018 %	01/06/2016 - 31/05/2017 %	01/06/2015 - 31/05/2016 %
Class A GBP Inc (GBP terms)*	(5.55)	4.25	5.27	36.09	7.22
Euromoney Smaller European Companies (ex UK) Index, Total Return (GBP terms)	(2.50)	(0.62)	6.17	39.89	6.27
Class A EUR Acc (EUR terms)*	0.36	1.00	4.91	18.91	1.00
Class A EUR Inc (EUR terms)*	0.35	0.76	4.92	18.91	1.00
Class A USD Acc (USD terms)	(0.09)	(4.74)	9.27	19.58	2.78
Class I GBP Inc (GBP terms)	(5.20)	5.22	6.06	37.17	8.08
Class I EUR Acc (EUR terms)**	0.74	1.72	5.72	19.79	2.02
Class I EUR Inc (EUR terms)**	0.73	1.71	5.70	19.82	1.84

Performance figures are shown net of fees and charges, on a published NAV per unit basis (mid-price), with gross revenue reinvested.

Source: Morningstar/Barings/Euromoney.

* 'Baring Europe Select Trust - Class GBP Inc' changed its name to 'Barings Europe Select Trust - Class A GBP Inc' on 29 August 2017.

'Baring Europe Select Trust - Class EUR Acc' changed its name to 'Barings Europe Select Trust - Class A EUR Acc' on 29 August 2017.

'Baring Europe Select Trust - Class EUR Inc' changed its name to 'Barings Europe Select Trust - Class A EUR Inc' on 29 August 2017.

** The Class I EUR Acc unit class was launched on 22 May 2015.

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Barings German Growth Trust

	01/09/2019 - 29/02/2020 %	16/05/2018 - 31/08/2019 %	16/05/2017 - 15/05/2018 %	16/05/2016 - 15/05/2017 %	16/05/2015 - 15/05/2016 %
Class A GBP Acc (GBP terms)	(9.74)	(11.92)	9.84	39.62	(0.90)
Class A GBP Inc (GBP terms)	(9.75)	(11.91)	9.84	39.60	(0.91)
HDAX @ Total Return (GBP terms)	(1.04)	(5.65)	7.19	38.53	(3.39)
Class A EUR Acc (EUR terms)	(4.10)	(14.53)	5.94	29.55	(9.09)
Class A EUR Inc (EUR terms)	(4.09)	(14.49)	5.89	29.57	(9.07)
Class A USD Acc (USD terms)	(4.53)	(20.80)	14.98	25.36	(9.20)
Class A USD Hedged Acc (USD terms)*	(3.02)	(11.21)	8.14	31.77	(10.45)
Class A CHF Hedged Acc (CHF terms)*	-	-	-	28.75	(10.33)
Class A RMB Hedged Acc (RMB terms)*	-	-	9.97	36.10	(4.59)
Class I GBP Acc (GBP terms)	(9.41)	(11.03)	10.67	40.69	(0.08)
Class I GBP Inc (GBP terms)	(9.41)	(11.03)	10.67	40.65	(0.05)
Class I GBP Hedged Acc (GBP terms)*	(3.52)	(12.39)	7.26	7.71	N/A
Class I EUR Acc (EUR terms)*	(3.75)	(13.68)	6.70	30.56	(10.19)
Class I EUR Inc (EUR terms)*	(3.73)	(17.09)	6.67	30.48	(0.14)
Class I USD Acc (USD terms)*	(4.17)	(20.03)	15.93	26.42	(0.45)

Performance figures are shown net of fees and charges, on a published NAV per unit basis (mid-price), with gross revenue reinvested.

Source: Morningstar/Barings/HDAX.

* The Class I EUR Acc unit class was launched on 26 May 2015.

The Class A CHF Hedged Acc unit class was launched on 29 May 2015 and closed on 17 April 2018.

The Class A USD Hedged Acc unit class was launched on 29 May 2015.

The Class A RMB Hedged Acc unit class was launched on 3 July 2015.

The Class I EUR Inc unit class was launched on 13 October 2015.

The Class I USD Acc unit class was launched on 13 October 2015.

The Class I GBP Hedged Acc unit class was launched on 24 March 2017.

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Barings Strategic Bond Fund

	01/09/2019 - 29/02/2020 %	13/07/2018 - 31/08/2019 %	13/07/2017 - 12/07/2018 %	13/07/2016 - 12/07/2017 %	13/07/2015 - 12/07/2016 %
Class A GBP Inc (GBP terms)*	0.88	6.79	(0.68)	0.48	0.54
Class I GBP Inc (GBP terms)	1.24	7.49	0.00	1.09	1.24

Performance figures are shown net of fees and charges, on a published NAV per unit basis (mid-price), with gross revenue reinvested.

Source: Morningstar/Barings

* 'Baring Strategic Bond Fund – Class GBP Inc' changed its name to 'Barings Strategic Bond Fund – Class A GBP Inc' on 29 August 2017.

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