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# Barings Investment Umbrella Fund

## Interim Report & Unaudited Financial Statements

for the half year ended 29 February 2020

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This Interim Report and Unaudited Financial Statements covers the period from 1 September 2019 to 29 February 2020 and reviews the performance and market outlook for the Barings Global Agriculture Fund, a sub-fund of the Barings Investment Umbrella Fund, managed by Baring Fund Managers Limited ("the Authorised Corporate Director" or "ACD").

The functional and presentational currency for the Fund is Sterling.

This is the first Interim Report and Financial Statements for the Company since the year end was changed to 31 August.

As an investor in the Fund, your money is pooled with that of other investors and invested by the ACD in line with the Investment objective and policy as shown on page 4.

**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 ACD 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 note on page 17.

# Barings Global Agriculture Fund

## Investment Objective and Policy

The investment objective of Barings Global Agriculture Fund (the "Fund") is to achieve capital growth by investing in the agricultural sector.

The Fund 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 in any company, including those in developed and emerging markets, where the majority of earnings of issuers or holding companies are derived from activities related to any commodities which are grown or raised, commonly known as agricultural or soft commodities.

These companies are likely to encompass, without being limited to: fertiliser, agricultural machinery, animal feed, seed and crop protection manufacturers, agricultural producers including farms, plantations and aquaculture, crop processors, grain and edible oil handlers and distributors, timber, pulp and paper, food ingredient companies, food manufacturers and food retailers.

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

In order to implement the investment policy, the Fund 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 Fund may also obtain indirect exposure through investments in collective investment schemes (including collective investment schemes managed by the ACD or an associate of the ACD) and other transferable securities. It may also use derivatives including futures, options, swaps, warrants and forward contracts for efficient portfolio management and for investment purposes.

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

### Performance Comparator

The Fund is not managed to a benchmark, however the ACD uses the DAXglobal® Agribusiness (Total Gross Return) Index to assess the Fund's performance.

The ACD considers the performance comparator to be an appropriate assessment tool because it tracks the performance of large global agricultural companies.

### How the Fund 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 Fund:

- Changes in exchange rates between the currency of the Fund and the currencies in which the assets of the Fund are valued can have the effect of increasing or decreasing the value of the Fund and any income generated.
- Derivative instruments can make a profit or a loss and there is no guarantee that a financial derivative contract will achieve its intended outcome. The use of derivatives can increase the amount by which the Fund's value rises and falls and could expose the Fund to losses that are significantly greater than the cost of the derivative. Some derivative transactions may be entered into directly with an eligible person or institution (a "counterparty"). There is a risk that the counterparty may not meet its obligations or becomes insolvent, which could cause the Fund to incur a loss.
- Emerging markets or less developed countries may face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries. Coupled with less developed regulation, this means your money is at greater risk.
- Natural events such as fire, drought, flood and disease may have an adverse impact on the agricultural and commodities markets. These markets may also fluctuate significantly due to changing market supply and demand relationships, for example.

**Risk profile** (continued)

- 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 Fund at a glance on 29 February 2020

| **Total Fund size: 29 February 2020** | | **£37.94 million** |
|---|---|---|
| **Total Fund size: 31 August 2019** | | **£45.89 million** |
| **OCF*** | **29/02/2020** | **31/08/2019** |
| Class A GBP Acc | 1.80% | 1.97% |
| Class A EUR Acc | 1.80% | 1.97% |
| Class A USD Acc | 1.80% | 1.97% |
| Class I GBP Acc | 1.05% | 1.22% |
| Class I USD Acc | 1.05% | 1.22% |
| Class X GBP Acc | 0.30% | 0.47% |
| | **Initial charge** | **Annual charge** |
| Class A GBP Acc | Up to 5.00% | 1.50% |
| Class A EUR Acc | Up to 5.00% | 1.50% |
| Class A USD Acc | Up to 5.00% | 1.50% |
| Class I GBP Acc | Nil | 0.75% |
| Class I USD Acc | Nil | 0.75% |
| Class X GBP Acc | Nil | 0.00% |
| | **Minimum initial investment** | **Minimum subsequent investment** |
| Class A GBP Acc | £1,000 | £500 |
| Class A EUR Acc | £1,000 equivalent | £500 equivalent |
| Class A USD Acc | £1,000 equivalent | £500 equivalent |
| Class I GBP Acc | £10,000,000 | £500 |
| Class I USD Acc | £10,000,000 equivalent | £500 equivalent |
| Class X GBP Acc | Discretionary | Discretionary |

* 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, depositary and general charges. The OCF figures for the current period have decreased due to the decrease in 'Other expenses' relative to the fall in 'Net assets attributable to shareholders' as shown on the Balance Sheet on page 17.

## The Fund at a glance on 29 February 2020 (continued)

| Price per share | (pence/cents per share) |
|---|---|
| Class A GBP Acc | 213.00p |
| Class A EUR Acc | 250.10c |
| Class A USD Acc | 275.80c |
| Class I GBP Acc | 230.40p |
| Class I USD Acc | 299.70c |
| Class X GBP Acc | 256.10p |

# Barings Global Agriculture Fund

## Fund Information

| | Class A GBP Acc - Accumulation shares | | | Class A EUR Acc - Accumulation shares | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 29/02/2020 (p) | 31/08/2019 (p) | 31/07/2018 (p) | 29/02/2020 (c) | 31/08/2019 (c) | 31/07/2018 (c) |
| **Change in net assets per share** | | | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 237.66 | 215.95 | 206.59 | 262.66 | 242.71 | 231.71 |
| Return before operating charges | (22.88) | 26.43 | 13.37 | (10.42) | 24.65 | 15.49 |
| Operating charges | (2.11) | (4.72) | (4.01) | (2.48) | (4.70) | (4.49) |
| Return after operating charges | (24.99) | 21.71 | 9.36 | (12.90) | 19.95 | 11.00 |
| Distributions | – | – | (0.68) | – | – | (0.94) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | – | – | 0.68 | – | – | 0.94 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 212.67 | 237.66 | 215.95 | 249.76 | 262.66 | 242.71 |
| after direct transaction costs of* | 0.06 | 0.12 | 0.20 | 0.07 | 0.12 | 0.22 |
| **Performance** | | | | | | |
| Return after charges | (10.52)% | 10.05% | 4.53% | (4.91)% | 8.22% | 4.75% |
| **Other information** | | | | | | |
| Closing net asset value ('000) | £3,602 | £4,121 | £4,283 | €357 | €317 | €365 |
| Closing number of share | 1,693,793 | 1,733,912 | 1,983,337 | 143,088 | 120,656 | 150,237 |
| Operating charges | 1.80% | 1.97% | 1.90% | 1.80% | 1.97% | 1.90% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.03% | 0.06% | 0.09% | 0.03% | 0.06% | 0.09% |
| **Prices**** | | | | | | |
| Highest share price | 243.80 | 246.10 | 224.20 | 286.30 | 269.70 | 254.30 |
| Lowest share price | 213.00 | 200.70 | 195.40 | 250.10 | 222.90 | 220.60 |

| | Class A USD Acc - Accumulation shares | | | Class I GBP Acc - Accumulation shares | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 29/02/2020 (c) | 31/08/2019 (c) | 31/07/2018 (c) | 29/02/2020 (p) | 31/08/2019 (p) | 31/07/2018 (p) |
| **Change in net assets per share** | | | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 290.96 | 285.74 | 272.56 | 256.11 | 230.82 | 219.18 |
| Return before operating charges | (12.81) | 9.96 | 18.48 | (24.73) | 28.42 | 14.23 |
| Operating charges | (2.73) | (4.74) | (5.30) | (1.33) | (3.13) | (2.59) |
| Return after operating charges | (15.54) | 5.22 | 13.18 | (26.06) | 25.29 | 11.64 |
| Distributions | – | – | (0.91) | (0.19) | (2.01) | (2.41) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | – | – | 0.91 | 0.19 | 2.01 | 2.41 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 275.42 | 290.96 | 285.74 | 230.05 | 256.11 | 230.82 |
| after direct transaction costs of* | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.26 | 0.06 | 0.13 | 0.21 |
| **Performance** | | | | | | |
| Return after charges | (5.34)% | 1.83% | 4.84% | (10.18)% | 10.96% | 5.31% |
| **Other information** | | | | | | |
| Closing net asset value ('000) | $7,670 | $7,823 | $10,014 | £28,065 | £35,032 | £39,259 |
| Closing number of share | 2,784,802 | 2,688,641 | 3,504,620 | 12,199,201 | 13,678,686 | 17,008,149 |
| Operating charges | 1.80% | 1.97% | 1.90% | 1.05% | 1.22% | 1.15% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.03% | 0.06% | 0.09% | 0.03% | 0.06% | 0.09% |
| **Prices**** | | | | | | |
| Highest share price | 320.50 | 302.20 | 310.60 | 263.40 | 265.10 | 238.60 |
| Lowest share price | 275.80 | 254.70 | 265.70 | 230.40 | 215.20 | 208.40 |

*Direct transaction costs comprise commission and taxes, principally applicable to equity investment purchases and sales. Shareholders 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 share class returns before operating charges.

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

| | Class I USD Acc - Accumulation shares | | | Class X GBP Acc - Accumulation shares | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 29/02/2020 (c) | 31/08/2019 (c) | 31/07/2018 (c) | 29/02/2020 (p) | 31/08/2019 (p) | 31/07/2018 (p) |
| **Change in net assets per share** | | | | | | |
| Opening net asset value per share | 315.20 | 306.92 | 290.00 | 283.64 | 253.52 | 238.95 |
| Return before operating charges | (14.13) | 11.46 | 20.46 | (27.48) | 31.44 | 15.55 |
| Operating charges | (1.74) | (3.18) | (3.54) | (0.42) | (1.32) | (0.98) |
| Return after operating charges | (15.87) | 8.28 | 16.92 | (27.90) | 30.12 | (14.57) |
| Distributions | (0.23) | (2.49) | (3.99) | (1.05) | (4.34) | (4.48) |
| Retained distributions on accumulation shares | 0.23 | 2.49 | 3.99 | 1.05 | 4.34 | 4.48 |
| Closing net asset value per share | 299.33 | 315.20 | 306.92 | 255.74 | 283.64 | 253.52 |
| after direct transaction costs of* | 0.08 | 0.13 | 0.29 | 0.07 | 0.14 | 0.23 |
| **Performance** | | | | | | |
| Return after charges | (5.03)% | 2.70% | 5.83% | (9.84)% | 11.88% | 6.10% |
| **Other information** | | | | | | |
| Closing net asset value ('000) | $6 | $23 | $6 | £5 | £5 | £18,820 |
| Closing number of share | 2,101 | 7,376 | 2,010 | 1,785 | 1,785 | 7,423,517 |
| Operating charges | 1.05% | 1.22% | 1.15% | 0.30% | 0.47% | 0.40% |
| Direct transaction costs | 0.03% | 0.06% | 0.09% | 0.03% | 0.06% | 0.09% |
| **Prices**** | | | | | | |
| Highest share price | 348.10 | 327.00 | 331.90 | 292.40 | 293.30 | 261.00 |
| Lowest share price | 299.70 | 274.60 | 282.60 | 256.10 | 237.10 | 228.30 |

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

## Performance

During the reporting period from 1 September 2019 to 29 February 2020 the Barings Global Agricultural Fund ("the Fund") produced an absolute net return for Class A GBP Acc of -10.43% compared with a return of -10.71% 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 shares against the performance comparator.

| | 6 months | 1 year | 3 years | 5 years |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Barings Global Agricultural Fund | (10.43) | 0.42 | 2.31 | 19.46 |
| DAXglobal® Agribusiness (Total Gross Return) Index | (10.71) | (2.71) | (0.70) | 22.23 |

Agricultural equities in absolute terms declined for the 6 month period to the end of February 2020. The retreat in the sector was broad-based but the fertiliser sector and meat producers were the biggest laggards. Chicken production margins declined in the US, which in turn led to weakness in shares such as Tyson Foods who have material exposure to this business. The fertiliser sector struggled with the underlying fertiliser commodities coming under pressure with weak demand due to the late harvest creating challenges for the North American farmer to apply agrochemicals after harvest. Furthermore, supply of fertiliser continued to increase, particularly in potash based fertiliser.

The Fund outperformed the performance comparator for the period under review due to positive stock selection. Stock specific issues tended to dominate the performance of the asset class during this period under review.

The renewable biodiesel producers US listed Darling Ingredients and Finnish listed Neste both added relative performance as margins remained strong. This was further boosted by the US Congress approving the Biodiesel Blenders tax credit which provides payment of the $1 per gallon tax credit through to 2022 and is retroactive for years 2018-19. Furthermore, Darling Ingredients also indicated that their Diamond Green Diesel refinery expansion from 275 million gallons to 675 million gallons was on track and on budget for completion by the end of 2021. This will be transformative for the Darling Ingredients. UK listed pork producer Cranswick advanced with continued solid execution and benefiting from strong export demand to China. US potato processor Lamb Weston performed strongly on solid results and raising earnings guidance driven by their big customers internationally and fast food restaurants in the US.

US listed meat producers Pilgrim's Pride and Tyson Foods suffered from profit taking following strong performance in the previous period on optimism of improving margins based on increased Chinese demand. Whilst Tyson's beef and pork business has been strong, this has been offset by chicken. An over supply of US chicken following a better than expected growing season led to weaker pricing and margins. We do expect an improvement in US poultry exports, particularly from China. China opened their market to US chicken imports in November for the first time since the 2015 ban following avian flu but the Coronavirus has likely delayed a more significant pick up in US chicken imports from China.

We initiated positions in Neste, which is mentioned above and in UK based animal genetics company Genus. Genus has an exciting growth opportunity in China as the country starts the process of rebuilding their hog herd after the African Swine Fever. Genus' growth has further been accelerated in China with their collaboration with BCA (Beijing Capital Agribusiness) that was signed last year. We sold our position in Irish listed Glanbia as it became apparent that the sports nutrition market has become more competitive and margins will likely be lower than we previously thought.

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

| Purchases | Costs £'000 | Sales | Proceeds £'000 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Archer-Daniels-Midland | 1,353 | Glanbia | 1,306 |
| Weyerhaeuser | 820 | Nutrien | 1,283 |
| Neste | 644 | Pilgrim's Pride | 1,211 |
| Corteva | 602 | Deere | 1,028 |
| Wilmar International | 586 | Lamb Weston Holdings | 753 |
| Genus | 442 | Danone | 576 |
| Borregaard | 434 | AAK | 462 |
| Nutrien | 427 | Tyson Foods | 441 |
| KON. DSM | 421 | CF Industries | 441 |
| BRF | 403 | Darling Ingredients | 439 |

**Market outlook**

We think grain production and consumption should remain resilient. In the last global recession in 2008-09, global consumption of wheat, corn and soybean grew in 2008, 2009 and 2010. Indeed, when analysing grain consumption back to the 1960s, demand is inelastic and is not correlated to past recessionary periods. Whilst there will be short term disruptions from the logistics of food processing and distribution resulting from the Coronavirus, we do not believe there will be a major impact on global food demand and grain production. The Coronavirus has likely delayed the significant increase in US agricultural imports of the "Phase One" trade deal between the United States and China; where China agreed to increase US agricultural imports to $40 billion over the next 2 years from a 2017 baseline of $24 billion. The Fund is well positioned to benefit from this pick up in Chinese demand when it eventually occurs with over half the portfolio invested in the United States.

Ultimately, it is our view that farmers will plant their crops and optimise their agro chemical inputs of seeds, fertiliser and crop protection to maximise their yield. Moreover, we actually believe that crop input demand will increase assuming normal growing conditions in the US with an additional 12 million acres of corn and soybeans to be planted in the US, which were not planted last year following the difficult growing conditions. We are therefore, positive on the agro chemical sectors of fertiliser, seeds and crop protection. The more economically cyclical sector of farm machinery should also remain solid. Global high horsepower agricultural equipment sales should be supported by replacement demand as the age of the high horsepower equipment in the field is relatively old, so it becomes more of a necessity to replace equipment as opposed to a discretionary decision.

The African Swine Fever in China is estimated to reduce Chinese pork production by 35 to 40% from 2018 to 2020, this has resulted in a surge in Chinese pork pricing. Chinese pork import demand has been very strong and we expect this to continue over the next few years as the Chinese hog herd is estimated to be down by around 50% from 2018 and it will likely take 3 to 5 years to rebuild the herd. This provides a positive outlook for meat producers such as Tyson Foods over the next few years. The stronger demand for meat should lead to strong demand for soybean meal which would be positive for the big soybean processors such as Archer Daniels Midland (ADM). ADM will also be a beneficiary when the US Chinese agricultural trade does pick up as it is a leading exporter of US grains and edible oils.

**Market outlook** (continued)

The food manufacturers in the Fund have strong franchises such as Danone. Danone has a high quality franchise with leading brands in growth consumer categories of plant based nutrition, waters, baby food and nutritional food for old people. This is the major food diversified company which best plays into the "Health and Wellness" theme with 88% of their products recommended for daily consumption. Danone product categories should drive above market growth. Danone has an attractive geographic spread with 46% of sales in emerging markets.

**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.*

The financial statements on pages 16 to 17 were approved by Baring Fund Managers Limited (the "Authorised Corporate Director" or "ACD") and signed on its behalf by:

E. BROWNING Director

J. SWAYNE Director London 22 April 2020

| Holdings | Investments | Bid-Market value (£) | Percentage of total net assets (%) |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Investment Funds: 1.31% (0.90%)** | | |
| | **Ireland: 1.31% (0.90%)** | | |
| 490,000 | Northern Trust Global Funds - Sterling Fund† | 490,000 | 1.29 |
| 8,000 | Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund† | 6,210 | 0.02 |
| | | **496,210** | **1.31** |
| | **Equities: 98.91% (99.42%)** | | |
| | **Brazil: 1.56% (1.33%)** | | |
| 124,135 | BRF | **590,723** | **1.56** |
| | **Canada: 6.56% (8.97%)** | | |
| 81,144 | Nutrien | **2,489,373** | **6.56** |
| | **Denmark : 0.00% (0.52%)** | | |
| | **Finland: 2.12% (0.00%)** | | |
| 26,328 | Neste | **805,567** | **2.12** |
| | **France: 1.01% (2.58%)** | | |
| 6,989 | Danone | **383,561** | **1.01** |
| | **Germany: 0.97% (0.86%)** | | |
| 15,422 | AlzChem | 236,857 | 0.63 |
| 17,132 | B.R.A.I.N. Biotechnology Research & Information Network | 130,391 | 0.34 |
| | | **367,248** | **0.97** |
| | **India: 3.13% (3.59%)** | | |
| 22,630 | PI Industries | 365,985 | 0.97 |
| 145,374 | UPL | 819,785 | 2.16 |
| | | **1,185,770** | **3.13** |
| | **Ireland : 0.00% (2.56%)** | | |
| | **Israel: 0.72% (0.77%)** | | |
| 94,681 | Israel Chemicals | **273,355** | **0.72** |
| | **Japan: 3.88% (3.50%)** | | |
| 136,500 | Kubota | **1,473,357** | **3.88** |
| | **Netherlands: 2.08% (1.04%)** | | |
| 9,099 | KON. DSM | **787,237** | **2.08** |
| | **Norway: 5.42% (5.39%)** | | |
| 11,159 | Bakkafrost | 542,429 | 1.43 |
| 56,094 | Borregaard | 466,181 | 1.23 |

| Holdings | Investments | Bid-Market value (£) | Percentage of total net assets (%) |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Equities: 98.91% (99.42%)** (continued) | | |
| | **Norway: 5.42% (5.39%)** (continued) | | |
| 37,193 | Yara International | 1,048,745 | 2.76 |
| | | **2,057,355** | **5.42** |
| | **Singapore: 6.58% (4.19%)** | | |
| 1,281,600 | First Resources | 1,126,087 | 2.97 |
| 622,000 | Wilmar International | 1,369,771 | 3.61 |
| | | **2,495,858** | **6.58** |
| | **Sweden : 0.00% (1.06%)** | | |
| | **Switzerland: 2.27% (2.70%)** | | |
| 10,721 | Nestle | **859,682** | **2.27** |
| | **Ukraine : 0.00% (0.51%)** | | |
| | **United Kingdom: 9.01% (6.66%)** | | |
| 98,778 | CNH Industrial | 701,614 | 1.85 |
| 26,356 | Cranswick | 885,562 | 2.33 |
| 15,260 | Genus | 465,430 | 1.23 |
| 192,809 | Tate & Lyle | 1,366,244 | 3.60 |
| | | **3,418,850** | **9.01** |
| | **United States: 53.60% (53.19%)** | | |
| 19,127 | AGCO | 911,361 | 2.40 |
| 107,244 | Archer-Daniels-Midland | 3,129,407 | 8.25 |
| 10,774 | Bunge | 399,948 | 1.05 |
| 62,140 | CF Industries | 1,742,351 | 4.59 |
| 58,304 | Corteva | 1,232,884 | 3.25 |
| 71,495 | Darling Ingredients | 1,388,053 | 3.66 |
| 14,256 | Deere | 1,770,435 | 4.67 |
| 19,892 | FMC | 1,425,887 | 3.76 |
| 39,455 | Lamb Weston Holdings | 2,739,369 | 7.22 |
| 43,251 | Mosaic | 555,326 | 1.46 |
| 31,012 | Pilgrim's Pride | 508,922 | 1.34 |
| 11,711 | Tractor Supply | 821,824 | 2.17 |
| 55,429 | Tyson Foods | 2,977,125 | 7.85 |

| Holdings | Investments | Bid-Market value (£) | Percentage of total net assets (%) |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Equities: 98.91% (99.42%)** (continued) | | |
| | **United States: 53.60% (53.19%)** (continued) | | |
| 35,760 | Weyerhaeuser | 732,022 | 1.93 |
| | | **20,334,914** | **53.60** |
| | **Portfolio of investments: 100.22% (100.32%)** | **38,019,060** | **100.22** |
| | Net other liabilities | (83,589) | (0.22) |
| | **Net assets** | **37,935,471** | **100.00** |

† Shares In Investment Funds. Uninvested cash from the Fund 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 Global Agriculture Fund

### Statement of total return and Statement of changes in net assets attributable to shareholders

for the period ended 29 February 2020

| | 01/09/2019 to 29/02/2020* | | 01/08/2018 to 31/01/2019** | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **£'000** | **£'000** | £'000 | £'000 |
| Income | | | | |
| Net capital losses | | **(4,272)** | | (1,274) |
| Revenue | **314** | | 680 | |
| Expenses | **(243)** | | (638) | |
| Net revenue before taxation | **71** | | 42 | |
| Taxation | **(65)** | | (68) | |
| Net revenue/(expense) after taxation | | **6** | | (26) |
| **Total return before distributions** | | **(4,266)** | | (1,300) |
| Distributions | | **(26)** | | (44) |
| **Change in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities** | | **(4,292)** | | (1,344) |

| | 01/09/2019 to 29/02/2020* | | 01/08/2018 to 31/01/2019** | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **£'000** | **£'000** | £'000 | £'000 |
| **Opening net assets attributable to shareholders*** ** | | **45,888** | | 70,300 |
| Amounts receivable on issue of shares | **6,267** | | 17,567 | |
| Amounts payable on cancellation of shares | **(9,951)** | | (21,139) | |
| | | **(3,684)** | | (3,572) |
| Dilution adjustment | | **–** | | 17 |
| Changes in net assets attributable to shareholders from investment activities | | **(4,292)** | | (1,344) |
| Retained distribution on accumulation shares | | **23** | | 45 |
| **Closing net assets attributable to shareholders** | | **37,935** | | 65,446 |

* The accounting interim period date was changed from 31 January to 29 February.
** The accounting year end date was changed from 31 July to 31 August.
*** The opening net assets attributable to shareholders for 29 February 2020 differs to the closing position in 31 January 2019 by the movement between the two interim periods of the Fund.

## Barings Global Agriculture Fund

### Balance Sheet

as at 29 February 2020

| | 29/02/2020* £'000 | 31/08/2019** £'000 |
|---|---|---|
| **Assets** | | |
| Investment assets | **38,019** | 46,034 |
| Current assets: | | |
| Debtors | **162** | 198 |
| Cash and bank balances | **76** | 25 |
| Total assets | **38,257** | 46,257 |
| **Liabilities** | | |
| Creditors: | | |
| Bank overdrafts | **(57)** | – |
| Other creditors | **(265)** | (369) |
| Total liabilities | **(322)** | (369) |
| **Net assets attributable to shareholders** | **37,935** | 45,888 |

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

** The accounting year end date was changed from 31 July 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 share of the A Accumulation class has decreased from 213.00p to 191.60p 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 ACD continues to monitor investment performance in line with investment objectives.

Group 1: Shares purchased prior to 1 September 2019*

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

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

| Group | Net Revenue | Equalisation | 2020 Accumulation Payable | 2019 Accumulation Paid |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| 2 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |

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

| Group | Net Revenue | Equalisation | 2020 Accumulation Payable | 2019 Accumulation Paid |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| 2 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |

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

| Group | Net Revenue | Equalisation | 2020 Accumulation Payable | 2019 Accumulation Paid |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| 2 | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |

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

| Group | Net Revenue | Equalisation | 2020 Accumulation Payable | 2019 Accumulation Paid |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0.1900 | 0.0000 | 0.1900 | Nil |
| 2 | 0.1519 | 0.0381 | 0.1900 | Nil |

**Interim accumulation - Class I USD Acc (in cents per share)**

| Group | Net Revenue | Equalisation | 2020 Accumulation Payable | 2019 Accumulation Paid |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 0.2260 | 0.0000 | 0.2260 | Nil |
| 2 | 0.0309 | 0.1951 | 0.2260 | Nil |

### Interim accumulation - Class X GBP Acc (in pence per share)

| Group | Net Revenue | Equalisation | 2020 Accumulation Payable | 2019 Accumulation Paid |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 1.0541 | 0.0000 | 1.0541 | 0.6144 |
| 2 | 1.0541 | 0.0000 | 1.0541 | 0.6144 |

* The accounting year end date was changed from 31 July to 31 August. As a result, during the period from 1 August 2018 to 31 August 2019, there was no interim distribution compared with two distributions in prior accounting period from 31 July 2018 to 31 July 2019.

## Barings Global Agriculture Fund

### The Risk and Reward Profile

| | SRRI risk category* 29/02/2020 | SRRI risk category* 31/08/2019 |
|---|---|---|
| Barings Global Agriculture Fund - Class A GBP Acc | 5 | 5 |
| Barings Global Agriculture Fund - Class A EUR Acc | 5 | 5 |
| Barings Global Agriculture Fund - Class A USD Acc | 5 | 5 |
| Barings Global Agriculture Fund - Class I GBP Acc | 5 | 5 |
| Barings Global Agriculture Fund - Class I USD Acc | 5 | 5 |
| Barings Global Agriculture Fund - Class X GBP Acc | 5 | 5 |

* 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 year-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 shown have not changed during the period.

## Constitution

Barings Investment Umbrella Fund (the "Company") is an open-ended investment company with variable capital incorporated in England and Wales (registered number IC709) under the open-ended investment companies regulations 2001 and authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA") with effect from 14 October 2008. The Company is a UCITS retail scheme under the FCA's rules.

The Company currently has one sub-fund, the Barings Global Agriculture Fund (the "Fund") and the shareholders are not liable for the debts of the company.

This document has been issued by Baring Fund Managers Limited (the "Authorised Corporate Director" or "ACD") which is authorised and regulated by the FCA.

## 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 references in this report to other investments held within the Fund should not be read as a recommendation to the investor to buy and sell the same but are included as illustration only.

## Key changes during the period

The depositary fees for the Barings Investment Umbrella Fund changed as at 1 January 2020 as follows:

| Old fees | | New fees | |
|---|---|---|---|
| First £150m | 0.0200% | First £200m | 0.0175% |
| Next £200m | 0.0175% | Next £200m | 0.0150% |
| Thereafter | 0.0100% | Next £800m | 0.0100% |
| | | Thereafter | 0.0050% |

## Market timing

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

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

The ACD also reserves the right to redeem shares which it reasonably believes have been purchased by shareholders engaged in market timing.

## Publication of prices

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

## Dealing basis

The ACD's basis for dealing in purchases and sales of the Fund's shares 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 ACD'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 ACD 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 page 5.

### 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.barings.com.

### Prospectus and ACD'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 ACD upon request.

The annual or interim report and financial statements are also available in French.

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 ACD 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.

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

A foreign investment company such as Baring Fund Managers Limited (the "ACD") 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 ACD'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 ACD has appointed BNP Paribas Securities Services, Paris, Succursale de Zurich, Selnaustrasse 16, 8002 Zurich, Switzerland as representative and paying agent for Switzerland. Shares 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 Instrument of Incorporation (and any amendments thereto) as well as a list of the purchases and sales made on behalf of the Barings Global Agriculture Fund (the "Fund"), in French, from the representative at the above address. Official publications for the Fund are found on the internet at www.fundinfo.com. Share 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 26

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 shares, nor the effect of the ACD's preliminary charge.

In conformity with a Guideline of the Swiss Funds Association ("SFA") dated 16 May 2008, the ACD 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 ACD is required to publish a total expense ratio ("TER") for the Fund for the 12 months to 29 February 2020. The TER has been established by the ACD and draws upon the data contained in the ''Statement of total return'' (ACD's management fee, registration fees, depositary 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.

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

| | TER 29 February 2020 % | TER 31 August 2019 % |
|---|---|---|
| Barings Global Agriculture Fund - Class A GBP Acc | 1.80 | 1.97 |
| Barings Global Agriculture Fund - Class A EUR Acc | 1.80 | 1.97 |
| Barings Global Agriculture Fund - Class A USD Acc | 1.80 | 1.97 |
| Barings Global Agriculture Fund - Class I GBP Acc | 1.05 | 1.22 |
| Barings Global Agriculture Fund - Class I USD Acc | 1.05 | 1.22 |
| Barings Global Agriculture Fund - Class X GBP Acc | 0.30 | 0.47 |

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

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

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

**Performance record to 29 February 2020 (including distribution payments where applicable)**

| | 01/09/2019 - 29/02/2020 % | 01/08/2018 - 31/08/2019 % | 01/08/2017 - 31/07/2018 % | 01/08/2016 - 31/07/2017 % | 01/08/2015 - 31/07/2016 % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Barings Global Agriculture Fund - Class A GBP Acc (GBP terms) | (10.43) | 11.02 | 3.58 | 12.70 | 10.01 |
| DAX Global Agribusiness Total, Gross Return (GBP terms) | (10.71) | 6.99 | 6.57 | 14.46 | 10.79 |
| Barings Global Agriculture Fund - Class A EUR Acc (EUR terms) | (4.83) | 9.18 | 3.79 | 6.28 | (7.97) |
| Barings Global Agriculture Fund - Class A USD Acc (USD terms) | (5.29) | 2.75 | 3.89 | 12.22 | (6.86) |
| Barings Global Agriculture Fund - Class I GBP Acc (GBP terms) | (10.11) | 11.92 | 4.38 | 13.56 | 10.99 |
| Barings Global Agriculture Fund - Class I USD Acc (USD terms)* | (4.98) | 3.58 | 5.11 | 13.88 | 16.91 |
| Barings Global Agriculture Fund - Class X GBP Acc (GBP terms) | (9.76) | 12.84 | 5.19 | 14.35 | 11.93 |

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

Source: Morningstar/Barings/DAX Global Agribusiness Index.

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

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