## **Barings European Opportunities Fund**



#### **FUND FACTS**

**NAV (€m)** 153.5

Inception Date
October 29, 2013

**Domiciled** Ireland, UCITS Fund

Dealing Frequency
Daily

Management Company
Baring International Fund
Managers (Ireland) Limited

Investment Manager
Baring Asset Management
Limited

Share Classes EUR/USD/CHF (accumulating and distributing)

> Distribution Frequency Annual

> > Base Currency EUR

Benchmark<sup>1</sup>
MSCI Europe Small Cap (Total
Net Return) Index

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS

Nicholas Williams 30 years of experience

Colin Riddles
26 years of experience

Rosemary Simmonds, CFA 13 years of experience

William Cuss, CA, CFA 6 years of experience

#### JULY 2020 / FACTSHEET



#### **OBJECTIVE**

The Fund will seek to achieve long-term capital growth primarily through investment in the securities of smaller European companies.

#### **STRATEGY**

The Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective by investing at least 75% of its total assets in equities and equity-related securities of smaller companies (i.e. bottom 30% of total market capitalization) incorporated in, or exercising the predominant part of their economic activity in Europe or quoted or traded on the stock exchanges in Europe. For this purpose, total assets exclude cash and ancillary liquidities.

#### MARKET OPPORTUNITY

- Smaller companies tend to outperform larger companies and have higher growth rates over the long term
- · Smaller companies indices include a large number of diverse and distinctive investment opportunities

FUND PERFORMANCE (%)	Class A EUR Acc (Gross of Fees)	Class A EUR Acc (Net of Fees)	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
July 2020	2.25	2.08	1.11
3 Months	7.43	6.90	7.72
Year to Date	-11.70	-12.71	-14.65
1 Year	-1.26	-3.19	-2.88
3 Years	2.84	0.83	0.52
5 Years	3.59	1.50	2.76
Since Inception	8.57	6.37	7.22

ROLLING 12 MONTH PERFORMANCE (%)	Class A EUR Acc (Gross of Fees)	Class A EUR Acc (Net of Fees)	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>
06/30/2019 - 06/30/2020	-2.22	-4.13	-4.07
06/30/2018 - 06/30/2019	0.18	-1.77	-3.97
06/30/2017 - 06/30/2018	10.05	7.86	10.22
06/30/2016 - 06/30/2017	24.81	22.20	24.10
06/30/2015 - 06/30/2016	-9.90	-11.78	-7.00

PAST PERFORMANCE IS NOT NECESSARILY INDICATIVE OF FUTURE RESULTS. An investment entails a risk of loss. Returns for periods greater than one year are annualized.

Source: Morningstar/Barings: Performance figures are shown in EUR on a NAV per unit basis, with gross income reinvested

 The benchmark is MSCI Europe Small Cap (Total Net Return) Index from 01/01/2020, previously MSCI Europe Small Cap (Total Gross Return) Index.

\*Please refer to page 3 for additional detail.

#### MANAGEMENT FEE SCHEDULE

	Min Investment	Management Fee (p.a.)	Ongoing Charges Figure (p.a.)
Class A EUR ACC	Initial - €3,500 Subsequent - €500	Initial - Up to 5.00% Annual - 1.50%	1.95%



#### **EQUITY PLATFORM**<sup>1</sup>

Barings manages \$346+ billion of equities, fixed income, real estate and alternative assets globally

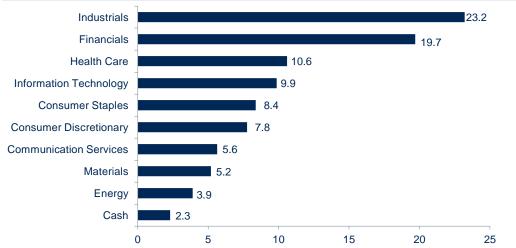
We focus on building highconviction, research-driven equity solutions for our clients. We have a long history of being early investors in new and established markets

- Global Equities
- Emerging & Frontier Equities
- · Small-Cap Equities

Equities investor base includes financial institutions, pensions, foundations and endowments and wholesale distributors

CHARACTERISTICS <sup>2,3,4</sup>	BARINGS EUROPEAN OPPORTUNITIES FUND
Number of Holdings	86
Active Share (%)	86.27
Off Benchmark (%)	41.05
Tracking Error (%) (3Y Ann)	2.93
Information Ratio (3Y Ann)	0.79
Standard Deviation (3Y Ann)	19.42
Alpha (3Y Ann)	2.35
Beta (Ex Ante)	0.88
Av. Market Cap (EURb)	5.19

# TOP SECTOR WEIGHTING (% OF NAV)<sup>3</sup>



#### TOP HOLDINGS (% OF NAV)3 1.89 Euronext SIG Combiblio 1.88 **IMCD** 1.85 Royal Vopak 1.79 Royal Unibrew 1.76 1.75 Tryg **ASM International** 1.74 **ASR Nederland** 1.73 Cembra Money Bank 1.68

#### United Kingdom 23.8 France 12.5 Italy Germany 10.5 Netherlands Sweden Switzerland 6.0 Denmark 5.0 Finland 3.7 Cash 2.3 10 20 30

TOP COUNTRY WEIGHTING (% OF NAV)3

- 1. Barings assets as of June 30, 2020.
- 2. Risk statistics based on gross performance.
- 3. As of July 31, 2020.

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4. Refer to glossary on our website for definitions of terms. Characteristics are subject to change.

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### **Barings European Opportunities Fund**



CLASS A ACTIVE SHARE CLASSES				
Name	ISIN	Bloomberg	Lipper	
EUR ACC USD ACC	IE00BDSTXR76 IE00BDSTXT90	BAEOAEA ID BAEOAUA ID	68232993 68232995	

#### **Key Risks:**

- Emerging markets countries may have less developed regulation and face more political, economic or structural challenges than developed countries. This means your money is at greater risk.
- · Regional Funds have a narrower focus than those which invest broadly across markets and are therefore considered to be more risky
- The Fund can hold smaller company shares which can be more difficult to buy and sell as they may trade infrequently, in small volumes and 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 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.
- 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

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Barings European Opportunities Fund A EUR Acc share class was rated against the following numbers of EAA Fund Europe Small-Cap Equity investments over the following time periods: 393 investments in the last three years, 300 investments in the last five years, and 178 investments in the last ten years. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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