



**Baring German Growth Trust**

Annual Report & Audited Financial  
Statements

for the year ended 15 May 2017

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\* Collectively, these comprise the Manager's report.

## Management and professional service details

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\* Angus Woolhouse resigned from his position as Director of Baring Fund Managers Limited with effect from 31 August 2016.

\*\* Nicola Hayes resigned from her position as Director of Baring Fund Managers Limited with effect from 24 November 2016.

\*\*\* John Burns resigned from his position as Director of Baring Fund Managers Limited with effect from 25 November 2016.

\*\*\*\* Julian Swayne was appointed as Director of Baring Fund Managers Limited with effect from 20 December 2016.

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## Introduction

Baring Fund Managers Limited (“the Manager”) has delegated its day-to-day investment management responsibilities in relation to the Baring German Growth Trust (“the Trust”) to Baring Asset Management Limited (“the Investment Manager”), which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (“FCA”).

As an investor in the Trust, your money is pooled with that of other investors and invested by the Manager in the shares of selected companies in Germany. The objective of the Trust is to achieve long-term capital growth in the German markets. Income (“Inc”) units pay out any revenue generated to the investor, whereas with accumulation (“Acc”) units, any revenue is automatically accumulated within the Trust and reflected in the price of the units. The Trust, therefore, quotes prices for both Inc and Acc units. As with all Trusts managed by the Investment Manager, the risk assumed in this portfolio is carefully monitored.

The Report of the Manager reviews the performance of the Trust against the returns of the stock markets in which it is investing and analyses the investment environment that influenced the performance of the Trust over the year under review. The Manager then gives an outlook for the markets and details how the Trust will be invested in order to take full advantage of the foreseen opportunities. Finally, the Report of the Manager gives details of any revenue generated by the Trust.

## Investment objective and policy

The investment objective of the Baring German Growth Trust (“the Trust”) is to achieve long-term capital growth through investment in the German markets.

The policy of Baring Fund Managers Limited (“the Manager”) is to invest no less than 51% of the assets of the Trust in companies; however, when appropriate, the Manager will also invest in bonds, convertible securities or warrants as well. As long as the Trust is authorised for distribution in Switzerland and/or Hong Kong, its investment policy will be to invest no less than 75% of the assets of the Trust at any one time in companies which are not only listed on German securities markets but are also either incorporated in Germany or exercise the predominant part of their commercial activity in Germany.

Providing that the Trust invests at least 75% of its assets into qualifying securities, i.e. shares and warrants issued by companies where the head office is in the European Union (“EU”) or a European Economic Area (“EEA”) country, except Liechtenstein, and subject to corporate income tax under normal conditions, the Trust will be suitable for French investors to take advantage of the French Plan d’Epargne en Actions (“PEA”) equity savings plan.

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

## How the Trust is managed

The Manager adopts a “bottom-up” approach to investing in the Trust. 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. 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

- 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 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.

## Investment objective and policy (continued)

### Risk profile (continued)

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

Please refer to the Prospectus for the full risk profile.

### Constitution

The Trust is constituted by a Trust Deed between the Manager and National Westminster Bank Plc (“the Depository”).

### Regulatory disclosure

This document has been issued by the Manager, who is authorised and regulated by the FCA.

The Trust is an Authorised Unit Trust Scheme as defined in section 243 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and has been established as an Undertakings for Collective Investments in Transferable Securities (“UCITS”) scheme.

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 Trust should not be read as a recommendation to the investor to buy and sell the same but are included as illustration only.

### The Trust at a glance on 15 May 2017

Total Trust size:	€82.5 million	
<b>OCF*:</b>	15/05/2017	15/05/2016
Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Acc	1.56%	1.57%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Acc	1.56%	1.57%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Inc	1.56%	1.57%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Inc	1.56%	1.57%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A CHF Hedged Acc	1.56%	1.57%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A RMB Hedged Acc	1.56%	1.57%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Acc	1.56%	1.57%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Hedged Acc	1.56%	1.57%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Hedged Acc**	0.81%	N/A
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Acc	0.81%	0.82%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Acc	0.81%	0.82%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I USD Acc	0.81%	0.82%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Inc	0.81%	0.82%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Inc	0.81%	0.82%

\* 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, depository and general charges.

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

## Regulatory disclosure (continued)

### The Trust at a glance on 15 May 2017 (continued)

<b>Initial charge:</b>	
Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Acc	5%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Acc	5%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Inc	5%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Inc	5%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A CHF Hedged Acc	5%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A RMB Hedged Acc	5%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Acc	5%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Hedged Acc	5%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Hedged Acc*	Nil
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Acc	Nil
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Acc	Nil
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I USD Acc	Nil
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Inc	Nil
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Inc	Nil
<b>Annual charge:</b>	
Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Acc	1.50%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Acc	1.50%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Inc	1.50%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Inc	1.50%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A CHF Hedged Acc	1.50%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A RMB Hedged Acc	1.50%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Acc	1.50%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Hedged Acc	1.50%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Hedged Acc*	0.75%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Acc	0.75%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Acc	0.75%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I USD Acc	0.75%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Inc	0.75%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Inc	0.75%

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

## Regulatory disclosure (continued)

### The Trust at a glance on 15 May 2017 (continued)

<b>Annualised net yield:**</b>	
Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Acc	0.68%**
Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Acc	0.67%**
Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Inc	0.74%**
Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Inc	0.65%**
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A CHF Hedged Acc	0.69%**
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A RMB Hedged Acc	-
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Acc	0.61%**
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Hedged Acc	0.60%**
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Hedged Acc*	1.31%**
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Acc	1.30%**
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Acc	1.31%**
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I USD Acc	1.32%**
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Inc	1.34%**
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Inc	1.31%**
<b>Minimum initial investment:</b>	
Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Acc	£1,000
Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Acc	€5,000
Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Inc	€5,000
Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Inc	£1,000
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A CHF Hedged Acc	CHF5,000
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A RMB Hedged Acc	US\$5,000
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Acc	US\$5,000
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Hedged Acc	US\$5,000
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Hedged Acc*	£10,000,000
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Acc	€10,000,000
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Acc	£10,000,000
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I USD Acc	US\$10,000,000
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Inc	€10,000,000
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Inc	£10,000,000

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

\*\* Calculated based on mid-price.

## Regulatory disclosure (continued)

### The Trust at a glance on 15 May 2017 (continued)

<b>Minimum subsequent investment:</b>	
Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Acc	£500
Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Acc	€1,000
Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Inc	€1,000
Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Inc	£500
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A CHF Hedged Acc	CHF1,000
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A RMB Hedged Acc	US\$2,500
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Acc	US\$2,500
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Hedged Acc	US\$2,500
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Hedged Acc*	£500
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Acc	€1,000
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Acc	£500
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I USD Acc	US\$2,500
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Inc	£500
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Inc	£500
<b>Revenue available per unit:</b>	
Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Acc	5.7405p
Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Acc	€0.0666
Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Inc	€0.0673
Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Inc	4.9759p
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A CHF Hedged Acc	CHF0.0705
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A RMB Hedged Acc	-
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Acc	US\$0.0666
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Hedged Acc	US\$0.0664
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Hedged Acc*	11.6321p
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Acc	€0.1344
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Acc	11.4173p
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I USD Acc	US\$0.1469
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Inc	€0.1229
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Inc	10.1142p

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



## Regulatory disclosure (continued)

### The Trust at a glance on 15 May 2017 (continued)

Price per unit	Mid-price*
Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Acc	846.40p
Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Acc	€9.977
Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Inc	€9.078
Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Inc	771.10p
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A CHF Hedged Acc	CHF10.18
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A RMB Hedged Acc	RMB73.02
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Acc	US\$10.95
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Hedged Acc	US\$11.05
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Hedged Acc**	891.00p
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Acc	€10.30
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Acc	873.10p
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I USD Acc	US\$11.11
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Inc	€9.189
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Inc	771.10p

\* The mid-prices shown are as at 15 May 2017, being the last business day of the year.

\*\* The Class I GBP Hedged Acc was launched on 24 March 2017.

### Revenue allocations and reports

Annual revenue allocations are made in July (final) of each year, where applicable, and forwarded to unitholders together with tax vouchers. The annual report and financial statements will be forwarded to unitholders with the distribution and, additionally, an interim report and financial statements will be issued each year in January.

### Prospectus and Manager's Report

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.

Copies of the Prospectus, KIID(s) and 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.

### Soft commission arrangements

The Manager and its associates will not receive cash or offer rebates to brokers or dealers in respect of transactions for the Investment Manager. The Investment Manager uses dealing commissions generated on equity transactions to purchase goods and services that relate to the execution of trades or the provision of research for the benefit of the Trust. Execution of transactions will be consistent with best execution standards. The Investment Manager has engaged in such activities during the year.

## **Regulatory disclosure (continued)**

### **Market timing**

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

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 most recent issue and redemption prices are published daily in the Financial Times. The units in the Trust are not listed or dealt in on any investment exchange.

In addition, the prices are available on the Barings website at [www.barings.com](http://www.barings.com).

### **Dealing basis**

The Manager’s basis for dealing in purchases and sales of the Trust’s 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 Trust 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 periodic charge for Class GBP Acc, Class GBP Inc, Class EUR Acc, Class EUR Inc, Class A USD Acc, Class A CHF Hedged Acc, Class A RMB Hedged Acc and Class A USD Hedged Acc is 1.50% per annum. For Class I GBP Hedged Acc, Class I GBP Acc, Class I GBP Inc, Class I EUR Acc, Class I EUR Inc and Class I USD Acc the current periodic charge is 0.75% per annum.

### **Key changes during the year**

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

Angus Woolhouse resigned from his position as Director of Baring Fund Managers Limited with effect from 31 August 2016.

Nicola Hayes resigned from her position as Director of Baring Fund Managers Limited with effect from 24 November 2016.

John Burns resigned from his position as Director of Baring Fund Managers Limited with effect from 25 November 2016.

Julian Swayne was appointed as Director of Baring Fund Managers Limited with effect from 20 December 2016.

The Prospectus has been updated to reflect the following additional disclosures:

### **Securities Financing Transaction Regulation (“SFTR”) disclosure**

The SFT Regulations apply to the Manager as a UCITS management company and requires the Manager to comply with a series of obligations. In particular, the Manager will be required to provide investors with information on the use of securities financing transactions (“SFTs”) and total return swaps (“TRSs”) by the Trust in all interim and annual reports published from 13 January 2017.

During the year 16 May 2016 to 15 May 2017, the Trust did not enter into SFTs and TRSs. Should this change in the future, annual reports for the Trust will disclose all required information of the use of SFTs and TRSs.

## Regulatory disclosure (continued)

### Remuneration

The Authorised Fund Manager (“AFM”) of the Baring German Growth Trust (“the Trust”) is Baring Fund Managers Limited (“the Manager”), authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) as an Undertaking for Collective Investment in Transferable Securities (UCITS) under the UCITS Directive.

The Manager’s Remuneration Policy ensures that the remuneration arrangements of AFM remuneration “Identified Staff” as defined in “ESMA’s Guidelines on Sound Remuneration Policy under the UCITS directive, ESMA 2013/201” (the ‘ESMA Guidelines’), (as amended) are:

- (i) consistent with and promote sound and effective risk management and do not encourage risk-taking which is inconsistent with the risk profile, rules or instruments of incorporation of the Manager or the Trust; and
- (ii) consistent with the Manager’s business strategy, objectives, values and interests and includes measures to avoid conflicts of interest.

The Manager is also subject to the FCA’s UCITS Remuneration Code (SYSC 19E) and must comply with the UCITS remuneration principles in a way and to the extent that is appropriate to its size and business.

### Remuneration Committee

Due to the size and nature of the Manager the Board considers it appropriate to dis-apply the requirement to appoint a remuneration committee.

Baring Asset Management Limited (“the Investment Manager”) employs and remunerates UK staff. The Investment Manager is also the appointed delegate to carry out Investment Management and is authorised in the UK by the Financial Conduct Authority (“FCA”).

The Investment Manager has a Remuneration Committee to ensure the fair and proportionate application of the remuneration rules and requirements and to ensure that potential conflicts arising from remuneration are managed and mitigated appropriately. All staff are subject to an annual appraisal process, which includes both financial and non-financial criteria as appropriate.

### UCITS Remuneration Identified Staff

The Manager must determine its Identified Staff, whose professional activities have a material impact on its risk profile. Identified staff consists of staff whose professional activities have a material impact on the risk profiles of the AFM or the Trust, which includes senior managers, controlled functions and risk takers.

#### a) Senior Managers and controlled functions

As at 15<sup>th</sup> May 2017, the Manager’s Board of Directors (the “Board”) comprised of three directors. The Directors have waived their entitlement to receive a director’s fee from the Manager. The Directors are all employees of the Investment Manager and accordingly are remunerated by the Investment Manager.

#### b) Risk takers

Risk takers as defined by the Manager Remuneration Policy are as follows:

- i. The Permanent Risk Management Function (“PRMF”): the Manager’s PRMF comprises of an Organisational Risk team and an Investment Risk team. The individuals who discharge these functions are identified staff and are remunerated by the Investment Manager. Their remuneration is not directly linked to the performance of the Trust.
- ii. Investment Managers: the Manager has delegated investment management to the Investment Manager and accordingly the investment managers are remunerated by the Investment Manager under an equivalent remuneration regime (the Investment Manager and its subsidiaries are subject to remuneration rules contained in the Capital Requirements Directive (“CRD”) and these are considered to be equally as effective as those contained in the UCITS directive).

## Regulatory disclosure (continued)

### Remuneration Disclosure: Baring German Growth Trust

The table below summarises the fixed and variable remuneration paid to Identified Staff (for the financial year ended 31 December 2016) as well as other Barings staff (remunerated by the Investment Manager) that carry out activities for the AFM. The disclosures below show remuneration relevant to the Trust, apportioned using total Barings' Assets Under Management ("AUM").

	Number of beneficiaries	Total Fixed Remuneration for the period	Total Variable Remuneration for the period	Total remuneration
Level				
AFM Staff	336	£521,708	£349,817	£871,525
Identified Staff	7	£221,798	£369,496	£591,294

#### Notes:

1. AFM staff: this assumes all UK staff employed by the Investment Manager (and global investment managers managing the Manager's funds) carry out some activities on behalf of the Manager. Remuneration is apportioned based on the relevant AUM. Other than the Identified Staff noted above, none of the staff are considered to be senior managers or others whose actions may have a material impact on the risk profile of the Fund.
2. Identified staff: These are as defined in the Manager Remuneration Policy; no direct payments are received by Identified Staff from the Manager. Remuneration is paid by the Investment Manager and is apportioned on an AUM basis.
3. Variable remuneration consists of cash bonus and deferred awards awarded in the period.
4. The Trust does not pay either performance-related fees or carried interests to any person.

## **General information for overseas investors (Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, and Switzerland)**

### **Austrian paying and information agent**

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Austria

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France

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Global Transaction Banking  
Issuer Services - Global Securities Services  
Post IPO Services  
Taunusanlage 12  
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Germany

### **Further German information agent**

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60325 Frankfurt am Main  
Germany

### **Swiss paying agent**

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

## **General information for overseas investors (Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, and Switzerland) (continued)**

The Prospectus, the Key Investor Information Document(s) (“KIID(s)”), a list of portfolio changes, the Trust Deed as well as the annual and the interim reports and financial statements are available free of charge in hard copy at the office of the French paying agent.

### **Notice for German 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 year.

#### **Information for investors in Switzerland**

The Manager has appointed BNP Paribas Securities Services, 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 last 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 Baring German Growth Trust (“the Trust”), in German, from the representative at the above address. Official publications for the Trust are found on the internet at [www.fundinfo.com](http://www.fundinfo.com). Unit prices (Net Asset Value with the words “plus commissions”) are published daily on the internet at [www.fundinfo.com](http://www.fundinfo.com).

#### **Important information to the performance tables on page 13**

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.

## General information for overseas investors (Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, and Switzerland) (continued)

### Performance record to 15 May 2017 (including distribution payments where applicable)

	16/05/2016 15/05/2017 %	16/05/2015 15/05/2016 %	16/05/2014 15/05/2015 %	16/05/2013 15/05/2014 %	16/05/2012 15/05/2013 %
Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Acc (GBP terms)	39.62	(0.90)	4.05	15.69	38.65
HDAX ® Total Return (GBP terms)	38.53	(3.39)	6.50	12.07	39.15
Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Acc (EUR terms)	29.55	(9.09)	17.47	20.00	31.34
Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Inc (EUR terms)	29.57	(9.07)	17.46	19.90	31.33
Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Inc (GBP terms)	39.60	(0.91)	4.04	15.59	38.64
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A CHF Hedged Acc (CHF terms)*	28.75	(10.33)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A RMB Hedged Acc (RMB terms)*	36.10	(4.59)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Acc (USD terms)*	25.36	(9.20)	(2.31)	6.90	N/A
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Hedged Acc (USD terms)*	31.77	(10.45)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Acc (EUR terms)*	30.56	(10.19)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Hedged Acc (GBP terms)*	7.71	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Acc (GBP terms)*	40.69	(0.08)	4.91	16.63	4.21
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I USD Acc (USD terms)*	26.42	(0.45)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Inc (EUR terms)*	30.48	(0.14)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Inc (GBP terms)*	40.65	(0.05)	4.94	16.60	28.27

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 GBP Inc unit class was launched on 19 November 2012.

The Class I GBP Acc unit class was launched on 3 April 2013.

The Class A USD Acc unit class was launched on 16 December 2013.

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.

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 was launched on 24 March 2017.

The Trust was launched on 8 May 1990.

## General information for overseas investors (Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, and Switzerland) (continued)

### Performance record (continued)

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**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. Please note that changes in the rates of exchange may have an adverse effect on the value, price or income of an investment.**

### Total Expense Ratio (“TER”)

Following a Guideline of the Swiss Funds Association (“SFA”) dated 16 May 2008, the Manager is required to publish a Total Expense Ratio (“TER”) for the Trust for the first part of the current accounting year and the second part of the previous accounting year. The TER has been established by Baring Fund Managers Limited and draws upon the data contained in the “Statement of total return” (Manager’s management fee, registration fees, trustee/depository 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 and 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 TER for each class for the year ending 15 May 2017 and the year ending 15 May 2016 is as follows:

	TER as at 15 May 2017 %	TER as at 15 May 2016 %
Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Acc	1.56%	1.56%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Acc	1.56%	1.56%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Inc	1.56%	1.56%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Inc	1.56%	1.56%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A CHF Hedged Acc	1.56%	1.56%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A RMB Hedged Acc	1.56%	1.56%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Acc	1.56%	1.56%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Hedged Acc	1.56%	1.56%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Hedged Acc*	0.81%	N/A
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Acc	0.81%	0.81%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Acc	0.81%	0.81%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I USD Acc	0.81%	0.81%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Inc	0.81%	0.81%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Inc	0.81%	0.81%

\* The Class I GBP Hedged Acc was launched on 24 March 2017.

### Taxation

The attention of investors is drawn to the fact that Switzerland and the European Union have entered into a bilateral agreement effective from 1 July 2005 based on which measures have been enacted in Switzerland which correspond to the European Union Taxation of Savings Income Directive. Generally, these measures require tax to be withheld on interest payments made by paying agents to EU residents.



## **General information for overseas investors (Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, and Switzerland) (continued)**

### **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, Collective Investment Schemes Act ("CISA");
- 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).

## Trust information

Change in net assets per unit	Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Acc			Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Acc		
	15/05/2017 (p)	15/05/2016 (p)	15/05/2015 (p)	15/05/2017 (€)	15/05/2016 (€)	15/05/2015 (€)
Opening net asset value per unit	605.53	611.28	588.13	7.692	8.465	7.213
Return before operating charges	251.32	3.63	32.03	15.397	11.857	12.722
Operating charges (calculated at average price)	(11.13)	(9.38)	(8.88)	(13.120)	(12.630)	(11.470)
Return after operating charges	240.19	(5.75)	23.15	2.277	(0.773)	1.252
Closing net asset value per unit	845.72	605.53	611.28	9.969	7.692	8.465
Retained distributions on Accumulation units	5.74	6.23	1.57	0.06	0.08	0.02
After direct transaction costs*	0.82	0.70	0.53	0.97	0.94	0.69
<b>Performance</b>						
Return after charges	39.67%	(0.94%)	3.94%	29.60%	(9.13%)	17.36%
<b>Other information</b>						
Closing net asset value (£'000/€000)	101,768	87,023	111,124	216,856	185,295	215,386
Closing number of units	12,033,262	14,371,323	18,178,865	21,752,957	24,087,717	25,443,246
Operating charges	1.56%	1.57%	1.57%	1.56%	1.57%	1.57%
Direct transaction costs	0.12	0.12%	0.09%	0.12	0.12%	0.09%
<b>Prices**</b>						
Highest unit price	846.40	634.80	638.80	9.977	8.792	8.875
Lowest unit price	587.90	544.20	483.50	7.121	6.946	6.066

\* 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 Funds 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 accounting year from 16 May to 15 May.

## Trust information (continued)

Change in net assets per unit	Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Inc			Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Inc		
	15/05/2017 (€)	15/05/2016 (€)	15/05/2015 (€)	15/05/2017 (p)	15/05/2016 (p)	15/05/2015 (p)
Opening net asset value per unit	6.999	7.788	6.658	551.69	562.78	542.75
Return before operating charges	14.165	10.791	11.840	228.97	3.29	29.64
Operating charges (calculated at average price)	(12.090)	(11.510)	(10.680)	(10.12)	(8.70)	(8.20)
Return after operating charges	2.075	(0.719)	1.160	218.85	(5.41)	21.44
Distributions on Income units	(0.067)	(0.070)	(0.030)	(4.98)	(5.68)	(1.41)
Closing net asset value per unit	9.003	6.999	7.788	765.56	551.69	562.78
After direct transaction costs*	0.89	0.85	0.64	0.75	0.65	0.49
<b>Performance</b>						
Return after charges	28.64%	(10.13%)	16.97%	38.77%	(1.97%)	3.69%
<b>Other information</b>						
Closing net asset value (€000/£'000)	1,044	528	161	697	654	2,283
Closing number of units	115,936	75,390	20,678	91,029	118,488	405,652
Operating charges	1.56%	1.57%	1.57%	1.56%	1.57%	1.57%
Direct transaction costs	0.12	0.12%	0.09%	0.12	0.12%	0.09%
<b>Prices**</b>						
Highest unit price	9.080	8.080	8.180	771.10	584.30	589.60
Lowest unit price	6.480	6.390	5.600	535.80	500.90	446.30

\* 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 Funds holdings which will also have reduced the Trust and unit class returns before operating charges.

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## Trust information (continued)

Change in net assets per unit	Baring German Growth Trust - Class A CHF Hedged Acc*			Baring German Growth Trust - Class A RMB Hedged Acc*		
	15/05/2017 (CHF)	15/05/2016 (CHF)	15/05/2015 (CHF)	15/05/2017 (RMB)	15/05/2016 (RMB)	15/05/2015 (RMB)
Opening net asset value per unit	7.899	-	-	53.59	-	-
Return before operating charges	15.041	20.859	-	109.14	138.50	-
Operating charges (calculated at average price)	(12.770)	(12.960)	-	(89.77)	(84.91)	-
Return after operating charges	2.271	7.899	-	19.37	53.59	-
Closing net asset value per unit	10.170	7.899	-	72.96	53.59	-
Retained distributions on Accumulation units	0.07	0.03	-	-	0.19	-
After direct transaction costs**	0.94	0.96	-	6.62	6.30	-
<b>Performance</b>						
Return after charges	28.74%	-	-	36.15%	-	-
<b>Other information</b>						
Closing net asset value (CHF'000/RMB'000)	23	8	-	1,296	12,551	-
Closing number of units	2,267	1,067	-	17,757	234,178	-
Operating charges	1.56%	1.57%	-	1.56%	1.57%	-
Direct transaction costs	0.12	0.12%	-	0.12	0.12%	-
<b>Prices***</b>						
Highest unit price	9.300	9.060	-	73.02	59.71	-
Lowest unit price	6.748	7.138	-	49.90	47.93	-

\* The Class A CHF Hedged Acc unit class was launched on 29 May 2015.

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

\*\* 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 Funds holdings which will also have reduced the Trust and unit class returns before operating charges.

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## Trust information (continued)

Change in net assets per unit	Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Acc			Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Hedged Acc*		
	15/05/2017 (\$)	15/05/2016 (\$)	15/05/2015 (\$)	15/05/2017 (\$)	15/05/2016 (\$)	15/05/2015 (\$)
Opening net asset value per unit	8.725	9.613	9.851	8.377	-	-
Return before operating charges	16.378	13.082	13.752	16.716	21.797	-
Operating charges (calculated at average price)	(14.170)	(13.970)	(13.990)	(14.060)	(13.420)	-
Return after operating charges	2.208	(0.888)	0.238	2.656	8.377	-
Closing net asset value per unit	10.933	8.725	9.613	11.033	8.377	-
Retained distributions on Accumulation units	0.066	0.100	0.020	0.066	0.070	-
After direct transaction costs**	1.05	1.04	0.84	1.04	1.00	-
<b>Performance</b>						
Return after charges	25.31%	(9.24%)	(2.42%)	31.71%	-	-
<b>Other information</b>						
Closing net asset value (\$'000)	6,654	7,074	6,924	20,694	44,784	-
Closing number of units	608,587	810,696	720,236	1,875,638	5,345,884	-
Operating charges	1.56%	1.57%	1.57%	1.56%	1.57%	-
Direct transaction costs	0.12	0.12%	0.09%	0.12	0.12%	-
<b>Prices***</b>						
Highest unit price	10.950	9.670	10.140	11.050	9.550	-
Lowest unit price	7.880	7.850	7.730	7.780	7.550	-

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

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## Trust information (continued)

Change in net assets per unit	Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Hedged Acc*			Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Acc*		
	15/05/2017 (p)	15/05/2016 (p)	15/05/2015 (p)	15/05/2017 (€)	15/05/2016 (€)	15/05/2015 (€)
Opening net asset value per unit	-	-	-	7.881	-	-
Return before operating charges	897.85	-	-	9.360	14.421	-
Operating charges (calculated at average price)	(7.04)	-	-	(6.950)	(6.540)	-
Return after operating charges	890.81	-	-	2.410	7.881	-
Closing net asset value per unit	890.81	-	-	10.291	7.881	-
Retained distributions on Accumulation units	11.63	-	-	0.134	0.110	-
After direct transaction costs**	1.00	-	-	0.99	0.93	-
<b>Performance</b>						
Return after charges	-	-	-	30.57%	-	-
<b>Other information</b>						
Closing net asset value (£'000/€000)	167	-	-	15,886	16,907	-
Closing number of units	18,778	-	-	1,543,807	2,145,351	-
Operating charges	0.81%	-	-	0.81%	0.82%	-
Direct transaction costs	0.12	-	-	0.12	0.12%	-
<b>Prices***</b>						
Highest unit price	891.00	-	-	10.300	8.950	-
Lowest unit price	826.20	-	-	7.300	7.101	-

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

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

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## Trust information (continued)

Change in net assets per unit	Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Acc			Baring German Growth Trust - Class I USD Acc*		
	15/05/2017 (p)	15/05/2016 (p)	15/05/2015 (p)	15/05/2017 (\$)	15/05/2016 (\$)	15/05/2015 (\$)
Opening net asset value per unit	619.98	621.19	592.98	8.700	-	-
Return before operating charges	258.42	3.77	32.94	9.970	15.960	-
Operating charges (calculated at average price)	(5.95)	(4.98)	(4.73)	(7.570)	(7.260)	-
Return after operating charges	252.47	(1.21)	28.21	2.400	8.700	-
Closing net asset value per unit	872.45	619.98	621.19	11.100	8.700	-
Retained distributions on Accumulation units	11.42	11.39	6.17	0.146	0.110	-
After direct transaction costs**	0.85	0.71	0.54	1.080	1.03	-
<b>Performance</b>						
Return after charges	40.72%	(0.19%)	4.76%	27.59%	-	-
<b>Other information</b>						
Closing net asset value (£'000/\$'000)	121,407	103,424	85,832	-	0.1	-
Closing number of units	13,915,692	16,681,878	13,817,391	10	10	-
Operating charges	0.81%	0.82%	0.82%	0.81%	0.82%	-
Direct transaction costs	0.12	0.12%	0.09%	0.12	0.12%	-
<b>Prices***</b>						
Highest unit price	886.00	649.60	648.70	11.110	9.310	-
Lowest unit price	602.40	556.10	489.20	7.940	7.880	-

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

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## Trust information (continued)

Change in net assets per unit	Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Inc*			Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Inc		
	15/05/2017 (€)	15/05/2016 (€)	15/05/2015 (€)	15/05/2017 (p)	15/05/2016 (p)	15/05/2015 (p)
Opening net asset value per unit	7.000	-	-	547.51	558.80	538.91
Return before operating charges	9.202	13.104	-	228.25	3.43	29.82
Operating charges (calculated at average price)	(7.020)	(6.020)	-	(5.25)	(4.48)	(4.32)
Return after operating charges	2.182	7.084	-	223.00	(1.05)	25.50
Distributions on Income units	(0.122)	(0.084)	-	(10.11)	(10.24)	(5.61)
Closing net asset value per unit	9.059	7.000	-	760.41	547.51	558.80
Retained distributions on Accumulation units	-	-	-	-	-	-
After direct transaction costs**	1.00	0.85	-	0.75	0.64	0.50
<b>Performance</b>						
Return after charges	29.42%	-	-	38.88%	(2.02%)	3.69%
<b>Other information</b>						
Closing net asset value (€000/£'000)	9	0.1	-	50,532	39,891	36,480
Closing number of units	944	10	-	6,645,370	7,285,825	6,528,197
Operating charges	0.81%	0.82%	-	0.81%	0.82%	0.82%
Direct transaction costs	0.12	0.12%	-	0.12	0.12%	0.09%
<b>Prices***</b>						
Highest unit price	9.190	8.077	-	771.10	584.40	589.40
Lowest unit price	6.521	6.413	-	532.10	500.30	444.40

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

\*\* 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 Funds 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 accounting year from 16 May to 15 May.



## Trust information (continued)

### Other relevant published prices

Accounting year		Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Acc	
		Mid-price (pence per unit)	
08/05/1990	Launch date		47.40
15/05/2017	Financial statements date		846.40
07/08/2017	Latest date		886.00

Accounting year		Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Acc	
		Mid-price (€ per unit)	
29/08/2000	Launch date		5.020
15/05/2017	Financial statements date		9.977
07/08/2017	Latest date		9.805

Accounting year		Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Inc	
		Mid-price (€ per unit)	
25/02/2008	Launch date		4.470
15/05/2017	Financial statements date		9.078
07/08/2017	Latest date		8.856

Accounting year		Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Inc	
		Mid-price (pence per unit)	
31/10/2008	Launch date		336.80
15/05/2017	Financial statements date		771.10
07/08/2017	Latest date		802.10

Accounting year		Baring German Growth Trust - Class A CHF Hedged Acc	
		Mid-price (CHF per unit)	
29/05/2015	Launch date		8.818
15/05/2017	Financial statements date		10.180
07/08/2017	Latest date		9.987

## Trust information (continued)

### Other relevant published prices (continued)

Accounting year		Baring German Growth Trust - Class A RMB Hedged Acc	
		Mid-price (RMB per unit)	
03/07/2015	Launch date		56.23
15/05/2017	Financial statements date		73.02
07/08/2017	Latest date		72.53

Accounting year		Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Acc	
		Mid-price (US\$ per unit)	
16/12/2013	Launch date		9.221
15/05/2017	Financial statements date		10.95
07/08/2017	Latest date		11.57

Accounting year		Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Hedged Acc	
		Mid-price (US\$ per unit)	
29/05/2015	Launch date		9.365
15/05/2017	Financial statements date		11.050
07/08/2017	Latest date		10.910

Accounting year		Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Hedged Acc*	
		Mid-price (pence per unit)	
24/03/2017	Launch date		827.20
15/05/2017	Financial statements date		891.00
07/08/2017	Latest date		878.60

Accounting year		Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Acc	
		Mid-price (€ per unit)	
26/05/2015	Launch date		7.911
15/05/2017	Financial statements date		10.300
07/08/2017	Latest date		10.140

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

## Trust information (continued)

### Other relevant published prices (continued)

Accounting year		Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Acc	
		Mid-price (pence per unit)	
03/04/2013	Launch date		473.70
15/05/2017	Financial statements date		873.10
07/08/2017	Latest date		915.60

Accounting year		Baring German Growth Trust - Class I USD Acc	
		Mid-price (US\$ per unit)	
13/10/2015	Launch date		8.828
15/05/2017	Financial statements date		11.110
07/08/2017	Latest date		11.770

Accounting year		Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Inc	
		Mid-price (€ per unit)	
13/10/2015	Launch date		7.134
15/05/2017	Financial statements date		9.189
07/08/2017	Latest date		8.925

Accounting year		Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Inc	
		Mid-price (pence per unit)	
19/11/2012	Launch date		369.70
15/05/2017	Financial statements date		771.10
07/08/2017	Latest date		798.10

## Report of the Investment Manager

### Performance record

#### Summary of Trust performance

	SRRRI Risk category* 15/05/2017	SRRRI Risk category* 15/05/2016
Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Acc (GBP terms)	6	6
Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Acc (EUR terms)	6	6
Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Inc (EUR terms)	6	6
Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Inc (GBP terms)	6	6
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A CHF Hedged Acc (CHF terms)	6	6
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A RMB Hedged Acc (RMB terms)	6	6
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Acc (USD terms)	6	6
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Hedged Acc (USD terms)	6	6
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Hedged Acc (GBP terms)**	6	N/A
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Acc (EUR terms)	6	6
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Acc (GBP terms)	6	6
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I USD Acc (USD terms)	6	6
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Inc (EUR terms)	6	6
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Inc (GBP terms)	6	6

\* The Synthetic Risk and Reward Indicator (“SRRRI”) is not a measure of the risk of capital loss, but a measure of the Trust’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 Trust. 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 1–7 (1 measuring typically lower risk/rewards and 7 measuring typically higher risk/rewards). The lowest category does not mean a risk-free investment. The Trust is classified in the category indicated due to past movements in the Trust’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 SRRRI figures shown have not changed during the year.

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

## Report of the Investment Manager (continued)

### Performance

In contrast to the previous year, the last twelve months was a very strong period of growth for the German equity market. Despite an early dip in the lead-up to the UK referendum on EU membership, and a 10% fall when the result was announced, the market then rose strongly up to the middle of August, tracked sideways until the end of November, and then rose steadily every month until the end of the year, at which point we had seen new all-time highs in the German equity indices.

Fund performance overall posted a return that was slightly ahead of the market and from the point of view of UK-based investors, it was boosted a further 10% by the fall in value of sterling against the euro.

In essence, fund performance was driven mostly by our positions in smaller companies; indeed ten out of eleven holdings that all increased in value by over 100% were from the smaller company category.

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

Purchases	Costs €000	Sales	Proceeds €000
Siemens	33,270	Daimler	25,810
Deutsche Post	20,258	Allianz	23,578
Henkel	17,578	Siemens	23,351
BASF	17,488	Deutsche Telekom	22,550
Merck	12,300	Fresenius	15,181
Allianz	8,029	SAP	14,563
Commerzbank	7,875	TUI	13,324
Heidelberg Cement	6,556	Covestro	11,749
Lanxess	6,495	Infineon Technologies	11,729
Metro	6,323	BASF	9,740

### Market outlook

Given the exceptionally strong market performance with a peak at the end of our reporting period, we are expecting a much softer market performance in the early part of the current year, which obviously coincides with the summer months when markets more often than not suffer from weaker performance.

Market sentiment would suggest there could be periodic retracements/corrections in equity levels over the coming months, which we see as a good opportunity to invest. As a result, we have built up a 5% cash reserve to take advantage of any disproportionate falls in the unit prices of companies that we continue to find very attractive.

## Report of the Investment Manager (continued)

### Market outlook (continued)

As mentioned, we believe that the global economy will remain in good shape for the rest of the year, so any significant market, as we saw last year with the Brexit result, would be viewed as a buying opportunity and those cash resources will be once again be fully utilised.

### Baring Asset Management Limited

#### May 2017

*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.*

#### Revenue

	Revenue available per unit as at 15/05/2017	Revenue available per unit as at 15/05/2016	Annualised net yield as at 15/05/2017	Annualised net yield as at 15/05/2016
Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Acc	5.7405p	6.2344p	0.68%	1.03%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Acc	€0.0666	€0.0793	0.67%	1.03%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class EUR Inc	€0.0673	€0.0749	0.74%	1.06%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class GBP Inc	4.9759p	5.6846p	0.65%	1.02%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A CHF Hedged Acc	CHF0.0705	CHF0.0330	0.69%	0.42%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A RMB Hedged Acc	N/A	RMB0.1931	N/A	0.36%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Acc	US\$0.0666	US\$0.0953	0.61%	1.09%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class A USD Hedged Acc	US\$0.0664	US\$0.0678	0.60%	0.81%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Hedged Acc *	11.6321p	N/A	1.31%	N/A
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Acc	€0.1344	€0.1072	1.30%	1.36%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Acc	11.4173p	11.3899p	1.31%	1.84%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I USD Acc	US\$0.1469	US\$0.1078	1.32%	1.23%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I EUR Inc	€0.1229	€0.0840	1.34%	1.18%
Baring German Growth Trust - Class I GBP Inc	10.1142p	10.2444p	1.31%	1.83%

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

#### Post balance sheet events

After the year-end, market fluctuations have resulted in changes to the published price. These are shown in the “Other relevant published prices” tables on pages 23 to 25.

## Portfolio information

### Major holdings - % of total net assets

Top ten holdings	15/05/2017 %	15/05/2016 %
BASF	6.01	3.73
SAP	5.82	6.86
Airbus	5.70	6.02
Siemens	4.89	1.71
Daimler	4.72	8.98
Deutsche Post	4.16	0.00
Bayer	3.48	4.36
Rheinmetall	3.35	2.44
Northern Trust Global Funds - Euro Liquidity Fund †	3.34	2.54
Henkel	3.20	0.00

### Geographical breakdown - % of total net assets

The Trust's main country of investment is Germany.

### Sector breakdown - % of total net assets

Sector	15/05/2017 %	15/05/2016 %
Consumer Discretionary	10.59	16.17
Consumer Staples	4.23	0.37
Financials	5.20	8.49
Health Care	15.34	15.21
Industrials	24.67	18.00
Information Technology	17.54	22.91
Materials	12.03	7.81
Real Estate	0.15	0.00
Telecommunication Services	4.52	8.73
Utilities	0.00	0.40

## Portfolio information (continued)

### Asset type breakdown % of total net assets

Asset type	15/05/2017 %	15/05/2016 %
Equities	94.27	98.09
Forward FX Currency Contracts	(0.01)	0.15
Investment Funds†	5.07	2.54
Net other assets/liabilities	0.67	(0.78)

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



## Responsibilities of the Manager

The Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook (“COLL”) requires Baring Fund Managers Limited (“the Manager”) to prepare financial statements for each annual accounting year which give a true and fair view of the financial affairs of the Baring German Growth Trust (“the Trust”) and of its net expense and net capital gains for the year. In preparing the financial statements, the Manager is required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- comply with the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association (“IA”) in May 2014. (“the IMA SORP 2014”);
- follow generally accepted accounting principles and applicable accounting standards;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- keep proper accounting records which enable it to demonstrate that the financial statements as prepared comply with the above requirements; and
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue in operation.

The Manager confirms that it has complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements. The Manager is responsible for the management of the Trust in accordance with the Trust Deed, Prospectus and the COLL. The Manager is responsible for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Manager is responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the company’s website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

## Statement of the Depositary’s responsibilities and report of the Depositary to the unitholders of Baring German Growth Trust for the year ended 15 May 2017

National Westminster Bank Plc (“the Depositary”) must ensure that Baring German Growth Trust (“the Trust”) is managed in accordance with the Financial Conduct Authority’s Collective Investment Schemes Sourcebook, the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000, as amended (together “the Regulations”), the Trust Deed and Prospectus (together “the Scheme documents”) as detailed below.

The Depositary must in the context of its role act honestly, fairly, professionally, independently and in the interests of the Trust and its investors.

The Depositary is responsible for the safekeeping of all custodial assets and maintaining a record of all other assets of the Scheme in accordance with the Regulations.

The Depositary must ensure that:

- the Trust’s cash flows are properly monitored (this requirement on the Depositary applied from 18 March 2016) and that cash of the Scheme is booked into the cash accounts in accordance with the Regulations;
- the sale, issue, redemption and cancellation of units are carried out in accordance with the Regulations;
- the value of units of the Trust are calculated in accordance with the Regulations;
- any consideration relating to transactions in the Trust’s assets is remitted to the Scheme within the usual time limits;
- the Trust’s income is applied in accordance with the Regulations; and
- the instructions of Baring Fund Managers Limited (“the Manager”) are carried out (unless they conflict with the Regulations).

The Depositary also has a duty to take reasonable care to ensure that the Trust is managed in accordance with the regulations and the Trust documents in relation to the investment and borrowing powers applicable to the Trust.

**Statement of the Depositary's responsibilities and report of the Depositary to the unitholders of Baring German Growth Trust for the year ended 15 May 2017 (continued)**

Having carried out such procedures as we consider necessary to discharge our responsibilities as Depositary of Baring German Growth Trust ("the Trust"), it is our opinion, based on the information available to us and the explanations provided, that in all material respects, the Trust acting through the AFM:

- has carried out the issue, sale, redemption and cancellation, and calculation of the price of the Trust's units and the application of the Trust's income in accordance with the Regulations and the Scheme documents; and
- has observed the investment and borrowing powers and restrictions applicable to the Trust.

National Westminster Bank Plc  
Trustee & Depositary Services  
London 15 August 2017

## Directors' statement

The financial statements on pages 40 to 61 were approved by Baring Fund Managers Limited ("the Manager") and signed on its behalf by:

C. BIGGINS                      Director

D. STEVENSON                  Director

London 15 August 2017

## Portfolio statement

as at 15 May 2017

Holdings		Bid-Market value (EUR)	Percentage of total net assets (%)
	<b>Investment Funds: 5.07% (2.54%)</b>		
19,675,349	Northern Trust Global Funds - Euro Liquidity Fund †	19,451,050	3.34
7,131,000	Northern Trust Global Funds - Sterling Fund †	8,403,789	1.45
1,816,000	Northern Trust Global Funds - US Dollar Fund †	1,655,424	0.28
		<b>29,510,263</b>	<b>5.07</b>
	<b>Equities: 94.27% (98.09%)</b>		
	<b>Consumer discretionary: 10.59% (16.17%)</b>		
215,000	Adler Modemaerkte	1,206,150	0.21
400,000	Daimler	27,504,000	4.72
45,000	Einhell	2,468,250	0.42
60,000	Grammer	3,174,000	0.54
20,000	Leoni	1,075,200	0.18
224,865	Lotto24	2,110,358	0.36
330,000	Polytec	6,029,100	1.04
200,000	SAF-Holland	3,221,000	0.55
700,000	Schaeffler	10,321,500	1.78
550,000	Tom Tailor	4,594,150	0.79
		<b>61,703,708</b>	<b>10.59</b>
	<b>Consumer staples: 4.23% (0.37%)</b>		
150,000	Henkel	18,615,000	3.20
200,000	Metro	6,008,000	1.03
		<b>24,623,000</b>	<b>4.23</b>
	<b>Financials: 5.20% (8.49%)</b>		
300,000	Aareal Bank	11,481,000	1.98
50,000	Allianz	8,690,000	1.49
750,000	Commerzbank	7,167,750	1.23
460,000	German Startups Berlin	838,120	0.14
150,000	Mutares	2,092,500	0.36
		<b>30,269,370</b>	<b>5.20</b>
	<b>Health care: 15.34% (15.21%)</b>		
850,000	AAP Implantate	1,126,250	0.19
175,000	Bayer	20,282,500	3.48
145,000	CompuGroup Medical	6,786,725	1.17
400,000	Evotec	5,150,000	0.88
200,000	Fresenius	15,546,000	2.67
175,000	Gerresheimer	12,997,250	2.23
545,000	Haemato	3,652,045	0.63
360,000	MagForce	2,844,000	0.49
215,000	Medios	2,148,065	0.37
125,000	Merck	14,156,250	2.43
900,000	MPH Mittelstaendische Pharma	3,377,700	0.58
521,739	Paion	1,255,304	0.22
		<b>89,322,089</b>	<b>15.34</b>

## Portfolio statement (continued)

as at 15 May 2017

Holdings		Bid-Market value (EUR)	Percentage of total net assets (%)
<b>Equities: 94.27% (98.09%) (continued)</b>			
<b>Industrials: 24.67% (18.00%)</b>			
445,000	Airbus	33,183,650	5.70
15,000	Bauer	290,902	0.05
110,000	Centrotec Sustainable	2,063,600	0.35
750,000	Deutsche Post	24,247,500	4.16
110,000	Dr Hoenle	3,931,400	0.67
435,000	Francotyp-Postalia	2,462,100	0.42
10,000	Hapag-Lloyd	270,750	0.05
250,000	Heidelberger Druckmaschinen	613,500	0.11
125,000	Kion	8,090,000	1.39
50,000	Koenig & Bauer	3,163,000	0.54
6,700	KSB	3,017,732	0.52
500,000	MS Industrie	1,325,500	0.23
25,000	MTU Aero Engines	3,156,250	0.54
225,000	Rheinmetall	19,507,500	3.35
220,000	Siemens	28,457,000	4.89
65,000	Stabilus	4,301,700	0.74
3,573	Singulus Tech	28,620	-
150,000	Technotrans	5,608,500	0.96
		<b>143,719,204</b>	<b>24.67</b>
<b>Information technology: 17.54% (22.91%)</b>			
21,700	Adesso	1,139,684	0.20
150,000	ADVA Optical Networking	1,431,750	0.25
55,000	Cancom	2,823,700	0.48
22,028	DataSE	825,389	0.14
70,000	Elmos Semiconductor	1,611,050	0.28
2,600,000	Gigaset	2,056,600	0.35
900,000	Infineon Technologies	17,577,000	3.02
67,500	Isra Vision	9,436,500	1.62
285,000	Jenoptik	7,216,200	1.24
325,000	LPKF Laser & Electronics	3,261,375	0.56
350,000	S&T	4,487,000	0.77
360,000	SAP	33,912,000	5.82
150,000	Softing	1,614,750	0.28
21,466	Vectron Systems	2,404,193	0.41
64,992	Viscom	1,185,779	0.20
200,000	Wirecard	11,176,000	1.92
		<b>102,158,970</b>	<b>17.54</b>
<b>Materials: 12.03% (7.81%)</b>			
75,000	Aurubis	4,889,250	0.84
400,000	BASF	35,012,000	6.01
196,811	BRAIN Biotechnology Research & Information Network	3,637,067	0.62
50,000	Covestro	3,288,000	0.57
142,500	H&R GmbH	1,886,700	0.32
75,000	HeidelbergCement	6,403,500	1.10
100,000	Lanxess	6,696,000	1.15

## Portfolio statement (continued)

as at 15 May 2017

		Bid-Market value (EUR)	Percentage of total net assets (%)
	<b>Equities: 94.27% (98.09%)</b> (continued)		
	<b>Materials: 12.03% (7.81%)</b> (continued)		
<b>Holdings</b>			
134,000	Nabaltec	2,271,970	0.39
60,000	Nanogate	2,850,000	0.49
50,000	Thyssenkrupp	1,075,000	0.18
100,000	Wienerberger	2,122,500	0.36
		<b>70,131,987</b>	<b>12.03</b>
	<b>Real estate: 0.15% (0.00%)</b>		
100,000	Deutsche Konsum Grundbesitz Reits	<b>850,100</b>	<b>0.15</b>
	<b>Telecommunication services: 4.52% (8.73%)</b>		
500,000	Freenet	15,507,500	2.66
2,500,000	Telefonica Deutschland	10,840,000	1.86
		<b>26,347,500</b>	<b>4.52</b>
	<b>Utilities: 0.00% (0.40%)</b>		
	<b>Forward FX currency contracts: (0.01%) (0.15%)</b>		
(USD 564,495)	Sold USD, bought EUR 514,633 for settlement 15/06/2017 (State Street)	809	-
(USD 76,534)	Sold USD, bought EUR 70,313 for settlement 15/06/2017 (State Street)	648	-
(EUR 170,572)	Sold EUR, bought CNH 1,296,730 for settlement 15/06/2017 (State Street)	356	-
(USD 33,878)	Sold USD, bought EUR 31,043 for settlement 15/06/2017 (State Street)	206	-
(CHF 385)	Sold CHF, bought EUR 354 for settlement 15/06/2017 (State Street)	2	-
(EUR 301)	Sold EUR, bought GBP 254 for settlement 15/06/2017 (State Street)	(1)	-
(CNH 35,480)	Sold CNH, bought EUR 4,665 for settlement 15/06/2017 (State Street)	(12)	-
(EUR 2,489)	Sold EUR, bought GBP 2,100 for settlement 15/06/2017 (State Street)	(16)	-
(EUR 10,639)	Sold EUR, bought GBP 9,006 for settlement 15/06/2017 (State Street)	(32)	-
(EUR 20,912)	Sold EUR, bought CHF 22,730 for settlement 15/06/2017 (State Street)	(144)	-
(EUR 105,087)	Sold EUR, bought USD 115,259 for settlement 15/06/2017 (State Street)	(174)	-
(EUR 46,515)	Sold EUR, bought GBP 39,333 for settlement 15/06/2017 (State Street)	(191)	-

## Portfolio statement (continued)

as at 15 May 2017

		Bid-Market value (EUR)	Percentage of total net assets (%)
<b>Holdings</b>	<b>Forward FX currency contracts: (0.01%) (0.15%)</b> (continued)		
(EUR 283,627)	Sold EUR, bought USD 308,766 for settlement 15/06/2017 (State Street)	(2,577)	-
(EUR 404,640)	Sold EUR, bought USD 440,649 for settlement 15/06/2017 (State Street)	(3,545)	-
(EUR 18,307,671)	Sold EUR, bought USD 20,080,971 for settlement 15/06/2017 (State Street)	(29,217)	(0.01)
		<b>(33,888)</b>	<b>(0.01)</b>
	<b>Portfolio of investments: 99.33% (100.78%)</b>	<b>578,602,303</b>	<b>99.33</b>
	Net other assets	3,892,219	0.67
	<b>Net assets</b>	<b>582,494,522</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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

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

Comparative figures shown in brackets relate to 15 May 2016.

## **Independent Auditors' report to the unitholders of Baring German Growth Trust**

### **Report on the financial statements**

#### **Our opinion**

In our opinion, Baring German Growth Trust's ("the Trust's") financial statements, (the "financial statements of the Trust"):

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Trust as at 15 May 2017 and of the net revenue and the net capital gains of the scheme property for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds, the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and the Trust Deed.

#### **What we have audited**

The financial statements of the Trust, included within the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements, comprise:

- the balance sheet as at 15 May 2017;
- the statement of total return for the year then ended;
- the statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders for the year then ended;
- the notes to the financial statements, which include a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information; and
- the distribution tables.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and applicable law), the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Financial Statements of UK Authorised Funds' issued by the Investment Management Association (the "Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds"), the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and the Trust Deed.

In applying the financial reporting framework, the Manager has made a number of subjective judgements, for example in respect of significant accounting estimates. In making such estimates, it has made assumptions and considered future events.

#### **Opinions on matters prescribed by the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook**

In our opinion:

- we have obtained all the information and explanations we consider necessary for the purposes of the audit; and
- the information given in the Manager's Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements.

#### **Other matters on which we are required to report by exception**

##### **Proprietary of accounting records and information and explanations received**

Under the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook, we are required to report to you if, in our opinion:

- proper accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns.

We have no exceptions to report arising from this responsibility.



## **Independent Auditors' report to the unitholders of Baring German Growth Trust (continued)**

### **Responsibilities for the financial statements and the audit**

#### **Our responsibilities and those of the Manager**

As explained more fully in the Manager's Responsibilities Statement set out on page 31, the Manager is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view.

Our responsibility is to audit and express an opinion on the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and ISAs (UK & Ireland). Those standards require us to comply with the Auditing Practices Board's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

This report, including the opinions, has been prepared for and only for the Trust's unitholders as a body in accordance with paragraph 4.5.12 of the Collective Investment Schemes sourcebook and for no other purpose.

We do not, in giving these opinions, accept or assume responsibility for any other purpose or to any other person to whom this report is shown or into whose hands it may come, save where expressly agreed by our prior consent in writing.

#### **What an audit of financial statements involves**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) ("ISAs (UK & Ireland)"). An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of:

- whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Trust's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed;
- the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the Manager; and
- the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We primarily focus our work in these areas by assessing the directors' judgements against available evidence, forming our own judgements, and evaluating the disclosures in the financial statements.

We test and examine information, using sampling and other auditing techniques, to the extent we consider necessary to provide a reasonable basis for us to draw conclusions. We obtain audit evidence through testing the effectiveness of controls, substantive procedures or a combination of both.

In addition, we read all the financial and non-financial information in the Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements ("the Annual Report") report to identify material inconsistencies with the audited financial statements and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by us in the course of performing the audit. If we become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies, we consider the implications for our report.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors

London

15 August 2017

- a) The maintenance and integrity of the Baring Asset Management Limited website is the responsibility of the Fund Manager; the work carried out by the auditors does not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly, the auditors accept no responsibility for any changes that may have occurred to the financial statements since they were initially presented on the website.
- b) Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

## Statement of total return

for the year ended 15 May 2017

	Notes	2017		2016	
		€000	€000	€000	€000
Income					
Net capital gains/(losses)	2		128,794		(69,930)
Revenue	3	13,633		16,531	
Expenses	4	(6,550)		(7,680)	
Interest payable and other charges	6	(3)		(1)	
Net revenue before taxation		7,080		8,850	
Taxation	5	(1,442)		(1,969)	
Net revenue after taxation			5,638		6,881
<b>Total return/(loss) before distributions</b>			<b>134,432</b>		<b>(63,049)</b>
Distributions (equalisation)	6		(5,639)		(6,961)
<b>Change in net assets/(liabilities) attributable to unitholders from investment activities</b>			<b>128,793</b>		<b>(70,010)</b>

## Statement of change in net assets attributable to unitholders

for the year ended 15 May 2017

	Note	2017		2016	
		€000	€000	€000	€000
<b>Opening net assets attributable to unitholders</b>			543,523		548,020
Amounts receivable on issue of units		155,544		335,628	
Amounts payable on cancellation of units		(249,861)		(276,320)	
			(94,317)		59,308
Change in net assets/(liabilities) attributable to unitholders from investment activities			128,793		(70,010)
Retained distribution on accumulation units	6		4,496		6,086
Dilution adjustment			-		119
<b>Closing net assets attributable to unitholders</b>			<b>582,495</b>		<b>543,523</b>

## Balance sheet

as at 15 May 2017

	Notes	15/05/2017 €000	15/05/2016 €000
<b>Assets</b>			
Investment assets		578,638	547,786
<b>Current Assets:</b>			
Debtors	8	10,764	3,900
Cash and bank balances	9	2	20
Total assets		<u>589,404</u>	<u>551,706</u>
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Investment liabilities		(36)	-
<b>Creditors:</b>			
Distribution payable on income units	6	(805)	(962)
Other creditors	10	<u>(6,068)</u>	<u>(7,221)</u>
Total liabilities		<u>(6,909)</u>	<u>(8,183)</u>
<b>Net assets attributable to unitholders</b>		<u>582,495</u>	<u>543,523</u>

## Notes to the financial statements

for the year ended 15 May 2017

### 1. Accounting policies

#### Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared with the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of investments, and in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice and the Statement of Recommended Practice for UK Authorised Funds issued by the Investment Association (“IA”) in May 2014 (“the IMA SORP 2014”). The financial statements are also in compliance with FRS 102, the Financial reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis.

#### Basis of valuation of investments

All investments are valued at their fair value as at 12 noon on 15 May 2017. The fair value for non-derivative securities is the bid-market price, excluding any accrued interest.

#### Foreign exchange

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling on the date of the transaction. Where applicable, assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at 12 noon on 15 May 2017.

#### Recognition of revenue

Revenue from quoted equity and non-equity shares is recognised net of attributable tax credits when the security is quoted ex-dividend. Bank interest, interest on debt securities and other revenue are recognised on an accruals basis.

Distributions receivable from Investment Funds are recognised when the shares are priced ex-distribution. Distributions receivable from Investment Funds, excluding any equalisation element, are recognised as revenue.

#### Treatment of expenses

For accounting purposes, all expenses (other than those relating to the purchase and sale of investments and stamp duty reserve tax) are charged against revenue for the year on an accruals basis.

#### Taxation

Corporation tax is provided for on an accounting basis, hence deferred tax on short-term timing difference does not arise. Deferred tax assets arising from unutilised expenses are only recognised as they are expected to crystallise. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are not discounted to reflect the time value of money.

#### Distribution policy

Where applicable, for the Income units (“Inc”), Baring German Growth (“the Trust”) will pay any surplus revenue as a distribution. For Accumulation units (“Acc”), the Trust will retain any surplus revenue for investment in the Trust.

#### Unclaimed distribution

Distributions which have remained unclaimed by unitholders for over six years are credited to the capital property of the Trust.

#### Stock dividends

The ordinary element of stocks received in lieu of cash dividends is recognised as revenue of the Trust. Any enhancement above the cash dividend is treated as capital and is non-distributable. As at 15 May 2017, there were no stock dividends on the Trust.

#### Stock lending revenue

Revenue from stock lending is accounted for net of agent’s fees and commissions and is recognised on an accruals basis. No revenue was generated from stock lending during the year under review.

#### Special dividends

These are recognised as either revenue or capital depending upon the nature and circumstances of the dividend. Amounts recognised as revenue will form part of Trust’s distribution. Any tax thereon will follow the accounting treatment of the principal amount.

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### 1. Accounting policies (continued)

#### Dilution Adjustment

Trusts which are single priced may suffer a reduction in value as a result of the costs incurred in the purchase and sale of its underlying investments and the spread between the buying and selling prices of such investments. With a view to countering this, Baring Fund Managers Limited (“the Manager”) may require the payment of a dilution adjustment as an addition on their issue or sale by the Manager, or as a deduction on their cancellation or redemption by the Manager.

### 2. Net capital gains/(losses)

Net capital gains/(losses) during the year comprise:

	2017	2016
	€000	€000
Non-derivative securities	127,327	(68,927)
Forward currency contracts	1,790	(1,641)
Currency (losses)/gains	(310)	611
Transaction charges	(13)	(23)
Net capital gains/(losses) on investments	<u>128,794</u>	<u>(69,930)</u>

### 3. Revenue

	2017	2016
	€000	€000
Offshore distributions Investment Fund revenue	2	23
Overseas dividends	13,631	16,508
	<u>13,633</u>	<u>16,531</u>

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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### 4. Expenses

	2017	2016
	€000	€000
<b>Payable to the Manager or associates of the Manager:</b>		
Manager's service charge	6,260	7,310
Administration fees	91	124
	<b>6,351</b>	<b>7,434</b>
<b>Payable to National Westminster Bank Plc ("the Depository") or associates of the Depository:</b>		
Depository's fee	104	118
Safe custody charges	39	83
	<b>143</b>	<b>201</b>
<b>Other expenses:</b>		
Audit fees	11	11
Professional fees*	32	24
Regulatory fees	-	2
Standing charges	4	4
Taxation fees*	9	4
	<b>56</b>	<b>45</b>
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>6,550</b>	<b>7,680</b>

\* Professional and taxation fees relate to PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP ("PwC") or an affiliate of PwC.

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### 5. Taxation

	2017	2016
	€000	€000
<b>a) Analysis of charge in year:</b>		
Overseas withholding tax	1,442	1,969

### b) Factors affecting taxation charge of the year:

The tax assessed for the year is higher (15 May 2016: higher) than the standard rate of corporation tax in the UK for an authorised unit trust, which is 20% (15 May 2016: 20%). The differences are explained below:

	2017	2016
	€000	€000
Net revenue before taxation	7,080	8,850
Corporation tax at 20% (15 May 2016: 20%).	1,416	1,770
Effects of:		
Overseas withholding tax	1,442	1,969
Overseas dividends (not taxable)	(2,726)	(3,302)
Current year expenses not utilised	1,310	1,532
Total tax charge for the year (note 5a)	1,442	1,969

### c) Deferred tax

Provision at the start of the year	-	-
Deferred tax charge in the year	-	-
Provision at the end of the year	-	-

The Trust has not recognised a total deferred tax asset of €11,852,450 (2016: €10,542,319) arising as a result of having unutilised management expenses. These are not expected to be fully utilised in the foreseeable future unless the nature of the Trust's revenue or capital gains changes.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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### 6. Finance costs

#### Distributions

The distributions take account of revenue received on the issue of units and revenue deducted on cancellation of units, and comprise:

	2017	2016
	€000	€000
Final distribution	805	962
Final accumulation	4,496	6,086
	<b>5,301</b>	<b>7,048</b>
Add: Revenue deducted on cancellation of units	739	805
Deduct: Revenue received on issue of units	(401)	(892)
	<b>5,639</b>	<b>6,961</b>
Interest	3	1
Total distributions	<b>5,642</b>	<b>6,962</b>

Details of the distributions per unit are set out in the Distribution Tables on pages 59 to 61.

Distributions payable at the year-end of €805,362 (15 May 2016: €962,203) are disclosed in the Balance Sheet on page 41.

### 7. Movement between net revenue and distributions

	2017	2016
	€000	€000
Net revenue after taxation	5,638	6,881
Equalisation on Retail Distribution Review ("RDR") conversions	1	80
	<b>5,639</b>	<b>6,961</b>

### 8. Debtors

	15/05/2017	15/05/2016
	€000	€000
Overseas tax recoverable	2,086	2,247
Sales awaiting settlement	2,160	-
Amounts receivable for creation of units	4,335	1,216
Currency deals receivable	1,048	437
Accrued revenue	1,135	-
	<b>10,764</b>	<b>3,900</b>



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### 9. Cash and bank balances

	15/05/2017	15/05/2016
	€000	€000
Cash and bank balances	2	20

### 10. Creditors

	15/05/2017	15/05/2016
	€000	€000
Accrued expenses	968	974
Amounts payable for cancellation of units	1,696	2,833
Purchases awaiting settlement	2,362	2,976
Currency deals payable	1,042	438
	<b>6,068</b>	<b>7,221</b>

### 11. Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the year-end date (15 May 2016: €nil).

### 12. Equalisation

Equalisation applies only to units purchased during the distribution year (Group 2 units). It is the average amount of net revenue included in the purchase price of all Group 2 units. In the case of Income ("Inc") units, it is refunded as part of a unitholder's first distribution. In the case of Accumulation ("Acc") units, it is automatically reinvested in the relevant trust at the first distribution payment date after the units were purchased. Being a capital repayment, it is not liable to income tax but must be deducted from the cost of units for capital gains tax purposes.

### 13. Financial instruments

In pursuing its investment objective set out on page 2, the Trust may hold a number of financial instruments. These comprise:

- equity and non-equity shares, fixed income securities, and floating rate securities. These are held in accordance with the Trust's investment objective and policies;
- cash, Investment Funds, liquid resources and short-term debtors and creditors that arise directly from its operations;
- unitholders' funds which represent investors' monies which are invested on their behalf;
- borrowings used to finance investment activity; and
- forward foreign currency contracts, the purpose of which is to manage the currency risk arising from the Trust's investment activities (and related financing).

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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### 14. Risks of financial instruments

The risks arising from the Trust's financial instruments are market price, foreign currency, interest rate, liquidity and credit risks. The Manager reviews (and agrees with the Depositary) policies for managing each of these risks and they are summarised below. These policies have remained unchanged since the beginning of the year to which these financial statements relate (15 May 2016: same):

- *Market risk* - arises mainly from uncertainty about future prices of financial instruments held. It represents the potential loss the Trust might suffer through holding market positions in the face of price movements.

The Manager meets regularly to consider the asset allocation of the portfolio in order to minimise the risk associated with particular countries or industry sectors whilst continuing to follow the investment objective. An individual Trust manager has responsibility for monitoring the existing portfolio selected in accordance with the overall asset allocation parameter described above and seeks to ensure that individual stocks also meet the risk reward profile that is acceptable.

The Manager does not use derivative instruments to hedge the investment portfolio against market risk, as in its opinion the cost of such a process would result in an unacceptable reduction in the potential for capital growth.

#### Sensitivity analysis

At 15 May 2017, if the price of the Investments held by the Trust increased or decreased by 5%, with all other variables held constant, then the net assets attributable to unitholders would increase or decrease by approximately €28,930 million (15 May 2016: €27,389 million).

- *Currency risk* - the revenue and capital value of the Trust's investments can be significantly affected by foreign currency translation movements, as a proportion of the Trust's assets and revenue are denominated in currencies other than euro, which is the Trust's functional currency.

The Manager has identified three principal areas where foreign currency risk could impact the Trust. These are: movement in exchange rates affecting the value of investments, short-term timing differences such as exposure to exchange rate movements during the year between when an investment, purchase or sale is entered into and the date when settlement of the investment occurs, and finally, movements in exchange rates affecting revenue received by the Trust.

At the year-end date, a proportion of the net assets of the Trust were denominated in currencies other than euro with the effect that the balance sheet and total return can be affected by exchange rate movements. These net assets/(liabilities) consist of the following:

Currency exposure for the year ended 15 May 2017:

	Portfolio of investments €000	Net other assets €000	Total €000
US dollar	1,650	10	1,660
Swiss franc	-	2	2
Sterling	8,404	654	9,058
	<b>10,054</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>10,720</b>

Currency exposure for the year ended 15 May 2016:

	Portfolio of investments €000	Net other assets €000	Total €000
US dollar	14,653	10	14,663
Swiss franc	-	2	2
	<b>14,653</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>14,665</b>

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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### 14. Risks of financial instruments (continued)

#### Sensitivity analysis

At 15 May 2017, if the value of the euro increased or decreased by 1%, with all other variables held constant, then the net assets attributable to unitholders would increase or decrease by approximately €0.107 million (15 May 2016: €0.147 million).

- Interest rate risk** - the Trust may invest in both fixed rate and floating rate securities, and any change to the interest rates relevant for particular securities may result in either revenue increasing or decreasing, or the Manager being unable to secure similar returns on the expiry of contracts or the sale of securities. In addition, changes to prevailing rates or changes in expectations of future rates may result in an increase or decrease in the value of the securities held.

In general, if interest rates rise, the revenue potential of the Trust also rises but the value of fixed rate securities will decline (along with certain expenses calculated by reference to the assets of the Trust). A decline in interest rates will in general have the opposite effect.

The interest rate risk profile of financial assets and liabilities consists of the following:

	Floating rate 15/05/2017 €000	Fixed rate 15/05/2017 €000	None 15/05/2017 €000	Total 15/05/2017 €000
Portfolio	(34)	-	578,636	578,602
Cash at bank	2	-	-	2
Other assets	-	-	10,418	10,418
Liabilities	-	-	(6,527)	(6,527)
	<b>(32)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>582,527</b>	<b>582,495</b>

  

	Floating rate 15/05/2016 €000	Fixed rate 15/05/2016 €000	None 15/05/2016 €000	Total 15/05/2016 €000
Portfolio	848	-	546,938	547,786
Cash at bank	20	-	-	20
Other assets	-	-	3,900	3,900
Liabilities	-	-	(8,183)	(8,183)
	<b>868</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>542,655</b>	<b>543,523</b>

The floating rate assets and liabilities comprise bank balances and overdrafts, whose rates are determined by reference to the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") or an international equivalent borrowing rate.

#### Sensitivity analysis

The interest bearing assets and liabilities at the year-end is immaterial. Thus, any movement in interest rate would have insignificant impact on the financial statements for the year ended 15 May 2017 (15 May 2016: same) and no further disclosure has been made.

- Liquidity risk** - the Trust's assets comprise mainly readily realisable securities, which can be readily sold. The main liability of the Trust is the redemption of any units that investors wish to sell.
- Credit risk** - certain transactions in securities that the Trust enters into expose it to the risk that the counterparty will not deliver the investment (purchase) or cash (sale) after the Trust has fulfilled its responsibilities. All currency contracts are held with State Street; please see below the details of the notional exposure.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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### 14. Risks of financial instruments (continued)

#### Sensitivity analysis (continued)

The Trust only buys and sells investments through brokers which have been approved as an acceptable counterparty. In addition, limits are set as to the maximum exposure to any individual broker that may exist at any time; these limits are reviewed regularly. Therefore, the counterparty risk is negligible.

- *Fair value* - there is no material difference between the value of the financial assets and liabilities, as shown in the balance sheet, and their fair value.
- *Derivatives and other financial instruments* - transactions in derivatives, warrants, forward contracts and futures may be used for the purpose of hedging and meeting the investment objectives of the Trust. In pursuing the Trust's objectives, the Manager may make use of a variety of instruments in accordance with the rules. At 15 May 2016, the Trust held open forward currency contracts with State Street. The notional exposure of those currency contracts at that date was €19,937,921 (15 May 2016: €41,847,061).

The Net Asset Value of the Trust may have high volatility due to derivatives and other financial instruments used. Portfolio hedging will generally reduce volatility, whereas taking additional market or securities exposure could increase volatility. In the latter case, the intention is that volatility should not be markedly different from the Trust directly holding the underlying investments.

### 15. Fair value

The fair value of a financial instrument is the amount for which it could be exchanged between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's length transaction. There is no significant difference between the value of the financial assets and liabilities, as shown in the financial statements, and their fair value.

FRS 102 requires the Trust to classify financial instruments measured at fair value into the following hierarchy:

The disclosures are based on a three-level fair value hierarchy for the inputs used in valuation techniques to measure fair value.

A financial instrument is regarded as quoted in an active market if the quoted prices are readily and regularly available from an exchange, dealer, broker, industry group, pricing service, or regulatory agency, and those prices represent actual and regularly occurring market transactions on an arm's length basis.

The fair value of financial assets and financial liabilities that are not traded in an active market is determined by using valuation techniques. The Trust uses a variety of methods and makes assumptions that are based on market conditions existing at the year-end date. The fair value hierarchy has the following levels:

- Level 1: The unadjusted quoted price in an active market for identical assets or liabilities that the entity can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable (i.e. developed using market data) for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3: Inputs are unobservable (i.e. for which market data is unavailable) for the asset or liability.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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### 15. Fair value (continued)

Valuation technique	Assets	Liabilities
15/05/2017	€000	€000
Level 1	578,636	-
Level 2	-	(34)
Level 3	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>578,636</b>	<b>(34)</b>

Valuation technique	Assets	Liabilities
15/05/2016	€000	€000
Level 1	546,938	-
Level 2	848	-
Level 3	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>547,786</b>	<b>-</b>

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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### 16. Portfolio transaction costs

Analysis of total purchase costs:	2017 €000	2016 €000
Purchases before transaction costs*	179,198	302,159
Commissions:		
Equities total value paid	224	371
Investment Funds total value paid	-	-
Taxes:		
Equities total value paid	-	-
Investment Funds total value paid	-	-
Total transaction costs	<u>224</u>	<u>371</u>
<b>Gross purchases total</b>	<b><u>179,422</u></b>	<b><u>302,530</u></b>
Analysis of total sales costs:	2017 €000	2016 €000
Sales before transaction costs*	288,320	238,204
Commissions:		
Equities total value paid	(360)	(306)
Investment Funds total value paid	-	-
Taxes:		
Equities total value paid	-	-
Investment Funds total value paid	-	-
Total transaction costs	<u>(360)</u>	<u>(306)</u>
<b>Total sales net of transaction costs</b>	<b><u>287,960</u></b>	<b><u>237,898</u></b>

\* Not included in the 2017 figures are purchases and sales in cash funds totalling €208.6 million and €190.4 million, respectively, where there are no transaction costs applicable. In 2016, purchases and sales in cash funds totalled €322.6 million and €315.5 million respectively.

The above analysis covers any direct transaction costs suffered by the Trust during the year.

In the case of equities and Investment Funds, separately identifiable direct transaction costs (commissions and taxes etc.) are attributable to the Trust's purchase and sale of equity investments. In addition, there may be dealing spread costs (the difference between the buying and selling prices) which will be suffered on purchase and sale transactions which are not separately identifiable and do not form part of the analysis above.

In the case of Investment Funds, there may be potential dealing spread costs applicable to purchases and sales. Additionally, there are indirect transaction costs suffered in those underlying sub-funds throughout the holding period for the instruments which are not separately identifiable and do not form part of the analysis above.

The average portfolio dealing spread is disclosed on page 53. Transaction costs vary depending on the transaction value and market sentiment.

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### 16. Portfolio transaction costs (continued)

Analysis of total purchase costs:	2017 %	2016 %
Commissions:		
Equities percentage of total purchase costs	0.13	0.12
Investment Funds percentage of total purchase costs	-	-
Taxes:		
Equities percentage of average Net Asset Value	0.04	0.06
Investment Funds percentage of average Net Asset Value	-	-
Analysis of total sales costs:	2017 %	2016 %
Commissions:		
Equities percentage of total sales costs	(0.12)	(0.13)
Investment Funds percentage of total sales costs	-	-
Taxes:		
Equities percentage of average Net Asset Value	(0.07)	(0.05)
Investment Funds percentage of average Net Asset Value	-	-

#### Average portfolio dealing spread

As at the balance sheet date, the average portfolio dealing spread was 0.38% (15 May 2016: 0.63%), based on close of business prices. This spread represents the difference between the values determined respectively by reference to the bid and offer prices of investments expressed as a percentage of the value determined by reference to the offer price.

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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### 17. Unit classes

The Trust currently has 14 unit classes: Class GBP Acc, Class EUR Acc, Class EUR Inc, Class GBP Inc, Class A CHF Hedged Acc, Class A RMB Hedged Acc, Class A USD Acc, Class A USD Hedged Acc, Class I GBP Hedged Acc, Class I EUR Acc, Class I GBP Acc, Class I USD Acc, Class I EUR Inc and Class I GBP Inc. The annual management charge and fund management fee can be found on page 4. The net asset value of each unit class, the net asset value per unit and the number of units in each class are given in the comparative tables on pages 16 to 22. The distribution per unit class is given in the distribution tables on pages 59 to 61. All classes have the same rights on winding up.

	<b>As at 15 May 2017</b>
<b>Class GBP Acc</b>	
Opening units	14,371,323
Units created	2,428,955
Units liquidated	(4,729,203)
Units converted	(37,813)
<b>Closing units</b>	<b>12,033,262</b>

	<b>As at 15 May 2017</b>
<b>Class EUR Acc</b>	
Opening units	24,087,717
Units created	3,701,835
Units liquidated	(6,036,595)
Units converted	-
<b>Closing units</b>	<b>21,752,957</b>

	<b>As at 15 May 2017</b>
<b>Class EUR Inc</b>	
Opening units	75,390
Units created	103,744
Units liquidated	(63,198)
Units converted	-
<b>Closing units</b>	<b>115,936</b>

	<b>As at 15 May 2017</b>
<b>Class GBP Inc</b>	
Opening units	118,488
Units created	11,322
Units liquidated	(29,422)
Units converted	(9,359)
<b>Closing units</b>	<b>91,029</b>

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### 17. Unit classes (continued)

	<b>As at 15 May 2017</b>
<b>Class A CHF Hedged Acc</b>	
Opening units	1,067
Units created	1,200
Units liquidated	-
Units converted	-
<b>Closing units</b>	<b>2,267</b>

	<b>As at 15 May 2017</b>
<b>Class A RMB Hedged Acc</b>	
Opening units	234,178
Units created	62,634
Units liquidated	(279,055)
Units converted	-
<b>Closing units</b>	<b>17,757</b>

	<b>As at 15 May 2017</b>
<b>Class A USD Acc</b>	
Opening units	810,696
Units created	750,659
Units liquidated	(952,768)
Units converted	-
<b>Closing units</b>	<b>608,587</b>

	<b>As at 15 May 2017</b>
<b>Class A USD Hedged Acc</b>	
Opening units	5,345,884
Units created	3,305,070
Units liquidated	(6,775,316)
Units converted	-
<b>Closing units</b>	<b>1,875,638</b>

## Notes to the financial statements (continued)

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### 17. Unit classes (continued)

	<b>As at 15 May 2017</b>
<b>Class I GBP Hedged Acc*</b>	
Opening units	-
Units created	18,778
Units liquidated	-
Units converted	-
<b>Closing units</b>	<b>18,778</b>

	<b>As at 15 May 2017</b>
<b>Class I EUR Acc</b>	
Opening units	2,145,351
Units created	1,308,988
Units liquidated	(1,910,532)
Units converted	-
<b>Closing units</b>	<b>1,543,807</b>

	<b>As at 15 May 2017</b>
<b>Class I GBP Acc</b>	
Opening units	16,681,878
Units created	4,919,103
Units liquidated	(7,715,180)
Units converted	29,891
<b>Closing units</b>	<b>13,915,692</b>

	<b>As at 15 May 2017</b>
<b>Class I USD Acc</b>	
Opening units	10
Units created	-
Units liquidated	-
Units converted	-
<b>Closing units</b>	<b>10</b>

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

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### 17. Unit classes (continued)

	<b>As at</b>
	<b>15 May 2017</b>
<b>Class I EUR Inc</b>	
Opening units	10
Units created	934
Units liquidated	-
Units converted	-
<b>Closing units</b>	<b>944</b>
	<b>As at</b>
	<b>15 May 2017</b>
<b>Class I GBP Inc</b>	
Opening units	7,285,825
Units created	1,529,062
Units liquidated	(2,186,727)
Units converted	17,210
<b>Closing units</b>	<b>6,645,370</b>

### 18. Ultimate controlling party and related party transactions

Baring Asset Management Limited ("the Investment Manager") is the immediate parent company of the Manager and also regarded as related party. The Investment Manager's fees and expenses will be paid by the Manager out of its remuneration from the Trust. As at 15 May 2017, the Investment Manager had holdings of 10 Units (15 May 2016: 1,087) equivalent to nil (15 May 2016: 0.01%) units held in the Trust. Amounts due from or to the Investment Manager in respect of share transactions at the balance sheet date are disclosed under Debtors and Other Creditors in the Notes to the financial statements.

The Manager exercises control over the Trust and is therefore a related party by virtue of its controlling influence.

Amounts paid during the year or due to the Manager at the balance sheet date are disclosed under Expenses and Other creditors in the Notes to the financial statements.

The Manager acts as principal on all transactions of units in the Trust. The aggregate monies received through the issue and cancellations of units are disclosed in the Statement of Change in Net Assets Attributable to Unitholders and Distributions in the Notes to the Accounts. Amounts due from or to the Manager in respect of unit transactions at the balance sheet date are disclosed under Debtors and Other creditors in the Notes to the financial statements.

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### 19. Post balance sheet market movements

After the year-end, public market fluctuations have resulted in the net asset value per GBP accumulation unit increasing 4.76% from 845.72p as at 15 May 2017 to 886.00p at 7 August 2017 (mid-price per unit). After the year-end, public market fluctuations have resulted in the net asset value per EUR accumulation unit decreasing 1.65% from €9.969 as at 15 May 2017 to €9.805 at 7 August 2017 (mid-price per unit). After the year-end, public market fluctuations have resulted in the net asset value per EUR income unit decreasing 1.63% from €9.003 as at 15 May 2017 to €8.856 at 7 August 2017 (mid-price per unit). After the year-end, public market fluctuations have resulted in the net asset value per GBP income unit increasing 4.77% from 765.56p as at 15 May 2017 to 802.10p at 7 August 2017 (mid-price per unit). After the year-end, public market fluctuations have resulted in the net asset value per A CHF Hedged accumulation unit decreasing 1.80% from CHF10.170 as at 15 May 2017 to CHF9.987 at 7 August 2017 (mid-price per unit). After the year-end, public market fluctuations have resulted in the net asset value per A RMB Hedged accumulation unit decreasing 0.59% from RMB72.96 as at 15 May 2017 to RMB72.53 at 7 August 2017 (mid-price per unit). After the year-end, public market fluctuations have resulted in the net asset value per A USD accumulation unit increasing 5.83% from US\$10.933 as at 15 May 2017 to US\$11.570 at 7 August 2017 (mid-price per unit). After the year-end, public market fluctuations have resulted in the net asset value per A USD Hedged accumulation unit decreasing 1.11% from US\$11.033 as at 15 May 2017 to US\$10.910 at 7 August 2017 (mid-price per unit). After the year-end, public market fluctuations have resulted in the net asset value per I GBP Hedged accumulation unit decreasing 1.37% from 890.81p as at 15 May 2017 to 878.60p at 7 August 2017 (mid-price per unit). After the year-end, public market fluctuations have resulted in the net asset value per I EUR accumulation unit decreasing 1.47% from €10.291 as at 15 May 2017 to €10.140 at 7 August 2017 (mid-price per unit). After the year-end, public market fluctuations have resulted in the net asset value per I GBP accumulation unit increasing 4.95% from 872.45p as at 15 May 2017 to 915.60p at 7 August 2017 (mid-price per unit). After the year-end, public market fluctuations have resulted in the net asset value per I USD accumulation unit increasing 6.04% from US\$11.100 as at 15 May 2017 to US\$11.770 at 7 August 2017 (mid-price per unit). After the year-end, public market fluctuations have resulted in the net asset value per I EUR income unit decreasing 1.48% from €9.059 as at 15 May 2017 to €8.925 at 7 August 2017 (mid-price per unit). After the year-end, public market fluctuations have resulted in the net asset value per I GBP income unit increasing 4.96% from 760.41p as at 15 May 2017 to 798.10p at 7 August 2017 (mid-price per unit).

## Distribution tables

Group 1: units purchased prior to 15 May 2016

Group 2: units purchased on or after 15 May 2016

### Final accumulation - Class GBP Acc (in pence per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation (Note 12)	2017 Accumulation Payable	2016 Accumulation Paid
1	5.7405	0.0000	5.7405	6.2344
2	4.7703	0.9702	5.7405	6.2344

### Final accumulation - Class EUR Acc (in € per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation (Note 12)	2017 Accumulation Payable	2016 Accumulation Paid
1	0.0666	0.0000	0.0666	0.0793
2	0.0540	0.0126	0.0666	0.0793

### Final distribution - Class EUR Inc (in € per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation (Note 12)	2017 Distribution Payable	2016 Distribution Paid
1	0.0673	0.0000	0.0673	0.0749
2	0.0552	0.0121	0.0673	0.0749

### Final distribution - Class GBP Inc (in pence per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation (Note 12)	2017 Distribution Payable	2016 Distribution Paid
1	4.9759	0.0000	4.9759	5.6846
2	3.7234	1.2525	4.9759	5.6846

### Final accumulation - Class A CHF Hedged Acc (in CHF per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation (Note 12)	2017 Accumulation Payable	2016 Accumulation Paid
1	0.0705	0.0000	0.0705	0.0330
2	0.0705	0.0000	0.0705	0.0330

### Final accumulation - Class A RMB Hedged Acc (in RMB per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation (Note 12)	2017 Accumulation Payable	2016 Accumulation Paid
1	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.1931
2	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.1931

## Distribution tables (continued)

Group 1: units purchased prior to 15 May 2016

Group 2: units purchased on or after 15 May 2016

### Final accumulation - Class A USD Acc (in \$ per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation (Note 12)	2017 Accumulation Payable	2016 Accumulation Paid
1	0.0666	0.0000	0.0666	0.0953
2	0.0391	0.0275	0.0666	0.0953

### Final accumulation - Class A USD Hedged Acc (in \$ per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation (Note 12)	2017 Accumulation Payable	2016 Accumulation Paid
1	0.0664	0.0000	0.0664	0.0678
2	0.0528	0.0136	0.0664	0.0678

### Final accumulation - Class I GBP Hedged Acc\* (in pence per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation (Note 12)	2017 Accumulation Payable	2016 Accumulation Paid
1	11.6321	0.0000	11.6321	N/A
2	4.0037	7.6284	11.6321	N/A

### Final accumulation - Class I EUR Acc (in € per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation (Note 12)	2017 Accumulation Payable	2016 Accumulation Paid
1	0.1344	0.0000	0.1344	0.1072
2	0.0999	0.0345	0.1344	0.1072

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

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation (Note 12)	2017 Accumulation Payable	2016 Accumulation Paid
1	11.4173	0.0000	11.4173	11.3899
2	8.7384	2.6789	11.4173	11.3899

### Final accumulation - Class I USD Acc (in \$ per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation (Note 12)	2017 Accumulation Payable	2016 Accumulation Paid
1	0.1469	0.0000	0.1469	0.1078
2	0.1469	0.0000	0.1469	0.1078

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

## Distribution tables (continued)

Group 1: units purchased prior to 15 May 2016

Group 2: units purchased on or after 15 May 2016

### Final distribution - Class I EUR Inc (in € per unit)

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation (Note 12)	2017 Distribution Payable	2016 Distribution Paid
1	0.1229	0.0000	0.1229	0.0840
2	0.1015	0.0214	0.1229	0.0840

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

Group	Net Revenue	Equalisation (Note 12)	2017 Distribution Payable	2016 Distribution Paid
1	10.1142	0.0000	10.1142	10.2444
2	7.4095	2.7047	10.1142	10.2444

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