

Omnis European Equity Opportunities Fund

BARINGS

Fund Statistics

Assets Under Management

£273 million*

Launch Date:

24th August 2019

*as at 31st March 2021

About Barings

Today's Barings was formed in 2016, when four affiliate firms from the MassMutual family came together to create a leading asset management company, though Barings has been in the asset management business since the 1950s. Barings is wholly owned by MassMutual, a US-based mutual company, and manages over \$345 billion on behalf of clients, as at 31st December 2020**. It has a long-term approach to investment management and its philosophy centres around taking advantage of the mispricing of stocks from their fundamental fair values.

Track Record of Barings in European Equities

The investment team that will manage the Omnis fund is a well-established team that has been in place since 2005 and has a combined 75 years' investment experience.

The team will be running a bespoke strategy for Omnis but it has a strong track record of delivering outperformance through active management over the long term. We can look to the Barings Europe Select Trust to understand their investment process and approach. The process is well-established and has generated strong outperformance since Nick Williams assumed portfolio management responsibilities in January 2005¹. The fund has also demonstrated the team's impressive ability to preserve capital during periods of market distress.

Barings' investment process is clear and we have high conviction that its process will deliver value for investors in the Omnis European Equity Opportunities Fund.

The Omnis European Equity Opportunities Fund aims to achieve a return consisting of both income and capital growth which, after all fees and expenses, exceeds the FTSE World Europe ex-UK Total Return Index over a five-year rolling period.

Omnis appoints Barings to manage fund

After a detailed selection process, we are delighted to confirm the appointment of Barings Asset Management Limited. Barings has a long and deep history of investing in European equities, particularly within small and medium sized European companies, which are a particular focus for the Omnis European Equity Opportunities Fund.

The Barings investment strategy is run by the highly experienced Nick Williams, and he is strongly supported by a team of co-portfolio managers, including Colin Riddles and Rosemary Simmonds who have worked with Nick for over 10 years. We were impressed by a robust and repeatable investment process, at the heart of which lies intensive fundamental company analysis. We believe this approach to investing in small and medium sized European companies gives the team a demonstrable edge, given the lighter market coverage typically associated with companies of this nature. The Barings approach is evidenced by an impressive long-term track record of outperformance, which has been generated through a large array of different market conditions¹.

Commentary from Barings



We are delighted to have been selected by Omnis to manage the Omnis European Equity Opportunities Fund. The team consisting of myself, Rosemary Simmonds, Colin Riddles and William Cuss, as the lead Portfolio Managers, are supported by our broader European equity team based in London, who provide invaluable proprietary fundamental analysis to support our disciplined stock selection strategy. We firmly believe that Europe offers an exciting range of investment opportunities, particularly among faster-growing mid and small size companies, and we look forward to our partnership with Omnis and their investors over the coming years.

Nicholas Williams

Managing Director – Head of Small & Mid Cap Equities, Barings



Plan of action

Barings will take over the management of the fund on 17 May 2021.

Omnis Investments will ensure the investment activities will be transferred seamlessly and you are **not required to take any action**.

For more information, please speak to your financial adviser

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¹ Source: FE fundinfo as at 13th April 2021, Barings European Select Trust Fund has outperformed its benchmark over 10 years and since Nick Williams began managing the fund.

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