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**This notice contains important information and requires your immediate attention. Please read it carefully, and seek independent professional advice should you have any queries.**

**Cigna Worldwide Life Insurance Company Limited (“Cigna”) accepts responsibility for the accuracy of the content of this notice.**

Dear Valued Customer,

### **Temporary Suspension of CIGNA - Barings Eastern Europe Fund (the “Affected Investment Choice”)**

Affected Investment Choice (and code):	CIGNA - Barings Eastern Europe Fund (BEE)
Corresponding underlying fund:	Barings Global Umbrella Fund – Barings Eastern Europe Fund (the “Fund”)
Management company of the fund:	Baring International Fund Managers (Ireland) Limited (the “Management Company”)

According to the Investor Notice issued by the Management Company on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022, in light of the exceptional and adverse market conditions relating to the current situation in Russia and Ukraine, the Management Company has temporarily suspended the calculation of the net asset value per unit of the Fund and the right of unitholders to purchase, redeem or exchange units in the Fund (the “**Suspension**”) effective as of 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

Please note that this decision has been made following the recommendations of the Management Company and the investment manager (i.e. Baring Asset Management Limited), and with the approval of the depositary of the Fund. This decision is considered to be in the best interests of unitholders as a whole in light of current circumstances. In particular, the decision to implement the Suspension has been taken as a result of the current situation in Russia and Ukraine, which has adversely affected the orderly disposal and valuation of Russian assets of the Fund.

Unfortunately, how long the Suspension will last is currently undetermined. Updates will be provided as soon as possible, or you can find the latest news on [www.barings.com](http://www.barings.com)<sup>1</sup>.

### **Suspension of dealing**

Due to the Suspension, the dealing of the Affected Investment Choice, including, but not limited to, any allocation, cancellation, withdrawal, redemption, switching out, new subscription (including any additional single contribution, increase in regular contribution or switching in) and new instruction to direct future regular investment allocation into the Affected Investment Choice has ceased to be accepted **with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022**, until the valuation and the dealing of the Fund resume.

**Please note that any monies pending allocation into the Affected Investment Choice will not earn any interest and/or market return during the Suspension.**

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<sup>1</sup> Please note that the website has not been authorised by the SFC and may contain information relating to funds which are not authorised in Hong Kong and information which is not targeted to Hong Kong investors.

**Immediate actions required by you**

**Existing notional unit(s) in the Affected Investment Choice**

For policies with existing notional unit(s) in the Affected Investment Choice, your existing notional unit(s) will remain in your policy. No actions can be taken on your notional unit(s) in the Affected Investment Choice until the valuation and the dealing of the Fund resume.

**Existing investment allocation instruction directed towards the Affected Investment Choice**

If you have selected the Affected Investment Choice in your current regular investment allocation, you may contact your financial consultant who may help you submit a request, with your consent, to redirect your future regular investment allocation into other investment choice(s) without charge. You may also discuss with your financial consultant about the reallocation of any unvested contribution due to the Suspension.

**Investment involves risk, you may wish to contact your financial consultant regarding the impact of the suspension of the Affected Investment Choice on your investment objectives.**

Should you have any other queries, please contact your financial consultant or Cigna's Customer Service Hotline at 2992 7122.

Yours faithfully,

Cigna Worldwide Life Insurance Company Limited