# **Barings Participation Investors**

Report for the Three Months Ended March 31, 2021



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#### **Investment Objective and Policy**

Barings Participation Investors (the "Trust") is a closed-end management investment company, first offered to the public in 1988, whose shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol "MPV". The Trust's share price can be found in the financial section of most newspapers under either the New York Stock Exchange listings or Closed-End Fund Listings.

The Trust's investment objective is to maintain a portfolio of securities providing a current yield and, when available, an opportunity for capital gains. The Trust's principal investments are privately placed, below investment grade, long-term debt obligations including bank loans and mezzanine debt instruments. Such private placement securities may, in some cases, be accompanied by equity features such as common stock, preferred stock, warrants, conversion rights, or other equity features. The Trust typically purchases these investments, which are not publicly tradable, directly from their issuers in private placement transactions. These investments are typically made to small or middle market companies. In addition, the Trust may invest, subject to certain limitations, in marketable debt securities (including high yield and/or investment grade securities) and marketable common stock. Below investment grade or high yield securities have predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to the capacity of the issuer to pay interest and repay capital.

The Trust distributes substantially all of its net income to shareholders each year. Accordingly, the Trust pays dividends to shareholders in January, May, August, and November. All registered shareholders are automatically enrolled in the Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan unless cash distributions are requested.

#### Form N-PORT

The Trust files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on part F of Form N-PORT. This information is available (i) on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov; and (ii) at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC (which information on their operation may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330). A complete schedule of portfolio holdings as of each quarter-end is available upon request by calling, toll-free, 866-399-1516.

#### Proxy Voting Policies & Procedures; Proxy Voting Record

The Trustees of the Trust have delegated proxy voting responsibilities relating to the voting of securities held by the Trust to Barings LLC ("Barings"). A description of Barings' proxy voting policies and procedures is available (1) without charge, upon request, by calling, toll-free 866-399-1516; (2) on the Trust's website at www.barings.com/mpv; and (3) on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov. Information regarding how the Trust voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available (1) on the Trust's website at www.barings.com/mpv; and (2) on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov.

#### **Legal Matters**

The Trust has entered into contractual arrangements with an investment adviser, transfer agent and custodian (collectively "service providers") who each provide services to the Trust. Shareholders are not parties to, or intended beneficiaries of, these contractual arrangements, and these contractual arrangements are not intended to create any shareholder right to enforce them against the service providers or to seek any remedy under them against the service providers, either directly or on behalf of the Trust.

Under the Trust's Bylaws, any claims asserted against or on behalf of the Trust, including claims against Trustees and officers must be brought in courts located within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Trust's registration statement and this shareholder report are not contracts between the Trust and its shareholders and do not give rise to any contractual rights or obligations or any shareholder rights other than any rights conferred explicitly by federal or state securities laws that may not be waived.



#### TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS

April 30, 2021

We are pleased to present the March 31, 2021 Quarterly Report of Barings Participation Investors (the "Trust").

#### PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE

The Board of Trustees declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.20 per share, payable on May 14, 2021 to shareholders of record on May 3, 2021. The Trust paid a \$0.20 per share dividend for the preceding quarter. The Trust earned \$0.19 per share of net investment income for the first quarter of 2021, compared to \$0.35 per share in the previous quarter.

During the first quarter, the net assets of the Trust increased to \$150,359,992 or \$14.18 per share compared to 144,177,379 or \$13.60 per share on December 31, 2020. This translates to a 4.3% total return for the quarter, based on the change in the Trust's net assets assuming the reinvestment of all dividends. Longer term, the Trust returned 15.8%, 8.2%, 9.0%, 10.1% and 11.6% for the 1, 3, 5, 10, and 25-year periods, respectively, based on the change in the Trust's net assets assuming the reinvestment of all dividends.

The Trust's market price increased 8.8% during the quarter, from \$11.88 per share as of December 31, 2020 to \$12.93 per share as of March 31, 2021. The Trust's market price of \$12.93 per share equates to an 8.8% discount to the March 31, 2021 net asset value per share of \$14.18. The Trust's average quarter-end premium for the 3, 5 and 10-year periods was 4.1%, 4.2% and 6.2%, respectively. U.S. fixed income markets, as approximated by the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index and the Credit Suisse Leverage Loan Index, increased 0.9% and 2.0% for the quarter, respectively.

#### PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

The Trust closed seven new private placement investments and 10 add-on investments to existing portfolio companies during the first quarter. The total amount invested by the Trust in these transactions was \$20,316,612. Of note, the new platform investments were floating rate term loans, two of which included equity co-investments, and the add-on investments were eight floating rate term loans and two small equity co-investments.

Improving market conditions and robust investment activity during the fourth quarter of 2020 continued into the first quarter of 2021. As the investment landscape has improved, some key trends have emerged. First, investment activity is now back to (and even beyond) pre-pandemic levels. Momentum continues to build in the private mid-market and appears unaffected by the seasonality we sometimes see this time of year. Secondly, in the current market, financial sponsors and other ownership groups are motivated to divest portfolio companies due to the high valuations for strong businesses. With the significant dry powder they have available, financial sponsors are also motivated to acquire high-quality businesses which have outperformed through both good times and the more recent uncertainty. Lastly, private equity clients continue to work with a smaller group of trusted lenders with whom they have long-standing relationships and who can offer certainty of execution and creative solutions. These trends assisted Barings in being the second most active institutional lender across the U.S. private middle-market in 2020.

We continue to be selective in our investment choices and maintain our underwriting discipline throughout multiple cycles. First, the Trust continues to invest in first lien senior secured loans in high-quality companies in defensive sectors and is well diversified by industry. This was a strategy put in place about four years ago and has provided strong risk adjusted returns for the Trust given their senior position in the capital stack. As of March 31, 2021, 56.0% of the Trust's investment portfolio is in first lien senior secured loans compared to 2.7% as of December 31, 2017. These investments have proven resilient to date and their management teams now have the benefit of having a wealth of knowledge to draw upon from working in such unique and challenging circumstances. Second, we hold meaningful investment liquidity based on the Trust's combined available cash balance and short-term investments of \$12,775,348 or 7.8%, and low leverage profile at 0.10x as of March 31, 2021. Strong liquidity also provides ample support to our current portfolio companies to the extent the duration of COVID-19 related stress extends. Third, we continue to be selective in pruning our equity investments and reinvesting the proceeds into first lien senior secured investments further driving investment income. As always, the Trust continues to benefit from strong relationships with our financial sponsor partners which provides clear benefits including potential access to additional capital if needed, strategic thinking alongside their management teams and high-quality and timely information which is only available in a private market setting. This allows us to work constructively together and maximize the portfolio companies' long-term health and value.

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In closing, we believe it is always appropriate to provide views on the Trust's long-term dividend policy which is to say, 'we believe that long-term dividends should be a reflection of long-term core earnings power, even when core earnings power is lower as a result of a higher quality asset mix'. The Trust's recently announced dividend of \$0.20 per share sits slightly above our most recently reported net investment income of \$0.19 per share. That said, as we continue to both (1) deploy the Trust's excess liquidity and (2) seek opportunities to shift the Trust's non-yielding equity investments to senior secured loans, we expect long-term earnings power to meet the dividend distribution.

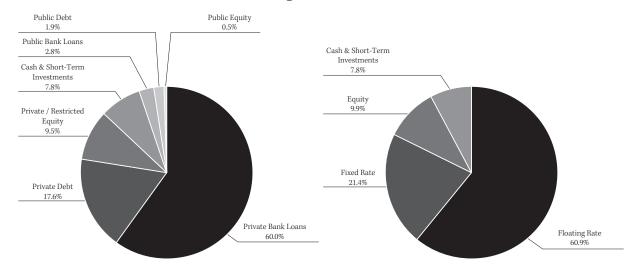
Thank you for your continued interest in and support of Barings Participation Investors.

Sincerely,

Christina Emery

President

#### Portfolio Composition as of 03/31/21\*



<sup>\*</sup> Based on market value of total investments (including cash)

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

#### March 31, 2021

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| Investments (See Consolidated Schedule of Investments)   |    |                          |
|--|----|--------------------------|
| Corporate restricted securities - private placement investments at fair value (Cost - \$131,081,339) | \$ | 129,665,455              |
| Corporate restricted securities - rule 144A securities at fair value (Cost - \$12,394,930)           |    | 13,309,216               |
| Corporate public securities at fair value<br>(Cost - \$8,261,155)                                    |    | 8,398,936                |
| Short-term securities at fair value<br>(Cost - \$2,998,691)  | _  | 2,998,691                |
| Total investments (Cost - \$154,736,115 ) Cash   |    | 154,372,298<br>9,776,657 |
| Interest receivable  |    | 1,117,533                |
| Receivable for investments sold  |    | 80,783                   |
| Other assets   | _  | 777,792                  |
| Total assets   | _  | 166,125,063              |
| Liabilities:   |    |                          |
| Note payable   |    | 15,000,000               |
| Payable for investments purchased  |    | 356,000                  |
| Investment advisory fee payable  |    | 338,310                  |
| Interest payable   |    | 27,267                   |
| Accrued expenses   | _  | 43,494                   |
| Total liabilities  | _  | 15,765,071               |
| Commitments and Contingencies (See Note 7)   |    |                          |
| Total net assets   | \$ | 150,359,992              |
| Net Assets:  |    |                          |
| Common shares, par value \$.01 per share   | \$ | 106,017                  |
| Additional paid-in capital   |    | 142,111,125              |
| Total distributable earnings   | _  | 8,142,850                |
| Total net assets   | \$ | 150,359,992              |
| Common shares issued and outstanding (14,787,750 authorized)   |    | 10,601,700               |
| Net asset value per share  | \$ | 14.18                    |

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the three months ended March 31, 2021

(Unaudited)

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|   |   |    |    |   |   |    |    |    |   |    |

| Interest  | \$ 2,729,431 |
|---|--------------|
| Dividends   | 8,594        |
| Other   | 4,135        |
| Total investment income   | 2,742,160    |
| Expenses:   |              |
| Investment advisory fees  | 338,575      |
| Interest  | 153,375      |
| Professional fees   | 73,565       |
| Trustees' fees and expenses   | 69,000       |
| Reports to shareholders   | 22,500       |
| Custodian fees  | 6,000        |
| Other   | 19,879       |
| Total expenses  | 682,894      |
| Investment income - net   | 2,059,266    |
| Net realized and unrealized gain on investments:  |              |
| Net realized gain on investments before taxes   | 141,450      |
| Income tax expenses   | (15)         |
| Net realized gain on investments after taxes  | 141,435      |
| Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments before taxes | 3,981,912    |
| Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments after taxes  | 3,981,912    |
| Net gain on investments   | 4,123,347    |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations  | \$ 6,182,613 |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the three months ended March 31, 2021

(Unaudited)

| Mat | 4    |       | :  | cash: |
|-----|------|-------|----|-------|
| Net | deci | rease | ın | cash  |

| Cash flows from operating activities:  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Purchases/Proceeds/Maturities from short-term portfolio securities, net                | \$<br>2,001,578 |
| Purchases of portfolio securities  | (13,889,002)    |
| Proceeds from disposition of portfolio securities                                      | 9,123,976       |
| Interest, dividends and other income received  | 2,772,483       |
| Interest expense paid  | (153,375)       |
| Operating expenses paid  | (480,984)       |
| Income taxes paid  | <br>(118,160)   |
| Net cash used in operating activities  | <br>(743,484)   |
| Cash flows from financing activities:  |                 |
| Cash dividends paid from net investment income   | <br>(2,120,340) |
| Net cash used for financing activities   | <br>(2,120,340) |
| Net decrease in cash   | (2,863,824)     |
| Cash - beginning of period   | <br>12,640,481  |
| Cash - end of period   | \$<br>9,776,657 |
| Reconciliation of net increase in net assets to net cash used in operating activities: |                 |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations                                   | \$<br>6,182,613 |
| Increase in investments  | (5,894,951)     |
| Increase in interest receivable  | (14,884)        |

Increase in receivable for investments sold

Increase in investment advisory fee payable

Net cash used in operating activities

Decrease in payable for investments purchased

Total adjustments to net assets from operations

Decrease in other assets

Decrease in tax payable

Increase in accrued expenses

(63,303)

190,721

14,361

(118, 145)

(6,926,097)

(743,484)

34,174

(1,074,070)

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For the three months ended March 31, 2021

(Unaudited)

|   | For the three<br>months ended<br>3/31/2021<br>(Unaudited) |             |    | For the<br>year ended<br>12/31/2020 |
|---|---|-------------|----|-------------------------------------|
| Increase in net assets:   |   |             |    |                                     |
| Operations:   |   |             |    |                                     |
| Investment income - net   | \$  | 2,059,266   | \$ | 10,630,477                          |
| Net realized gain on investments after taxes  |   | 141,435     |    | 240,048                             |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments after taxes                       |   | 3,981,912   | _  | (4,521,459)                         |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations  |   | 6,182,613   |    | 6,349,066                           |
| Increase from common shares issued on reinvestment of dividends                                       |   |             |    |                                     |
| Common shares issued (2021 - nil; 2020 - 14,472)  |   | _           |    | 227,533                             |
| Dividends to shareholders from:   |   |             |    |                                     |
| Distributable earnings to Common Stock Shareholders (2021 - \$nil per share; 2020 - \$0.80 per share) |   | _           |    | (8,481,360)                         |
| Total increase / (decrease) in net assets   |   | 6,182,613   |    | (1,904,761)                         |
| Net assets, beginning of period/year  |   | 144,177,379 |    | 146,082,140                         |
| Net assets, end of period/year  | \$  | 150,359,992 | \$ | 144,177,379                         |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

#### CONSOLIDATED SELECTED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

#### Selected data for each share of beneficial interest outstanding:

|  | For the three months ended 3/31/2021 |                | _  |                   | he : | years end        | led |                 |    |                 |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------------|----|-------------------|------|------------------|-----|-----------------|----|-----------------|
|  | _(U                                  | naudited)      | _  | 2020              | _    | 2019             | _   | 2018            | _  | 2017            |
| Net asset value:<br>Beginning of period / year                 | \$                                   | 13.60          | \$ | 13.80             | \$   | 13.18            | \$  | 13.91           | \$ | 13.15           |
| Net investment income (a)                                      |                                      | 0.19           |    | 1.00              |      | 1.00             |     | 1.03            |    | 1.09            |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments         |                                      | 0.39           |    | (0.40)            |      | 0.69             |     | (0.68)          |    | 0.75            |
| Total from investment operations                               |                                      | 0.58           | _  | 0.60              | _    | 1.69             |     | 0.35            | _  | 1.84            |
| Dividends from net investment income to common shareholders    |                                      | -              |    | (0.80)            |      | (1.08)           |     | (1.08)          |    | (1.08)          |
| Increase / (Decrease) from dividends reinvested                |                                      | 0.00           |    | 0.00 (b)          |      | 0.01 (b)         | (   | (d) (0.00       | (( | 0.00) (b)       |
| Total dividends  |                                      | 0.00           | _  | (0.80)            |      | (1.07)           |     | (1.08)          |    | (1.08)          |
| Net asset value: End of period / year                          | \$                                   | 14.18          | \$ | 13.60             | \$   | 13.80            | \$  | 13.18           | \$ | 13.91           |
| Per share market value: End of period / year                   | \$                                   | 12.93          | \$ | 11.88             | \$   | 16.13            | \$  | 15.05           | \$ | 14.10           |
| Total investment return  Net asset value (c)  Market value (c) |                                      | 4.26%<br>8.80% |    | 4.66%<br>(21.11%) |      | 13.21%<br>14.72% |     | 2.53%<br>15.02% |    | 14.29%<br>7.21% |
| Net assets (in millions):                                      |                                      |                |    | (==:==;0)         |      |                  |     |                 |    |                 |
| End of period / year   | \$                                   | 150.36         | \$ | 144.18            | \$   | 146.08           | \$  | 138.75          | \$ | 145.48          |
| Ratio of total expenses to average net assets (d)              |                                      | 1.90% (e)      |    | 1.47%             |      | 2.26%            |     | 2.76%           |    | 3.23%           |
| Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets              |                                      | 1.47% (e)      |    | 1.38%             |      | 1.45%            |     | 1.56%           |    | 1.49%           |
| Ratio of interest expense to average net assets                |                                      | 0.43% (e)      |    | 0.43%             |      | 0.42%            |     | 0.42%           |    | 0.43%           |
| Ratio of income tax expense to average net assets              |                                      | 0.00% (e)      |    | -0.34%            |      | 0.39%            |     | 0.78%           |    | 1.31%           |
| Ratio of net investment income to average net assets           |                                      | 5.71% (e)      |    | 7.52%             |      | 7.30%            |     | 7.47%           |    | 7.92%           |
| Portfolio turnover   |                                      | 6%             |    | 34%               |      | 22%              |     | 48%             |    | 24%             |

<sup>(</sup>a) Calculated using average shares.

#### Senior borrowings:

| Total principal amount (in millions)       | \$<br>15     | \$<br>15     | \$<br>15     | \$<br>15     | \$<br>15     |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Asset coverage per \$1,000 of indebtedness | \$<br>11,024 | \$<br>10,612 | \$<br>10,739 | \$<br>10,250 | \$<br>10,699 |

<sup>(</sup>b) Rounds to less than \$0.01 per share.

<sup>(</sup>c) Net asset value return represents portfolio returns based on change in the Trust's net asset value assuming the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions which differs from the total investment return based on the Trust's market value due to the difference between the Trust's net asset value and the market value of its shares outstanding; past performance is no guarantee of future results.

<sup>(</sup>d) Total expenses include income tax expense.

<sup>(</sup>e) Annualized

## CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

March 31, 2021

(Unaudited)

| Corporate Restricted Securities - 95.09%: (A)  | Sha       | cipal Amount,<br>ares, Units or<br>ship Percentage | Acquisition<br>Date | Cost                | Fair Value       |
|--|-----------|--|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Private Placement Investments - 86.24%: (C)  |           | <u> </u>   |                     |                     |                  |
|  |           |  |                     |                     |                  |
| <ul><li>1WorldSync, Inc.</li><li>A product information sharing platform that connects</li><li>Synchronization Network.</li></ul> | manufa    | cturers/supplier                                   | s and key reta      | ilers via the Globa | al Data          |
| 6.25% Term Loan due 6/24/2025 (LIBOR + 5.750%)   | \$        | 2,458,804  | * (                 | \$ 2,420,487        | 2,438,002        |
| * 07/01/19 and 12/09/20.   |           |  |                     |                     |                  |
| Accelerate Learning  |           |  |                     |                     |                  |
| A provider of standards-based, digital science educati   | on conte  |  |                     |                     |                  |
| 6.00% Term Loan due 12/31/2024 (LIBOR + 5.000%)  | \$        | 974,753  | 12/19/18            | 962,667             | 961,107          |
| Advanced Manufacturing Enterprises LLC  A designer and manufacturer of large, custom gearing                                     | g produc  |  | of critical cus     |                     | ns.              |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)   |           | 1,945 uts.   | -                   | 207,911             | <u>_</u>         |
| * 12/07/12, 07/11/13 and 06/30/15.   |           |  |                     |                     |                  |
| Advantage Software A provider of enterprise resource planning (ERP) softv  | vare buil | t for advertising                                  | and marketin        | g agencies.         |                  |
| 7.50% Term Loan due 1/15/2027 (LIBOR + 6.500%)   | \$        | 1,380,288  | 01/15/21            | 1,346,978           | 1,345,781        |
| Limited Liability Company Unit A (B) (F)   |           | 613 uts.   | 01/15/21            | 61,346              | 61,953           |
| Limited Liability Company Unit B (B)   |           | 304 uts.   | 01/15/21            |                     | 1,970            |
|  |           |  | -                   | 1,408,324           | 1,409,704        |
| AFC - Dell Holding Corporation   |           |  |                     |                     |                  |
| A distributor and provider of inventory management s production facilities.  | ervices f | or "C-Parts" use                                   | d by OEMs in        | their manufactur    | ing and          |
| 13% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note  |           | 4 070 005  |                     | 4 00 4 4 5 5        | 4 070 005        |
| due 02/28/2022   | \$        | 1,930,825  | *                   | 1,924,165           | 1,930,825        |
| 12% Senior Subordinated Note due 02/28/2023  | \$        | 211,040  | 08/17/20<br>**      | 200,286             | 211,040          |
| Preferred Stock (B) Preferred Stock Series A (B)   |           | 73 shs.<br>1,155 shs.                              | ***                 | _<br>115,513        | 8,029<br>200,339 |
| Preferred Stock Series V (B)   |           | 53 shs.  | 12/31/19            | 5,251               | 6,433            |
| Common Stock (B)   |           | 373 shs.   | ***                 | 3,231               | 103,369          |
| Common Stock (B)   |           | 44 shs.  | **                  | _                   | 12,195           |
| * 03/27/15, 11/16/18, 07/1/19, 08/21/19 and 12/05/1  | 9.        |  | -                   | 2,245,588           | 2,472,230        |
| ** 03/27/15, 11/15/18 and 12/31/19.  | - 1       |  | -                   |                     |                  |
| 05/2//15, 11/15/10 and 12/31/15.   |           |  |                     |                     |                  |

\*\*\* 03/27/15, 11/15/18, 12/31/19 and 08/14/20.

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# $\textbf{CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS} \ (\texttt{CONTINUED})$

March 31, 2021

|   |            | cipal Amount,<br>ares, Units or | Acquisition   |                   |            |
|---|------------|---------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------|
| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)                                      | Owner      | ship Percentage                 | Date          | Cost              | Fair Value |
| Aftermath, Inc.   |            |                                 |               |                   |            |
| A provider of crime scene cleanup and biohazard rem                                   | ediation   |                                 |               |                   |            |
| 6.75% Term Loan due 04/10/2025 (LIBOR + 5.750%)                                       | \$         | 963,473                         | 04/09/19      | \$ 948,935        | 963,473    |
| American Coeffold Inc   |            |                                 |               |                   |            |
| American Scaffold, Inc.  A provider of scaffolding and environmental containm         | nent soli  | ıtions                          |               |                   |            |
| 5.92% Term Loan due 09/06/2025 (LIBOR + 5.250%)                                       | \$         | 1,284,320                       | 09/06/19      | 1,262,976         | 1,284,320  |
|   | •          | _, ,,                           | ,,            |                   |            |
| AMS Holding LLC   |            |                                 |               |                   |            |
| A leading multi-channel direct marketer of high-value                                 | collecti   | ble coins and pr                | oprietary-bra | anded jewelry and | watches.   |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class A Preferred (B)(F                                | )          | 114 uts.                        | 10/04/12      | 113,636           | 231,538    |
|   |            |                                 |               |                   |            |
| ASC Holdings, Inc.  |            |                                 |               |                   |            |
| A manufacturer of capital equipment used by corruga                                   | ted box    | manufacturers.                  |               |                   |            |
| 13% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 11/19/2021                                  | \$         | 896,082                         | 11/19/15      | 895,597           | 892,332    |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)  |            | 111,100 uts.                    | 11/18/15      | 111,100           | 28,108     |
|   |            |                                 |               | 1,006,697         | 920,440    |
| ASDEO Haldings  |            |                                 |               | 1,000,037         | 920,440    |
| ASPEQ Holdings  A manufacturer of highly-engineered electric heating                  | narts an   | nd equipment for                | a range of i  | ndustrial commer  | cial       |
| transportation and marine applications.   | parts arr  | ia equipment for                | a range or n  | ndustriat, commer | Clat,      |
| 6.25% Term Loan due 10/31/2025 (LIBOR + 5.250%)                                       | \$         | 1,196,479                       | 11/08/19      | 1,182,706         | 1,186,907  |
|   |            |                                 |               |                   |            |
| Audio Precision   |            |                                 |               |                   |            |
| A provider of high-end audio test and measurement s                                   |            |                                 |               |                   |            |
| 7.00% Term Loan due 07/27/2024 (LIBOR + 6.000%)                                       | \$         | 1,764,000                       | 10/30/18      | 1,742,932         | 1,741,879  |
| Avwaya Payta (; Aaaaaayiaa I I C  |            |                                 |               |                   |            |
| Aurora Parts & Accessories LLC A distributor of aftermarket over-the-road semi-traile | r parts a  | nd accossorios s                | old to custor | mars across North | Amorica    |
| Preferred Stock (B)   | i parts ai | 210 shs.                        | 08/17/15      | 209,390           | 209,390    |
| Common Stock (B)  |            | 210 shs.                        | 08/17/15      | 210               | 186,738    |
|   |            |                                 |               | 209,600           | 396,128    |
| DDD to diversity of LLC   |            |                                 |               |                   | 390,120    |
| BBB Industries LLC A supplier of re-manufactured parts to the North Ame               | arican au  | itomotive afterm                | arket         |                   |            |
| 8.61% Second Lien Term Loan due 06/26/2026  | arcarr au  | icomotive artern                | urnet.        |                   |            |
| (LIBOR + 8.500%)  | \$         | 1,725,000                       | 08/02/18      | 1,690,422         | 1,692,224  |
|   |            |                                 |               |                   |            |

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|  |            | cipal Amount,<br>ares, Units or | Acquisition     |                      |               |
|--|------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)   |            | ship Percentage                 | Date            | Cost                 | Fair Value    |
| BDP International, Inc.  |            |                                 |                 |                      |               |
| A provider of transportation and related services to th  | e chemi    | cal and life scien              | ces industries  | S.                   |               |
| 6.25% Term Loan due 12/19/2024 (LIBOR + 5.250%)  | \$         | 2,409,538                       | 12/18/18        | \$ 2,379,724 \$      | 2,366,431     |
| 6.25% Incremental Term Loan due 12/19/2024   |            |                                 |                 |                      |               |
| (LIBOR + 5.250%)   | \$         | 43,030                          | 12/07/20        | 42,236               | 42,260        |
| 6.25% Incremental Term Loan due 12/21/2024<br>(LIBOR + 5.250%)                                       | \$         | 41,163                          | 03/30/21        | 40,340               | 40,339        |
|  |            |                                 | -               | 2,462,300            | 2,449,030     |
| Beacon Pointe Advisors, LLC  |            |                                 | -               |                      |               |
| An integrated wealth management platform with comwith complex financial needs.                       | nprehens   | sive financial plan             | nning capabili  | ities for high net v | vorth clients |
| 6.00% Term Loan due 03/31/2026 (LIBOR + 5.000%)  | \$         | 993,636                         | 03/31/20        | 975,014              | 993,636       |
| DEL Duccicio y Customas (Conses Communication  |            |                                 |                 |                      |               |
| BEI Precision Systems & Space Company, Inc.  A provider of advanced design, manufacturing, and te    | sting for  | r custom ontical                | ancoder bas     | ad positioning sys   | toms          |
| precision accelerometers, and micro scanners.  | surig for  | custom opticat                  | encoder-basi    | ed positioning sys   | sterris,      |
| 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note  |            |                                 |                 |                      |               |
| due 04/28/2024   | \$         | 1,506,883                       | 04/28/17        | 1,491,088            | 1,506,883     |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)  |            | 4,167 uts.                      | *               | 416,654              | 669,487       |
| * 04/28/17 and 02/07/19.   |            |                                 | -               | 1,907,742            | 2,176,370     |
| Blue Wave Products, Inc.   |            |                                 |                 |                      |               |
| A distributor of pool supplies.  |            |                                 |                 |                      |               |
| Common Stock (B)   |            | 51,064 shs.                     | 10/12/12        | 51,064               | 302,803       |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2022, to purchase common  | 1          |                                 |                 |                      |               |
| stock at \$.01 per share (B)   |            | 20,216 shs.                     | 10/12/12        | 20,216               | 119,878       |
|  |            |                                 |                 | 71,280               | 422,681       |
| Brown Machine LLC  |            |                                 |                 |                      |               |
| A designer and manufacturer of thermoforming equipers the food and beverage industry.                | oment us   | sed in the produc               | ction of plasti | c packaging cont     | ainers within |
| 6.25% Term Loan due 10/04/2024 (LIBOR + 5.250%)  | \$         | 865,812                         | 10/03/18        | 858,577              | 865,812       |
|  |            |                                 |                 |                      |               |
| Cadence, Inc.  |            |                                 |                 |                      |               |
| A full-service contract manufacturer ("CMO") and sup device, life science, and industrial companies. | plier of a | advanced produc                 | cts, technolog  | gies, and services   | to medical    |
| 5.5% First Lien Term Loan due 04/30/2025   |            | 000 711                         |                 | 0                    | 0.15.11=      |
| (LIBOR + 4.500%)   | \$         | 888,511                         | * -             | 877,970              | 849,417       |
| * 05/14/18 and 05/31/19.   |            |                                 |                 |                      |               |

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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)   | Sha             | cipal Amount,<br>res, Units or<br>ship Percentage | Acquisition Date          | Cost                        | Fair Value                     |
|--|-----------------|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Cadent, LLC  |                 |   |                           |                             |                                |
| A provider of advertising solutions driven by data and 6.50% Term Loan due 09/07/2023 (LIBOR + 5.500%)   | tecnnoic<br>\$  | 970,231   | 09/04/18                  | \$ 965,470 \$               | 970,230                        |
| 0.50% Terrif Loan due 09/07/2025 (LIBOR + 5.500%)  | Ş               | 970,231   | 09/04/16                  | 3 905,470 \$                | 970,230                        |
| Claritas Holdings, Inc.  A market research company that provides market seg business-to-business marketing activities.   | mentatio        | on insights to cu                                 | stomers enga              | aged in direct-to-c         | consumer and                   |
| 7.00% Term Loan due 12/31/2023 (LIBOR +6.000%)   | \$              | 1,574,763   | 12/20/18                  | 1,553,332                   | 1,565,282                      |
| CloudWave A provider of managed cloud hosting and IT services to 7.00% Term Loan due 1/4/2027 (LIBOR + 6.000%)   | for hospi<br>\$ | 1,669,355   | 01/29/21                  | 1,632,869                   | 1,631,794                      |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)   |                 | 55,645 uts.                                       | 01/29/21                  | 55,645                      | 54,977                         |
|  |                 |   |                           | 1,688,514                   | 1,686,771                      |
| Clubessential LLC A leading SaaS platform for private clubs and resorts. 7.25% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 11/30/2023 (LIBOR + 6.250%)                                       | \$              | 1,712,062   | 01/09/20                  | 1,692,589                   | 1,677,821                      |
| Command Alkon  A vertical-market software and technology provider to mission critical products that serve as the core operat producers, and aggregate suppliers.                       |                 |   |                           |                             |                                |
| 9.25% Term Loan due 04/17/2027 (LIBOR + 8.250%)  | \$              | 2,074,428   | *                         | 2,019,703                   | 2,031,674                      |
| Limited Liability Company Unit   |                 | 18 uts.   | 04/23/20                  | 18,006                      | 19,431                         |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class B   |                 | 6,629 uts.  | 04/23/20                  |                             | 1,969                          |
| * 04/23/20, 10/30/20 and 11/18/20.   |                 |   |                           | 2,037,709                   | 2,053,074                      |
| Concept Machine Tool Sales, LLC A full-service distributor of high-end machine tools ar manufacturers in the Upper Midwest.  | nd metro        | ology equipment                                   | ., exclusively            | representing a vari         | ety of global                  |
| 6.00% Term Loan due 01/31/2025 (LIBOR +5.000%)   | \$              | 585,587   | 01/30/20                  | 576,606                     | 546,353                        |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (F)   |                 | 1,237 shs.  | *                         | 49,559                      | 35,492                         |
| * 01/30/20 and 03/05/21  |                 |   |                           | 626,165                     | 581,845                        |
| CORA Health Services, Inc. A provider of outpatient rehabilitation therapy services 11.00% (1% PIK) Term Loan due 05/05/2025 (H) Preferred Stock Series A (B) Common Stock Class A (B) | s.<br>\$        | 1,559,402<br>758 shs.<br>3,791 shs.               | *<br>06/30/16<br>06/30/16 | 1,478,643<br>2,647<br>3,791 | 1,479,300<br>124,036<br>37,269 |
| * 05/01/18, 06/28/19 and 09/30/20  |                 |   |                           | 1,485,081                   | 1,640,605                      |
|  |                 |   |                           |                             |                                |

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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) CTS Engines   | Sh             | ncipal Amount,<br>ares, Units or<br>rship Percentage | Acquisition Date                    | Cost                                     | Fair Value            |
|--|----------------|--|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| A provider of maintenance, repair and overhaul service 6.25% Term Loan due 12/22/2026 (LIBOR + 5.250%)                                       | es withi<br>\$ | n the aerospace {<br>1,399,390                       | & defense ma<br>12/22/20            |  | 1,373,935             |
| Dart Buyer, Inc.  A manufacturer of helicopter aftermarket equipment a OEMs.   | and OEI        | M Replacement p                                      | arts for rotor                      | craft operators, pi                      | roviders and          |
| 5.75% Term Loan due 04/01/2025<br>(LIBOR + 5.250%) (H)   | \$             | 1,701,725  | 04/01/19                            | 1,397,867                                | 1,409,200             |
| Del Real LLC  A manufacturer and distributor of fully-prepared fresh sold on a heat-and-serve basis at retail grocers.                       | refrige        | rated Hispanic en                                    | itrees as well                      | as side dishes tha                       | t are typically       |
| 11% Senior Subordinated Note due 04/06/2023 (D)<br>Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)   | \$             | 1,420,588<br>368,799 uts.                            | 10/07/16                            | 1,403,759<br>368,928                     | 1,349,559<br>184,813  |
| * 10/07/16, 07/25/18, 03/13/19 and 06/17/19.   |                |  |                                     | 1,772,687                                | 1,534,372             |
| DPL Holding Corporation  A distributor and manufacturer of aftermarket underca  Preferred Stock (B)  Common Stock (B)                        | arriage        | parts for medium<br>25 shs.<br>25 shs.               | and heavy d<br>05/04/12<br>05/04/12 | uty trucks and trai<br>252,434<br>28,048 | lers.<br>353,759<br>– |
|  |                |  |                                     | 280,482                                  | 353,759               |
| Dunn Paper A provider of specialty paper for niche product applica 9.75% Second Lien Term Loan due 08/26/2023 (LIBOR + 8.750%)               | ations.<br>\$  | 1,725,000  | 09/28/16                            | 1,712,931                                | 1,697,399             |
| Electronic Power Systems A provider of electrical testing services for apparatus e   | equipme        | ent and protection                                   | n & controls                        | infrastructure.                          |                       |
| 4.95% Term Loan due 12/21/2024 (LIBOR + 4.750%)<br>Common Stock (B)  | \$             | 1,395,101<br>52 shs.                                 | 12/21/18<br>12/28/18                | 1,382,076<br>52,176                      | 1,395,101<br>105,649  |
|  |                |  |                                     | 1,434,252                                | 1,500,750             |
| Elite Sportswear Holding, LLC  A designer and manufacturer of gymnastics, competit internationally.  11.5% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note | ive che        | erleading and swi                                    | imwear appa                         | rel in the U.S. and                      |                       |
| due 09/20/2022 (D)   | \$             | 1,588,640  | 10/14/16                            | 1,568,694                                | -                     |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)  |                | 101 uts.   | 10/14/16                            | 159,722                                  |                       |
|  |                |  |                                     | 1,728,416                                |                       |

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| Shares, Units or Acquisition  Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)  Ownership Percentage  Date  Color & Supply LLC  | ost Fair Value                          |
|---|---|
| English Color & Supply LLC  A distributor of aftermarket automotive paint and related products to collision repair shops, auto de customers through a network of stores in the Southern U.S.  11.5% (0.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note | ealerships and fleet                    |
| due 12/31/2023 \$ 1,352,411 06/30/17 \$ 1,352,411   | 339,430 \$ 1,333,667<br>397,695 551,267 |
| 1,7   | 737,125 1,884,934                       |
| ENTACT Environmental Services, Inc.   |   |
| A provider of environmental remediation and geotechnical services for blue-chip companies with reenforcement needs.   | regulatory-driven liability             |
| 6.75% Term Loan due 12/15/2025 (LIBOR + 5.750%) 1,020,344 02/09/21 1,020,344  | 010,434 1,010,140                       |
| E.S.P. Associates, P.A.  A professional services firm providing engineering, surveying and planning services to infrastructure projects.  Limited Liability Company Unit (B)  * 06/29/18 and 12/29/20.                                  | 295,518182,322                          |
| F G I Equity LLC  A manufacturer of a broad range of filters and related products that are used in commercial, light in turbine, nuclear, laboratory, clean room, hotel, educational system, and food processing settings.              | ndustrial, healthcare, gas              |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-1 (B) 49,342 uts. 12/15/10   | 42,343 627,530                          |
| Foundation Risk Partners, Corp.  A retail insurance brokerage firm focused on providing commercial P&C and employee benefits sol medium-sized clients.  5.75% First Lien Term Loan due 08/31/2026                                       | lution to small and                     |
|   | 570,357 576,260                         |
| 9.50% Second Lien Term Loan due 11/10/2024<br>(LIBOR + 8.500%) (H) \$ 333,333 09/30/20  | 103,061 106,945                         |
|   | 673,418 683,205                         |
| GD Dental Services LLC A provider of convenient "onestop" general, specialty, and cosmetic dental services with 21 offices South and Central Florida.   | located throughout                      |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B) 76 uts. 10/05/12   | 75,920 -                                |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Common (B) 767 uts. 10/05/12   | 767                                     |
|   | 76,687                                  |

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|   |               | cipal Amount,<br>res, Units or | Acquisition          |       |                           |                       |
|---|---------------|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)  | Owners        | ship Percentage                | Date                 |       | Cost                      | Fair Value            |
| gloProfessional Holdings, Inc.  |               |                                |                      |       |                           |                       |
| A marketer and distributor of premium mineral-based<br>the professional spa and physician's office channels.<br>14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note | cosmeti       | cs, cosmeceutic                | cals and prof        | essic | nal hair care p           | roducts to            |
| due 11/30/2021 (D)  | \$            | 1,380,135                      | 03/27/13             | \$    | 989,505 \$                | 1,311,129             |
| Preferred Stock (B)   |               | 295 shs.                       | 03/29/19             |       | 295,276                   | 374,047               |
| Common Stock (B)  |               | 1,181 shs.                     | 03/27/13             |       | 118,110                   | 19,311                |
|   |               |                                |                      |       | 1,402,891                 | 1,704,487             |
| GraphPad Software, Inc.   |               |                                |                      |       |                           |                       |
| A provider of data analysis, statistics and graphing soft life sciences and academic end-markets.   | ware sol      | ution for scienti              | fic research         | appli | cations, with a           | focus on the          |
| 6.109% Term Loan due 12/21/2023 (LIBOR + 6.000%)  | \$            | 2,415,475                      | *                    |       | 2,393,566                 | 2,415,474             |
| * 12/19/17 and 04/16/19.  |               |                                |                      |       |                           | _                     |
| Handi Quilter Holding Company (Premier Needle Arts<br>A designer and manufacturer of long-arm quilting ma<br>*12/19/14 and 04/29/16.                  |               | nd related comp                | oonents for t        | he co | onsumer quilti<br>371,644 | ng market.<br>535,007 |
| Happy Floors Acquisition, Inc.  A wholesale importer and value-added distributor of parkets.  12.5% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note                 |               | ·                              |                      | siden |                           |                       |
| due 01/01/2023<br>Common Stock (B)  | \$            | 394,875<br>150 shs.            | 07/01/16<br>07/01/16 |       | 392,990<br>140,500        | 394,875               |
| Common Stock (B)  |               | 150 8118.                      | 0//01/16             |       | 149,500                   | 410,098               |
| HHI Group, LLC  |               |                                |                      |       | 542,490                   | 804,973               |
| A developer, marketer, and distributor of hobby-grade   | e radio co    | ontrol products.               |                      |       |                           |                       |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)   |               | 102 uts.                       | 01/17/14             |       | 101,563                   | 587,711               |
| Holley Performance Products A provider of automotive aftermarket performance products 5.21% Term Loan due 10/24/2025 (LIBOR + 5.000%)                 | oducts.<br>\$ | 2,415,700                      | 10/24/18             |       | 2,391,956                 | 2,415,700             |
| Home Care Assistance, LLC A provider of private pay non-medical home care assi  | stance se     | ervices.                       |                      |       |                           |                       |
| 6.000% Term Loan due 03/30/2027<br>(LIBOR + 5.000%) (H)   | \$            | 856,037                        | 03/26/21             |       | 574,723                   | 574,707               |
|   |               |                                |                      |       |                           |                       |

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|   |            | cipal Amount,<br>ares, Units or | Acquisition        |                     |               |  |  |  |  |
|---|------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------|--|--|--|--|
| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)  | Owner      | ship Percentage                 | Date               | Cost                | Fair Value    |  |  |  |  |
| Hyperion Materials & Technologies, Inc.  A producer of specialty hard materials and precision tool components that are used to make precision cutting, grinding and other machining tools used by tool manufacturers and final product manufacturers. |            |                                 |                    |                     |               |  |  |  |  |
| 6.50% Term Loan due 08/14/2026 (LIBOR + 5.500%)   | \$         | 1,589,392                       | 08/16/19 <u>\$</u> | \$ 1,567,029 \$     | 1,579,856     |  |  |  |  |
| IGL Holdings III Corp. A specialty label and flexible packaging converter. 6.75% Term Loan due 10/23/2026   |            |                                 |                    |                     |               |  |  |  |  |
| (LIBOR + 5.750%) (H)  | \$         | 1,725,000                       | 11/02/20           | 1,181,220           | 1,213,347     |  |  |  |  |
| IM Analytics Holdings, LLC A provider of test and measurement equipment used  | for vibra  | tion noise and                  | shock testing      |                     |               |  |  |  |  |
| 8.00% Term Loan due 11/22/2023 (LIBOR + 7.000%)   | \$         | 1,055,236                       | 11/21/19           | 1,048,244           | 874,790       |  |  |  |  |
| Industrial Service Solutions  A provider of maintenance, repair and overhaul service end-markets.   | es for pr  | ocess equipmer                  | nt within the ir   | ndustrial, energy a | nd power      |  |  |  |  |
| 6.50% Term Loan due 1/31/2026 (LIBOR + 5.500%)  | \$         | 896,695                         | 02/05/20           | 882,206             | 800,749       |  |  |  |  |
| Kano Laboratories LLC   |            |                                 |                    |                     |               |  |  |  |  |
| A producer of industrial strength penetrating oils and 6.00% Term Loan due 9/30/2026  | lubrican   | ts.                             |                    |                     |               |  |  |  |  |
| (LIBOR + 5.000%) (H)  | \$         | 1,253,694                       | 11/18/20           | 835,039             | 858,556       |  |  |  |  |
| Limited Liability Company Unit  |            | 20 uts.                         | 11/19/20           | 19,757              | 19,476        |  |  |  |  |
|   |            |                                 | _                  | 854,796             | 878,032       |  |  |  |  |
| LAC Acquisition LLC   |            |                                 |                    |                     |               |  |  |  |  |
| A provider of center-based applied behavior analysis disorder.  |            |                                 | ildren diagnos     | ed with autism sp   | ectrum        |  |  |  |  |
| 6.00% Term Loan due 10/01/2024 (LIBOR + 5.750%)   | \$         |                                 | 10/01/18           | 1,668,821           | 1,656,018     |  |  |  |  |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class A (F)  |            | 22,222 uts.                     | 10/01/18           | 22,222              | 46,555        |  |  |  |  |
|   |            |                                 | =                  | 1,691,043           | 1,702,573     |  |  |  |  |
| LYNX Franchising  |            |                                 |                    |                     |               |  |  |  |  |
| A global franchisor of B2B services including commer electronics restoration services.  | cial janit | orial services, sh              | nared office sp    | ace solutions, and  | d textile and |  |  |  |  |
| 7.25% Term Loan due 12/18/2026 (LIBOR + 6.250%)   | \$         | 1,720,688                       | 12/22/20           | 1,687,832           | 1,689,388     |  |  |  |  |

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|   | Principal Amount,<br>Shares, Units or |                    | Acquisition   |       |                   |               |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------|-------------------|---------------|
| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)  | Owners                                | nip Percentage     | Date          |       | Cost              | Fair Value    |
| Manhattan Beachwear Holding Company   |                                       |                    |               |       |                   |               |
| A designer and distributor of women's swimwear.   |                                       |                    |               |       |                   |               |
| 12.5% Senior Subordinated Note due 05/30/2022 (D)   | \$                                    | 419,971            | 01/15/10      | \$    | 404,121 \$        | -             |
| 15% (2.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 05/30/2022 (D)                                | \$                                    | 115 257            | 10/05/10      |       | 114604            |               |
| Common Stock (B)  | \$                                    | 115,253<br>35 shs. | 10/05/10      |       | 114,604<br>35,400 | _             |
| Common Stock (B)  |                                       | 118 shs.           | 01/15/10      |       | 117,647           | _             |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2023, to purchase  |                                       | 110 3113.          | 01/15/10      |       | 117,047           |               |
| common stock at \$.01 per share (B)   |                                       | 104 shs.           | 10/05/10      |       | 94,579            | -             |
|   |                                       |                    |               |       | 766,351           | _             |
| Master Cutlery LLC  |                                       |                    |               |       |                   |               |
| A designer and marketer of a wide assortment of kniv                                      | es and sw                             | ords.              |               |       |                   |               |
| 13% Senior Subordinated Note due 07/20/2022 (D)   | \$                                    | 868,102            | 04/17/15      |       | 867,529           | -             |
| Limited Liability Company Unit  |                                       | 5 uts.             | 04/17/15      |       | 678,329           | _             |
|   |                                       |                    |               |       | 1,545,858         | _             |
| Media Recovery, Inc.  |                                       |                    |               |       |                   |               |
| A global manufacturer and developer of shock, temper in-transit and storage applications. | erature, vil                          | oration and oth    | ner condition | indi  | cators and mo     | nitors for    |
| 7.00% First Out Term Loan due 11/22/2025  |                                       |                    |               |       |                   |               |
| (LIBOR + 6.000%)  | \$                                    | 492,291            | 11/25/19      |       | 484,531           | 483,676       |
| MES Partners, Inc.  |                                       |                    |               |       |                   |               |
| An industrial service business offering an array of clea                                  | ning and                              | environmental      | services to t | he G  | ulf Coast regio   | n of the U.S. |
| Preferred Stock Series A (B)  | _                                     | 30,926 shs.        | 07/25/19      |       | 12,412            | -             |
| Preferred Stock Series C (B)  |                                       | 1,275 shs.         | 09/22/20      |       | 457,365           | -             |
| Common Stock Class B (B)  | 2                                     | 59,252 shs.        | *             |       | 244,163           | -             |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2021, to purchase  |                                       |                    |               |       |                   |               |
| common stock at \$.01 per share (B)   | 3:                                    | 51,890 shs.        | 09/22/20      |       |                   |               |
| * 09/30/14 and 02/28/18.  |                                       |                    |               |       | 713,940           | -             |
| MeTEOR Education LLC  |                                       |                    |               |       |                   |               |
| A leading provider of classroom and common area de K-12 schools.                          | esign servi                           | ces, furnishing    | s, equipmen   | t and | d instructional s | support to    |
| 12% Senior Subordinated Note due 06/20/2023   | \$                                    | 915,819            | 03/09/18      |       | 907,138           | 915,819       |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)   |                                       | 182 uts.           | 03/09/18      |       | 183,164           | 167,107       |
|   |                                       |                    |               |       | 1,090,302         | 1,082,926     |
|   |                                       |                    |               |       |                   |               |

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|   |                      | cipal Amount,<br>res, Units or                 | Acquisition                     |          |  |                                   |
|---|----------------------|--|---------------------------------|----------|--|-----------------------------------|
| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)  | Ownership Percentage |  | Date                            | Co       | <u>st</u> _                                | Fair Value                        |
| Motion Controls Holdings  |                      |  |                                 |          |  |                                   |
| A manufacturer of high performance mechanical mo  | tion cont            | rol and linkage p                              | oroducts.                       |          |  |                                   |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-1 (B)(F)   | \$                   | 75,000 uts.                                    | 11/30/10                        | \$       | - \$                                       | 28,200                            |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-2 (B)(F)   |                      | 6,801 uts.                                     | 11/30/10                        |          |  | 2,557                             |
|   |                      |  |                                 |          |  | 30,757                            |
| Music Reports, Inc.   |                      |  |                                 |          |  |                                   |
| An administrator of comprehensive offering of rights and entertainment customers.   | and royal            | lties solutions fo                             | r music and                     | cue shee | t copyrigh                                 | nts to music                      |
| 7.25% Term Loan due 08/21/2026 (LIBOR + 6.250%)   | \$                   | 603,657  | 08/25/20                        |          | 590,068                                    | 597,621                           |
| Navia Benefit Solutions, Inc.<br>A third-party administrator of employee-directed hea<br>6.25% Term Loan due 2/1/2026 (LIBOR + 5.250%) (H)  |                      | enefits.<br>1,725,000                          | 02/10/21                        | 1,0      | 005,623                                    | 1,004,813                         |
| Omni Logistics, LLC   |                      |  |                                 |          |  |                                   |
| A specialty freight forwarding business specifically tar markets.   | geting th            | e semiconducto                                 | or, media, teo                  | chnology | and healtl                                 | hcare end                         |
| 6.00% Term Loan due 12/30/2026 (LIBOR + 5.000%)   | \$                   | 1,750,000                                      | 12/30/20                        | 1,6      | 599,704                                    | 1,701,875                         |
| Options Technology Ltd A provider of vertically focused financial technology r services industry. 5.50% Term Loan due 12/18/2025 (LIBOR + 4.500%) (H)   | managed<br>\$        | services and IT<br>1,595,040                   | infrastructur<br>12/23/19       | ·        | ts for the f                               | financial<br>1,240,933            |
| PANOS Brands LLC  A marketer and distributor of branded consumer food gluten-free categories.  12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 08/17/2022  Common Stock Class B (B)  * 01/29/16 and 02/17/17. | \$                   | specialty, natura<br>1,775,705<br>380,545 shs. | l, better-for-<br>02/17/17<br>* | 1,7      | from" hea<br>765,916<br>380,545<br>146,461 | 1,775,705<br>623,832<br>2,399,537 |
| 01/29/10 dild 02/11/11/.  |                      |  |                                 |          |  | 2,333,337                         |
| PB Holdings LLC<br>A designer, manufacturer and installer of maintenanc<br>6.25% Term Loan due 02/28/2024 (LIBOR + 5.250%)  | e and rep<br>\$      | pair parts and eq<br>783,253                   | uipment for<br>03/06/19         |          | . customer<br>772,998                      | rs.<br>703,362                    |

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|   |                      | ncipal Amount,<br>ares, Units or | Acquisition          |       |            |            |
|---|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|-------|------------|------------|
| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)  | Ownership Percentage |                                  | Date                 |       | Cost       | Fair Value |
| Pegasus Transtech Corporation   |                      |                                  |                      |       |            |            |
| A provider of end-to-end document, driver and logist brokers, and drivers) to operate more efficiently, reduce conversion cycles. |                      |                                  |                      |       |            |            |
| 7.50% Term Loan due 08/31/2026 (LIBOR + 6.500%)   | \$                   | 385,704                          | 09/29/20             | \$    | 373,342 \$ | 385,704    |
| 7.50% Term Loan due 11/17/2024 (LIBOR + 6.250%)   | \$                   | 1,894,364                        | 11/14/17             |       | 1,869,796  | 1,894,364  |
|   |                      |                                  |                      |       | 2,243,138  | 2,280,068  |
| Petroplex Inv Holdings LLC  |                      |                                  |                      |       |            |            |
| A leading provider of acidizing services to E&P custom  | ners in t            | he Permian Basin                 |                      |       |            |            |
| Limited Liability Company Unit  |                      | 0.40% int.                       | *                    |       | 174,669    | 3,777      |
| * 11/29/12 and 12/20/16.  |                      |                                  |                      |       |            |            |
|   |                      |                                  |                      |       |            |            |
| Polytex Holdings LLC  A manufacturer of water based inks and related produ  | icts son             | vina primarily the               | wall coverin         | a ma  | rkot       |            |
| 13.9% (7.9% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note   | icts ser             | ing primarity the                | wall coverin         | y ma  | rket.      |            |
| due 12/31/2021 (D)  | \$                   | 1,069,985                        | 07/31/14             |       | 1,064,183  | 962,986    |
| Limited Liability Company Unit  |                      | 148,096 uts.                     | 07/31/14             |       | 148,096    | -          |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class F  |                      | 36,976 uts.                      | *                    |       | 24,802     | 16,402     |
| * 09/28/17 and 02/15/18.  |                      |                                  |                      |       | 1,237,081  | 979,388    |
|   |                      |                                  |                      |       |            |            |
| PPC Event Services  |                      |                                  |                      |       |            |            |
| A special event equipment rental business.  |                      | 74                               | 07/04/00             |       | 74.040     |            |
| Preferred Stock Series P-1 (B) Common Stock (B)   |                      | 71 shs.<br>170,927 shs.          | 07/21/20<br>07/21/20 |       | 71,018     | -          |
| 16.00% Term Loan due 05/28/2023   |                      | 170,927 5115.                    | 0//21/20             |       | -          | -          |
| (LIBOR + 16.000%) (D) (H)   | \$                   | 951,093                          | 07/21/20             |       | 683,966    | (230,000)  |
| 8.00% Term Loan due 05/28/2023  |                      |                                  |                      |       |            |            |
| (LIBOR + 8.000%) (D)  | \$                   | 693,994                          | 07/21/20             |       | 656,840    | -          |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)  |                      | 3,450 uts.                       | 11/20/14             |       | 172,500    | -          |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Series A-1 (B)   |                      | 339 uts.                         | 03/16/16             |       | 42,419     |            |
|   |                      |                                  |                      |       | 1,626,743  | (230,000)  |
| Recovery Point Systems, Inc.  |                      |                                  |                      |       |            |            |
| A provider of IT infrastructure, colocation and cloud b   | ased re              | •                                |                      |       |            |            |
| 7.50% Term Loan due 7/31/2026 (LIBOR + 6.500%)  | \$                   | 1,346,340                        | 08/12/20             |       | 1,322,265  | 1,346,340  |
| Limited Liability Company Unit  |                      | 21,532 uts.                      | 03/05/21             |       | 21,532     | 21,532     |
|   |                      |                                  |                      |       | 1,343,797  | 1,367,872  |
| RedSail Technologies  |                      |                                  |                      |       |            |            |
| A provider of pharmacy management software solution   |                      |                                  |                      | long- |            |            |
| 6.25% Term Loan due 10/27/2026 (LIBOR + 5.500%)   | \$                   | 1,725,000                        | 12/09/20             |       | 1,684,106  | 1,694,019  |

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|  |            | cipal Amount,<br>ires, Units or | Acquisition    |                        |                 |
|--|------------|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)   |            | ship Percentage                 | Date           | Cost                   | Fair Value      |
| ReelCraft Industries, Inc.   |            |                                 |                |                        |                 |
| A designer and manufacturer of heavy-duty reels for government/military and other end markets. | diversifie | d industrial, mol               | bile equipme   | ent OEM, auto after    | market,         |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class B   |            | 293,617 uts.                    | 11/13/17       | \$ 184,689 \$          | 854,011         |
| REVSpring, Inc.  |            |                                 |                |                        |                 |
| A provider of accounts receivable management and ifinancial and utility industries.            | revenue c  | cycle manageme                  | ent services t | o customers in the     | healthcare,     |
| 9.25% Second Lien Term Loan due 10/11/2026<br>(LIBOR + 8.250%)                                 | \$         | 1,725,000                       | 10/11/18       | 1,689,243              | 1,688,775       |
| Rock-it Cargo  |            |                                 |                |                        |                 |
| A provider of specialized international logistics solution specialty industries.               | ons to the | e music touring,                | performing     | arts, live events, fir | e art and       |
| 6.00% Term Loan due 06/22/2024<br>(LIBOR + 5.000% Cash & 2.750% PIK) (G)                       | \$         | 2,466,919                       | *              | 2,433,385              | 1,915,316       |
| * 07/30/18 and 09/30/20.   |            |                                 |                |                        |                 |
| ROI Solutions  |            |                                 |                |                        |                 |
| Call center outsourcing and end user engagement se   | ervices pr | ovider.                         |                |                        |                 |
| 6.00% Term Loan due 07/31/2024<br>(LIBOR + 5.000%) (H)   | \$         | 1,617,900                       | 07/31/18       | 638,359                | 656,339         |
| RPX Corp   |            |                                 |                |                        |                 |
| A provider of subscription services that help member patent litigation.                        | compan     | ies mitigate the                | risk of paten  | t disputes and redu    | ice the cost of |
| 7.00% Term Loan due 10/23/2025 (LIBOR + 6.000%)  | \$         | 1,647,375                       | 10/22/20       | 1,613,557              | 1,637,491       |
| Ruffalo Noel Levitz  |            |                                 |                |                        |                 |
| A provider of enrollment management, student retenand universities.                            | tion and   | career services,                | and fundrais   | ing management f       | or colleges     |
| 7.00% Term Loan due 05/29/2022<br>(LIBOR + 6.000%)   | \$         | 1,235,484                       | 01/08/19       | 1,229,147              | 1,230,727       |
| Safety Products Holdings, Inc.   |            |                                 |                |                        |                 |
| A manufacturer of highly engineered safety cutting to  | ools.      |                                 |                |                        |                 |
| Common Stock   |            | 29 shs.                         | 12/16/20       | 29,262                 | 29,260          |
| 7.00% Term Loan due 12/15/2026   | <u> </u>   | 4 677 406                       | 40/45/00       | 4 404 740              | 1 407 404       |
| (LIBOR + 6.000%) (H)   | \$         | 1,673,426                       | 12/15/20       | 1,191,349              | 1,193,191       |
|  |            |                                 |                | 1,220,611              | 1,222,451       |
|  |            |                                 |                |                        |                 |

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|  |                    | cipal Amount,<br>ires, Units or   | Acquisition               |                                 |                           |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)   |                    | ship Percentage                   | Date                      | Cost                            | Fair Value                |
| Sandvine Corporation A provider of active network intelligence solutions. 8.11% Second Lien Term Loan due 11/02/2026 (LIBOR + 8.000%)                            | \$                 | 1,725,000                         | 11/01/18                  | 1,694,877                       | 1,718,255                 |
| Sara Lee Frozen Foods  | ,                  | _,,                               | ,,                        |                                 |                           |
| A provider of frozen bakery products, desserts and sv<br>5.50% Lien Term Loan due 07/30/2025   | weet bake          | ed goods.                         |                           |                                 |                           |
| (LIBOR + 4.500%)   | \$                 | 1,498,789                         | 07/27/18                  | \$ 1,477,938                    | \$ 1,408,862              |
| Scaled Agile, Inc. A provider of training and certifications for IT profess 5.75% Term Loan due 06/28/2024 (LIBOR + 4.750%)                                      | ionals foo<br>\$   | cused on softwa<br>657,741        | re developm<br>06/27/19   | nent.<br>653,478                | 657,741                   |
| SEKO Worldwide, LLC A third-party logistics provider of ground, ocean, air a 6.00% Term Loan due 12/30/2026  | and home           | e delivery forwar                 | rding service             | PS.                             |                           |
| (LIBOR + 5.000%) (H)   | \$                 | 1,721,315                         | 12/30/20                  | 1,428,324                       | 1,468,375                 |
| Smart Bear A provider of web-based tools for software developm   |                    | •                                 | _                         | 4 677 570                       | 4 677 045                 |
| 8.75% Term Loan due 11/10/2028 (LIBOR + 7.750%)  | \$                 | 1,725,000                         | 03/20/21                  | 1,677,578                       | 1,677,045                 |
| Soliant Holdings, LLC  A healthcare staffing platform focused on placing his sciences and pharmacy end-markets.  6.50% Term Loan due 11/30/2026 (LIBOR + 5.500%) | ghly skilled<br>\$ | d professionals i<br>917,556      | n the educa               | tion, nursing/allied<br>902,485 | d health, life<br>911,042 |
| 0.30% Territ Loan due 11/30/2020 (LibON + 3.300%)  | Ą                  | 917,330                           | 12/2//15                  |                                 | 311,042                   |
| Specified Air Solutions  A manufacturer and distributor of heating, dehumidif Limited Liability Company Unit   |                    | nd other air qual<br>531,730 uts. | ity solutions<br>02/20/19 | 539,795                         | 3,052,795                 |
| Elimited Elability Company Offic   |                    | 331,7 30 ats.                     | 02/20/15                  | 539,795                         | 3,052,795                 |
|  |                    |                                   |                           | 339,793                         | 3,032,793                 |
| Springbrook Software A provider of vertical-market enterprise resource pla government end-market. 6.75% Term Loan due 12/20/2026                                 | nning sof          | tware and paym                    | ents platforr             | ms focused on the               | e local                   |
| (LIBOR + 5.750%) (H)   | \$                 | 1,643,041                         | 12/23/19                  | 1,171,400                       | 1,189,995                 |

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|  | Prin        | cipal Amount,      |               |                    |                 |
|--|-------------|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------------|
|  | Sha         | ares, Units or     | Acquisition   |                    |                 |
| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)   | Owner       | ship Percentage    | Date          | Cost               | Fair Value      |
| SR Smith LLC   |             |                    |               |                    |                 |
| A manufacturer of mine and tunneling ventilation pro   |             |                    |               | <b>.</b>           | <b>.</b>        |
| 11% Senior Subordinated Note due 03/27/2022 (D)  | \$          | 1,084,565          | *             |                    |                 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Series A  |             | 1,072 uts.         |               | 1,060,968          | 2,611,547       |
| * 03/27/17 and 08/07/18.   |             |                    |               | 2,108,470          | 3,682,761       |
| Strahman Holdings Inc.   |             |                    |               |                    |                 |
| A manufacturer of industrial valves and wash down e petrochemical, polymer, pharmaceutical, food proce |             | •                  |               | ncluding chemica   | l,              |
| Preferred Stock Series A (B)   | _           | 158,967 shs.       | 12/13/13      | 158,967            | 237,960         |
| Preferred Stock Series A-2 (B)   |             | 26,543 shs.        | 09/10/15      | 29,994             | 39,732          |
|  |             |                    |               | 188,961            | 277,692         |
| Sunvair Aerospace Group Inc.   |             |                    |               |                    |                 |
| An aerospace maintenance, repair, and overhaul pro-  | vider serv  | ricing landing ge  | ars on narro  | w body aircraft.   |                 |
| 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note  |             |                    |               |                    |                 |
| due 08/01/2024   | \$          | 1,989,234          | *             | 1,963,742          | 1,989,234       |
| Preferred Stock Series A   |             | 28 shs.<br>68 shs. | 12/21/20      | 71,176             | 71,170          |
| Common Stock (B)   |             | 00 5115.           |               | 104,986            | 164,298         |
| * 07/31/15 and 12/21/20.   |             |                    |               | 2,139,904          | 2,224,702       |
| ** 07/31/15 and 11/08/17.  |             |                    |               |                    |                 |
| The Hilb Group, LLC  |             |                    |               |                    |                 |
| An insurance brokerage platform that offers insurance Eastern seaboard.                                | ce and be   | nefits programs    | to middle-m   | arket companies    | throughout the  |
| 6.75% Term Loan due 09/30/2026   |             |                    |               |                    |                 |
| (LIBOR + 5.750%) (H)   | \$          | 1,717,793          | *             | 1,565,562          | 1,543,560       |
| * 12/02/19 and 12/15/20.   |             |                    |               |                    |                 |
| Therma-Stor Holdings LLC   |             |                    |               |                    |                 |
| A designer and manufacturer of dehumidifiers and w applications.                                       | ater dam    | age restoration e  | equipment fo  | or residential and | commercial      |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)   |             | 19,696 uts.        | 11/30/17      |                    | 10,698          |
|  |             |                    |               |                    |                 |
| Transit Technologies LLC   |             |                    |               |                    |                 |
| A software platform for the transportation market that management and telematics services.             | at offers e | end-to-end softv   | vare solutior | ns focused on op   | erations, fleet |
| 4.95% Term Loan due 02/10/2025   |             | 4.550.555          | 00/47/25      |                    |                 |
| (LIBOR + 4.750%) (H)   | \$          | 1,560,620          | 02/13/20      | 759,184            | 703,840         |

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| Trident Maritime Systems A leading provider of turnkey marine vessel systems and solutions for government and commercial new ship construction as well as repair, refurbishment, and retrofit markets worldwide.  6.50% Term Loan due 02/19/2026 (LIBOR + 5.500%) \$ 1,725,000 02/25/21 \$ 1.695,377 \$ 1.694,813  Tristar Global Energy Solutions, Inc. A hydrocarbon and decontamination services provider serving refineries worldwide.  12.55% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 03/31/2022 (D) \$ 1,204,904 01/23/15 1.203,934 ——  Truck-Lite A leading provider of harsh environment LED safety lighting, electronics, filtration systems, and telematics for a wide range of commercial vehicles, specialty vehicles, final mile delivery vehicles, off-road/off-highway, marine, and other adjacent harsh environment markets 7.25% Term Loan due 12/02/2026 (LIBOR + 6.250%) \$ 1,709,409 12/13/19 1,681,569 1,705,900  Trystar, Inc. A niche manufacturer of temporary power distribution products for the power rental, industrial, commercial utility and back-up emergency markets.  7.57% Term Loan due 10/01/2023 (LIBOR + 4.750%) \$ 2,279,962 09/28/18 2,257,393 2,270,842 Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) 49 uts. 09/28/18 49,676 446,731 2,307,069 2,317,573  U.S. Legal Support, Inc. A provider of court reporting, record retrieval and other legal supplemental services.  6.75% Term Loan due 11/12/2024 (LIBOR + 5,750%) \$ 2,158,116 * 2,072,418 1,984,591 * 11/29/18 and 03/25/19.  U.S. Oral Surgery Management An operator of oral surgery practices providing medically necessary treatments.  6.75% Term Loan due 12/13/10/23 (LIBOR + 5,75%) \$ 2,419,398 * 2,392,669 2,419,398 * 01/04/19 and 10/01/19.  U.S. Retirement 6 Benefits Partners, Inc. A leading independent provider of outsourced benefit design and administration and retirement services, primarily to K-12 school districts, employee unions, and governmental services.  9.75% Second Lien Term Loan due 09/29/2025 (LIBOR + 8,750%) \$ 1,698,817 03/05/18 1,677,423 1,675,030 1,675,030 1,675,030 1,675,030 1,675,030 |   |          | cipal Amount,<br>res, Units or | Acquisition   |                     |                     |
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| A leading provider of turnkey marine vessel systems and solutions for government and commercial new ship construction as well as repair, refurbishment, and retrofit markets worldwide.  6.50% Term Loan due 02/19/2026 (LIBOR + 5.500%) \$ 1.725.000 02/25/21 \$ 1.695.377 \$ 1.694.813  Tristar Global Energy Solutions, Inc. A hydrocarbon and decontamination services provider serving refineries worldwide.  12.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 03/31/2022 (D) \$ 1.204.904 01/23/15 1.203.934 ——  Truck-Lite A leading provider of harsh environment LED safety lighting, electronics, filtration systems, and telematics for a wide range of commercial vehicles, specialty vehicles, final mile delivery vehicles, off-road/off-highway, marine, and other adjacent harsh environment markets.  7.25% Term Loan due 12/02/2026 (LIBOR + 6.250%) \$ 1,709,409 12/13/19 1.681.569 1,705.990  Trystar, Inc. A niche manufacturer of temporary power distribution products for the power rental, industrial, commercial utility and back-up emergency markets.  5.75% Term Loan due 10/01/2023 (LIBOR + 4.750%) \$ 2,279.962 09/28/18 2,257.393 2,270.842  Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) 49 uts. 09/28/18 49,676 46,731 2,307.069 2,317.573  U.S. Legal Support, Inc. A provider of court reporting, record retrieval and other legal supplemental services.  6.75% Term Loan due 11/12/2024 (LIBOR + 5.750%) \$ 2,158,116 * 2,072,418 1,984.591 * 11/29/18 and 03/25/19.  U.S. Oral Surgery Management  An operator of oral surgery practices providing medically necessary treatments.  6.75% Term Loan due 12/31/2023 (LIBOR + 5.75%) \$ 2,419,398 * 2,392.669 2,419.398 * 01/04/19 and 10/01/19.  U.S. Retirement & Benefits Partners, Inc.  A leading independent provider of outsourced benefit design and administration and retirement services, primarily to K-12 school districts, employee unions, and governmental agencies.   | Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)  | Owner    | ship Percentage                | Date          | Cost                | Fair Value          |
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| (LIBOR + 8./50%) \$ 1,698,817 03/05/181,677,4231,675,033   | A leading independent provider of outsourced benefit school districts, employee unions, and governmental 9.75% Second Lien Term Loan due 09/29/2025 | agencies | 5.                             |               | ·                   | J                   |
|  | (LIBOR + 8./50%)  | \$       | 1,698,817                      | 03/05/18 _    | 1,677,423           | 1,675,033           |

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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) UBEO, LLC   | Sha                   | cipal Amount,<br>ares, Units or<br>ship Percentage | Acquisition Date                      | Cost                          | Fair Value           |
|--|-----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| A dealer and servicer of printers and copiers to mediu   | ım sized              | businesses.  |                                       |                               |                      |
| 11.00% Term Loan due 10/03/2024  | \$                    | 1,558,661  | 11/05/18 \$                           | 1,540,147 \$                  | 1,557,102            |
| UroGPO, LLC  A group purchasing organization that connects pharm purchase of pharmaceutical drugs for discounted prices.   |                       | al companies wi                                    | th urology pra                        | ctices to facilitate          | e the                |
| 7.25% Term Loan due 12/15/2026 (LIBOR + 6.250%)  | \$                    | 2,500,000  | 12/14/20                              | 2,452,442                     | 2,465,000            |
| VP Holding Company A provider of school transportation services for special 5.75% Lien Term Loan due 05/22/2024 (LIBOR + 4.750%)                                   | al-needs<br>\$        | and homeless c                                     | hildren in Mas<br>05/17/18            | sachusetts and C<br>2,383,160 | 2,365,010            |
| Westminster Acquisition LLC A manufacturer of premium, all-natural oyster cracke 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note   | ·                     | ts sold under the                                  | e Westminster                         | and Olde Cape (               | Cod brands.          |
| due 08/03/2021 (D)   | \$                    | 383,062  | 08/03/15                              | 382,227                       | _                    |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)  |                       | 370,241 uts.                                       | 08/03/15 _                            | 370,241                       |                      |
|  |                       |  | _                                     | 752,468                       |                      |
| Whitebridge Pet Brands Holdings, LLC A manufacturer and marketer of branded, all-natural   | traats and            | d foods for dogs                                   | and cate                              |                               |                      |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class A (B)(F)  | creats arn            | 123 uts.   | 04/18/17                              | 148,096                       | 172,262              |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class B (B)(F)  |                       | 123 uts.   | 04/18/17                              | _                             | 232,317              |
|  |                       |  | _                                     | 148,096                       | 404,579              |
| Wolf-Gordon, Inc. A designer and specialty distributor of wallcoverings a surfaces. 12.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note                                      |                       |  |                                       | •                             |                      |
| due 07/22/2021 Common Stock (B)  | \$                    | 157 shs.   | 01/22/16 _                            | 62,177                        | 118,187              |
| World 50, Inc. A provider of exclusive peer-to-peer networks for C-6.25% Term Loan due 01/10/2026 (LIBOR + 5.250%) 5.75% Term Loan due 12/31/2025 (LIBOR + 4.750%) | suite exe<br>\$<br>\$ | cutives at leadin<br>380,062<br>1,215,567          | g corporation<br>09/21/20<br>01/09/20 | s.<br>369,785<br>1,191,369    | 380,062<br>1,191,255 |
|  |                       |  | _                                     | 1,561,154                     | 1,571,317            |
| WP Supply Holding Corporation  |                       |  |                                       |                               |                      |
| A distributor of fresh fruits and vegetables to grocery  | wholesal              |  |                                       |                               |                      |
| Common Stock (B)   |                       | 1,500 shs.   | 11/03/11 _                            | 150,000                       | 189,463              |

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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)                                |          |                    | Acquisition<br>Date |          | Cost |             | Fair Value |             |
|---|----------|--------------------|---------------------|----------|------|-------------|------------|-------------|
| ·   | OWITC    | .rsriip i crecrite | age                 | Date     | _    |             | _          | Tan value   |
| York Wall Holding Company   |          | l                  |                     | ا مامند  |      |             |            |             |
| A designer, manufacturer and marketer of wall co and commercial wall coverings. |          | lucts for both     | resi                |          |      |             |            |             |
| Preferred Stock Series A (B)  | \$       | 2,936 shs.         |                     | 02/05/19 | \$   | 293,616     | \$         | 293,600     |
| Common Stock (B)  |          | 2,046 shs.         |                     | *        |      | 200,418     |            | 165,836     |
| * 03/04/15 and 02/07/18.  |          |                    |                     |          | _    | 494,034     |            | 459,436     |
| Total Private Placement Investments (E)   |          |                    |                     |          | \$   | 131,081,339 | \$         | 129,665,455 |
|   | Interest | Maturity           | Pi                  | rincipal |      |             |            | Market      |
| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued                                 | l)_Rate_ | Date               | Α                   | mount    | _    | Cost        |            | Value       |
| Rule 144A Securities - 8.85%:   |          |                    |                     |          |      |             |            |             |
| Bonds - 8.85%   |          |                    |                     |          |      |             |            |             |
| Altice Financing S.A.   | 7.500%   | 05/15/26           | \$                  | 308,000  | \$   | 308,000     | \$         | 321,860     |
| American Airlines Inc   | 11.750   | 07/15/25           |                     | 500,000  |      | 495,589     |            | 618,125     |
| Boyne USA, Inc.   | 7.250    | 05/01/25           |                     | 129,000  |      | 129,000     |            | 134,096     |
| BWAY Holding Company  | 7.250    | 04/15/25           |                     | 750,000  |      | 700,265     |            | 749,999     |
| CGG SA  | 8.750    | 04/01/27           |                     | 356,000  |      | 356,000     |            | 358,741     |
| Cleveland-Cliffs Inc.   | 9.875    | 10/17/25           |                     | 331,000  |      | 359,326     |            | 387,783     |
| CommScope Finance LLC   | 8.250    | 03/01/27           |                     | 500,000  |      | 478,134     |            | 535,000     |
| CVR Energy Inc.   | 5.750    | 02/15/28           |                     | 500,000  |      | 456,011     |            | 486,250     |
| Diebold Nixdorf   | 9.375    | 07/15/25           |                     | 350,000  |      | 371,156     |            | 389,813     |
| First Quantum Minerals Ltd.   | 7.500    | 04/01/25           |                     | 500,000  |      | 478,583     |            | 516,250     |
| First Quantum Minerals Ltd.   | 7.250    | 04/01/23           |                     | 385,000  |      | 382,867     |            | 391,738     |
| GRD Holding III Corp.   | 8.750    | 09/01/25           |                     | 375,000  |      | 378,112     |            | 409,219     |
| Houghton Mifflin Harcourt   | 9.000    | 02/15/25           |                     | 500,000  |      | 492,188     |            | 535,000     |
| LBC Tank Terminals Holding Netherlands B.V.                                     | 6.875    | 05/15/23           |                     | 511,000  |      | 515,033     |            | 511,000     |
| Neptune Energy Bondco PLC   | 6.625    | 05/15/25           |                     | 500,000  |      | 493,967     |            | 501,875     |
| OPE KAG Finance Sub   | 7.875    | 7/31/23            |                     | 385,000  |      | 391,504     |            | 384,038     |
| Panther BF Aggregator 2 LP  | 8.500    | 05/15/27           |                     | 100,000  |      | 93,182      |            | 107,676     |
| PBF Holding Company LLC   | 9.250    | 05/15/25           |                     | 115,000  |      | 113,654     |            | 117,263     |
| Picou Holdings LLC  | 10.000   | 12/31/25           |                     | 500,000  |      | 447,601     |            | 458,750     |
| Prime Security Services, LLC  | 6.250    | 01/15/28           |                     | 885,000  |      | 780,210     |            | 921,275     |
| Solera Holdings Inc.  | 10.500   | 03/01/24           |                     | 667,000  |      | 693,043     |            | 689,078     |
| Suncoke Energy  | 7.500    | 06/15/25           |                     | 500,000  |      | 487,913     |            | 519,375     |
| Terrier Media Buyer, Inc.   | 8.875    | 12/15/27           |                     | 530,000  |      | 509,072     |            | 570,307     |
| The Manitowoc Company, Inc.   | 9.000    | 04/01/26           |                     | 500,000  |      | 488,636     |            | 539,375     |
| Trident TPI Holdings Inc.   | 9.250    | 08/01/24           |                     | 500,000  |      | 488,743     |            | 530,000     |
| Veritas US, Inc.  | 10.500   | 02/01/24           |                     | 750,000  |      | 681,126     |            | 767,812     |
| Verscend Holding Corp   | 9.750    | 08/15/26           |                     | 482,000  |      | 509,166     |            | 516,810     |

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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Cor |                 | iterest<br>Rate  | Maturity<br>Date |    | Principal<br>Amount |        | Cost       |      | Market<br>Value |
|---|-----------------|------------------|------------------|----|---------------------|--------|------------|------|-----------------|
| Warrior Met Coal, Inc.                    |                 | 8.000%           | 11/01/24         | \$ | 161,000             | \$     | 161,000    | \$   | 165,025         |
| WESCO International, Inc.                 |                 | 7.250            | 06/15/28         |    | 157,000             |        | 155,849    |      | 175,683         |
| Total Bonds                               |                 |                  |                  |    |                     |        | 12,394,930 | _    | 13,309,216      |
| Common Stock - 0.00%                      |                 |                  |                  |    |                     |        |            |      |                 |
| TherOX, Inc. (B)                          |                 |                  |                  |    | 2                   |        | -          |      | -               |
| Touchstone Health Partnership (B)         |                 |                  |                  |    | 292                 |        |            | _    |                 |
| Total Common Stock                        |                 |                  |                  |    |                     | _      |            | _    |                 |
| Total Rule 144A Securities                |                 |                  |                  |    |                     | \$     | 12,394,930 | \$   | 13,309,216      |
| Total Corporate Restricted Securities     |                 |                  |                  |    |                     | \$ 1   | 43,476,269 | \$ 1 | .42,974,671     |
| Corporate Public Securities - 5.59%: (A)  | LIBOR<br>Spread | Interest<br>Rate | Maturity<br>Date | _  | Principal<br>Amount |        | Cost       | _    | Market<br>Value |
| Bank Loans - 3.06%                        |                 |                  |                  |    |                     |        |            |      |                 |
| Almonde, Inc.                             | 3.500%          | 4.500%           | 6 06/13/24       |    | \$ 353,286          | 5 \$   | 315,592    | \$   | 345,881         |
| Almonde, Inc.                             | 7.250           | 8.250            | 06/13/25         | )  | 500,000             | )      | 505,000    |      | 501,875         |
| AHEAD DB Holdings, LLC                    | 8.500           | 9.500            | 10/14/27         | ,  | 1,172,650           | )      | 1,139,402  |      | 1,137,470       |
| BMC Software Finance, Inc.                | 3.750           | 3.859            | 10/02/25         | )  | 435,720             | )      | 435,776    |      | 433,541         |
| Confie Seguros Holding II Co.             | 8.500           | 8.615            | 10/31/25         | )  | 446,131             | -      | 440,269    |      | 434,978         |
| Edelman Financial Services                | 6.750           | 6.860            | 06/08/26         | )  | 128,178             | 3      | 127,752    |      | 127,897         |
| Golden Nugget, Inc.                       | 2.500           | 3.250            | 10/04/23         | )  | 433,094             | ŀ      | 373,705    |      | 425,840         |
| ION Trading Technologies Sarl             | 4.000           | 5.000            | 11/21/24         |    | 269,221             | -      | 265,272    |      | 269,032         |
| PS Logistics LLC                          | 4.750           | 5.750            | 03/01/25         |    | 472,929             |        | 475,634    |      | 472,182         |
| STS Operating, Inc.                       | 8.000           | 9.000            | 04/25/26         | )  | 500,000             | ) _    | 505,000    | _    | 450,500         |
| Total Bank Loans                          |                 |                  |                  |    |                     | _      | 4,583,402  |      | 4,599,196       |
| Bonds - 2.04%                             |                 |                  |                  |    |                     |        |            |      |                 |
| Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc.    |                 | 9.250            | 02/15/24         | -  | 432,000             | )      | 439,474    |      | 449,410         |
| Dish DBS Corporation                      |                 | 7.750            | 07/01/26         | )  | 385,000             | )      | 406,996    |      | 424,078         |
| Genesis Energy LP                         |                 | 6.500            | 10/01/25         | •  | 337,000             | )      | 321,559    |      | 330,344         |
| Hecla Mining Company                      |                 | 7.250            | 02/15/28         |    | 500,000             |        | 473,145    |      | 536,250         |
| Hughes Satellite Systems Corporation      |                 | 7.625            | 06/15/21         |    | 500,000             |        | 500,189    |      | 505,750         |
| PBF Holding Company LLC                   |                 | 7.250            | 06/15/25         |    | 385,000             |        | 393,687    |      | 313,621         |
| Triumph Group, Inc.                       |                 | 7.750            | 08/15/25         | )  | 500,000             | ) _    | 502,942    |      | 502,500         |
| Total Bonds                               |                 |                  |                  |    |                     | _      | 3,037,992  |      | 3,061,953       |
| Common Stock - 0.15%                      |                 |                  |                  |    |                     |        |            |      |                 |
| Tourmaline Oil Corp                       |                 |                  |                  |    | 52,194              | ļ<br>_ | 139,761    | _    | 220,187         |
| Total Common Stock                        |                 |                  |                  |    |                     | _      | 139,761    | _    | 220,187         |

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| Corporate Public Securities - 5.59%: (A)         | LIBOR<br>Spread | Interes<br>Rate |                  | ,<br> | Principal<br>Amount | _    | Cost       |     | Market<br>Value |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------|---------------------|------|------------|-----|-----------------|
| Preferred Stock - 0.34%  B. Riley Financial Inc. |                 |                 |                  | \$    | 20,000              | \$   | 500,000    | \$  | 517,600         |
| Total Preferred Stock                            |                 |                 |                  |       |                     |      | 500,000    |     | 517,600         |
| Total Corporate Public Securities                |                 |                 |                  |       |                     | \$   | 8,261,155  | \$  | 8,398,936       |
| Short-Term Security:                             | Inte<br>Rate/\  |                 | Maturity<br>Date |       | incipal<br>mount    |      | Cost       |     | Market<br>Value |
| Commercial Paper - 1.99%                         |                 |                 |                  |       |                     |      |            |     |                 |
| El Dupont  | 0.2             | 213%            | 05/17/21         | \$ 1, | ,000,000            | \$   | 999,732    | \$  | 999,732         |
| Macquarie Bank Limited                           | 0.1             | 162             | 05/26/21         | 1,    | .000,000            |      | 999,755    |     | 999,755         |
| Standard Chartered Bank                          | 0.1             | 155             | 10/05/21         | 1,    | ,000,000            |      | 999,204    |     | 999,204         |
| Total Short-Term Securities                      |                 |                 |                  |       |                     | \$   | 2,998,691  | \$  | 2,998,691       |
| Total Investments                                | 102             | 67%             |                  |       |                     | \$ 1 | 54,736,115 | \$1 | 54,372,298      |
| Other Assets                                     | 7               | '.82            |                  |       |                     |      |            |     | 11,752,765      |
| Liabilities                                      | (10             | ).49)           |                  |       |                     |      |            | (   | (15,765,071)    |
| Total Net Assets                                 | 100             | .00%            |                  |       |                     |      |            | \$1 | 50,359,992      |

<sup>(</sup>A) In each of the convertible note, warrant, and common stock investments, the issuer has agreed to provide certain registration rights.

<sup>(</sup>B) Non-income producing security.

<sup>(</sup>C) Security valued at fair value using methods determined in good faith by or under the direction of the Board of Trustees.

<sup>(</sup>D) Defaulted security; interest not accrued.

<sup>(</sup>E) Illiquid security. As of March 31, 2021 the values of these securities amounted to \$129,665,455 or 86.24% of net assets.

<sup>(</sup>F) Held in PI Subsidiary Trust

<sup>(</sup>G) PIK non-accrual

<sup>(</sup>H) A portion of these securities contain unfunded commitments. As of March 31, 2021, total unfunded commitments amounted to \$6,096,263 and had unrealized depreciation of \$(201,726) or (0.13)% of net assets. See Note 7.

<sup>^</sup> Effective yield at purchase

PIK - Payment-in-kind

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| landon Classifications                         | Fair Value/  | la duata. Classifications               | Fair Value/   |
|--|--------------|---|---------------|
| Industry Classification:                       | Market Value | Industry Classification:                | Market Value  |
| AEROSPACE & DEFENSE - 7.45%                    |              | Polytex Holdings LLC                    | \$ 979,388    |
| American Scaffold, Inc.                        | \$ 1,284,320 |   | 3,368,152     |
| BEI Precision Systems & Space Company, Inc.    |              | CONSUMER CYCLICAL SERVICES - 4.30%      |               |
| CTS Engines                                    | 1,373,935    | Accelerate Learning                     | 961,107       |
| Dart Buyer, Inc.                               | 1,409,200    | LYNX Franchising                        | 1,689,388     |
| Sunvair Aerospace Group Inc.                   | 2,224,702    | MeTEOR Education LLC                    | 1,082,926     |
| Trident Maritime Systems                       | 1,694,813    | PPC Event Services                      | (230,000)     |
| Trident TPI Holdings Inc.                      | 530,000      | Prime Security Services, LLC            | 921,275       |
| Triumph Group, Inc.                            | 502,500      | PS Logistics LLC                        | 472,182       |
|  | 11,195,840   | ROI Solutions                           | 656,339       |
| AIRLINES - 0.41%                               |              | Soliant Holdings, LLC                   | 911,042       |
| American Airlines Inc                          | 618,125      |   | 6,464,259     |
| AUTOMOTIVE - 5.69%                             | ·            | CONSUMER PRODUCTS - 2.89%               |               |
| Aurora Parts & Accessories LLC                 | 396,128      | AMS Holding LLC                         | 231,538       |
| BBB Industries LLC                             | 1,692,224    | Blue Wave Products, Inc.                | 422,681       |
| DPL Holding Corporation                        | 353,759      | Elite Sportwear Holding, LLC            | -             |
| English Color & Supply LLC                     | 1,884,934    | gloProfessional Holdings, Inc.          | 1,704,487     |
| Holley Performance Products                    | 2,415,700    | Handi Quilter Holding Company (Premier  | 2,7 0 1,7 107 |
| Panther BF Aggregator 2 LP                     | 107,676      | Needle Arts)                            | 535,007       |
| Truck-Lite                                     | 1,705,990    | HHI Group, LLC                          | 587,711       |
| Truck-Lite                                     |              | Manhattan Beachwear Holding Company     | -             |
|  | 8,556,411    | Master Cutlery LLC                      | -             |
| BANKING - 1.33%                                |              | Whitebridge Pet Brands Holdings, LLC    | 404,579       |
| MACQUARIE BANK LIMITED                         | 999,755      | York Wall Holding Company               | 459,436       |
| Standard Chartered Bank                        | 999,204      |   | 4,345,439     |
|  | 1,998,959    | DIVERSIFIED MANUFACTURING - 7.53%       |               |
| BROKERAGE, ASSET MANAGERS & EXCHANC            |              | Advanced Manufacturing Enterprises LLC  | _             |
| The Hilb Group, LLC                            | 1,543,560    | F G I Equity LLC                        | 627,530       |
| The Hilb Group, LLC                            |              | Hyperion Materials & Technologies, Inc. | 1,579,856     |
|  | 1,543,560    | Motion Controls Holdings                | 30,757        |
| BUILDING MATERIALS - 0.61%                     |              | Reelcraft Industries, Inc.              | 854,011       |
| Happy Floors Acquisition, Inc.                 | 804,973      | Safety Products Holdings, Inc.          | 1,222,451     |
| Wolf-Gordon, Inc.                              | 118,187      | SR Smith LLC                            | 3,682,761     |
|  | 923,160      | Strahman Holdings Inc.                  | 277,692       |
| CABLE & SATELLITE - 0.34%                      |              | The Manitowoc Company, Inc.             | 539,375       |
|  | E0E 7E0      | Therma-Stor Holdings LLC                | 10,698        |
| Hughes Satellite Systems Corporation           | 505,750      | Trystar, Inc.                           | 2,317,573     |
| CHEMICALS - 2.24%                              |              | WESCO International, Inc.               | 175,683       |
| El Dupont                                      | 999,732      |   | 11,318,387    |
| Kano Laboratories LLC                          | 878,032      |   | 11,010,007    |
| LBC Tank Terminals Holding Netherlands B.V.    | 511,000      |   |               |
| See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements |              |   |               |

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| Industry Classification:                  | Fair Value/<br>Market Value | Industry Classification:               | Fair Value/<br>Market Value |
|---|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| ELECTRIC - 1.00%                          | - Idirect value             | E.S.P. Associates, P.A.                | \$ 182,322                  |
| Electronic Power Systems                  | \$ 1,500,750                | IGL Holdings III Corp.                 | 1,213,347                   |
| Electronic rower systems                  |                             | IM Analytics Holdings, LLC             | 874,790                     |
|   | 1,500,750                   | Industrial Service Solutions           | 800,749                     |
| ENVIRONMENTAL - 0.67%                     |                             | Media Recovery, Inc.                   | 483,676                     |
| ENTACT Environmental Services, Inc.       | 1,010,140                   | PB Holdings LLC                        | 703,362                     |
| FINANCIAL OTHER - 2.95%                   |                             | Specified Air Solutions                | 3,052,795                   |
| Beacon Pointe Advisors, LLC               | 993,636                     | STS Operating, Inc.                    | 450,500                     |
| B. Riley Financial Inc.                   | 517,600                     | UBEO, LLC                              | 1,557,102                   |
| Confie Seguros Holding II Co.             | 434,978                     | World 50, Inc.                         | 1,571,317                   |
| Edelman Financial Services                | 127,897                     |  | 16,094,415                  |
| Foundation Risk Partners, Corp.           | 683,205                     |  | 10,094,413                  |
| U.S. Retirement & Benefits Partners, Inc. | 1,675,033                   | MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT - 3.39%          |                             |
|   | 4,432,349                   | Advantage Software                     | 1,409,704                   |
| 500D (; DEVEDACE - 7.00%                  | 1, 132,313                  | Boyne USA, Inc.                        | 134,096                     |
| FOOD & BEVERAGE - 3.68%                   | 4 574 770                   | Cadent, LLC                            | 970,230                     |
| Del Real LLC                              | 1,534,372                   | Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings, Inc. | 449,410                     |
| PANOS Brands LLC                          | 2,399,537                   | Dish DBS Corporation                   | 424,078                     |
| Sara Lee Frozen Foods                     | 1,408,862                   | HOP Entertainment LLC                  | -                           |
| Westminster Acquisition LLC               | 100 467                     | Houghton Mifflin Harcourt              | 535,000                     |
| WP Supply Holding Corporation             | 189,463                     | Music Reports, Inc.                    | 597,621                     |
|   | 5,532,234                   | Terrier Media Buyer, Inc.              | 570,307                     |
| HEALTHCARE - 8.56%                        |                             |  | 5,090,446                   |
| Cadence, Inc.                             | 849,417                     | METALS & MINING - 1.98%                |                             |
| CORA Health Services, Inc.                | 1,640,605                   | Cleveland-Cliffs Inc.                  | 387,783                     |
| GD Dental Services LLC                    | -                           | First Quantum Minerals Ltd.            | 907,988                     |
| Home Care Assistance, LLC                 | 574,707                     | Hecla Mining Company                   | 536,250                     |
| LAC Acquisition LLC                       | 1,702,573                   | Picou Holdings LLC                     | 458,750                     |
| Navia Benefit Solutions, Inc.             | 1,004,813                   | Suncoke Energy                         | 519,375                     |
| RedSail Technologies                      | 1,694,019                   | Warrior Met Coal, Inc.                 | 165,025                     |
| TherOX, Inc.                              | -                           |  | 2,975,171                   |
| Touchstone Health Partnership             | -                           | MIDCEDEAM 0.229/                       |                             |
| U.S. Oral Surgery Management              | 2,419,398                   | MIDSTREAM - 0.22%                      | 770 744                     |
| UroGPO, LLC                               | 2,465,000                   | Genesis Energy LP                      | 330,344                     |
| Verscend Holding Corp                     | 516,810                     | OIL FIELD SERVICES - 0.72%             |                             |
|   | 12,867,342                  | CGG SA                                 | 358,741                     |
| INDUSTRIAL OTHER - 10.70%                 |                             | Neptune Energy Bondco PLC              | 501,875                     |
| AFC - Dell Holding Corporation            | 2,472,230                   | Petroplex Inv Holdings LLC             | 3,777                       |
| Aftermath, Inc.                           | 963,473                     | Tourmaline Oil Corp                    | 220,187                     |
| ASPEQ Holdings                            | 1,186,907                   |  | 1,084,580                   |
| Concept Machine Tool Sales, LLC           | 581,845                     |  |                             |
| 2.  | 222,010                     |  |                             |

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| Industry Classification:                       | Fair Value/<br>Market Value | Industry Classification:        | Fair Value/<br>Market Value             |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| PACKAGING - 1.69%                              |                             | Springbrook Software            | \$ 1,189,995                            |
| ASC Holdings, Inc.                             | \$ 920,440                  | Transit Technologies LLC        | 703,840                                 |
| Brown Machine LLC                              | 865,812                     | U.S. Legal Support, Inc.        | 1,984,591                               |
| BWAY Holding Company                           | 749,999                     | Veritas US, Inc.                | 767,812                                 |
|  | 2,536,251                   |                                 | 33,745,070                              |
| PAPER - 1.13%                                  |                             | TELECOMMUNICATIONS - 0.21%      |   |
| Dunn Paper                                     | 1,697,399                   | Altice Financing S.A.           | 321,860                                 |
| REFINING - 0.61%                               |                             | TRANSPORTATION SERVICES - 8.36% |   |
| CVR Energy Inc.                                | 486,250                     | BDP International, Inc.         | 2,449,030                               |
| MES Partners, Inc.                             | -                           | Omni Logistics, LLC             | 1,701,875                               |
| PBF Holding Company LLC                        | 430,884                     | OPE KAG Finance Sub             | 384,038                                 |
| Tristar Global Energy Solutions, Inc.          | _                           | Pegasus Transtech Corporation   | 2,280,068                               |
|  | 017171                      | Rock-it Cargo                   | 1,915,316                               |
|  | 917,134                     | SEKO Worldwide, LLC             | 1,468,375                               |
| RETAILERS - 0.27%                              |                             | VP Holding Company              | 2,365,010                               |
| GRD Holding III Corp.                          | 409,219                     |                                 | 12,563,712                              |
| RESTAURANTS - 0.28%                            |                             | Total Investments - 102.67%     |   |
| Golden Nugget, Inc.                            | 425,840                     | (Cost - \$154,736,115)          | \$154,372,298                           |
| TECHNOLOGY - 22.43%                            |                             | (0030 \$101,700,1107            | ======================================= |
| 1WorldSync, Inc.                               | 2,438,002                   |                                 |   |
| AHEAD DB Holdings, LLC                         | 1,137,470                   |                                 |   |
| Almonde, Inc.                                  | 847,756                     |                                 |   |
| Audio Precision                                | 1,741,879                   |                                 |   |
| BMC Software Finance, Inc.                     | 433,541                     |                                 |   |
| Claritas Holdings, Inc.                        | 1,565,282                   |                                 |   |
| CloudWave                                      | 1,686,771                   |                                 |   |
| Clubessential LLC                              | 1,677,821                   |                                 |   |
| Command Alkon                                  | 2,053,074                   |                                 |   |
| CommScope Finance LLC                          | 535,000                     |                                 |   |
| Diebold Nixdorf                                | 389,813                     |                                 |   |
| GraphPad Software, Inc.                        | 2,415,474                   |                                 |   |
| ION Trading Technologies Sarl                  | 269,032                     |                                 |   |
| Options Technology Ltd                         | 1,240,933                   |                                 |   |
| Recovery Point Systems, Inc.                   | 1,367,872                   |                                 |   |
| REVSpring, Inc.                                | 1,688,775                   |                                 |   |
| RPX Corp                                       | 1,637,491                   |                                 |   |
| Ruffalo Noel Levitz                            | 1,230,727                   |                                 |   |
| Sandvine Corporation                           | 1,718,255                   |                                 |   |
| Scaled Agile, Inc.                             | 657,741                     |                                 |   |
| Smart Bear                                     | 1,677,045                   |                                 |   |
| Solera Holdings Inc.                           | 689,078                     |                                 |   |
| See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements |                             |                                 |   |

#### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### 1. History

Barings Participation Investors (the "Trust") was organized as a Massachusetts business trust under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant to a Declaration of Trust dated April 7, 1988.

The Trust is a diversified closed-end management investment company. Barings LLC ("Barings"), a whollyowned indirect subsidiary of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company ("MassMutual"), acts as its investment adviser. The Trust's investment objective is to maintain a portfolio of securities providing a current yield and, when available, an opportunity for capital gains. The Trust's principal investments are privately placed, below investment grade, long-term debt obligations including bank loans and mezzanine debt instruments. Such direct placement securities may, in some cases, be accompanied by equity features such as common stock, preferred stock, warrants, conversion rights, or other equity features. The Trust typically purchases these investments, which are not publicly tradable, directly from their issuers in private placement transactions. These investments are typically made to small or middle market companies. In addition, the Trust may invest, subject to certain limitations, in marketable debt securities (including high yield and/or investment grade securities) and marketable common stock. Below investment grade or high vield securities have predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to the capacity of the issuer to pay interest and repay capital.

On January 27, 1998, the Board of Trustees authorized the formation of a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Trust ("PI Subsidiary Trust") for the purpose of holding certain investments. The results of the PI Subsidiary Trust are consolidated in the accompanying financial statements. Footnote 2.D below discusses the Federal tax consequences of the PI Subsidiary Trust.

#### 2. Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed consistently by the Trust in the preparation of its consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

The Trustees have determined that the Trust is an investment company in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 946, Financial Services – Investment Companies, for the purpose of financial reporting.

#### A. Fair Value Measurements:

Under U.S. GAAP, fair value represents the price that should be received to sell an asset (exit price) in an orderly transaction between willing market participants at the measurement date

#### Determination of Fair Value

The determination of the fair value of the Trust's investments is the responsibility of the Trust's Board of Trustees (the

"Trustees"). The Trustees have adopted procedures for the valuation of the Trust's securities and have delegated responsibility for applying those procedures to Barings. Barings has established a Pricing Committee which is responsible for setting the guidelines used in following the procedures adopted by the Trustees ensuring that those guidelines are being followed. Barings considers all relevant factors that are reasonably available, through either public information or information available to Barings, when determining the fair value of a security. The Trustees meet at least once each quarter to approve the value of the Trust's portfolio securities as of the close of business on the last business day of the preceding quarter. This valuation requires the approval of a majority of the Trustees of the Trust, including a majority of the Trustees who are not interested persons of the Trust or of Barings. In approving valuations, the Trustees will consider reports by Barings analyzing each portfolio security in accordance with the procedures and guidelines referred to above, which include the relevant factors referred to below. Barings has agreed to provide such reports to the Trust at least guarterly. The consolidated financial statements include private placement restricted securities valued at \$129,665,455 (86.24% of net assets) as of March 31, 2021 the values of which have been estimated by the Trustees based on the process described above in the absence of readily ascertainable market values. Due to the inherent uncertainty of valuation, those estimated values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed, and the differences could be material.

#### **Independent Valuation Process**

The fair value of bank loans and equity investments that are unsyndicated or for which market quotations are not readily available, including middle-market bank loans, will be submitted to an independent provider to perform an independent valuation on those bank loans and equity investments as of the end of each quarter. Such bank loans and equity investments will be held at cost until such time as they are sent to the valuation provider for an initial valuation subject to override by the Adviser should it determine that there have been material changes in interest rates and/or the credit quality of the issuer. The independent valuation provider applies various methods (synthetic rating analysis, discounting cash flows, and re-underwriting analysis) to establish the rate of return a market participant would require (the "discount rate") as of the valuation date, given market conditions, prevailing lending standards and the perceived credit quality of the issuer. Future expected cash flows for each investment are discounted back to present value using these discount rates in the discounted cash flow analysis. A range of value will be provided by the valuation provider and the Adviser will determine the point within that range that it will use in making valuation recommendations to the Trustees, and will report to the Trustees on its rationale for each such determination. The Adviser will continue to use its internal valuation model as a comparison point to validate

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the price range provided by the valuation provider and, where applicable, in determining the point within that range that it will use in making valuation recommendations to the Trustees. If the Advisers' Pricing Committee disagrees with the price range provided, it may make a fair value recommendation to the Trustees that is outside of the range provided by the independent valuation provider, and will notify the Trustees of any such override and the reasons therefore. In certain instances, the Trust may determine that it is not cost-effective, and as a result is not in the shareholders' best interests, to request the independent valuation firm to perform the Procedures on certain investments. Such instances include, but are not limited to, situations where the fair value of the investment in the portfolio company is determined to be insignificant relative to the total investment portfolio. Finally, the Trustees determined in good faith that the Trust's investments were valued at fair value in accordance with the Trust's valuation policies and procedures and the 1940 Act based on, among other things, the input of Barings, the Trust's Audit Committee and the independent valuation firm.

Following is a description of valuation methodologies used for assets recorded at fair value.

#### Corporate Public Securities at Fair Value – Bank Loans, Corporate Bonds, Preferred Stocks and Common Stocks

The Trust uses external independent third-party pricing services to determine the fair values of its Corporate Public Securities. At March 31, 2021, 100% of the carrying value of these investments was from external pricing services. In the event that the primary pricing service does not provide a price, the Trust utilizes the pricing provided by a secondary pricing service.

Public debt securities generally trade in the over-the-counter market rather than on a securities exchange. The Trust's pricing services use multiple valuation techniques to determine fair value. In instances where significant market activity exists, the pricing services may utilize a market based approach through which quotes from market makers are used to determine fair value. In instances where significant market activity may not exist or is limited, the pricing services also utilize proprietary valuation models which may consider market characteristics such as benchmark yield curves, option adjusted spreads, credit spreads, estimated default rates, coupon rates, anticipated timing of principal underlying prepayments, collateral, and other unique security features in order to estimate the relevant cash flows, which are then discounted to calculate the fair value.

The Trust's investments in bank loans are normally valued at the bid quotation obtained from dealers in loans by an independent pricing service in accordance with the Trust's valuation policies and procedures approved by the Trustees.

Public equity securities listed on an exchange or on the NASDAQ National Market System are valued at the last quoted sales price of that day.

At least annually, Barings conducts reviews of the primary pricing vendors to validate that the inputs used in that vendors' pricing process are deemed to be market observable as defined in the standard. While Barings is not provided access to proprietary models of the vendors, the reviews have included on-site walk-throughs of the pricing process, methodologies and control procedures for each asset class and level for which prices are provided. The reviews also include an examination of the underlying inputs and assumptions for a sample of individual securities across asset classes, credit rating levels and various durations. In addition, the pricing vendors have an established challenge process in place for all security valuations, which facilitates identification and resolution of prices that fall outside expected ranges. Barings believes that the prices received from the pricing vendors are representative of prices that would be received to sell the assets at the measurement date (exit prices) and are classified appropriately in the hierarchy.

# Corporate Restricted Securities at Fair Value – Bank Loans, Corporate Bonds

The fair value of certain notes is determined using an internal model that discounts the anticipated cash flows of those notes using a specific discount rate. Changes to that discount rate are driven by changes in general interest rates, probabilities of default and credit adjustments. The discount rate used within the models to discount the future anticipated cash flows is considered a significant unobservable input. Increases/(decreases) in the discount rate would result in a (decrease)/increase to the notes' fair value.

The fair value of certain distressed notes is based on an enterprise waterfall methodology which is discussed in the equity security valuation section below.

# Corporate Restricted Securities at Fair Value – Common Stock, Preferred Stock and Partnerships & LLC's

The fair value of equity securities is determined using an enterprise waterfall methodology. Under this methodology, the enterprise value of the company is first estimated and that value is then allocated to the company's outstanding debt and equity securities based on the documented priority of each class of securities in the capital structure. Generally, the waterfall proceeds from senior debt, to senior and junior subordinated debt, to preferred stock, then finally common stock.

To estimate a company's enterprise value, the company's trailing twelve months earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") is multiplied by a valuation multiple.

Both the company's EBITDA and valuation multiple are considered significant unobservable inputs. Increases/ (decreases) to the company's EBITDA and/or valuation multiple would result in increases/(decreases) to the equity value.

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#### **Short-Term Securities**

Short-term securities with more than sixty days to maturity are valued at fair value, using external independent third-party services. Short-term securities, of sufficient credit quality, having a maturity of sixty days or less are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

#### **New Accounting Pronouncement**

In March 2020, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update 2020-04 ("ASU 2020-04") "Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848): Facilitation of the

Effects of Reference Rate Reform on Financial Reporting." This guidance provides optional expedients and exceptions for applying generally accepted accounting principles to contract modifications and hedging relationships, subject to meeting certain criteria, that reference LIBOR or another reference rate expected to be discontinued. ASU 2020-04 is effective for all entities as of March 12, 2020 through December 31, 2022. The Trust expects that the adoption of this guidance will not have a material impact on the Trust's financial position, result of operations or cash flows.

#### Fair Value Hierarchy

The Trust categorizes its investments measured at fair value in three levels, based on the inputs and assumptions used to determine fair value. These levels are as follows:

Level 1 – quoted prices in active markets for identical securities

Level 2 – other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)

Level 3 – significant unobservable inputs (including the Trust's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The following table summarizes the levels in the fair value hierarchy into which the Trust's financial instruments are categorized as of March 31, 2021.

The fair values of the Trust's investments disaggregated into the three levels of the fair value hierarchy based upon the lowest level of significant input used in the valuation as of March 31, 2021 are as follows:

| Assets:               | Total             | Level 1      | Level 2       | Level 3        |
|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Restricted Securities |                   |              |               |                |
| Corporate Bonds       | \$<br>28,954,483  | \$ -         | \$ 13,309,216 | \$ 15,645,267  |
| Bank Loans            | <br>98,453,963    | -            | -             | 98,453,963     |
| Common Stock - U.S.   | <br>2,588,186     | -            | -             | 2,588,186      |
| Preferred Stock       | <br>1,918,497     | -            | -             | 1,918,497      |
| Partnerships and LLCs | <br>11,059,542    | -            | _             | 11,059,542     |
| Public Securities     | <br>              |              |               |                |
| Bank Loans            | <br>4,599,196     | -            | 3,026,747     | 1,572,449      |
| Corporate Bonds       | <br>3,061,953     | -            | 3,061,953     | _              |
| Common Stock - U.S.   | <br>220,187       | 186,454      | -             | 33,733         |
| Preferred Stock       | 517,600           | -            | 517,600       | _              |
| Short-term Securities | <br>2,998,691     | 999,204      | 1,999,487     | _              |
| Total                 | \$<br>154,372,298 | \$ 1,185,658 | \$ 21,915,003 | \$ 131,271,637 |

See information disaggregated by security type and industry classification in the Consolidated Schedule of Investments.

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#### Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

The following table represents quantitative information about Level 3 fair value measurements as of March 31, 2021.

|                     | Fair Value    | Valuation<br>Technique                 | Unobservable<br>Inputs | Range                                 | Weighted*      |
|---------------------|---------------|--|------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Bank Loans          | \$ 85,697,672 | Market Yield                           | Yield Analysis         | 5.2% - 18.2%                          | 8.0%           |
|                     | \$ 1,249,300  | Income Approach                        | Implied Spread         | 7.2% - 15.2%                          | 11.0%          |
| Corporate Bonds     | \$ 7,890,495  | Income Approach                        | Implied Spread         | 10.4% - 15.7%                         | 11.6%          |
| Equity Securities** | \$ 15,544,693 | Enterprise Value<br>Waterfall Approach | Valuation Multiple     | 5.0x to 17.8x                         | 10.8x          |
|                     |               |  | EBITDA                 | \$(8.4) million to<br>\$334.8 million | \$32.9 million |

Certain of the Trust's Level 3 equity securities investments may be valued using unadjusted inputs that have not been internally developed by the Trust, including recently purchased securities held at cost. As a result, fair value of assets of \$20,889,477 have been excluded from the preceding table.

Following is a reconciliation of Level 3 assets for which significant unobservable inputs were used to determine fair value:

| Assets:               |               | Included in earnings | Purchases    | Sales          | Prepayments   | Transfers<br>into<br>Level 3 | Transfers<br>out of<br>Level 3 | s Ending<br>balance at<br>3/31/2021 |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Restricted Securities |               |                      |              |                |               |                              |                                |                                     |
| Corporate Bonds       | \$ 18,359,723 | \$ 140,895           | \$ 16,647    | \$ (2,871,998) | \$ -          | \$ -                         | \$-                            | \$ 15,645,267                       |
| Bank Loans            | 88,124,979    | 283,954              | 9,919,700    | _              | (3,011,761)   | 3,137,091                    | <u>-</u>                       | 98,453,963                          |
| Common Stock - U.S.   | 2,767,599     | 718,129              | _            | (926,802)      | -             | 29,260                       | -                              | 2,588,186                           |
| Preferred Stock       | 2,252,826     | (334,113)            | _            | (216)          | _             | _                            | _                              | 1,918,497                           |
| Partnerships and LLCs | 8,261,019     | 3,023,308            | 141,172      | (365,957)      | -             | _                            | _                              | 11,059,542                          |
| Public Securities     |               |                      |              |                |               |                              |                                |                                     |
| Bank Loans            | 1,137,471     | 36,387               | _            | -              | -             | 398,591                      | <u>-</u>                       | 1,572,449                           |
| Common Stock - U.S.   | -             | 33,733               | -            | -              | -             | _                            |                                | 33,733                              |
| Corporate Bonds       | _             | _                    | _            | _              | _             | _                            | <del>-</del>                   | _                                   |
|                       | \$120,903,617 | \$3,902,293          | \$10,077,519 | \$(4,164,973)  | \$(3,011,761) | \$3,564,942                  | \$-                            | \$131,271,637                       |

<sup>\*</sup> For the three months ended March 31, 2021, transfers into and out of Level 3 were the result of changes in the observability of significant inputs for certain portfolio companies.

<sup>\*</sup> The weighted averages disclosed in the table above were weighted by relative fair value

<sup>\*\*</sup> Including partnerships and LLC's

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Income, Gains and Losses on Level 3 assets included in Net Increase in Net Assets resulting from Operations for the year are presented in the following accounts on the Statement of Operations:

|   | Net Increase in<br>Net Assets<br>Resulting from<br>Operations | Change in<br>Unrealized<br>Gains &<br>(Losses) in<br>Net Assets<br>from Assets<br>Still Held |
|---|---|--|
| Interest (Amortization)   | \$ 113,263  | \$ -   |
| Net realized gain on investments before taxes                     | (132,498)   | -  |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation of investments before taxes | 3,921,528   | 3,618,307  |

#### **B.** Accounting for Investments:

#### Investment Income

Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Interest income, including the amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts on bonds held using the yield-tomaturity method, is recorded on the accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are expected to be collected. Generally, when interest and/or principal payments on a loan become past due, or if the Trust otherwise does not expect the borrower to be able to service its debt and other obligations, the Trust will place the investment on nonaccrual status and will cease recognizing interest income on that investment for financial reporting purposes until all principal and interest have been brought current through payment or due to a restructuring such that the interest income is deemed to be collectible. The Trust writes off any previously accrued and uncollected interest when it is determined that interest is no longer considered collectible. As of March 31, 2021, the fair value of the Trust's nonaccrual assets was \$4,464,888, or 2.9% of the total fair value of the Trust's portfolio, and the cost of the Trust's nonaccrual assets was \$10,686,865, or 6.7% of the total cost of the Trust's portfolio.

#### Payment-in-Kind Interest

The Trust currently holds, and expects to hold in the future, some investments in its portfolio that contain Payment-in-Kind ("PIK") interest provisions. The PIK interest, computed at the contractual rate specified in each loan agreement, is added to the principal balance of the investment, rather than being paid to the Trust in cash, and is recorded as interest income. Thus, the actual collection of PIK interest may be deferred until the time of debt principal repayment. PIK interest, which is a non-cash source of income at the time of recognition, is included in the Trust's taxable income and therefore affects the amount the Trust is required to distribute

to its stockholders to maintain its qualification as a "regulated investment company" for federal income tax purposes, even though the Trust has not yet collected the cash.

Generally, when current cash interest and/or principal payments on an investment become past due, or if the Trust otherwise does not expect the borrower to be able to service its debt and other obligations, the Trust will place the investment on PIK non-accrual status and will cease recognizing PIK interest income on that investment for financial reporting purposes until all principal and interest have been brought current through payment or due to a restructuring such that the interest income is deemed to be collectible. The Trust writes off any accrued and uncollected PIK interest when it is determined that the PIK interest is no longer collectible. As of March 31, 2021, the fair value of the Trust's PIK non-accrual assets was \$1,915,316, or 1.2% of the total fair value of the Trust's portfolio, and the cost of the Trust's PIK non-accrual assets was \$2,433,385, or 1.6% of the total cost of the Trust's portfolio.

#### Realized Gain or Loss and Unrealized Appreciation or Depreciation of Portfolio Investments

Realized gains and losses on investment transactions and unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments are reported for financial statement and Federal income tax purposes on the identified cost method.

#### C. Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates and the differences could be material.

#### **D. Federal Income Taxes:**

The Trust has elected to be taxed as a "regulated investment company" under the Internal Revenue Code, and intends to maintain this qualification and to distribute substantially all of its net taxable income to its shareholders. In any year when net long-term capital gains are realized by the Trust, management, after evaluating the prevailing economic conditions, will recommend that Trustees either designate the net realized long-term gains as undistributed and pay the federal capital gains taxes thereon, or distribute all or a portion of such net gains.

The Trust is taxed as a regulated investment company and is therefore limited as to the amount of non-qualified income that it may receive as the result of operating a trade or business, e.g. the Trust's pro rata share of income allocable to the Trust by a partnership operating company. The Trust's violation of this limitation could result in the loss of its status as a regulated investment company, thereby subjecting all of its net income and capital gains to corporate taxes prior to distribution to its shareholders. The Trust, from time-to-time,

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identifies investment opportunities in the securities of entities that could cause such trade or business income to be allocable to the Trust. The PI Subsidiary Trust (described in Footnote 1, above) was formed in order to allow investment in such securities without adversely affecting the Trust's status as a regulated investment company.

The PI Subsidiary Trust is not taxed as a regulated investment company. Accordingly, prior to the Trust receiving any distributions from the PI Subsidiary Trust, all of the PI Subsidiary Trust's taxable income and realized gains, including non-qualified income and realized gains, is subject to taxation at prevailing corporate tax rates. As of March 31, 2021, the PI Subsidiary Trust has incurred income tax expense of \$15.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of the existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis. As of March 31, 2021, the PI Subsidiary Trust has no deferred tax liability.

#### **E. Distributions to Shareholders:**

The Trust records distributions to shareholders from distributable earnings and net realized gains, if any, on the ex-dividend date. The Trust's dividend is declared four times per year, in April, July, October, and December. The Trust's net realized capital gain distribution, if any, is declared in December.

# 3. Investment Advisory and Administrative Services Contract A. Services:

Under an Investment Advisory and Administrative Services Contract (the "Contract") with the Trust, Barings has agreed to use its best efforts to present to the Trust a continuing and suitable investment program consistent with the investment objectives and policies of the Trust. Barings represents the Trust in any negotiations with issuers, investment banking firms, securities brokers or dealers and other institutions or investors relating to the Trust's investments. Under the Contract, Barings also provides administration of the day-to-day operations of the Trust and provides the Trust with office space and office equipment, accounting and bookkeeping services, and necessary executive, clerical and secretarial personnel for the performance of the foregoing services.

#### B. Fee:

For its services under the Contract, Barings is paid a quarterly investment advisory fee equal to 0.225% of the value of the Trust's net assets as of the last business day of each fiscal quarter, an amount approximately equivalent to 0.90% on an annual basis. A majority of the Trustees, including a majority of the Trustees who are not interested persons of the Trust or of Barings, approve the valuation of the Trust's net assets as of such day.

#### 4. Senior Indebtedness

MassMutual holds the Trust's \$15,000,000 Senior Fixed Rate Convertible Note (the "Note") issued by the Trust on December 13, 2011. The Note is due December 13, 2023 and accrues interest at 4.09% per annum. MassMutual, at its option, can convert the principal amount of the Note into common shares. The dollar amount of principal would be converted into an equivalent dollar amount of common shares based upon the average price of the common shares for ten business days prior to the notice of conversion. For the three months ended March 31, 2021, the Trust incurred total interest expense on the Note of \$153,375.

The Trust may redeem the Note, in whole or in part, at the principal amount proposed to be redeemed together with the accrued and unpaid interest thereon through the redemption date plus the Make Whole Premium. The Make Whole Premium equals the excess of (i) the present value of the scheduled payments of principal and interest which the Trust would have paid but for the proposed redemption, discounted at the rate of interest of U.S. Treasury obligations whose maturity approximates that of the Note plus 0.50% over (ii) the principal of the Note proposed to be redeemed.

#### 5. Purchases and Sales of Investments

|                                 | months ended<br>03/31/2021         |  |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| -                               | Cost of<br>Investments<br>Acquired | Proceeds<br>from<br>Sales or<br>Maturities |
| Corporate restricted securities | \$9,676,727                        | \$7,214,518                                |
| Corporate public securities     | 3,138,205                          | 1,972,761                                  |

#### 6. Investment Risks

In the normal course of its business, the Trust trades various financial instruments and enters into certain investment activities with investment risks. These risks include: (i) market risk, (ii) volatility risk and (iii) credit, counterparty and liquidity risk. It is the Trust's policy to identify, measure and monitor risk through various mechanisms including risk management strategies and credit policies. These include monitoring risk guidelines and diversifying exposures across a variety of instruments, markets and counterparties. There can be no assurance that the Trust will be able to implement its credit guidelines or that its risk monitoring strategies will be successful.

The pandemic related to the global spread of novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19), which was first detected in December 2019, has resulted in significant disruptions to global business activity and the global economy, as well as the economies of individual countries, the financial performance of individual companies and sectors, and the securities and commodities markets in general. This pandemic, the full effects of which are still unknown, has resulted in substantial market volatility and may continue to adversely impact the prices and liquidity of the Trust's investments and the Trust's performance.

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#### **Impacts of COVID-19**

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#### LIBOR

The United Kingdom's Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA"), which regulates LIBOR, announced a desire to phase out the use of LIBOR by the end of 2021. LIBOR has historically been a common benchmark interest rate index used to make adjustments to variable-rate loans. It is used throughout global banking and financial industries to determine interest rates for a variety of financial instruments and borrowing arrangements. The transition process might lead to increased volatility and illiquidity in markets that currently rely on LIBOR to determine interest rates. It could also lead to a reduction in the value of some LIBOR-based investments held by a fund and reduce the effectiveness of new hedges placed against existing LIBOR-based investments. While some LIBOR-based instruments contemplate a scenario where LIBOR is no longer available by providing for an alternative rate-setting methodology, not all have such provisions and there may be significant uncertainty regarding the effectiveness of any such alternative methodologies. Since the usefulness of LIBOR as a benchmark could deteriorate during the transition period, these effects could occur prior to the end of 2021.

#### 7. Commitments and Contingencies

During the normal course of business, the Trust may enter into contracts and agreements that contain a variety of representations and warranties. The exposure, if any, to the Trust under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may or may not be made against the Trust and which have not yet occurred. The Trust has no history of prior claims related to such contracts and agreements.

At March 31, 2021 the Trust had the following unfunded commitments:

| Investment                                    | Unfunded Amount |           | Unfunded Value |           |
|---|-----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
| CORA Health Services,                         |                 |           |                |           |
| Inc.  | \$              | 80,301    | \$             | 80,959    |
| Dart Buyer, Inc                               |                 | 281,175   |                | 286,865   |
| Foundation Risk Partners,<br>Corp. (1st Lien) |                 | 82,088    |                | 87,254    |
| Foundation Risk Partners,<br>Corp. (2nd Lien) |                 | 222,222   |                | 225,782   |
| Home Care Assistance,<br>LLC                  |                 | 264,209   |                | 264,204   |
| IGL Holdings III Corp.                        |                 | 511,653   |                | 521,182   |
| Kano Laboratories LLC                         |                 | 395,138   |                | 402,550   |
| Navia Benefit Solutions                       |                 |           |                |           |
| Inc   |                 | 690,000   |                | 689,676   |
| Options Technology Ltd                        |                 | 335,621   |                | 337,032   |
| PPC Event Services                            |                 | 230,000   |                | -         |
| ROI Solutions, LLC                            |                 | 961,561   |                | 972,247   |
| Safety Products                               |                 | 446,247   |                | 446,738   |
| SEKO Worldwide, LLC                           |                 | 250,909   |                | 256,747   |
| Springbrook Software                          |                 | 448,116   |                | 453,790   |
| The Hilb Group, LLC                           |                 | 116,712   |                | 116,873   |
| Transit Technologies LLC                      |                 | 780,310   | _              | 752,638   |
|   | \$ 6            | 5,096,263 | \$ 5           | 5,894,537 |

As of March 31, 2021 unfunded commitments had unrealized depreciation of \$(201,726) or (0.13)% of net assets.

#### 8. Quarterly Results of Investment Operations (unaudited)

March 31, 2021

|                                     | Amount      | Per Share |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| Investment income                   | \$2,742,160 |           |
| Net investment income               | 2,059,266   | \$0.19    |
| Net realized and unrealized gain on |             |           |
| investments (net of taxes)          | 4,123,347   | 0.39      |

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#### DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND CASH PURCHASE PLAN

Barings Participation Investors (the "Trust") offers a Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan (the "Plan"). The Plan provides a simple and automatic way for shareholders to add to their holdings in the Trust through the receipt of dividend shares issued by the Trust or through the reinvestment of cash dividends in Trust shares purchased in the open market. The dividends of each shareholder will be automatically reinvested in the Trust by DST Systems, Inc., the Transfer Agent, in accordance with the Plan, unless such shareholder elects not to participate by providing written notice to the Transfer Agent. A shareholder may terminate his or her participation by notifying the Transfer Agent in writing.

Participating shareholders may also make additional contributions to the Plan from their own funds. Such contributions may be made by personal check or other means in an amount not less than \$100 nor more than \$5,000 per quarter. Cash contributions must be received by the Transfer Agent at least five days (but no more then 30 days) before the payment date of a dividend or distribution.

Whenever the Trust declares a dividend payable in cash or shares, the Transfer Agent, acting on behalf of each participating shareholder, will take the dividend in shares only if the net asset value is lower than the market price plus an estimated brokerage commission as of the close of business on the valuation day. The valuation day is the last day preceding the day of dividend payment.

When the dividend is to be taken in shares, the number of shares to be received is determined by dividing the cash dividend by the net asset value as of the close of business on the valuation date or, if greater than net asset value, 95% of the closing share price. If the net asset value of the shares is higher than the market value plus an estimated commission, the Transfer Agent, consistent with obtaining the best price and execution, will buy shares on the open market at current prices promptly after the dividend payment date.

The reinvestment of dividends does not, in any way, relieve participating shareholders of any federal, state or local tax. For federal income tax purposes, the amount reportable in respect of a dividend received in newly-issued shares of the Trust will be the fair market value of the shares received, which will be reportable as ordinary income and/or capital gains.

As compensation for its services, the Transfer Agent receives a fee of 5% of any dividend and cash contribution (in no event in excess of \$2.50 per distribution per shareholder.)

Any questions regarding the Plan should be addressed to DST Systems, Inc., Transfer Agent for Barings Participation Investors' Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan, P.O. Box 219086, Kansas City, MO 64121-9086.

