## BARINGS PARTICIPATION INVESTORS Form N-CSRS September 08, 2017

**UNITED STATES** 

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM N-CSR

CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT

**INVESTMENT COMPANIES** 

Investment Company Act file number 811-5531

Barings Participation Investors (Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

1500 Main Street, P.O. Box 15189, Springfield, MA 01115-5189 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Janice M. Bishop, Vice President, Secretary and Chief Legal Officer

Independence Wharf, 470 Atlantic Ave., Boston, MA 02210 (Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 413-226-1000

Date of fiscal year end: 12/31

Date of reporting period: 06/30/17

Form N-CSR is to be used by management investment companies to file reports with the Commission not later than 10 days after the transmission to stockholders of any report that is required to be transmitted to stockholders under Rule 30e-1 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30e-1). The Commission may use the information provided on Form N-CSR in its regulatory, disclosure review, inspection and policymaking roles

A registrant is required to disclose the information specified by Form N-CSR, and the Commission will make this information public. A registrant is not required to respond to the collection of information contained in Form N-CSR unless the Form displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") control number. Please direct comments concerning the accuracy of the information collection burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden to Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 110 F Street NE, Washington, DC 20549. The OMB has reviewed this collection of information under the clearance requirements of 44 U.S.C. ss. 3507.

## ITEM 1. REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS.

Attached hereto is the semi-annual shareholder report transmitted to shareholders pursuant to Rule 30e-1 of the nvestment Company Act of 1940, as amended.				

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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 maximize total return by providing a high level of current income, the potential for growth of income, and capital appreciation. The Trust's principal investments are privately placed, below-investment grade, long-term debt obligations purchased directly from their issuers, which tend to be smaller companies. The Trust will also invest in publicly traded debt securities (including high yield securities) again with an emphasis on those with equity features, and in convertible preferred stocks and, subject to certain limitations, readily marketable equity securities. Below-investment grade or high yield securities have predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to the capacity of the issuer to pay interest and repay principal. The Trust is prohibited from purchasing below-investment grade securities if, after giving effect to the purchase, more than 75% of the Trust's total assets would be invested in below-investment grade securities, which are securities that are rated, at the time of purchase, BB or B by S&P or Ba or B by Moody's, or, if unrated, are believed by Barings LLC ("Barings") to be of an equivalent quality. In addition, the Trust will not invest in any debt security that is rated, at the time of acquisition, below B by S&P or Moody's, or if unrated, is believed by Barings to be of an equivalent quality. In addition, the Trust

may invest in high quality, readily marketable securities.

Barings manages the Trust on a total return basis. 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-Q

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 Form N-Q. 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. A description of Barings' proxy voting policies and procedures is available (i) without charge, upon request, by calling, toll-free 866-399-1516; (ii) on the Trust's website: www.barings.com/mpv; and (iii) 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 (i) on the Trust's website: www.barings.com/mpv; and (ii) 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.

**Barings Participation Investors** 

TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS July 31, 2017

We are pleased to present the June 30, 2017 Quarterly Report of Barings Participation Investors (the "Trust").

The Board of Trustees declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.27 per share, payable on August 11, 2017 to shareholders of record on August 1, 2017. The Trust paid a \$0.27 per share dividend for the preceding quarter. The Trust earned \$0.29 per share of net investment income, including \$0.02 per share of non-recurring income for the second quarter of 2017, compared to \$0.29 per share, including \$0.04 per share of non-recurring income, in the previous quarter.

During the second quarter, the net assets of the Trust increased to \$145,538,123 or \$13.96 per share compared to \$141,119,693 or \$13.56 per share on March 31, 2017. This translates into a 5.0% 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 12.3%, 9.5%, 11.7%, 9.8% and 12.4% 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 share price decreased 1.1% during the quarter, from \$14.10 per share as of March 31, 2017 to \$13.95 per share as of June 30, 2017. The Trust's market price of \$13.95 per share equates to a 0.1% discount to the June 30, 2017 net asset value per share of \$13.96. The Trust's average quarter-end premium for the 3, 5 and 10-year periods was 0.86%, 6.59% and 6.90%, respectively. U.S. equity markets, as approximated by the Russell 2000 Index, increased 2.5% for the quarter. U.S. fixed income markets, as approximated by the Barclays Capital U.S. Corporate High Yield Index, increased 2.2% for the quarter.

The Trust closed three new private placement investments during the second quarter. The three new investments were in BEI Precision Systems & Space Company, Inc., English Color & Supply LLC and Whitebridge Pet Brands Holdings, LLC. A brief description of these investments can be found in the Consolidated Schedule of Investments. The total amount invested by the Trust in these transactions was \$5,079,000.

Middle market transaction activity continued to be below expectations in the second quarter. While overall middle market loan volume increased 2% compared to the first quarter of 2017 and 7% compared to the comparable quarter in 2016, the increase was primarily driven by refinancing activity as new money volume (an indicator of M&A activity) was down 5% from the first quarter. More importantly, it was the larger end of the middle market that posted the quarter-over-quarter and year-over-year growth. Lending activity in the "traditional middle market", the primary market segment in which the Trust invests, was down 13% compared to the first quarter of 2017 and 20% lower than the comparable quarter of 2016 (source: Thomson Reuters LPC Middle Market Weekly – July 14, 2017). Exacerbating the low M&A activity is the continuation of hyper-competitive market conditions driven by the increasing abundance of debt capital available to borrowers. While deal flow remains stable and we continue to actively pursue new investment opportunities on behalf of the Trust, we do so cautiously in order to generate attractive investment returns without taking inappropriate levels of risk, a strategy that has served us well over the years.

The Trust's remaining portfolio remains in good condition with the number of companies on our watch list and/or in default remaining stable and at acceptable levels. Furthermore, the majority of the underlying companies in the portfolio generally demonstrated stable to improving financial performance during the quarter. Five private companies in which the Trust had outstanding investments were sold during the quarter resulting in favorable outcomes. In addition, three companies prepaid a portion or all of their subordinated debt held by the Trust. At quarter-end there were eleven companies in which the Trust had outstanding investments which were in an active sale process. We

would expect these companies to be sold over the next few quarters.

The Trust was able to maintain its \$0.27 per share quarterly dividend in the first quarter. While the portion of the Trust's portfolio made up of interest bearing securities continues to increase, it remained necessary to supplement recurring investment income with \$0.01 per share of earnings carry forward in order to maintain the \$0.27 per share dividend. While it has steadily improved over the past few quarters, recurring investment income alone has not been sufficient, and may not be sufficient in the near term, to fully fund the current dividend rate. Net investment income has been below the dividend rate since 2013 principally due to the considerable reduction in the number of private debt securities

in the portfolio resulting from the high level of exits and prepayment activity that occurred from 2013 through 2015,

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combined with generally lower investment returns available due to market and competitive dynamics over the past several years. Over the past several quarters we have made good progress in growing recurring investment income over the past several quarters, as many of the investments exited by the Trust in privately held companies were in non-interest bearing securities, while the majority of the Trust's new investments in privately held companies have been in interest bearing debt securities. However, the Trust's recurring investment income remained below the dividend rate and may continue to require supplementation from non-recurring income in the near term. The level of expected recurring investment income generated by the Trust in 2017, combined with the availability of earnings carry forwards and other non-recurring income, is expected to be sufficient to maintain the current dividend rate over the next several quarters. However, until recurring investment income consistently reaches a level equal to the current dividend rate, there is the risk that the dividend may need to be reduced in the future.

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

Sincerely,

Robert M. Shettle

President

Portfolio Composition as of 6/30/2017\*

\* Based on market value of total investments (including cash)

Cautionary Notice: Certain statements contained in this report may be "forward looking" statements. Investors are cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date on which they are made and which reflect management's current estimates, projections, expectations or beliefs, and which are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially. These statements are subject to change at any time based upon economic, market or other conditions and may not be relied upon as investment advice or an indication of the Trust's trading intent. References to specific securities are not recommendations of such securities, and may not be representative of the Trust's current or future investments. We undertake no obligation to publicly update forward looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

## Barings Participation Investors CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

Assets: Investments (See Consolidated Schedule of Investments) Corporate restricted securities at fair value (Cost - \$99,124,728) Corporate restricted securities at market value (Cost - \$18,371,866) Corporate public securities at market value	\$100,802,259 18,495,908
(Cost - \$29,480,828) Short-term securities at amortized cost	30,343,308 3,827,690
Total investments (Cost - \$150,805,112)	153,469,165
Cash Interest receivable Other assets Tax receivable	6,480,972 1,638,021 6,773 5,809
Total assets	161,600,740
Liabilities: Note payable Deferred tax liability Investment advisory fee payable Interest payable Accrued expenses  Total liabilities  Total net assets	15,000,000 527,673 327,461 27,267 180,216 16,062,617 \$145,538,123
Net Assets: Common shares, par value \$.01 per share Additional paid-in capital Retained net realized gain on investments, prior years Undistributed net investment income Accumulated net realized gain on investments Net unrealized appreciation of investments	\$104,224 95,408,919 40,511,310 3,730,563 3,646,727 2,136,380
Total net assets	\$145,538,123
Common shares issued and outstanding (14,787,750 authorized)	10,422,475

\$13.96

Net asset value per share

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the six months ended June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

Investment Income: Interest Dividends Other	\$6,039,165 1,069,525 164,513
Total investment income	7,273,203
Expenses: Investment advisory fees Interest Trustees' fees and expenses Professional fees Reports to shareholders Custodian fees Other	644,980 306,750 121,000 115,822 48,000 11,997 53,616
Total expenses	1,302,165
Investment income - net	5,971,038
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments: Net realized gain on investments before taxes Income tax expense	1,287,961 (128,855 )
Net realized gain on investments after taxes	1,159,106
Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments before taxes Net (increase) decrease in deferred income tax expense	4,222,936 (112,659 )
Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments after taxes	4,110,277
Net gain on investments	5,269,383
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$11,240,421

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Barings Participation Investors CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the six months ended June 30, 2017

(Unaudited)

Net increase in cash: Cash flows from operating activities: Purchases/Proceeds/Maturities from short-term portfolio securities, net Purchases of portfolio securities Proceeds from disposition of portfolio securities Interest, dividends and other income received Interest expense paid Operating expenses paid Income taxes paid	\$6,203,522 (15,366,904 11,479,820 6,978,218 (306,750 (953,692 (638,967	-
Net cash provided by operating activities	7,395,247	
Cash flows from financing activities: Cash dividends paid from net investment income Receipts for shares issued on reinvestment of dividends	(5,613,481 500,185	)
Net cash used for financing activities	(5,113,296	)
Net increase in cash Cash - beginning of period	2,281,951 4,199,021	
Cash - end of period	\$6,480,972	
Reconciliation of net increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$11,240,421	
Increase in investments Decrease in interest receivable Decrease in receivable for investments sold Decrease in other assets	(3,772,135 110,493 152,188 20,010	)
Decrease in tax payable Increase in deferred tax liability Increase in investment advisory fee payable Increase in accrued expenses	, *	)
Total adjustments to net assets from operations	(3,845,174	)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$7,395,247	

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	For the six months ended 06/30/2017 (Unaudited)	For the year ended 12/31/2016
Increase in net assets:		
Operations:		
Investment income - net	\$5,971,038	\$10,324,242
Net realized gain on investments after taxes	1,159,106	1,279,991
Net change in unrealized appreciation of investments after taxes	4,110,277	38,399
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	11,240,421	11,642,632
Increase from common shares issued on reinvestment of dividends Common shares issued (2017 - 36,302; 2016 - 57,782)	500,185	806,973
Dividends to shareholders from:		
Net investment income (2017 - \$0.27 per share; 2016 - \$1.08 per share)	(2,809,214)	(11,192,508)
Total increase in net assets	8,931,392	1,257,097
Net assets, beginning of period/year	136,606,731	135,349,634
Net assets, end of period/year (including undistributed net investment income of \$3,730,563 and \$568,739, respectively)	\$145,538,123	\$136,606,731

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Barings Participation Investors CONSOLIDATED SELECTED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS Selected data for each share of beneficial interest outstanding:

	n e	For the six nonths ended			For the y	years	ended De	ecem	ber 31,			
		06/30/2017 Unaudited			2016		2015		2014		2013	
Net asset value: Beginning of period/year	\$	3 13.15			\$13.10		\$13.35		\$12.83		\$12.56	
Net investment income (a) Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on		0.57			1.00		0.95		1.04		1.00	
investments		0.51			0.13		(0.12	)	0.57		0.35	
Total from investment operations		1.08			1.13		0.83		1.61		1.35	
Dividends from net investment income to common shareholders Dividends from realized gain on investments to	o	(0.27	)		(1.08	)	(1.08	)	(0.96	)	(1.08	)
common shareholders Increase from dividends reinvested		(0.00	)(b)	)	(0.00	)(b)	(0.00	)(b)	(0.12 (0.01	)	(0.00	)(b)
Total dividends		(0.27	)		(1.08	)	(1.08	)	(1.09	)	(1.08	)
Net asset value: End of period/year	\$	3 13.96			\$13.15		\$13.10		\$13.35		\$12.83	
Per share market value:												
End of period/year	\$	3 13.95			\$14.20		\$13.75		\$13.23		\$12.88	
Total investment return		0.00%			0.750		6.224		12.61	~-	10.05	~
Net asset value (c) Market value (c)		8.29% 0.15%			8.75% 11.45%	6	6.23% 12.66%		13.61° 12.54°		10.97 0.47%	
Net assets (in millions):		0.13 //			11.73/	U	12.007	U	12.34	70	0.47/6	,
End of period/year	\$	145.54			\$136.61		\$135.35		\$137.5	7	\$131.4	2
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets		2.05%			2.26%		2.17%		2.84%		2.15%	)
Ratio of operating expenses to average net												
assets		1.43%			1.35%		1.49%		1.49%		1.51%	
Ratio of interest expense to average net assets Ratio of income tax expense to average net		0.44%			0.44%		0.44%		0.45%	)	0.47%	)
assets (d)		0.18%			0.47%		0.24%		0.90%	)	0.17%	)
Ratio of net investment income to average net												
assets		8.56%			7.45%		6.95%		7.82%	)	7.77%	)
Portfolio turnover		8%			31%		30%		32%		30%	

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

<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.

As additional information, this ratio is included to reflect the taxes paid on retained long-term gains. These taxes (d) paid are netted against realized capital gains in the Statement of Operations. The taxes paid are treated as deemed distributions and a credit for the taxes paid is passed on to shareholders.

### Senior borrowings:

Total principal amount (in millions) \$15 \$15 \$15 \$15 \$15 Asset coverage per \$1,000 of indebtedness \$10,703 \$10,107 \$10,023 \$10,171 \$9,761

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# CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

Corporate Restricted Securities - 81.97%: (A)  Private Placement Investments - 69.26%: (C)	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date	Cost	Fair Value
Titvate Flacement investments 07.20%. (C)				
1492 Acquisition LLC A leading producer of premium Italian cured meats and Limited Liability Company Unit Class A Preferred (B) Limited Liability Company Unit Class A Common (B)	102 uts.	the U.S. 10/17/12 10/17/12	\$102,270 11,364	\$145,370 206,835
			113,634	352,205
ABC Industries, Inc. A manufacturer of mine and tunneling ventilation produ 13% Senior Subordinated Note due 07/31/2019	\$109,335	. 08/01/12	104,592	108,572
Preferred Stock Series A (B)	125,000 shs.	08/01/12	125,000	236,594
Warrant, exercisable until 2022, to purchase common			,	
stock at \$.02 per share (B)	22,414 shs.	08/01/12	42,446	39,924
			272,038	385,090
Advanced Manufacturing Enterprises LLC A designer and manufacturer of large, custom gearing papplications.	products for a	number of crit	tical customer	
Limited Liability Company Unit (B)	1,945 uts.	*	207,910	_
* 12/07/12, 07/11/13 and 06/30/15.				
AFC - Dell Holding Corporation A distributor and provider of inventory management ser manufacturing and production facilities. 12.5% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	rvices for "C-I	Parts" used by	OEMs in the	ir
due 09/27/2020	\$1,209,354		1,193,496	1,221,447
Preferred Stock (B) Common Stock (B)	1,122 shs. 346 shs.	03/27/15 03/27/15	112,154 346	100,320
			1,305,996	1,321,767
Airxcel Holdings A leading manufacturer of a broad range of climate con cooking appliances, furnaces, powered vents, and water Limited Liability Company Unit		including air-	-conditioners,	heat pumps, 493,307
Zimiou Ziucini, Compuny Cint	200 ato.	11,10,17	200,000	1,5,501

AM Conservation Holding Corp.

A supplier of energy efficiency ("EE") products, including lighting, shower heads and aerators, and weatherization products such as door seals and weather stripping.

11.75% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

due 04/30/2023	\$1,568,182 156,818	10/31/16	1,539,044	1,573,435	
Common Stock (B)	shs.		156,818	239,648	
			1,695,862	1,813,083	

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CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

Principal
Amount,
Shares,
Units or

Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)

Ownership Acquisition

11/19/15

Percentage Date Cost Fair Value

## AMS Holding LLC

A leading multi-channel direct marketer of high-value collectible coins and proprietary-branded jewelry and watches.

Limited Liability Company Unit Class A Preferred (B)(F) 114 uts. 10/04/12 \$113,636 \$250,366

### API Technologies Corp.

A designer, developer and manufacturer of electronic systems, subsystems, modules and secure communications for technically demanding defense, aerospace and commercial applications in the U.S. and internationally.

12% (1%	PIK)	Senior Subordinated Note
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due 04/22/2023	\$1,396,478	04/22/16	1,382,152	1,418,083
Limited Liability Company Unit (B)	0.40% int.	04/20/16	345,000	345,000
			1.727.152	1.763.083

### ARI Holding Corporation

A leading national supplier of products used primarily by specialty contractors.

11.5% (0.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

due 02/01/2020	\$1,717,398	*	1,702,645	1,717,398
Limited Partnership Interest	524 uts.	08/01/14	523,950	589,609
* 05/21/13 and 08/01/14.			2,226,595	2,307,007

### ASC Holdings, Inc.

A manufacturer of capital equipment used by corrugated box manufacturers.

13% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 05/18/2021 \$752,432

,	111,100				
Limited Liability Company Unit (B)	uts.	11/18/15	111,100	33,441	
			852,030	755,990	

### Aurora Parts & Accessories LLC

A distributor of aftermarket over-the-road semi-trailer parts and accessories sold to customers across North America.

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11% Senior Subordinated Note due 02/17/2022	\$1,515,400	08/17/15	1,492,024	1,551,895
Preferred Stock (B)	210 shs.	08/17/15	209,390	197,412
Common Stock (B)	210 shs.	08/17/15	210	

722,549

740,930

1,701,624 1,749,307

491,228

Avantech Testing Services LLC

A manufacturer of custom Non-Destructive Testing ("NDT") systems and provider of NDT and inspections services primarily to the oil country tubular goods market.

15% (3.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

due 01/31/2021 (D)	\$500,587	07/31/14	491,228	
Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)	45,504 uts.	*		

\* 07/31/14 and 10/14/15.

# CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

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	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or			
Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date	Cost	Fair Value
BEI Precision Systems & Space Company, Inc. A provider of advanced design, manufacturing, an positioning systems, precision accelerometers, an 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note			l encoder-bas	ed
due 04/28/2024	\$1,449,000	04/28/17	\$1,420,486	\$1,463,138
Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)	2,760 uts.	04/28/17	276,000	276,000
			1,696,486	1,739,138
Blue Wave Products, Inc. A distributor of pool supplies.				
10% Senior Secured Term Note due 09/30/2018 13% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	\$99,291	10/12/12	98,775	99,291
due 09/30/2019	\$333,075	10/12/12	322,844	333,075
Common Stock (B)	51,064 shs.	10/12/12	51,064	311,839
Warrant, exercisable until 2022, to purchase				
common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	20,216 shs.	10/12/12	20,216	123,456
			492,899	867,661
BlueSpire Holding, Inc. A marketing services firm that integrates strategy marketing solutions for clients in the senior living 12.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note				
due 06/30/2021 (D)	\$1,585,908	06/30/15	1,561,276	
Common Stock (B)	1,417 shs.	06/30/15	156,800	_
			1,718,076	_
BP SCI LLC A leading value-added distributor of branded pipe markets.	es, valves, and	l fittings (PVF	F) to diversifie	ed end
Limited Liability Company Unit Class A (B)(F)	417 uts.	10/17/12	41,667	71,251
Limited Liability Company Unit Class B (B)(F)	167 uts.	10/17/12	166,666	284,292
			208,333	355,543
CG Holdings Manufacturing Company	.161 -1	4		_
A coating provider serving the automotive, agriculting Senior Subordinated Note due 11/01/2019	\$1,412,605	truck and other	er end market 1,367,762	s. 1,412,606
Preferred Stock (B)	1,350 shs.	*	134,972	1,412,000

Preferred Stock (B)	489 shs.	*	48,721	63,770
Common Stock (B)	140 shs.	*	14,864	275,704
Warrant, exercisable until 2023, to purchase				
common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	58 shs.	*	5,430	114,518
* 05/09/13 and 11/01/13.			1,571,749	2,042,543

**Barings Participation Investors** 

CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

Principal Amount, Shares, Units or

Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) Ownership Acquisition

Percentage Date Cost Fair Value

1,050,898

1,075,275

CHG Alternative Education Holding Company

A leading provider of publicly-funded, for profit pre-K-12 education services targeting special needs children at therapeutic day schools and "at risk" youth through alternative education programs.

13.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

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due 06/19/2020	\$785,781	01/19/11	\$778,662	\$785,781	
14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note					
due 06/19/2020	\$207,076	08/03/12	205,486	207,076	
Common Stock (B)	375 shs.	01/19/11	37,500	46,145	
Warrant, exercisable until 2021, to purchase					
common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	295 shs.	01/19/11	29,250	36,273	
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Church Services Holding Company

A provider of diversified residential services to homeowners in the Houston, Dallas, and Austin markets.

Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) 1 ut. 03/26/12 189,978 —

Clarion Brands Holding Corp.

A portfolio of six over-the-counter (OTC) pharmaceutical brands whose products are used to treat tinnitus or ringing of the ear, excessive sweating, urinary tract infections, muscle pain, and skin conditions.

12.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

due 04/01/2021	\$2,038,644	*	2,009,730	2,031,424
Limited Liability Company Unit (B)	1,853 uts.	07/18/16	189,267	150,108
* 10/01/14 and 07/18/16.			2,198,997	2,181,532

Clough, Harbour and Associates

An engineering service firm that is located in Albany, NY.

Preferred Stock (B) 147 shs. 12/02/08 146,594 647,901

Compass Chemical International LLC

A manufacturer and supplier of standard and specialty formulated chemicals, primarily phosphoric acid derivatives called phosphonates.

Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) 230 uts. 03/04/15 147,304 144,984

# Connecticut Electric, Inc.

A supplier and distributor of electrical products sold into the retail and	wholesale markets.
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Limited Liability Company Unit Class A (B)	82,613 uts.	01/12/07	82,613	129,292
Limited Liability Company Unit Class C (B)	59,756 uts.	01/12/07	59,756	104,062
	671,525			
Limited Liability Company Unit Class D (B)	uts.	05/03/10		1,123,988
Limited Liability Company Unit Class E (B)	1,102 uts.	05/03/10		262,533
			142,369	1,619,875

# CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

	Principal			
	Amount,			
	Shares,			
	Units or			
Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Ownership	Acquisition		
	Percentage	Date	Cost	Fair Value
CORA Health Services, Inc.				
A provider of outpatient rehabilitation therapy ser	vices.			
12.75% (1.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note				
due 06/30/2023	\$771,637	06/30/16	\$757,920	\$788,521
Preferred Stock Series A (B)	758 shs.	06/30/16	72,033	81,662
Common Stock Class A (B)	3,791 shs.	06/30/16	3,791	9,671
			022 744	050 054
			833,744	879,854
CTM Holding Inc				
CTM Holding, Inc. A leading owner and operator of coin-operated ch	ildran'a ridas	nanny nracca	s and aandy k	ricales in the
U.S.	maren s maes,	, penny presse	s and candy k	liosks iii tile
15% (3% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note				
due 11/22/2019	\$1,316,408	11/22/13	1,304,378	1,316,408
Common Stock (B)	90 shs.	*	514,284	406,487
Common Stock (B)	70 SH3.		311,201	100,107
* 11/22/13 and 09/16/16.			1,818,662	1,722,895
Del Real LLC				
A manufacturer and distributor of fully-prepared			entrees as we	ll as side
dishes that are typically sold on a heat-and-serve				
11% Senior Subordinated Note due 04/06/2023	\$1,420,588	10/07/16	1,394,451	1,417,587
	304,412			
Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)	uts.	10/07/16	304,412	316,588
			1 (00 0(0	1 704 175
			1,698,863	1,734,175
DDI II-11's Comment's				
DPL Holding Corporation	laraerriega ne	ets for modius	m and haaru	luty touolea
A distributor and manufacturer of aftermarket und and trailers.	iercarriage pa	irts for mediui	ii aliu lieavy c	iuty trucks
14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note				
due 11/04/2020	\$1,418,035	05/04/12	1,407,521	1,389,256
Preferred Stock (B)	φ1,410,033 25 shs.	05/04/12	252,434	241,040
Common Stock (B)	25 shs.	05/04/12	28,048	
Common Stock (B)	20 5115.	02/01/12	20,010	
			1,688,003	1,630,296
			, ,	, , ,
Dunn Paper				
A provider of specialty paper for niche product ap	plications.			
9.75% Second Lien Term Loan due 08/31/2023	\$1,725,000	09/28/16	1,694,078	1,690,500

Eagle Family Foods, Inc.

A producer of low-cost branded and private label canned milk.

10.05% Last Out Term Loan due 12/31/2021 \$1,725,000 12/22/15 1,705,594 1,725,000

**Barings Participation Investors** 

CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

Principal Amount, Shares, Units or

Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) Ownership Acquisition

Percentage Date Cost Fair Value

#### **ECG Consulting Group**

A healthcare management consulting company who provides strategic, financial, operational, and technology related consulting services to healthcare providers.

11.75% (0.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

 due 11/21/2020
 \$1,319,285
 11/21/14
 \$1,300,093
 \$1,332,477

 Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)
 230 uts.
 11/19/14
 71,875
 95,572

1,371,968 1,428,049

### Elite Sportwear Holding, LLC

A designer and manufacturer of gymnastics, competitive cheerleading and swimwear apparel in the U.S. and internationally.

11.5% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

 due 10/13/2021
 \$1,576,610
 10/14/16
 1,552,229
 1,577,138

 Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)
 101 uts.
 10/14/16
 159,722
 155,843

1,711,951 1,732,981

#### English Color & Supply LLC

A distributor of aftermarket automotive paint and related products to collision repair shops, auto dealerships and fleet customers through a network of stores in the Southern U.S.

11.5% (0.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

due 12/31/2023	\$1,327,305 397,695	06/30/17	1,300,770	1,327,305
Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)	uts.	06/30/17	397,695	397,695
			1,698,465	1,725,000

### **ERG Holding Company LLC**

A provider of inpatient and outpatient clinical trial services to pharmaceutical companies and contract research organizations.

13.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note				
due 10/04/2019	\$976,630	04/04/14	967,262	976,630
14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note				
due 10/04/2019	\$257,061	07/01/16	253,325	262,202
Common Stock (B)	0.31% int.	04/04/14	77,533	86,301
			1,298,120	1,325,133

FFC Holding Corporation

A leading U.S. manufacturer of private label frozen novelty and ice cream products.

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Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B)	171 uts.	09/27/10	58,345	84,024
Limited Liability Company Unit Common (B)	171 uts.	09/27/10	17,073	469,957
			75.418	553,981

## F G I Equity LLC

A manufacturer of a broad range of filters and related products that are used in commercial, light industrial, healthcare, gas turbine, nuclear, laboratory, clean room, hotel, educational system, and food processing settings.

Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B)	80,559 uts.	04/15/14		80,559
Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-1 (B)	65,789 uts.	12/15/10	65,789	296,887
Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-2 (B)	8,248 uts.	12/15/10	8,248	37,221
Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-3 (B)	6,522 uts.	08/30/12	15,000	31,126
Limited Liability Company Unit Class C (B)	1,575 uts.	12/20/10	16,009	50,677
			105,046	496,470

## CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

Principal
Amount,
Shares,
Units or

Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) Ownership Acquisition

Percentage Date Cost Fair Value

### FMH Holdings Corporation

A designer and manufacturer of highly engineered components for the aerospace, defense and space industries.

Common Stock (B) 148 shs. 05/01/15 \$148,096 \$274,041

#### GD Dental Services LLC

A provider of convenient "onestop" general, specialty, and cosmetic dental services with 21 offices located throughout South and Central Florida.

Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B)	76 uts.	10/05/12	75,920	106,457
Limited Liability Company Unit Common (B)	767 uts.	10/05/12	767	—
			76,687	106,457

#### GenNx Novel Holding, Inc.

A manufacturer and distributor of nutraceutical ingredients.

15% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

due 03/27/2020	\$1,617,979	1,599,754	1,537,080
Common Stock (B)	15,500 shs.	155,000	103,830
		1,754,754	1,640,910

### gloProfessional Holdings, Inc.

A marketer and distributor of premium mineral-based cosmetics, cosmeceuticals and professional hair care products to the professional spa and physician's office channels.

14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

due 03/27/2019	\$1,232,251	03/27/13	1,223,615	1,232,251
Common Stock (B)	1,181 shs.	03/27/13	118,110	125,639
			1,341,725	1,357,890

## Glynlyon Holding Companies, Inc.

A technology-enabled curriculum provider of K-12 and support services predominantly to small and medium public school districts.

12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

due 01/05/2022	\$1,600,755	01/15/16	1,574,896	1,632,770
Common Stock (B)	147 shs.	01/15/16	147,436	238,967
			1,722,332	1,871,737

### GlynnDevins Acquisition Corporation

A marketing communications agency that services senior living facilities.

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Preferred Stock Series A (B)	342 shs.	06/19/15	70,683	81,107
Common Stock (B)	342 shs.	06/19/15	2,945	37,244
			73,628	118,351

### **Grakon Parent**

The leading designer and manufacturer of highly-engineered and customized LED and incandescent lighting systems for transportation-based markets.

Common Stock (B) 175 shs. 10/31/14 174,831 168,908

**Barings Participation Investors** 

CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2017

(Unaudited)

Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership	Acquisition		
Corporate Resultation (21) (Continued)	Percentage	Date	Cost	Fair Value
GTI Holding Company				
A designer, developer, and marketer of precision special 12% Senior Subordinated Note due 02/05/2020	s 127,865	and handheld 02/05/14	\$700,464	nts. \$719,575
Common Stock (B)	846 shs.	02/05/14	84,636	59,675
Warrant, exercisable until 2024, to purchase			- ,	<b>,</b>
common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	397 shs.	02/05/14	36,816	28,004
			821,916	807,254
Handi Quilter Holding Company (Premier Needle Arts)				
A designer and manufacturer of long-arm quilting mach quilting market.		ed component	s for the cons	umer
12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note				
due 06/19/2021	\$1,725,000	*	1,699,446	1,739,071
Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B)	372 uts.	**	371,644	424,372
Limited Liability Company Unit Common Class A (B)	3,594 uts.	12/19/14		
* 12/19/14 and 02/21/17. **12/19/14 and 04/29/16.			2,071,090	2,163,443
Happy Floors Acquisition, Inc.				
A wholesale importer and value-added distributor of pre- commercial end markets.	emium Europe	ean flooring ti	le to residentia	al and
12.5% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note				
due 07/01/2022	\$1,591,314		1,563,576	1,620,487
Common Stock (B)	150 shs.	07/01/16	149,500	160,492
			1,713,076	1,780,979
Hartland Controls Holding Corporation				
A manufacturer and distributor of electronic and electro 14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	mechanical co	omponents.		
due 08/14/2020	\$1,117,470	02/14/14	1,106,474	1,117,470
12% Senior Subordinated Note due 08/14/2020	\$431,250	06/22/15	428,680	435,563
Common Stock (B)	821 shs.	02/14/14	822	291,672
			1,535,976	1,844,705

HHI Group, LLC

A developer, marketer, and distributor of hobby-grade radio control products.

14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

due 11/26/2020 \$1,731,564 01/17/14 1,715,309 1,644,986 Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) 102 uts. 01/17/14 101,563 —

1,816,872 1,644,986

Hollandia Produce LLC

A hydroponic greenhouse producer of branded root vegetables.

14.25% (2.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

due 12/11/2020 \$1,377,741 \* 1,357,447 1,331,341

<sup>\* 12/30/15</sup> and 12/23/16.

# CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) HOP Entertainment LLC	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date	Cost	Fair Value
A provider of post production equipment and services to				. =
Limited Liability Company Unit Class F (B)(F)	47 uts.	10/14/11	<b>\$</b> —	\$—
Limited Liability Company Unit Class G (B)(F)	114 uts.	10/14/11	<del></del>	
Limited Liability Company Unit Class H (B)(F) Limited Liability Company Unit Class I (B)(F)	47 uts. 47 uts.	10/14/11 10/14/11	<del></del>	_
Elimited Liability Company Unit Class I (B)(F)	47 uts.	10/14/11	<del></del>	<del></del>
			_	_
Hospitality Mints Holding Company				
A manufacturer of individually-wrapped imprinted pron				
12% Senior Subordinated Note due 10/01/2018	\$1,098,837	08/19/08	1,095,927	1,050,989
Common Stock (B)	251 shs.	08/19/08	251,163	20,387
Warrant, exercisable until 2018, to purchase				
common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	65 shs.	08/19/08	60,233	5,270
			1,407,323	1,076,646
HVAC Holdings, Inc. A provider of integrated energy efficiency services and 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 07/19/2022 Limited Liability Company Unit Class A Preferred (B) Limited Liability Company Unit Class A Common (B) * 07/19/16 and 09/06/16.	\$1,134,472 1,127 uts. 910 uts.	orograms for I * 09/27/12 09/27/12	1,122,401 112,726 910 1,236,037	1,134,472 173,732 221,091 1,529,295
Ideal Tridon Holdings, Inc. A designer and manufacturer of clamps and couplings u markets.	sed in automo	tive and indus	strial end	
Common Stock	93 shs.	10/27/11	77,462	193,692
Impact Confections An independent manufacturer and marketer of confectio candies, Melster® brand classic candies, and co-manufacturer and marketer of confection candies, Melster® brand classic candies, and co-manufacturer and Melster and Stock (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 11/10/2020 Common Stock (B)	ctured/private	•		d sour 1,081,684 174,781
Common Stock (B)	<i>-,500</i> 5115.	11/10/17	250,000	171,701

1,308,263 1,256,465

Insurance Claims Management, Inc.

A third party administrator providing auto and property claim administration services for insurance companies.

Common Stock (B)

47 shs.

02/27/07

1,424

125,607

**Barings Participation Investors** 

CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

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Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Percentage	Acquisition Date	Cost	Fair Value
Janus Group Holdings LLC A manufacturer of roll-up doors and hallway systems th facilities.			-storage	
Limited Liability Company Unit Class A (B)(F)	283 uts.	12/11/13	<b>\$</b> —	\$1,386,763
JMH Investors LLC A developer and manufacturer of custom formulations f		ety of foods.		
Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)	1,038,805 uts.	12/05/12	232,207	
Elimited Liability Company Unit (B)(1)	163,043	12/03/12	232,207	<del></del>
Limited Liability Company Unit Class A-1 (B)(F)	uts. 1,032,609	10/31/16	163,043	194,429
Limited Liability Company Unit Class A-2 (B)(F)	uts.	10/31/16	_	38,795
			395,250	233,224
K P I Holdings, Inc.				
The largest player in the U.S. non-automotive, non-ferro	•	g segment. 06/30/15		80,984
Limited Liability Company Unit Class C Preferred (B) Common Stock (B)	353 shs.	07/15/08	— 285,619	119,713
			285,619	200,697
			·	·
Kyjen Company A designer and distributer of branded and private label of 13% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	dog toys and a	accessories pri	marily in the	US.
due 10/14/2021	\$1,316,050	10/14/15	1,295,615	1,342,371
Mail Communications Group, Inc.  A provider of mail processing and handling services, let	tershon servic	es and comm	nercial printin	o services
Limited Liability Company Unit Warrant, exercisable until 2018, to purchase	12,764 uts.	*	166,481	223,209
common stock at \$.01 per share (B)(F)	1,787 shs.	05/04/07	22,781	31,251
* 05/04/07 and 01/02/08.			189,262	254,460

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A designer and distributor of women's swimwear.				
12.5% Senior Subordinated Note due 01/15/2018 (D)	\$419,971	01/15/10	404,121	209,986
15% (2.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note				
due 01/15/2018 (D)	\$115,253	10/05/10	114,604	57,626
Common Stock (B)	35 shs.	10/05/10	35,400	
Common Stock Class B (B)	118 shs.	01/15/10	117,647	_
Warrant, exercisable until 2019, to purchase				
common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	104 shs.	10/05/10	94,579	
			766,351	267,612

# CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)  Master Cutlery LLC	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date	Cost	Fair Value
A designer and marketer of a wide assortment of knives a	and swords.			
13% Senior Subordinated Note due 04/17/2020	\$868,102	04/17/15	\$861,517	\$782,885
Limited Liability Company Unit	5 uts.	04/17/15	678,329	
			1,539,846	782,885
MC Sign Holdings LLC				
A provider of sign and lighting services nationwide.				
11.75% (0.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	Φ.0.07. 4.40	ale.	071 400	007.477
due 08/09/2022	\$987,448	*	971,408	997,477
Limited Lighility Company Unit Class D (D)	101,500	09/22/15	101 500	1 15 056
Limited Liability Company Unit Class B (B)	uts.	09/22/13	101,500	145,856
* 09/22/15 and 02/09/17.			1,072,908	1,143,333
0)/22/13 tild 02/0)/11.			1,072,700	1,143,333
Merex Holding Corporation A provider of after-market spare parts and components, a for "out of production" or "legacy" aerospace and defense the original equipment manufacturers.  16% Senior Subordinated Note due 10/30/2019 (D)  15% PIK Senior Subordinated Note due 04/30/2022 (D)  14% PIK Senior Subordinated Note due 06/30/2019  Common Stock Class A (B)  * 08/18/15, 10/20/16 and 01/27/17.				
MES Partners, Inc. An industrial service business offering an array of cleaning region of the U.S. 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 09/30/2021  Common Stock Class B (B)	\$1,112,176 219,545 shs.		1,096,936 219,545 1,316,481	1,098,010 94,045 1,192,055

Midwest Industrial Rubber, Inc.

A supplier of industrial maintenance, repair, and operations ("MRO") products, specializing in the fabrication and distribution of lightweight conveyor belting and related conveyor components and accessories.

12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

due 12/02/2022	\$1,562,678	12/02/16	1,533,696	1,588,827
Preferred Stock (B)	1,711 shs.	12/02/16	171,116	152,002
Common Stock (B)	242 shs.	12/02/16	242	_
			1,705,054	1,740,829

**Barings Participation Investors** 

CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

Principal	
Amount,	
Shares,	
Units or	

Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)

Ownership Acquisition

Percentage Date Fair Value Cost

MNX Holding Company

An international third party logistics company providing customized logistics services to customers across the globe.

14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

due 11/02/2019	\$1,322,897	11/02/12	\$1,312,113	\$1,322,897
Common Stock (B)	45 shs.	11/02/12	44,643	36,317

1,356,756 1,359,214

279,690

340,114

Money Mailer Equity LLC

A leading provider of hyperlocal shared direct mail advertising as well as interactive and online advertising solutions through its nationwide production and distribution network.

12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

due 10/29/2021 \$1,743,842 04/29/16 1,714,808 1,675,100

**Motion Controls Holdings** 

A manufacturer of high performance mechanical motion control and linkage products.

14.25% (1.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

due 08/15/2020	\$281,660	11/30/10	279,690	281,660
Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-1 (B)(F)	75,000 uts.	11/30/10		53,594
Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-2 (B)(F)	6,801 uts.	11/30/10		4,860

NetShape Technologies, Inc.

A manufacturer of powder metal and metal injection molded precision components used in industrial, consumer, and other applications.

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12% Senior Subordinated Note due 06/10/2020 (D)	\$810,000	02/02/07	809,408	
Limited Partnership Interest of Saw Mill				
PCG Partners LLC (B)	1.46% int.	02/01/07	588,077	_
Limited Liability Company Unit Class D of Saw Mill				
PCG Partners LLC (B)	9 uts.	*	8,873	_
Limited Liability Company Unit Class D-1 of Saw Mill				
PCG Partners LLC (B)	121 uts.	09/30/09	121,160	_
Limited Liability Company Unit Class D-2 of Saw Mill				
PCG Partners LLC (B)	68 uts.	04/29/11	34,547	_
Limited Liability Company Unit Class D-3 of Saw Mill				
PCG Partners LLC (B)	104 uts.	12/10/14	103,904	_

\* 12/18/08 and 09/30/09. 1,665,969 —

NSi Industries Holdings, Inc.

A manufacturer and distributer of electrical components and accessories to small to mid-sized electrical wholesalers.

12.75% (1.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

 due 05/17/2023
 \$1,527,814
 06/30/16
 1,500,915
 1,553,096

 Common Stock (B)
 207 shs.
 05/17/16
 207,000
 247,454

1,707,915 1,800,550

# CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

	Principal Amount, Shares,			
Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Units or Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date	Cost	Fair Value
PANOS Brands LLC	rereemage	Dute	Cost	Turi varae
A marketer and distributor of branded consumer for	oods in the spe	ecialty, natura	l, better-for-y	ou,"free
from" healthy and gluten-free categories.	_	-		
12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note				
due 07/29/2021	\$1,449,000	01/29/16	\$1,425,751	\$1,477,980
12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note				
due 08/17/2022	\$326,705 380,545	02/17/17	320,483	330,195
Common Stock Class B (B)	shs.	*	380,545	380,545
* 01/29/16 and 02/17/17.			2,126,779	2,188,720
Petroplex Inv Holdings LLC A leading provider of acidizing services to E&P continued Liability Company	ustomers in th 0.40% int.	e Permian Ba *	sin. 175,339	6,713
			-,-,,	3,1 - 2
* 11/29/12 and 12/20/16.				
Polytex Holdings LLC A manufacturer of water based inks and related pr	oducts serving	g primarily the	e wall coverin	g market.
13% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	*			
due 01/31/2020	\$1,067,316	07/31/14	1,055,714	1,007,808
I '' II ''-' C II-'-	148,096	07/21/14	1.40.007	51.070
Limited Liability Company Unit	uts.	07/31/14	148,096	51,078
			1,203,810	1,058,886
Power Stop Holdings LLC				
A supplier of performance upgrade aftermarket bra	ake products.			
11% Senior Subordinated Note due 05/29/2022	\$1,610,100	05/29/15	1,585,757	1,626,201
Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B)(F)	1,149 uts.	05/29/15	114,900	137,848
Limited Liability Company Unit Common (B)(F)	1,149 uts.	05/29/15		109,094
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			1,700,657	1,873,143
PPC Event Services				
A special event equipment rental business.				
14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note				
due 05/20/2020	\$1,178,591	11/20/14	1,164,813	1,178,591
Limited Liability Company Unit (B)	3,450 uts.	11/20/14	172,500	498,487

Limited Liability Company Unit Series A-1 (B)	339 uts.	03/16/16	42,419	57,049
			1,379,732	1,734,127
Randy's Worldwide Automotive A designer and distributor of automotive aftermarl	ket parts.			
11.5% Senior Subordinated Note due 05/12/2021 Common Stock (B)	\$1,135,898 118 shs.	05/12/15 05/12/15	1,120,180 118,476	1,147,257 212,946
			1,238,656	1,360,203

**Barings Participation Investors** 

CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

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Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date	Cost	Fair Value
Signature Systems Holding Company A seller and installer of a variety of modular surfa	ices, industria	l matting and	related produ	cts used for
ground protection.			-	
Common Stock (B) Warrant, exercisable until 2023, to purchase	76 shs.	03/15/13	\$75,509	\$53,461
common stock A at \$.01 per share (B)	31 shs.	03/15/13	28,316	21,842
			103,825	75,303
Smart Source Holdings LLC				
A short-term computer rental company. Limited Liability Company Unit (B) Warrant, exercisable until 2020, to purchase	328 uts.	*	261,262	418,280
common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	83 shs.	*	67,467	105,950
* 08/31/07 and 03/06/08.			328,729	524,230
SMB Machinery Holdings, Inc. A reseller of used, rebuilt and refurbished package bottling and food manufacturing industries. 14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	ing and proces	ssing equipme	ent, primarily	serving the
due 10/18/2019 (D) Common Stock (B)	\$738,694 841 shs.	10/18/13 10/18/13	726,147 84,100	_
			810,247	_
Software Paradigms International Group, LLC An outsourced IT services provider focused on the 12.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 11/23/2021	e retail indust: \$1,725,000		1,695,649	1,742,250
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SR Smith LLC A manufacturer of mine and tunneling ventilation	products in the	ne United Stat	es.	
11% Senior Subordinated Note due 03/27/2022 Limited Liability Company Unit Series A (B)(F)	\$867,652 14 uts.	03/27/17 03/27/17	857,239 846,631	867,652 727,359
			1,703,870	1,595,011

#### Strahman Holdings Inc

A manufacturer of industrial valves and wash down equipment for a variety of industries, including chemical, petrochemical, polymer, pharmaceutical, food processing, beverage and mining.

14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

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due 06/13/2019	\$1,059,783	12/13/13	1,046,739	1,055,872
	158,967			
Preferred Stock Series A (B)	shs.	12/13/13	158,967	187,581
Preferred Stock Series A-2 (B)	26,543 shs.	09/10/15	29,994	31,321
			1,235,700	1,274,774

#### CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

Principal
Amount,
Shares,
Units or

Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)

Ownership Acquisition

Percentage Date Cost Fair Value

220,058

82,193

#### Sunrise Windows Holding Company

A manufacturer and marketer of premium vinyl windows exclusively selling to the residential remodeling and replacement market.

16% Senior Subordinated Note due 01/31/2019 (D)	\$1,428,470	*	\$1,358,229	\$999,929
Common Stock (B)	38 shs.	12/14/10	38,168	_
Warrant, exercisable until 2020, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	37 shs.	12/14/10	37,249	_
* 12/14/10, 08/17/12 and 03/31/16.			1,433,646	999,929

#### Sunvair Aerospace Group Inc.

An aerospace maintenance, repair, and overhaul provider servicing landing gears on narrow body aircraft.

12%	(1%	PIK)	Senior	Subordin	nated	Note
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due 07/31/2021	\$1,221,686	07/31/15	1,203,720	1,209,295
Common Stock (B)	68 shs.	07/31/15	78,150	52,084
			1,281,870	1,261,379

#### Team Drive-Away Holdings LLC

An asset-light provider of over the road driveaway services for class 8 trucks and specialized equipment. Limited Liability Company Unit (B) 95,800 uts. 10/15/15 95,800 120,612

#### Torrent Group Holdings, Inc.

A contractor specializing in the sales and installation of engineered drywells for the retention and filtration of stormwater and nuisance water flow.

15% (7.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 12/05/2020	\$70.962	12/05/13	220.058	70,961
Warrant, exercisable until 2023, to purchase	\$ 7 0,7 0 <b>-</b>	12/00/10	220,000	, 0,5 01
common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	28,079 shs.	12/05/13	_	11,232

#### Tranzonic Holdings LLC

A producer of commercial and industrial supplies, such as safety products, janitorial supplies, work apparel, washroom and restroom supplies and sanitary care products.

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Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred Class A (B) shs. \* 166,248 591,452

<sup>\* 07/05/13</sup> and 02/13/17.

Tristar Global Energy Solutions, Inc.

A hydrocarbon and decontamination services provider serving refineries worldwide.

12.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

due 07/31/2020 \$1,151,982 01/23/15 1,137,384 1,146,169

**Veritext Corporation** 

A provider of stenographic staffing and other services used during the legal deposition process.

10.75% Second Lien Term Loan due 01/29/2023 \$2,012,500 \* 1,979,592 1,979,289

<sup>\* 01/21/16</sup> and 02/23/17.

**Barings Participation Investors** 

CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or			
Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date	Cost	Fair Value
VP Holding Company A provider of school transportation services for spe Massachusetts.	cial-needs and	l homeless ch	ildren in	
Common Stock (B)	3,632 shs.	03/31/14	\$363,158	\$493,613
Wellborn Forest Holding Company A manufacturer of semi-custom kitchen and bath ca	ıbinetry.			
8% Senior Subordinated Note due 09/30/2019 (D) Common Stock (B)	\$1,778,423 101 shs.	11/30/06 11/30/06	784,378 101,250	1,778,423 —
Warrant, exercisable until 2019, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	51 shs.	11/30/06	45,790	_
			931,418	1,778,423
Westminster Acquisition LLC A manufacturer of premium, all-natural oyster crack Cape Cod brands. 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	ker products s	old under the	Westminster	and Olde
due 02/03/2021	\$377,366 370,241	08/03/15	372,113	384,913
Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)	uts.	08/03/15	370,241	571,331
			742,354	956,244
Whitebridge Pet Brands Holdings, LLC A portfolio of natural treats and foods for dogs and 11.5% (0.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	cats.			
due 08/18/2021 Limited Liability Company Unit Class A (B)(F) Limited Liability Company Unit Class B (B)(F)	\$1,482,464 123 uts. 123 uts.	04/18/17 04/18/17 04/18/17	1,460,986 148,096 —	1,486,810 148,092 —
			1,609,082	1,634,902
Wolf-Gordon, Inc. A designer and specialty distributor of wallcovering paint, and writeable surfaces.	gs and related	building prod	ucts, includin	g textiles,
12.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 07/22/2021 Common Stock (B)	\$1,602,400 157 shs.	01/22/16 01/22/16	1,577,259 156,818	1,634,448 158,737

1,734,077 1,793,185

WP Supply Holding Corporation

A distributor of fresh fruits and vegetables to grocery wholesalers and foodservice distributors in the upper Midwest.

14.5% (2.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

due 06/12/2020	\$978,801	11/03/11	974,067	978,801
Common Stock (B)	1,500 shs.	11/03/11	150,000	104,273

1,124,067 1,083,074

#### CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

Principal Amount, Shares, Units or

Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)

Ownership Acquisition

Percentage Date Cost Fair Value

York Wall Holding Company

A designer, manufacturer and marketer of wall covering products for both residential and commercial wall coverings.

12.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

due 03/04/2021 (D) \$1,572,322 03/04/15 \$1,549,582 \$1,389,511 Common Stock (B) 1,835 shs. 03/04/15 183,500 68,898

1,733,082 1,458,409

Total Private Placement Investments (E)

\$99,124,728 \$100,802,259

Barings Participation Investors CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Principal Amount	Cost	Market Value
Rule 144A Securities - 12.71%:					
Bonds - 12.71%					
Altice Financing S.A.			\$400,000	\$400,000	\$444,000
Amsted Industries	5.375	09/15/24		240,000	248,400
Belden Inc.	5.250	07/15/24	,	210,000	217,350
Boise Cascade Company	5.625	09/01/24		130,000	133,900
CITGO Petroleum Corporation	6.250	08/15/22		425,000	431,375
Constellium N.V.	7.875	04/01/21	373,000	373,000	399,109
Cornerstone Chemical Company	9.375	03/15/18	-	502,206	500,000
CTP Transportation Products, LLC	8.250	12/15/19	,	310,000	288,688
CVR Partners, LP.	9.250	06/15/23	500,000	488,894	523,125
Dean Foods	6.500	03/15/23	329,000	329,000	347,094
Dell Inc.	4.420	06/15/21	600,000	624,019	632,530
Digicel Group Limited	6.000	04/15/21	500,000	463,251	479,375
Endo Finance LLC	5.375	01/31/23	500,000	428,649	417,500
EnPro Industries Inc.	5.875	09/15/22	120,000	121,148	125,100
First Data Corporation	5.000	01/15/24		406,000	417,543
First Quantum Minerals Ltd.	7.500	04/01/25	500,000	485,810	488,750
HD Supply, Inc.	5.250	12/15/21	127,000	127,000	133,270
Hertz Corporation	7.625	06/01/22	500,000	500,000	498,800
Hilcorp Energy Company	5.000	12/01/24	335,000	335,000	308,200
Iamgold Corporation	7.000	04/15/25	500,000	500,000	515,000
J.B. Poindexter Co., Inc.	9.000	04/01/22	500,000	500,000	524,375
Jupiter Resources Inc.	8.500	10/01/22	500,000	472,115	375,000
LBC Tank Terminals Holding Netherlands B.V.	6.875	05/15/23	663,000	677,624	687,863
Mallinckrodt PLC	5.750	08/01/22	500,000	500,000	470,000
MEG Energy Corporation	6.375	01/30/23	500,000	500,000	386,250
Micron Technology, Inc.	5.250	08/01/23	331,000	331,000	343,744
Moog Inc.	5.250	12/01/22	500,000	503,039	520,000
New Gold Inc.	6.250	11/15/22	500,000	502,394	513,750
OPE KAG Finance Sub	7.875	07/31/23	500,000	519,670	525,000
Park-Ohio Industries Inc.	6.625	04/15/27	169,000	169,000	177,450
Penske Corporation	4.875	07/11/22	500,000	498,709	546,212
Prime Security Services Borrower	9.250	05/15/23	500,000	500,000	543,330
Sabre GLBL, Inc.	5.250	11/15/23	122,000	122,000	126,575
Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.	5.875	03/15/26	204,000	204,000	208,590
Sinclair Television Group, Inc.	5.125	02/15/27	500,000	500,000	483,750
Suncoke Energy	7.500	06/15/25	500,000	492,335	493,750
Tallgrass Operations LLC	5.500	09/15/24		304,000	307,800
Topaz Marine S.A.	8.625	11/01/18		500,000	496,570
Unitymedia KabelBW GmbH	6.125	01/15/25	500,000	500,000	536,250

# CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

			Shares or		
	Interest	Maturity	Principal		Market
Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Rate	Date	Amount	Cost	Value
Univision Communications, Inc.	5.125	%05/15/23	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$161,549
UPCB Finance IV Limited	5.375	01/15/25	208,000	208,000	217,620
Valeant Pharmaceuticals International	7.000	10/01/20	250,000	250,382	245,938
Valeant Pharmaceuticals International	7.000	03/15/24	173,000	173,000	181,866
Virgin Media Secured Finance PLC	5.250	01/15/26	500,000	502,710	520,405
VRX Escrow Corp.	6.125	04/15/25	182,000	182,000	154,018
Welltec A/S	8.000	02/01/19	375,000	372,752	363,750
West Corporation	5.375	07/15/22	500,000	493,159	505,000
Wolverine World Wide, Inc.	5.000	09/01/26	335,000	335,000	330,394
Total Bonds				18,371,866	18,495,908
Common Stock - 0.00%					
TherOX, Inc. (B)			2		_
Touchstone Health Partnership (B)			292	_	_
Total Common Stock				_	_
Total Rule 144A Securities				\$18,371,866	\$18,495,908

Barings Participation Investors CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

Corporate Public Securities - 20.85%: (A)	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Principal Amount	Cost	Market Value
Bank Loans - 0.68%					
Aquilex Holdings LLC	5.000 9	% 12/31/20	\$157,127	\$156,929	\$153,984
Gulf Finance, LLC	6.300	08/25/23	261,668	259,398	243,024
Power Products, LLC	5.530	01/24/23	131,889	131,274	132,054
Seadrill Partners Finco, LLC	4.000	02/21/21	492,347	267,751	313,133
Summit Midstream Holdings, LLC	7.020	03/06/22	147,334	145,934	148,808
Total Bank Loans				961,286	991,003
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Bonds - 20.17%	4 105	06/15/02	500,000	444.007	105 (25
ADT Security Services Corporation	4.125	06/15/23	,	444,087	495,625
Air Lease Corp.	3.000	09/15/23	600,000	594,355	596,548
Alcoa, Inc.	6.150	08/15/20	600,000	613,611	645,750
Anglogold Holdings PLC	5.375	04/15/20	•	602,243	633,300
Anixter, Inc.	5.125	10/01/21	165,000	165,000	175,725
Antero Resources Corporation	5.375	11/01/21	395,000	395,000	398,950
A. Schulman Inc.	6.875	06/01/23	500,000	505,693	528,750
Bank of America Corporation	4.000	04/01/24	500,000	498,654	523,934
Beazer Homes USA, Inc.	8.750	03/15/22		160,000	178,400
Brunswick Corporation	7.125	08/01/27	,	503,873	581,066
Bunge Limited Finance Corp.	3.250	08/15/26	,	602,040	573,292
Community Health Sysyems Inc.	5.125	08/01/21	480,000	472,581	486,000
Clearwater Paper Corporation	4.500	02/01/23	500,000	496,880	492,500
Commercial Metals Company	4.875	05/15/23	750,000	751,018	758,438
Crown Castle International Corp	5.250	01/15/23	600,000	666,434	666,503
CubeSmart, L.P.	4.000	11/15/25	500,000	506,554	510,678
CVR Refining LLC	6.500	11/01/22	350,000	341,930	352,625
Discovery Communications	4.900	03/11/26	600,000	651,132	635,988
Duke Realty Limited Partnership	3.875	10/15/22	500,000	500,254	520,072
EP Energy Corporation	9.375	05/01/20		217,043	320,233
Expedia Inc.	4.500	08/15/24		625,885	631,409
Ferrellgas Partners, L.P.	6.750	01/15/22	265,000	267,737	249,100
Ferrellgas Partners, L.P.	8.625	06/15/20	650,000	650,483	614,250
Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC	4.375	08/06/23	600,000	644,661	631,260
Forum Energy Technologies	6.250	10/01/21	160,000	160,000	156,000
General Motors Financial Co. Inc.	4.000	01/15/25	500,000	508,181	502,127
GEO Group, Inc.	5.875	01/15/22	500,000	477,165	520,000
HealthSouth Corporation	5.125	03/15/23	421,000	413,213	433,629
Hertz Corporation	6.750	04/15/19	79,000	78,633	79,000
Hospital Corporation of America	5.375	02/01/25	100,000	101,494	105,480
Hospital Corporation of America	5.250	06/15/26	174,000	174,000	187,659
Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company	4.900	10/15/25	500,000	498,635	524,199

# CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

	Interest	Maturity	Principal		Market
Corporate Public Securities: (A) (Continued)	Rate	Date	Amount	Cost	Value
Hughes Satellite Systems Corporation	6.625	% 08/01/26	\$500,000	\$496,702	\$537,500
Icahn Enterprises L.P.	6.000	08/01/20	600,000	606,170	617,625
Jabil Circuit, Inc.	4.700	09/15/22	500,000	499,991	531,165
Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings	3.600	02/01/25	500,000	499,376	507,499
Lamar Media Corp.	5.375	01/15/24	160,000	160,000	167,200
Laredo Petroleum, Inc.	5.625	01/15/22	500,000	475,637	485,000
Lazard Group LLC	4.250	11/14/20	500,000	499,146	527,505
LyondellBasell Industries N.V.	5.750	04/15/24	500,000	588,058	572,882
MasTec, Inc.	4.875	03/15/23	500,000	493,154	498,750
Meritor, Inc.	6.750	06/15/21	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,035,000
Micron Technology, Inc.	7.500	09/15/23	203,000	203,000	226,954
MPLX LP	4.875	12/01/24	500,000	500,000	533,083
NRG Energy, Inc.	7.250	05/15/26	500,000	503,057	517,500
Oasis Petroleum Inc.	6.875	03/15/22	500,000	475,036	485,000
Owens Corning	4.200	12/01/24	600,000	634,796	628,251
PBF Holding Company LLC	6.997	11/15/23	33,000	33,000	32,505
Perry Ellis International, Inc.	7.875	04/01/19	125,000	124,585	125,000
Pitney Bowes Inc.	3.375	10/01/21	500,000	499,657	496,650
Precision Drilling Corporation	6.625	11/15/20	149,477	151,645	146,114
Reinsurance Group of America	3.950	09/15/26	500,000	503,017	508,188
SM Energy Company	6.750	09/15/26	750,000	743,797	716,010
Sprint Corporation	7.125	06/15/24	155,000	155,000	172,438
Steelcase, Inc.	6.375	02/15/21	500,000	503,760	553,236
Suburban Propane Partners, L.P.	5.750	03/01/25	500,000	500,000	495,000
Summit Midstream Holdings, LLC	5.500	08/15/22	92,000	69,067	91,885
Time Warner Cable, Inc.	5.000	02/01/20	500,000	496,826	533,398
Trinity Acquisition Plc	4.400	03/15/26	500,000	515,985	522,109
Tyson Foods, Inc.	4.500	06/15/22	500,000	509,216	542,106
Western Digital Corporation	10.500	04/01/24	253,000	253,000	298,459
William Lyon Homes	7.000	08/15/22	500,000	500,000	517,500
WPX Energy, Inc.	5.250	09/15/24	425,000	425,000	403,750
Xlit Ltd	4.450	03/31/25	600,000	613,395	618,553
Total Bonds				28,519,542	29,352,305

**Total Corporate Public Securities** 

\$29,480,828 \$30,343,308

**Barings Participation Investors** CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

Short-Term Security:	Interest Rate/Yield^	•	Principal Amount	Cost	Market Value
Commercial Paper - 2.63%					
Agrium U.S. Inc.	1.420	%07/10/17	\$829,000	\$828,706	\$828,706
Dollar General Corporation	1.450	07/06/17	1,000,000	999,799	999,798
Molex Electronic Technologies, LLC	1.380	07/05/17	1,000,000	999,846	999,847
Ryder System, Inc.	1.400	07/18/17	1,000,000	999,339	999,339
Total Short-Term Security				\$3,827,690	\$3,827,690
Total Investments	105.45	%		\$150,805,112	\$153,469,165
Other Assets	5.59				8,131,575
Liabilities	(11.04	)			(16,062,617)
Total Net Assets	100.00	%			\$145,538,123

<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.

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 June 30, 2017, the values of these securities amounted to \$100,802,259 or 69.26% of net assets.

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

Effective yield at purchase
PIK - Payment-in-kind

# CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

Industry Classification:	Fair Value/ Market Value
AEROSPACE & DEFENSE - 3.78% API Technologies Corp. BEI Precision Systems & Space Company, Inc. FMH Holdings Corporation Merex Holding Corporation Sunvair Aerospace Group Inc.	\$1,763,083 1,739,138 274,041 468,121 1,261,379 5,505,762
AUTOMOTIVE - 9.46% Aurora Parts & Accessories LLC CG Holdings Manufacturing Company DPL Holding Corporation English Color & Supply LLC Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC General Motors Financial Co. Inc. Grakon Parent J.B. Poindexter Co., Inc. Meritor, Inc. Moog Inc. Power Stop Holdings LLC Randy's Worldwide Automotive	1,749,307 2,042,543 1,630,296 1,725,000 631,260 502,127 168,908 524,375 1,035,000 520,000 1,873,143 1,360,203 13,762,162
BANKING - 0.36% Bank of America Corporation	523,934
BROKERAGE, ASSET MANAGERS & EXCHANGES - 0.79% Icahn Enterprises L.P. Lazard Group LLC	617,625 527,505 1,145,130
BUILDING MATERIALS - 8.77%  ARI Holding Corporation Boise Cascade Company Janus Group Holdings LLC Happy Floors Acquisition, Inc. NSi Industries Holdings, Inc. Owens Corning Signature Systems Holding Company Sunrise Windows Holding Company Torrent Group Holdings, Inc. Wellborn Forest Holding Company Wolf-Gordon, Inc.	2,307,007 133,900 1,386,763 1,780,979 1,800,550 628,251 75,303 999,929 82,193 1,778,423 1,793,185

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CABLE & SATELLITE - 1.61%	Fair Value/ Market Value
Hughes Satellite Systems Corporation Time Warner Cable, Inc. Unitymedia KabelBW GmbH UPCB Finance IV Limited Virgin Media Secured Finance PLC	\$537,500 533,398 536,250 217,620 520,405
CHEMICALS - 3.33%	2,345,173
Agrium U.S. Inc. A. Schulman Inc. Compass Chemical International LLC Cornerstone Chemical Company CVR Partners, LP. LBC Tank Terminals Holding Netherlands B.V. LyondellBasell Industries N.V. Polytex Holdings LLC	828,706 528,750 144,984 500,000 523,125 687,863 572,882 1,058,886 4,845,196
CONSUMER CYCLICAL SERVICES - 3.35% ADT Security Services Corporation CHG Alternative Education Holding Company Church Services Holding Company GEO Group, Inc. PPC Event Services Prime Security Services Borrower West Corporation	495,625 1,075,275 — 520,000 1,734,127 543,330 505,000 4,873,357