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#### PROXY VOTING POLICIES & PROCEDURES

The Trustees of Barings Global Short Duration High Yield Fund (the "Fund") have delegated proxy voting responsibilities relating to the voting of securities held by the Fund to Barings LLC ("Barings"). A description of Barings' proxy voting policies and procedures is available (1) without charge, upon request, by calling, toll-free 1-866-399-1516; (2) on the Fund's website at http://www.barings.com/bgh; and (3) on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's ("SEC") website at http://www.sec.gov.

#### FORM N-PORT PART F

The Fund will file its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Part F of Form N-PORT. This information is available (1) on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov; and (2) 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 on the Fund's website at http://www.barings.com/bgh or upon request by calling, toll-free, 1-866-399-1516.

#### CERTIFICATIONS

The Fund's President has submitted to the NYSE the annual CEO Certification as required by Section 303A.12(a) of the NYSE Listed Company Manual.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

The Fund has entered into contractual arrangements with an investment adviser, transfer agent and custodian (collectively "service providers") who each provide services to the Fund. 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 Fund.

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

The Fund's registration statement and this shareholder report are not contracts between the Fund 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.

### **OFFICERS OF THE FUND**

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Chief Compliance Officer

Ashlee Steinnerd

Chief Legal Officer

Alexandra Pacini Secretary

Matthew Curtis
Tax Officer

Barings Global Short Duration High Yield Fund is a closed-end investment company, first offered to the public in 2012, whose shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

### **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE & POLICY**

Barings Global Short Duration High Yield Fund (the "Fund") was organized as a business trust under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Fund is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a de facto diversified, closed-end management investment company with its own investment objective. The Fund's common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "BGH".

The Fund's primary investment objective is to seek as high a level of current income as the Adviser (as defined herein) determines is consistent with capital preservation. The Fund seeks capital appreciation as a secondary investment objective when consistent with its primary investment objective. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives.

The Fund seeks to take advantage of inefficiencies between geographies, primarily the North American and Western European high yield bond and loan markets and within capital structures between bonds and loans. For example, the Fund seeks to take advantage of differences in pricing between bonds and loans of an issuer denominated in U.S. dollars and substantially similar bonds and loans of the same issuer denominated in Euros, potentially allowing the Fund to achieve a higher relative return for the same credit risk exposure.

### Dear Fellow Shareholders,

We present the 2022 Annual Report for the Barings Global Short Duration High Yield Fund (the "Fund") to recap portfolio performance and positioning. We believe our Global High Yield Investments Group is one of the largest teams in the market primarily focused on North American and Western European credit. Utilizing the Group's unparalleled expertise, deep resources and time-tested process, we believe we can provide investors with an attractive level of current income while navigating the challenging times that may still lie ahead and continuing to uncover compelling opportunities across the global high yield market.

The Fund's strategy focuses primarily on North American and Western European high yield companies, with the flexibility to dynamically shift the geographic weighting in order to capture, in our opinion, the best risk-adjusted investment opportunities. Inflationary, economic, and geopolitical dynamics are poised to evolve in coming periods, and Barings' global capabilities on the ground in major markets allow for us to be nimble in these times and take advantage of unique opportunities as they arise. In addition, the strategy focuses closely on limiting the duration of the Fund, while maintaining what we consider to be a reasonable amount of leverage.

#### **Market Review**

Global fixed income markets remained volatile through 2022 as investors priced increased inflationary pressures, rising interest rates, and slowing economic growth, in addition to geopolitical events and intermittent Covid lockdowns in China. After a sharp decline in the first half in which the accelerated pace of monetary policy became apparent, performance improved as the trajectory of interest rates moderated and spreads retraced from prior highs. Signs of peak inflation combined with the positive technicals of low supply, elevated manager cash balances, and inflows into mutual funds in the fourth quarter supported markets into year-end. Corporate fundamentals in both the U.S. and Europe weakened despite top line growth as cost pressures took hold, although corporate earnings remained solid through the third quarter earnings season; meanwhile, default rates ticked higher from record low levels at the end of 2021, but remain well below long-term averages.

Despite generating positive total returns in the second half of the year, the U.S. high yield market posted the worst annual return since 2008. Credit spreads peaked at 600 bps mid-year, with the option-adjusted spread closing at 481 bps, 169 bps wider than prior year-end. Index yields more than doubled, as wider spreads and rising yields drove yield-to-worst 458 bps higher to 8.97%. Energy led by sector while Retail and Healthcare lagged. Double-B and single-B bonds outperformed triple-C rated assets despite longer durations as spreads decompressed across ratings buckets. New issuance remained muted, with \$106.5 billion pricing in total. European markets experienced similar dynamics. The option-adjusted spread for the European market widened 187 bps to close at 525 bps, while yield-to-worst rose 487 bps to 7.96%. New issue activity totaled €32 billion for the year.

### **Barings Global Short Duration High Yield Fund Overview and Performance**

The Fund ended December 2022 with a portfolio of 174 issuers, in line with prior year-end levels. From a regional perspective, there was a slight shift in regional exposure from the prior year-end, with exposure to the U.S. increasing to 82.5%; the United Kingdom remains the second largest exposure at 5.7% (See Country Composition chart below). The Fund's exposure to Rest of World issuers, whose country of risk is outside of the U.S. and Europe but fit within the Fund's developed market focus, declined from the previous year-end to 4.2%. The Fund's primary exposure continues to be in the North American market, which features the most robust opportunity set across fixed income markets.

As of December 31, 2022, the Fund's positioning across the credit quality spectrum was as follows: 31.3% double-B rated and above, 29.8% single-B rated, and 36.2% triple-C rated and below, with approximately 42% of the portfolio consisting of secured obligations. Compared to the end of the prior period, the Fund's exposure to higher-rated credits increased, primarily sourced from lower-rated triple-C and below securities. Non-publicly rated securities represented 2.4%.<sup>1</sup>

The distribution per share was constant throughout the year at \$0.1056 per share. The Fund's share price and net asset value ("NAV") ended the reporting period at \$12.68 and \$14.26, respectively, or at a 11.1% discount to NAV. Based on the Fund's share price and NAV on December 31, 2022, the Fund's market price and NAV distribution rates—using the most recent monthly dividend, on an annualized basis—were 9.99% and 8.89%, respectively. Assets acquired through leverage, which represented 27.2% of the Fund's total assets at the end of December, were accretive to net investment income and benefited shareholders.

For fiscal year 2022, the NAV total return for the Fund was -12.88%, underperforming the global high yield bond market, as measured by the ICE Bank of America Non-Financial Developed Markets High Yield Constrained Index (HNDC), which returned -10.69% on a hedged to the U.S. dollar basis. From a market value perspective, the total return year-to-date through December 31, 2022 was -19.98%.<sup>2</sup> After underperforming in the second quarter in the risk-off market environment, the Fund generated positive total returns in the second half of the year. While continuing to benefit from an overweight to Energy, relative results versus the benchmark were impacted by an overweight to triple-C rated bonds and underweight to double-B rated assets. The Fund's floating rate exposure through allocations to second lien senior secured loans and collateralized loan obligations continued to benefit results in the third quarter before rates moderated into year-end.

### **Market Outlook**

With much of the interest rate hiking cycle in the rearview mirror, challenges and opportunities in the coming year are likely to differ from recent experiences. Questions remain surrounding the level and duration of peak monetary policy rates, the persistence of inflation, and depth of any economic slowdown. However, with the U.S. and European bond markets both priced below 86 percent of par at year-end, valuations remain compelling and at levels that in prior cycles have led to strong prospective returns. The quality of the high yield market has improved both in terms of agency ratings as well as size, diversification, and cash flow generation of the underlying companies; meanwhile, amongst other factors, the lack of near-term maturities as well as the high quality composition of debt coming due forecasts a modest default cycle under a range of economic scenarios.

At Barings, we remain committed to focusing on corporate fundamentals as market sentiment can change quickly and unexpectedly. Our focused and disciplined approach emphasizes our fundamental bottom-up research, with the goal of preserving investor capital while seeking to capture attractive capital appreciation opportunities that may exist through market and economic cycles. On behalf of the Barings team, we continue to take a long-term view of investing despite the recent economic challenges, and look forward to helping you achieve your investment goals.

Sincerely,

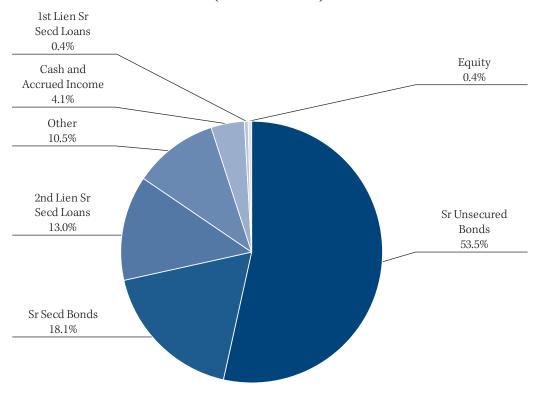
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Ratings are based on Moody's, S&P and Fitch. If securities are rated differently by the rating agencies, the higher rating is applied and all ratings are converted to the equivalent Moody's major rating category for purposes of the category shown. Credit ratings are based largely on the rating agency's investment analysis at the time of rating and the rating assigned to any particular security is not necessarily a reflection of the issuer's current financial condition. The rating assigned to a security by a rating agency does not necessarily reflect its assessment of the volatility of the security's market value or of the liquidity of an investment in the security. Ratings of Baa3 or higher by Moody's and BBB- or higher by S&P and Fitch are considered to be investment grade quality.

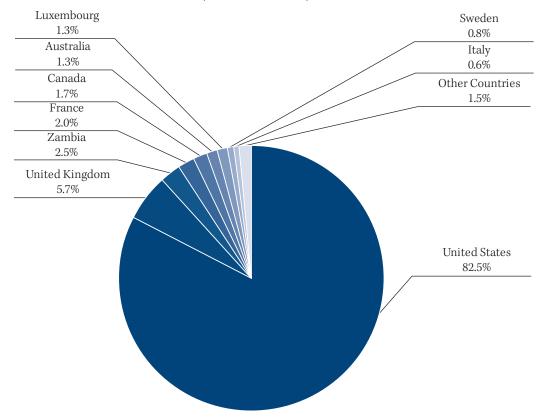
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results. Current performance may be lower or higher. All performance is net of fees, which is inclusive of advisory fees, accounting & administration fees and interest expense.

## PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION (% OF ASSETS\*)

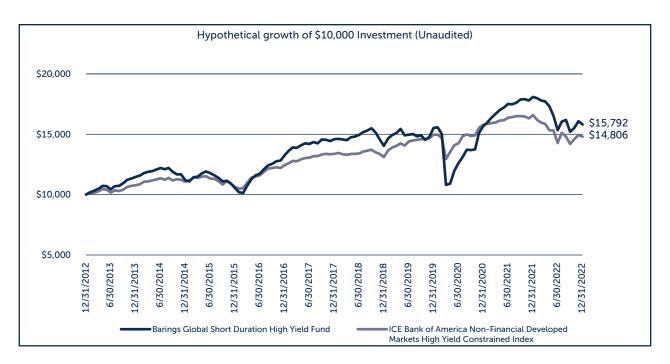


<sup>\*</sup> The percentages shown above represent a percentage of the assets as of December 31, 2022.

## **COUNTRY COMPOSITION (% OF ASSETS\*)**



<sup>\*</sup> The percentages shown above represent a percentage of the assets as of December 31, 2022.



AVERAGE ANNUAL RETURNS DECEMBER 31, 2022	1 YEAR	5 YEAR	10 YEAR
Barings Global Short Duration High Yield Fund (BGH)	(12.88)%	1.61%	4.86%
ICE Bank of America Non-Financial Developed Markets High Yield			
Constrained Index (HNDC)	(10.69)%	2.06%	4.00%

Data for Barings Global Short Duration High Yield Fund (the "Fund") represents returns based on the change in the Fund's net asset value assuming the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions. These returns differ from the total investment return based on market value of the Fund's shares due to the difference between the Fund's net asset value of its shares outstanding (See the Fund's Financial Highlights within this report for total investment return based on market value). Past performance is no quarantee of future results.

ICE Bank of America Non-Financial Developed Markets High Yield Constrained Index (HNDC) contains all securities in the ICE Bank of America Global High Yield Index that are non-financials and from developed markets countries, but caps issuer exposure at 2%. Developed markets is defined as an FX G10 member, a Western European nation, or a territory of the U.S. or a Western European nation. Indices are unmanaged. It is not possible to invest directly in an index.

The graph and table do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of the Fund shares.

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	DECEMBER 31, 2022
Assets	
Investments, at fair value (cost \$447,790,699)	\$ 381,820,119
Cash and cash equivalents	5,411,582
Foreign currency, at fair value (cost \$1,665,755)	1,669,969
Interest receivable	8,838,452
Receivable for investments sold	1,402,683
Unrealized appreciation on forward foreign exchange contracts	105,836
Prepaid expenses and other assets	27,021
Total assets	399,275,662
Liabilities	
Credit facility	108,500,000
Payable for investments purchased	85,296
Dividend payable	2,118,791
Payable to adviser	289,425
Excise tax payable on undistributed income	1,017,478
Unrealized depreciation on forward foreign exchange contracts	309,179
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	913,991
Total liabilities	113,234,160
Total net assets	\$ 286,041,502 ====================================
Net assets:	
Common shares, \$0.00001 par value	\$ 201
Additional paid-in capital	466,817,056
Total accumulated loss	(180,775,755)
Total net assets	\$ 286,041,502
Common shares issued and outstanding (unlimited shares authorized)	20,064,313
Net asset value per share	\$ 14.26

## STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

	DECEMBER 31, 2022
Investment Income	
Interest income	\$ 37,445,177
Dividend income (net of foreign taxes withheld of \$686)	54,386
Other income	90,085
Total investment income	37,589,648
Operating Expenses	
Advisory fees	4,027,604
Interest expense	2,539,333
Excise tax on undistributed income	1,018,412
Accounting and administration fees	406,303
Professional fees	281,659
Other operating expenses	204,000
Trustee fees	154,070
Total expenses	8,631,381
Less fees waived by Adviser (see Note 3)	(434,950)
Net expenses	8,196,431
Net investment income	29,393,217
Realized gains (losses) and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments and foreign currency related transactions	
Net realized loss on investments	(12,745,661)
Net realized gain on forward foreign exchange contracts	5,973,592
Net realized loss on foreign currency related transactions	(1,765,880)
Net realized loss on investments, forward foreign exchange contracts and foreign currency	
transactions	(8,537,949)
Net change in unrealized depreciation on investments	(68,455,937)
Net change in unrealized appreciation on forward foreign exchange contracts	378,081
Net change in unrealized appreciation on foreign currency transactions	17,679
Net change in unrealized depreciation on investments, forward foreign exchange contracts and foreign currency translation	(68,060,177)
Net realized loss and unrealized depreciation on investments and foreign currency related	
transactions	(76,598,126)
Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	\$(47,204,909)

## STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

	YEAR ENDED
	DECEMBER 31, 2022
Cash flows from operating activities	
Net decrease in net assets resulting from operations	\$ (47,204,909)
Adjustments to reconcile net decrease in net assets resulting from operations to net cash	
provided by operating activities:	
Purchases of long-term investments	(140,590,832)
Proceeds from sales of long-term investments	158,710,529
Net change in unrealized depreciation on investments	68,455,937
Net realized loss on investments	12,748,026
Amortization and accretion	(808,569)
Net change in unrealized appreciation on forward foreign exchange contracts	(378,081)
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Decrease in receivable for investments sold	126,120
Decrease in interest and dividend receivable	467,843
Decrease in prepaid expenses and other assets	5,634
Decrease in payable to adviser	(67,318)
Increase in excise tax payable on undistributed income	417,721
Decrease in payable for investments purchased	(4,473,924)
Increase in accrued expenses and other liabilities	651,067
Net cash provided by operating activities	48,059,244
Cash flows from financing activities	
Advances from credit facility	36,000,000
Repayments on credit facility	(60,000,000)
Distributions paid to common shareholders	(25,425,498)
Net cash used in financing activities	(49,425,498)
Net change in cash	(1,366,254)
Cash and cash equivalents (including foreign currency), beginning of year	8,447,805
Cash and cash equivalents (including foreign currency), end of year	\$ 7,081,551
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information	
Excise taxes paid	\$ 599,757
Interest paid	2,188,396

## STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	YEAR ENDED	YEAR ENDED
	DECEMBER 31, 2022	DECEMBER 31, 2023
Operations		
Net investment income	\$ 29,393,217	\$ 30,996,332
Net realized loss on investments, forward foreign exchange		
contracts and foreign currency transactions	(8,537,949)	(3,802,504)
Net change in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on		
investments, forward foreign exchange contracts and foreign		
currency translation	(68,060,177)	22,327,475
Net increase (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(47,204,909)	49,521,303
Distributions to common shareholders		
From distributable earnings	(25,425,498)	(25,425,498)
Total Distributions to common shareholders	(25,425,498)	(25,425,498)
Total increase (decrease) in net assets	(72,630,407)	24,095,805
Net assets		
Beginning of year	358,671,909	334,576,104
End of year	\$286,041,502	\$358,671,909

## **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019	YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018
Per Common Share Data  Net asset value, beginning of year	\$ 17.88	\$ 16.68	\$ 18.32	\$ 18.28	\$ 20.84
Income from investment operations:  Net investment income  Net realized gain (loss) and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on investments and foreign currency	1.46	1.72	1.59	1.87	1.89
transactions	(3.81)	0.75	(1.86)	(0.05)	(2.67)
Total increase (decrease) from investment operations	(2.35)	2.47	(0.27)	1.82	(0.78)
Less distributions to common stockholders:					
Net investment income	(1.27)	(1.27)	(1.37)	(1.78)	(1.78)
Total distributions to common stockholders	(1.27)	(1.27)	(1.37)	(1.78)	(1.78)
Net asset value, end of year	\$ 14.26	\$ 17.88	\$ 16.68	\$ 18.32	\$ 18.28
Per common share market value, end of year	\$ 12.68	\$ 17.34	\$ 15.09	\$ 17.53	\$ 15.95
Total investment return based on net asset value (1)	(12.88)%	15.71%	0.79%	10.77%	(3.42)%
Total investment return based on market value (1)	(19.98)%	23.97%	(4.65)%	21.45%	(9.38)%
Supplemental Data and Ratios Net assets, end of year (000's) Ratio of expenses (before reductions and	\$286,042	\$358,672	\$334,576	\$367,649	\$366,691
reimbursements) to average net assets Ratio of expenses (after reductions and	2.73%(2)	2.17%(2)	2.32%(2)	3.00%	2.93%
reimbursements) to average net assets Ratio of net investment income (before reductions and reimbursements) to	2.60%	1.95%	2.23%	3.00%	2.93%
average net assets Ratio of net investment income (after reductions and reimbursements) to	9.17%(2)	8.54%(2)	10.53%(2)	10.22%	9.34%
average net assets  Portfolio turnover rate	9.31% 34.04%	8.76% 52.08%	10.61% 42.21%	10.22% 52.25%	9.34% 48.92%

<sup>(1)</sup> Total investment return calculation assumes reinvestment of dividends at actual prices pursuant to the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan. Total investment return does not reflect brokerage commissions.

<sup>(2)</sup> Effective August 6, 2020 the Adviser began waiving a portion of it's management and other fees equal to an annual rate of 0.150% of the Fund's managed assets. The waiver expired on August 31, 2022 (see Note 3).

## **SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS**

December 31, 2022

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			SHARES	COST	VALUE
Equities* — 0.55%:					
Common Stocks — 0.51%:			2.002	ĊO	Ċ41 740
ESC CB 144A High Ridge¤ KCA Deutag Ordinary A Shares			2,982 25,580	\$0 1,103,387	\$41,748 1,417,132
Travelex Private Equity+¤			15,852	1,103,367	1,417,132
Naviera Armas Class B2 Shares Stapled To			13,032	1	O
1.5L SSNS+¤			1,194	0	0
Naviera Armas Class B3 Shares			169	0	0
Naviera Armas Class A3 Shares			133	0	0
Naviera Armas Class A2 Shares Stapled To			100	· ·	· ·
1.5L SSNS+¤			937	0	0
Total Common Stocks			46,847	1,103,388	1,458,880
Warrant — 0.04%:					
Travelex Topco Limited+¤			2,218	0	120,666
Total Warrant			2,218	0	120,666
Total Equities			49,065	1,103,388	1,579,546
	EFFECTIVE				FAIR
	INTEREST RATE ‡	DUE DATE	PRINCIPAL	COST	VALUE
Fixed Income — 132.93%:					
Asset-Backed Securities — 14.70%:					
CDO/CLO — 14.70%:					
610 FDG 2016-2R CLO LTD, 3M LIBOR +					
7.250%+~^	11.49%	1/20/2032	\$1,550,000	\$1,534,190	\$1,390,680
Anchorage Capital 2016-9A ER2, 3M LIBOR +					
6.820%+~^	10.90	7/15/2032	1,500,000	1,485,000	1,252,930
Anchorage Capital CLO LTD 2013-1R, 3M					
LIBOR + 6.800%+~^	10.74	10/15/2030	1,000,000	977,213	875,145
Anchorage Capital CLO LTD 2021-20 E, 3M					
LIBOR + 7.350%+~^	11.59	1/22/2035	1,000,000	980,000	829,542
Ares CLO LTD 2013-27R2, 3M LIBOR +	44.40	10/70/2074	4 700 000	4 607 000	4 456 506
6.750%+~^	11.12	10/30/2034	1,700,000	1,683,000	1,456,596
Bain CAP CR CLO 2020-2R LTD, 3M LIBOR + 6.610%+~^	10.84	7/19/2034	1,000,000	990,000	859,331
Ballyrock CLO LTD 2019-2R, 3M LIBOR +	10.64	//19/2034	1,000,000	990,000	639,331
6.500%+~^	11.18	11/20/2030	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,781,458
BlueMountain CLO LTD 2018-23A, 3M LIBOR	11.10	11/20/2000	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,701,430
+ 5.650%+~^	9.89	10/20/2031	1,000,000	1,000,000	854,429
Canyon CLO LTD 2019-2R, 3M LIBOR +	3.03	10,20,2001	1,000,000	1,000,000	00 1, 123
6.750%+~^	10.83	10/16/2034	1,000,000	1,000,000	855,476
Carbone CLO, LTD 2017-1A, 3M LIBOR +		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	, ,	, ,	
5.900%+~^	10.14	1/21/2031	750,000	750,000	627,506

December 31, 2022

	EFFECTIVE				FAIR
	INTEREST RATE ‡	DUE DATE	PRINCIPAL	COST	VALUE
Asset-Backed Securities (Continued)					
CDO/CLO (Continued)					
Carlyle US CLO LTD 2019-3R, 3M LIBOR +					
6.750%+~^	10.99%	10/20/2032	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$897,553
Carlyle Global Market Strategies 2017-5A, 3M	10.3370	10,20,202	Q1,000,000	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	ψοστ,σοσ
LIBOR + 5.300%+~^	9.54	1/22/2030	700,000	700,000	543,092
CIFC Funding 2020-1 LTD, 3M LIBOR +		_,,,	,	,	0.0,00=
6.250%+~^	10.33	7/15/2036	1,900,000	1,900,000	1,667,586
Galaxy CLO LTD 2017-24A, 3M LIBOR +					
5.500%+~^	9.58	1/15/2031	1,000,000	1,000,000	855,731
GoldenTree Loan Management 2018-3A, 3M					
LIBOR + 6.500%+~^	10.74	4/22/2030	1,500,000	1,462,766	1,145,828
GoldenTree Loan Opportunities XI LTD					
2015-11A, 3M LIBOR + 5.400%+~^	9.59	1/18/2031	500,000	500,000	429,052
KKR Financial CLO LTD 2017-20, 3M LIBOR +					
5.500%+~^	9.58	10/16/2030	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,252,349
KKR Financial CLO LTD 34-2, 3M LIBOR +					
6.850%+~^	10.93	7/17/2034	2,000,000	1,980,000	1,729,436
KVK 2016-1A ER2, 3M LIBOR + 7.350%+~^	11.43	10/16/2034	3,000,000	2,970,000	2,534,646
LCM LTD 2031-30, 3M LIBOR + 6.500%+~^	10.74	4/21/2031	1,100,000	1,100,000	892,373
Madison Park Funding LTD 2015-19A, 3M					
LIBOR + 4.350%+~^	8.67	1/24/2028	1,000,000	1,000,000	908,162
Madison Park Funding LTD 2018-29A, 3M					
LIBOR + 7.570%+~^#	11.76	10/18/2030	2,000,000	1,960,000	1,688,852
Madison Park Funding LTD XXXV 2019-35R	40.74	4/00/0070	4 400 000	4 400 000	4 065 050
E-R, 3M LIBOR + 6.100%+~^	10.34	4/20/2032	1,400,000	1,400,000	1,265,958
Madison Park Funding LTD 2019-32R E-R, 3M	40.50	4 /22 /2074	1 000 000	1 000 000	007.004
LIBOR + 6.200%+~^	10.52	1/22/2031	1,000,000	1,000,000	903,084
Magnetite CLO LTD 2016-18A, 3M LIBOR + 7.600%+~^	12.21	11/15/2028	1,400,000	1,386,000	1 150 657
Octagon 2021-57 LTD, 3M LIBOR +	12.21	11/13/2026	1,400,000	1,360,000	1,150,657
6.600%+~^	10.68	10/16/2034	1,500,000	1,500,000	1,348,002
OHA Credit Partners LTD 2015-11A, 3M LIBOR	10.00	10/10/2034	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,340,002
+ 7.900%+~^	12.14	1/20/2031	2,000,000	1,970,323	1,629,012
OHA Loan Funding LTD 2013-1A, 3M LIBOR +	12.17	1/20/2001	2,000,000	1,570,525	1,023,012
7.900%+~^	12.22	7/23/2031	1,500,000	1,477,500	1,192,919
Sound Point CLO XVIII 2018-18D, 3M LIBOR +	12.22	,,20,2001	1,000,000	1, 1, 7,000	1,132,313
5.500%+~^	9.74	1/21/2031	2,000,000	2,000,000	1,329,308
Sound Point CLO LTD 2020-27R, 3M LIBOR +	J., .	1, 21, 2001	_,000,000	_,000,000	1,023,000
6.560% E-R+~^	10.92	10/25/2034	1,400,000	1,372,000	1,143,820
Sound Point CLO LTD Series 2020-1A Class ER					
3M LIBOR + 6.860%+~^	11.10	7/20/2034	1,600,000	1,584,000	1,256,831
TICP CLO LTD 2018-10A, 3M LIBOR +					
5.500%+~^	9.74	4/22/2030	1,000,000	956,438	894,677
Wellfleet CLO LTD 2020-2R, 3M LIBOR +					
7.250%+~^	11.33	7/17/2034	1,300,000	1,300,000	1,045,006

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Asset-Backed Securities (Continued)					
CDO/CLO (Continued) Wellfleet CLO LTD 2017-3A, 3M LIBOR +					
5.550%+~^ Wind River 2017-1A ER, 3M LIBOR +	9.63%	1/17/2031	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,128,837
7.060%+~^ Wind River CLO LTD 2017-4A, 3M LIBOR +	11.25	4/18/2036	2,000,000	1,960,000	1,637,776
5.800%+~^	10.48	11/20/2030	1,000,000	1,000,000	803,208
Total CDO/CLO			50,300,000	49,878,430	42,056,848
Total Asset-Backed Securities			50,300,000	49,878,430	42,056,848
Bank Loans <sup>§</sup> — 18.72%:					
Beverage, Food and Tobacco — 0.47%: Florida Food Products 2nd Lien T/L, 3M LIBOR					. === ===
+ 8.0000%¤~	12.07	10/18/2029	1,500,000	1,459,571	1,350,000
Total Beverage, Food and Tobacco			1,500,000	1,459,571	1,350,000
Broadcasting and Entertainment — $0.31\%$ : Dessert Holdings, 3M LIBOR + $7.2500\%$ a $\sim$	9.50	6/8/2029	1,000,000	982,700	900,000
Total Broadcasting and Entertainment			1,000,000	982,700	900,000
Chemicals, Plastics and Rubber — 0.57%: Colouroz Investment 2 LLC, 3M LIBOR + 4.2500%~	8.57	9/21/2024	2,302,770	2,295,021	1,634,966
Total Chemicals, Plastics and Rubber	0.07	3,21,202 1	2,302,770	2,295,021	1,634,966
Diversified/Conglomerate Manufacturing — 1.54	<b>1</b> %:				1,001,000
CP Iris Holdco I 2nd Lien T/L (IPS), 3M LIBOR + 7.0000%¤~ SunSource, Inc., 3M LIBOR + 8.0000%~	11.07 12.07	9/21/2029 4/30/2026	2,398,019	2,374,039 2,509,928	2,014,336 2,381,250
Total Diversified/Conglomerate  Manufacturing			4,898,019	4,883,967	4,395,586
Diversified/Conglomerate Service — 6.27%: Quest Software, SOFR + 7.5000%~ Sonicwall, Inc., 3M LIBOR + 7.5000%~	10.23 10.48	1/18/2030 5/18/2026	5,603,324 2,008,050	5,524,274 1,998,010	3,371,352 1,851,925
Syncsort Incorporated (Precisely) 2nd Lien T/L, 3M LIBOR + 7.2500%~ Mitchell International 2nd Lien T/L, 3M LIBOR	11.61	3/19/2029	7,009,009	6,938,919	5,144,332
+ 6.5000%~ Misys (Finastra), 3M LIBOR + 7.2500%~	11.23 10.62	10/1/2029 6/16/2025	719,550 9,427,472	712,355 9,302,597	594,528 6,979,723
Total Diversified/Conglomerate Service			24,767,405	24,476,155	17,941,860

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Bank Loans <sup>§</sup> (Continued)					
Ecological — 0.42%: Patriot Container 2nd Lien T/L, 3M LIBOR + 7.7500%~	11.82%	3/20/2026	\$1,400,000	\$1,327,226	\$1,200,500
Total Ecological			1,400,000	1,327,226	1,200,500
Electronics — 3.17%:  McAfee Enterprise 2nd Lien T/L, 3M LIBOR + 8.2500%~	11.37	5/3/2029	11,567,000	11,488,727	9,060,778
Total Electronics			11,567,000	11,488,727	9,060,778
Healthcare, Education and Childcare — 0.89%: Clinigen, SONIA + 8.2500%+¤ Medical Solutions T/L, 3M LIBOR + 7.0000%~ Total Healthcare, Education and Childcare	11.18 9.88	4/5/2030 9/22/2027	1,050,000 1,473,684 2,523,684	1,358,769 1,458,947 2,817,716	1,177,372 1,355,789 2,533,161
Hotels, Motels, Inns and Gaming — 0.65%: Four Seasons Holdings, Inc., SOFR + 3.2500%~	3.25	11/30/2029	1,870,140	1,842,310	1,869,467
Total Hotels, Motels, Inns and Gaming			1,870,140	1,842,310	1,869,467
Packaging and Containers — 1.90%: Pretium Package Holdings 2nd Lien T/L (9/21), 3M LIBOR + 6.7500%~ Valcour Packaging (MOLD-RITE) 2nd Lien T/L, 3M LIBOR + 7.0000%¤~	9.47 11.23	9/21/2029	2,770,637	2,765,781 4,950,000	1,671,054 3,750,000
Total Packaging and Containers			7,770,637	7,715,781	5,421,054
Transportation — 2.53%: Kenan Advantage Group 2nd Lien T/L, 3M LIBOR + 7.2500%~ Worldwide Express 2nd Lien T/L, 3M LIBOR + 7.0000%~	11.32 10.67	9/1/2027	5,171,806	5,060,554	4,745,132 2,486,250
Total Transportation			8,171,806	8,015,781	7,231,382
Total Bank Loans			67,771,461	67,304,955	53,538,754
Corporate Bonds — 99.51%:					
Aerospace and Defense — 5.27%: American Airlines^# TVL Finance PLC, SONIA + 5.395%+~# Spirit Airlines, Inc.^ American Airlines Group, Inc.+^ TransDigm Group, Inc.# Triumph Group, Inc.# Total Aerospace and Defense	11.75 7.04 9.38 8.00 7.50 7.75	7/15/2025 7/15/2025 11/30/2029 9/20/2025 3/15/2027 8/15/2025	\$5,337,000 100,000 556,000 893,000 5,893,000 2,289,000 15,068,000	\$5,531,498 110,846 556,000 881,537 5,901,668 2,289,000 15,270,549	\$5,723,815 113,718 585,301 897,581 5,830,423 1,923,335 15,074,173

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Corporate Bonds (Continued)					
Automobile — 0.20%:					
Faurecia SE+	7.25%	6/15/2026	\$535,000	\$538,826	\$576,360
Total Automobile			535,000	538,826	576,360
Automotive — 1.98%:					
Ford Motor Company#	9.63	4/22/2030	5,000,000	5,948,812	5,656,150
Total Automotive			5,000,000	5,948,812	5,656,150
Broadcasting and Entertainment — 6.87%:					
Banijay+#	6.50	3/1/2026	3,700,000	3,875,147	3,722,695
Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings Inc.^#	7.75	4/15/2028	3,337,000	3,415,722	2,436,041
Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings Inc.^#	7.50	6/1/2029	3,358,000	3,422,975	2,465,679
Cox Media Group^#	8.88	12/15/2027	5,357,000	5,558,439	4,032,214
Dish Dbs Corporation#	7.38	7/1/2028	4,000,000	3,933,336	2,830,000
Dish Network Corporation^	11.75	11/15/2027	1,070,000	1,050,813	1,101,993
iHeartCommunications, Inc.#	8.38	5/1/2027	2,570,000	2,613,107	2,184,828
Townsquare Media, LLC^#	6.88	2/1/2026	1,000,000	1,020,037	887,501
Total Broadcasting and Entertainment			24,392,000	24,889,576	19,660,951
Buildings and Real Estate — 4.68%:					
Ashton Woods USA, LLC^#	6.63	1/15/2028	1,000,000	900,287	879,820
Ashton Woods USA, LLC^	4.63	4/1/2030	100,000	79,448	80,212
Maison Hold Limited+#	6.00	10/31/2027	1,045,000	1,419,991	914,167
Mattamy Group Corporation+^	4.63	3/1/2030	3,400,000	2,606,290	2,755,578
Mattamy Group Corporation+^#	5.25	12/15/2027	553,000	475,603	490,419
New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co.^#	5.25	7/15/2028	949,000	856,296	842,684
New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co.^#	9.75	7/15/2028	8,020,000	8,322,560	7,409,996
Total Buildings and Real Estate			15,067,000	14,660,475	13,372,876
Cargo Transport — 1.46%:					
Atlas Corporation+^	5.50	8/1/2029	2,000,000	1,731,828	1,515,600
Railworks Hldgs Lp / Railworks Sr^#	8.25	11/15/2028	2,881,000	2,812,538	2,664,925
Total Cargo Transport			4,881,000	4,544,366	4,180,525
Chemicals, Plastics and Rubber — 6.37%:					
Consolidated Energy Finance S.A.+^#	6.50	5/15/2026	492,000	432,788	459,413
ITT Holdings LLC^#	6.50	8/1/2029	5,338,000	5,057,782	4,495,343
LSF11 A5 Holdco LLC^	6.63	10/15/2029	3,983,000	3,538,198	3,290,401
Methanex Corporation+#	5.25	12/15/2029	1,850,000	1,570,522	1,641,315
Olympus Water US Holding Corporation^#	7.13	10/1/2027	1,500,000	1,478,967	1,428,750
Olympus Water US Holding Corporation^#	6.25	10/1/2029	1,530,000	1,499,575	1,161,123
Prince^	9.00	2/15/2030	7,606,000	7,611,758	5,729,843
Total Chemicals, Plastics and Rubber			22,299,000	21,189,590	18,206,188

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Corporate Bonds (Continued)					
Commercial Services — 0.12%:					
Apcoa Parking Holdings+#	4.63%	1/15/2027	\$385,000	\$455,648	\$352,449
Total Commercial Services			385,000	455,648	352,449
Containers, Packaging and Glass — 5.63%:					
Ardagh Packaging+#	4.75	7/15/2027	100,000	104,384	82,976
Novolex Holdings, Inc.^#	8.75	4/15/2030	7,286,000	6,602,530	6,238,347
SCI Packaging, Inc.^	7.25	4/15/2025	1,327,000	1,202,752	1,227,006
Tekni-Plex^#	9.25	8/1/2024	9,000,000	8,959,035	8,555,688
Total Containers, Packaging, and Glass			17,713,000	16,868,701	16,104,017
Diversified/Conglomerate Manufacturing — 1.:	18%				
Heat Exchangers+#	7.78	10/9/2025	652,344	700,638	374,463
International Desi+#	6.50	11/15/2025	650,000	751,224	626,907
Manitowoc Cranes^#	9.00	4/1/2026	2,538,000	2,541,616	2,379,865
Total Diversified/Conglomerate  Manufacturing			3,840,344	3,993,478	3,381,235
Diversified/Conglomerate Service — 9.84%:	0.75	4/45/0007	4 000 000	4 000 000	4 570 770
Albion JVCo Limited+^#	8.75	4/15/2027	1,800,000	1,809,008	1,532,779
Apollo Asset Management, Inc.^#	6.25	1/15/2028	4,000,000	3,680,174	3,640,640
Bcp V Modular Ser+#	6.75	11/30/2029	1,000,000	1,155,455	786,778
Global Infrastructure Solutions, Inc.^	7.50	4/15/2032	5,298,000	4,729,561	4,193,734
Libra Group Bhd+#	5.00	5/15/2027	700,000	850,082	580,402
Mcafee^#	7.38	2/15/2030	5,402,000	5,016,254	4,344,778
Presidio, Inc.^#	8.25	2/1/2028	5,462,000	5,423,080	5,063,711
Sabre Holdings^#	9.25	4/15/2025	1,751,000	1,758,371	1,744,218
Sabre Holdings Corporation^	11.25	12/15/2027	317,000	311,152	326,313
Summer BC Holdco+#	9.25	10/31/2027	1,666,932	2,101,709	1,344,587
United Site Services^	8.00	11/15/2029	2,397,000	2,374,500	1,557,307
Verisure Midholding+#	5.25	2/15/2029	3,575,000	4,324,118	3,042,341
Total Diversified/Conglomerate Service			33,368,932	33,533,464	28,157,588
Electronics — 0.78%:					
Veritas Bermuda Ltd.^#	7.50	9/1/2025	3,229,000	3,039,854	2,228,670
Total Electronics			3,229,000	3,039,854	2,228,670
Finance — 6.22%:					
Avolon Holdings+^#	6.50	9/15/2024	8,820,964	7,791,699	7,497,819
Galaxy Bidco Ltd.+#	6.50	7/31/2026	500,000	667,687	511,993
Madison Dearborn Partners LLC^#	7.50	10/1/2030	2,000,000	1,987,500	1,880,767
OneMain Finance Corporation#	6.13	3/15/2024	1,000,000	986,200	967,537
Progressive Holdings^	6.00	11/15/2029	3,631,000	3,213,128	2,921,793
Travelex+¤	12.50	8/5/2025	2,552,322	3,266,461	4,011,338
Travelex+¤>#	8.00	5/15/2023	4,600,000	5,097,344	0
Total Finance			23,104,286	23,010,019	17,791,247

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Corporate Bonds (Continued)					
Forest Products and Paper — 0.96%:					
Sylvamo Corp.^#	7.00%	9/1/2029	\$2,885,000	\$2,885,000	\$2,745,698
Total Forest Products and Paper			2,885,000	2,885,000	2,745,698
Healthcare, Education and Childcare — 4.34%:					
Athena Health Inc.^	6.50	2/15/2030	661,000	489,868	487,112
Bausch Health Companies Inc.+^#	9.00	12/15/2025	2,707,000	2,701,864	2,150,251
Bausch Health Companies Inc.+^#	9.00	1/30/2028	337,000	779,798	328,154
Bausch Health Companies Inc.+^#	11.00	9/30/2028	598,000	1,137,252	466,347
Bausch Health Companies Inc.+^#	14.00	10/15/2030	118,000	154,641	70,050
Cidron Aida Finco+	6.25	4/1/2028	1,650,000	2,275,266	1,615,770
Community Health System Inc.^	6.00	1/15/2029	1,000,000	863,383	836,480
Community Health System Inc.^#	6.88	4/15/2029	286,000	286,000	146,993
Neogen Corporation^#	8.63	7/20/2030	1,654,000	1,654,000	1,753,240
Radiology Partners Inc.^#	9.25	2/1/2028	8,096,000	8,557,537	4,544,721
Total Healthcare, Education and Childcare			17,107,000	18,899,609	12,399,118
Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares, and	d Durable Consume	r Products — 2	2.85%:		
BCPE Ulysses Intermediate Inc^#	7.75	4/1/2027	8,121,000	7,737,901	5,018,054
LBM Borrower, LLC^	6.75	5/15/2026	1,659,000	1,393,528	613,830
Staples Inc.^#	10.75	4/15/2027	3,478,000	3,568,268	2,504,508
Total Home and Office Furnishings,			-		
Housewares, and Durable Consumer					
Products			13,258,000	12,699,697	8,136,392
Internet — 0.23%:					
Millenium Escrow Corporation SR NT26^#	6.63	8/1/2026	1,035,000	1,045,238	662,453
Total Internet			1,035,000	1,045,238	662,453
Leisure, Amusement, Entertainment — 1.68%:					
Carnival Corp.+	10.13	2/1/2026	750,000	930,254	793,714
Center Parcs+#	6.50	8/28/2050	1,050,000	1,468,179	1,162,266
Golden Entertainment Inc.^	7.63	4/15/2026	2,000,000	1,968,818	1,971,232
Silk TopCo AS+	3.38	2/24/2025	1,000,000	834,506	886,115
Total Leisure, Amusement, Entertainment			4,800,000	5,201,757	4,813,327
Lodging — 0.28%:					
SANI/IKOS Financial Holdings+#	5.63	12/15/2026	815,000	962,674	806,983
Total Lodging			815,000	962,674	806,983
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Machinery (Non-Agriculture, Non-Construct, N			1 000 000	1 005 710	1 057 750
Granite Holdings US Acquisition Co.^#	11.00	10/1/2027	1,000,000	1,095,710	1,053,750
Harsco Corp.^	5.75	7/31/2027 10/15/2029	1,000,000 1,207,000	873,875 1,207,000	789,567 639,710
Oregon Tool^#	7.88				
Sarens+#	5.75	2/21/2027	1,625,000	1,783,930	1,316,782
Titan Acquisition Ltd / Titan Co-Borrower LLC+^#	7.75	4/15/2026	1 /12 000	1 447 502	1 271 670
	7./5	4/13/2020	1,412,000	1,447,592	1,271,630
Total Machinery (Non-Agriculture,					
Non-Construct, Non-Electronic)			6,244,000	6,408,107	5,071,439

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Corporate Bonds (Continued)					
Mining, Steel, Iron and Non-Precious Metals —	9.94%:				
Consol Energy Inc.^#	11.00%	11/15/2025	\$6,640,000	\$6,870,727	\$6,799,825
Coronado Global Resources Inc.+^#	10.75	5/15/2026	4,846,000	5,156,005	4,955,035
First Quantum Minerals+^#	7.50	4/1/2025	9,775,000	9,561,219	9,514,401
First Quantum Minerals+^#	6.88	10/15/2027	200,000	200,000	187,645
Hecla Mining Company#	7.25	2/15/2028	4,699,000	5,010,545	4,626,781
Warrior Met Coal Inc^#	7.88	12/1/2028	2,378,000	2,389,333	2,338,734
Total Mining, Steel, Iron and Non-Precious					
Metals			28,538,000	29,187,829	28,422,421
Oil and Gas — 18.22%:					
Antero Resources Corp.^#	7.63	2/1/2029	930,000	988,607	935,344
Calumet Specialty Products^#	9.25	7/15/2024	2,850,000	2,801,128	2,878,500
CGG SA+#	7.75	4/1/2027	1,500,000	1,787,033	1,300,592
CVR Energy Inc.^#	5.75	2/15/2028	3,850,000	3,426,839	3,351,425
Enlink Midstream Partners LP#	5.60	4/1/2044	5,413,000	3,602,468	4,464,462
Enlink Midstream Partners LP#	5.45	6/1/2047	3,000,000	2,392,787	2,404,914
Genesis Energy LP#	7.75	2/1/2028	3,408,000	3,176,560	3,136,996
Genesis Energy LP#	8.00	1/15/2027	2,639,000	2,640,074	2,487,838
Harvest Midstream I L P^#	7.50	9/1/2028	1,458,000	1,470,302	1,391,574
Hilcorp Energy I L P^#	6.25	11/1/2028	3,202,000	2,862,234	2,897,810
KCA Deutag+#	9.88	12/1/2025	1,179,286	1,179,286	1,110,003
KCA Deutag International Limited+	15.00	12/1/2027	840,998	840,998	792,641
KCA Deutag (12.06), SOFR + 9.0000%+~	12.06	12/1/2025	1,343,874	1,343,874	1,333,795
Neptune Energy Bondco PLC+^#	6.63	5/15/2025	7,028,000	6,723,001	6,824,243
Nabors Industries LTD+^#	7.25	1/15/2026	802,000	771,636	755,804
Nabors Industries LTD+^#	7.50	1/15/2028	630,000	595,510	576,385
NGL Energy Finance Corp.^#	7.50	2/1/2026	3,031,000	3,097,132	2,694,786
Occidental Pete Corp.#	8.50	7/15/2027	4,523,000	4,560,532	4,870,986
Occidental Pete Corp.#	7.88	9/15/2031	2,500,000	2,637,473	2,752,500
Range Res Corp#	8.25	1/15/2029	494,000	500,019	509,040
Waldorf Production UK LD+#	9.75	10/1/2024	742,352	740,501	738,640
Weatherford Internatinoal Ltd Bermuda SR	6.50	0/45/0000	070.000	070.000	050.050
SEC Global+^#	6.50	9/15/2028	972,000	972,000	952,852
Weatherford Intl Ltd Bermuda Sr Glbl+^#	8.63	4/30/2030	3,092,000	3,107,135	2,969,273
Total Oil and Gas			55,428,510	52,217,129	52,130,403
Personal Transportation $-$ 0.42%:					
Hertz Corporation^	5.00	12/1/2029	1,100,000	873,392	834,460
ANARAFE S.L.¤+#	17.15	3/31/2026	457,105	609,145	357,193
Total Personal Transportation			1,557,105	1,482,537	1,191,653
Printing and Publishing — 2.31%:					
Getty Images Inc.^#	9.75	3/1/2027	5,234,000	5,371,873	5,166,293
Cimpress N.V.+^#	7.00	6/15/2026	2,069,000	2,069,000	1,430,300
Total Printing and Publishing			7,303,000	7,440,873	6,596,593
rotate mining and rabitating			7,505,000	7,110,073	

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	INTEREST RATE ‡	DUE DATE	PRINCIPAL	COST	FAIR VALUE
Corporate Bonds (Continued)					
Retail Store — 0.65%:					
Afflelou SAS, 3M EURIBOR + 8.000%~+	9.80%	5/19/2027	\$1,200,000	\$1,443,455	\$1,223,520
Marcolin S.p.A+	6.13	11/15/2026	700,000	852,141	644,409
Total Retail Store			1,900,000	2,295,596	1,867,929
Telecommunications — 3.48%:					
Altice France Holding S.A.+^#	10.50	5/15/2027	4,440,000	4,422,641	3,385,500
Charter Communications, Inc.^	4.25	1/15/2034	325,000	231,364	239,865
Charter Communications, Inc.	4.50	5/1/2032	2,000,000	1,648,046	1,593,300
Commscope Inc.^#	8.25	3/1/2027	1,173,000	1,133,972	909,075
Consolidated Communications^#	6.50	10/1/2028	832,000	832,000	646,515
Digicel Limited+^#>	8.25	9/30/2025	2,500,000	2,491,364	0
Frontier Communications					
Corporation^#	8.75	5/15/2030	774,000	774,000	786,964
Frontier Communications Hldgs Sr Sec					
Glbl^#	6.00	1/15/2030	2,018,000	1,750,703	1,585,286
Uniti Group LP / Uniti Group Finance	6.50	2/45/2020	770.000	770.000	240.625
Inc.^#	6.50	2/15/2029	330,000	330,000	218,625
Viasat^#	6.50	7/15/2028	790,000	790,000	592,676
Total Telecommunications			15,182,000	14,404,090	9,957,806
Transportation $-1.78\%$ :					
Carriage Purchaser Inc.^#	7.88	10/15/2029	6,356,000	5,754,012	4,512,765
Castor S.p.A., 3M EURIBOR + 5.250%+~#	7.30	2/15/2029	477,000	542,554	493,213
Titan Holdings II+#	5.13	7/15/2029	113,000	133,866	94,349
Total Transportation			6,946,000	6,430,432	5,100,327
Total Corporate Bonds			331,881,177	329,503,926	284,644,971
Total Fixed Income			449,952,638	446,687,311	380,240,573
Total Investments				447,790,699	381,820,119
Other assets and liabilities $-$ (33.48)%					(95,778,617)
Net Assets — 100%					\$286,041,502

Percentages are calculated as a percent of net assets applicable to common shareholders.

LIBOR – London Interbank Offered Rate EURIBOR – Euro Interbank Offered Rate

- \* Securities are non-income producing.
- ‡ The effective interest rates are based on settled commitment amount.
- ¤ Value determined using significant unobservable inputs, security is categorized as Level 3.
- + Foreign security.
- ^ Security exempt from registration under Rule 144a of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may only be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers.

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- ~ Variable rate security. The interest rate shown is the rate in effect at December 31, 2022.
- # All or a portion of the security is segregated as collateral for the credit facility.
- Bank loans are exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, but contain certain restrictions on resale and cannot be sold publicly. These loans pay interest at rates which adjust periodically. The interest rates shown for bank loans are the current interest rates at June 30, 2022. Bank loans are also subject to mandatory and/or optional prepayment which cannot be predicted. As a result, the remaining maturity may be substantially less than the stated maturity shown.
- > Defaulted security.

Distributions of investments by country of risk. Percentage of assets are expressed by market value excluding cash and accrued income as of December 31, 2022.

United States of America	82.5%
United Kingdom	5.7%
Zambia	2.5%
France	2.0%
Canada	1.7%
Australia	1.3%
Luxembourg	1.3%
(Individually less than 1%)	2.9%
	100.0%

A summary of outstanding derivatives at December 31, 2022 is as follows:

# Schedule of Open Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts December 31, 2022

					FORWARD	UNREALIZED
CURRENCY TO BE	(	CURRENCY TO B	E	COUNTERPARTY OF	SETTLEMENT	APPRECIATION /
RECEIVED		DELIVERED <sup>(1)</sup>		CONTRACT	DATE	(DEPRECIATION)
890,110	USD	892,671	CAD	JP Morgan Chase	1/17/2023	\$ (2,561)
21,362,077	USD	21,668,695	EUR	Morgan Stanley	1/17/2023	(306,618)
10,220,076	USD	10,114,240	GBP	Morgan Stanley	1/17/2023	105,836
						\$(203,343)

<sup>(1)</sup> Values are listed in U.S. dollars.

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### 1. Organization

Barings Global Short Duration High Yield Fund (the "Fund") was organized as a business trust under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on May 20, 2011 and commenced operations on October 26, 2012. The Fund is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), as a de facto diversified, closed-end management investment company.

Barings LLC (the "Adviser"), a wholly owned indirect subsidiary of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, is a registered investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, and serves as investment adviser to the Fund.

Baring International Investment Limited (the "Sub-Adviser"), an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of the Adviser, serves as sub-adviser with respect to the Fund's European investments.

The Fund's primary investment objective is to seek as high a level of current income as the Adviser determines is consistent with capital preservation. The Fund seeks capital appreciation as a secondary investment objective when consistent with its primary investment objective. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives. The Fund seeks to take advantage of inefficiencies between geographies, primarily the North American and Western European high yield bond and loan markets and within capital structures between bonds and loans. Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its Managed Assets in bonds, loans and other income-producing instruments that are, at the time of purchase, rated below investment grade (below Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or below BBB- by either Standard & Poor's Rating Services, a division of the McGraw-Hill Company, Inc. ("S&P") or Fitch, Inc. ("Fitch"), or unrated but judged by the Adviser or Sub-Adviser to be of comparable quality).

### 2. Significant Accounting Policies

The Fund is an investment company and follows accounting and reporting guidance in Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification Topic 946. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed consistently by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

#### A. Valuation of Investments

Pursuant to Rule 2a-5, the Board of Trustees (the "Board") has designated the Adviser as valuation designee to perform the fair value determinations relating to the value of the assets held by the Fund and making fair value determinations on any day on which the net asset value ("NAV") per share of the Fund is determined, in accordance with the 1940 Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, and the registration statement for the Fund, subject to the oversight of the Board.

Valuation of the Fund's securities is based on the market price whenever market quotations are readily available and all securities of the same class held by the Fund can be readily sold in such market. Market prices are obtained from reputable pricing services using market pricing conventions, to the extent such a price is available. Where a market price quotation for a security is not readily available or if the investment is not a security, the security will be fair valued as determined in good faith by the Adviser, subject to the oversight of the Board.

The pricing services may use valuation models or matrix pricing, which consider yield or prices with respect to comparable bond quotations from bond dealers or by reference to other securities that are considered comparable in such characteristics as credit rating, interest rates and maturity date, to determine the current value. The closing prices of domestic or foreign securities may not reflect their market values at the time the Fund calculates its NAV if an event that materially affects the value of those securities has occurred since the closing prices were established on the domestic or foreign exchange market, but before the Fund's NAV calculation. Under certain conditions, the Board has approved an independent pricing service to fair value foreign securities. This is generally accomplished by adjusting the closing price for movements in correlated indices, securities or derivatives. Fair value pricing may cause the value of the security on the books of the Fund to be different from the closing value on the non-U.S. exchange and may affect the calculation of the Fund's NAV. The Fund may fair value securities in other situations, for example, when a particular foreign market is closed but the Fund is pricing their shares.

The Fund'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 Fund's valuation policies and procedures approved by the Board.

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Forward foreign exchange contracts are normally valued on the basis of independent pricing service providers.

Where market quotations are not readily available or deemed unreliable, a Valuation Committee, made up of officers of the Fund and employees of the Adviser, is responsible for determining the fair value of investments, in accordance with the Fund's valuation policies and procedures as approved by the Board: The Valuation Committee is subject to the oversight of the Board and is responsible for the approval, implementation, and oversight of the processes and methodologies that relate to the pricing and valuation of assets held by the Fund. In certain cases, authorized pricing service vendors may not provide prices for a security held by the Fund, or the price provided by such pricing service vendor is deemed unreliable by the Adviser. In such cases, the Fund may use market maker quotations provided by an established market maker for that security (i.e. broker quotes) to value the security if the Adviser has experience obtaining quotations from the market maker and the Adviser determines that quotations obtained from the market maker in the past have generally been reliable (or, if the Adviser has no such experience with respect to a market maker, it determines based on other information available to it that quotations obtained by it from the market maker are reasonably likely to be reliable). In any such case, the Adviser will review any market quotations so obtained in light of other information in its possession for their general reliability.

Bank loans in which the Fund may invest have similar risks to lower-rated fixed income securities. Changes in the financial condition of the borrower or economic conditions or other circumstances may reduce the capacity of the borrower to make principal and interest payments on such instruments and may lead to defaults. Senior secured bank loans are supported by collateral; however, the value of the collateral may be insufficient to cover the amount owed to the Fund. By relying on a third party to administer a loan, the Fund is subject to the risk that the third party will fail to perform it obligations. The loans in which the Fund will invest are largely floating rate instruments; therefore, the interest rate risk generally is lower than for fixed-rate debt obligations. However, from the perspective of the borrower, an increase in interest rates may adversely affect the borrower's financial condition. Due to the unique and customized nature of loan agreements evidencing loans and the private syndication thereof, loans are not as easily purchased or sold as publicly traded securities. Although the range of investors in loans has broadened in recent years, there can be no assurance that future levels of supply and demand in loan trading will provide the degree of liquidity which currently exists in the market. In addition, the terms of the loans may restrict their transferability without borrower consent. These factors may have an adverse effect on the market price and the Fund's ability to dispose of particular portfolio investments. A less liquid secondary market also may make it more difficult for the Fund to obtain precise valuations of the high yield loans in its portfolio.

The Fund may invest in collateralized debt obligations ("CDOs"), which include collateralized bond obligations ("CBOs") and collateralized loan obligations ("CLOs"). CBOs and CLOs are types of asset-backed securities. A CDO is an entity that is backed by a diversified pool of debt securities (CBOs) or syndicated bank loans (CLOs). The cash flows of the CDO can be split into multiple segments, called "tranches," which will vary in risk profile and yield. The riskiest segment is the subordinated or "equity" tranche. This tranche bears the greatest risk of defaults from the underlying assets in the CDO and serves to protect the other, more senior, tranches from default in all but the most severe circumstances. Since it is shielded from defaults by the more junior tranches, a "senior" tranche will typically have higher credit ratings and lower yields than their underlying securities, and often receive investment grade ratings from one or more of the nationally recognized rating agencies. Despite the protection from the more junior tranches, senior tranches can experience substantial losses due to actual defaults, increased sensitivity to future defaults and the disappearance of one or more protecting tranches as a result of changes in the credit profile of the underlying pool of assets.

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A three-tier hierarchy is utilized to maximize the use of observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk. For example, market participants would consider the risk inherent in a particular valuation technique used to measure fair value, such as a pricing model, and/or the risk inherent in the inputs to the valuation technique. Inputs may be

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observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability and are developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability and are developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized in the three broad levels listed below.

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 Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The availability of observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, for example, the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, the liquidity of markets, and other characteristics particular to the security. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3.

The inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls in its entirety is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of December 31, 2022 in valuing the Fund's investments:

DESCRIPTION	LEVEL 1 LEVEL 2		LEVEL 3	TOTAL INVESTMENTS	
Assets:					
Equities:					
Common Stocks	\$ -	\$ 1,417,132	\$ 41,748	\$ 1,458,880	
Warrant			120,666	120,666	
Total Equities:		1,417,132	162,414	1,579,546	
Fixed Income:					
Asset-Backed Securities	_	42,056,848	_	42,056,848	
Bank Loans	_	44,347,046	9,191,708	53,538,754	
Corporate Bonds	_	280,276,440	4,368,531	284,644,971	
Total Fixed Income	_	366,680,334	13,560,239	380,240,573	
Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts	_	105,836		105,836	
Total Assets:	\$ -	\$368,203,302	\$13,722,653	\$381,925,955	
Liabilities:					
Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts:	\$ -	\$ (309,179)	\$ -	\$ (309,179)	
Total Liabilities:	\$ -	\$ (309,179)	\$ -	\$ (309,179)	

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The following table is a summary of quantitative information about significant unobservable valuation inputs for Level 3 fair value measurement for investments held as of December 31, 2022. The table does not include Level 3 financial instruments with values based upon unadjusted third-party pricing information in the amount of \$13,680,905. A significant change in third party information could result in a significantly lower or higher value of such Level 3 financial instruments:

	FAIR VALUE AS OF	VALUATION	
TYPE OF ASSETS	DECEMBER 31, 2022	TECHNIQUE(S)	UNOBSERVABLE INPUT
Equities:			
ESC CB 144A High Ridge	\$41,748	Expected Transaction	\$14.00; Value derived from pending receipt
	\$41,748		

Although the Fund believes the valuation method described above is appropriate, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine fair value could result in different estimates of fair value at the reporting date.

The Fund discloses transfers between levels based on valuations at the end of the reporting period. The following is a reconciliation of Level 3 investments based upon the inputs used to determine fair value:

	BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31 2021	TRANSFERS T , INTO LEVEL 3	OUT OF	URCHASES	SALES	ACCRETION OF DISCOUNT	REALIZED GAIN / (LOSS)	CHANGE IN UNREALIZED APPRECIATION (DEPRECIATION ON INVESTMENTS	) AT	CHANGE IN UNREALIZED APPRECIATION / (DEPRECIATION) FROM INVESTMENTS HELD AS OF L, DECEMBER 31, 2022
Equities										
Boomerang Tube										
Holdings, Inc.	\$ -	\$ - \$	- \$	-\$	(4	) \$ -	\$(3,510,829	) \$ 3,510,833	\$ -	_
Naviera Armas										
Class A2 Shares										
Stapled To 1.5L SSNS	-	_	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	_
Naviera Armas										
Class A3 Shares										
Stapled To EUR TLB	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	_	_
Naviera Armas										
Class B2 Shares										
Stapled To 1.5L SSNS	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	_	-	-
Naviera Armas										
Class B3 Shares										
Stapled To EUR TLB	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
ESC CB 144A High Ridge	41,748								41.748	
Sabine Oil & Gas LLC	56,446	_	_	_	_	_	(248,858	192,412	41,740	_
Tourmaline Escrow	30,440						(240,030	) 192,412		
Cash	946,881	_	_	_	(884,606	) –	_	(62,275)	_	_
Travelex Private Equity		_	_	_	-	_	_	(02,270,	_	_
Common Stocks	1,045,075				(884,610		(3,759,687	3,640,970	41,748	
					,.=-					
Travelex Topco Limited Warrant	225,162						_	(104,496)	120,666	(104,496)
Warrants	225,162				_			(104,496)	120,666	(104,496)
Total Equities	1,270,237	_	-	_	(884,610	) –	(3,759,687	3,536,474	162,414	(104,496)

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	BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31 2021	TRANSFERS , INTO LEVEL 3	OUT OF	PURCHASES		ACCRETION OF DISCOUNT	N REALIZED GAIN /	CHANGE IN UNREALIZED APPRECIATION ( (DEPRECIATION) ON INVESTMENTS	) AT	UNREALIZED APPRECIATION / (DEPRECIATION) FROM INVESTMENTS HELD AS OF , DECEMBER 31, 2022
Bank Loans										
Boomerang Tube, LLC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$(2,608,648)	\$ 2,608,648	\$ -	\$ -
Cloudera 2nd Lien T/L	3,391,500	_	_	_	(3,400,000)	_	17,000	(8,500)	_	_
CP Iris Holdco I 2nd										
Lien T/L (IPS)	_	2,014,336	-	-	-	_	_	_	2,014,336	_
Dessert Holdings	_	-	-	982,700	-	_	-	(82,700)	900,000	(82,700)
Florida Food Products										
2nd Lien T/L	-	1,350,000	-	_	_	_	-	_	1,350,000	_
Kenan Advantage										
Group 2nd Lien T/L	3,155,947	-	(4,745,132)	1,935,000	-	14,611	_	(360,426)	-	-
Medical Solutions T/L	-	1,355,789	(1,355,789)	-	-	-	_	_	-	-
Naviera Armas Bridge	141,679	-	-	_	(133,210)	608	_	(9,077)	-	-
Naviera Armas Bridge	6,693	-	-	_	(6,734)	-	_	41	-	-
Naviera Armas Bridge	113,915	-	-	_	(116,315)	1,697	_	703	-	-
Naviera Armas Bridge	72,003	-	-	_	(72,438)	_	-	435	-	-
Odeon Cinemas										
Group T/L B	127,330	-	-	-	(103,524)	1,206	(20,815)		-	_
Clinigen	-	-	-	1,357,305	-	1,464	_	(181,397)	1,177,372	(181,397)
Valcour Packaging										
(MOLD-RITE) 2nd										
Lien T/L	4,975,000							(1,225,000)	3,750,000	(1,225,000)
Bank Loans	11,984,067	4,720,125	(6,100,921)	4,275,005	(3,832,221)	19,586	(2,612,463)	738,530	9,191,708	(1,489,097)
Corporate Bonds										
Digicel Limited	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
ANARAFE S.L.	_	_	_	640,492	(9,075)	(20,611)	(1,661)	(251,952)	357,193	(251,952)
Travelex	3,690,853	_	_	1,380,089	(822,970)	48,715	236,712	(522,061)	4,011,338	(522,061)
Travelex	_	-	-	-	-	_	-	_	-	_
Corporate Bonds	3,690,853			2,020,581	(832,045)	28,104	235,051	(774,013)	4,368,531	(774,013)
Total	\$16,945,157	\$4,720,125	\$(6,100,921)	\$6,295,586	\$(5,548,876)	\$ 47,690	\$(6,137,099)	\$ 3,500,991	\$13,722,653	\$(2,367,606)

During the period, transfers into and out of Level 3 resulted from observable market data for the security.

#### **B.** Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist principally of short-term investments that are readily convertible into cash and have original maturities of three months or less. As of December 31, 2022, the Fund held no cash equivalents and all cash is held by U.S. Bank, N.A.

## C.Investment Transactions, Related Investment Income and Expenses

Investment transactions are accounted for on a tradedate basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual

basis, including the amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts on bonds held using the yield-to-maturity method.

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Interest income from securitized investments in which the Fund has a beneficial interest, such as the "equity" security class of a CLO vehicle (typically in the form of income or subordinated notes), is recorded upon receipt. The accrual of interest income related to these types of securities is periodically reviewed and adjustments are made as necessary.

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.

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Expenses are recorded on the accrual basis as incurred.

#### **D.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 and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### **E. Federal Income Taxation**

The Fund has elected to be taxed as a Regulated Investment Company ("RIC") under sub-chapter M of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and intends to maintain this qualification and to distribute substantially all of its net taxable income to its shareholders.

#### F. Dividends and Distributions

The Fund declares and pays dividends monthly from net investment income. To the extent that these distributions exceed net investment income, they may be classified as return of capital. The Fund also pays a distribution at least annually from its net realized capital gains, if any. Dividends and distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date. All common shares have equal dividend and other distribution rights. A notice disclosing the source(s) of a distribution will be provided if payment is made from any source other than net investment income. Any such notice would be provided only for informational purposes in order to comply with the requirements of Section 19(a) of the 1940 Act and not for tax reporting purposes. The tax composition of the Fund's distributions for each calendar year is reported on Internal Revenue Service Form 1099-DIV.

Dividends from net investment income and distributions from realized gains from investment transactions have been determined in accordance with Federal income tax regulations and may differ from net investment income and realized gains recorded by the Fund for financial reporting purposes. These differences, which could be temporary or permanent in nature may result in reclassification of distributions; however, net investment income, net realized gains and losses, and net assets are not affected.

#### **G. Derivative Instruments**

In October 2020, the Securities and Exchange Commission adopted Rule 18f-4 under the 1940 Act

regarding the ability of a closed-end fund to use derivatives and other transactions that create future payment or delivery obligations. Under Rule 18f-4, closed-end funds that use derivatives are subject to a value-at-risk leverage limit, а derivatives management program and testing requirements and requirements related to board reporting. These requirements apply unless the closed-end fund qualifies as a "limited derivatives user," as defined under Rule 18f-4. The Fund has adopted updated policies and procedures in compliance with Rule 18f-4. The Fund expects to qualify as a "limited derivatives user" under Rule 18f-4.

The following is a description of the derivative instruments that the Fund utilizes as part of its investment strategy, including the primary underlying risk exposures related to the instrument.

Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts - The Fund is subject to foreign currency exchange rate risk in the normal course of pursuing its investment objectives. The Fund transacted in and currently holds forward foreign exchange contracts to hedge against changes in the value of foreign currencies. The Fund entered into forward foreign exchange contracts obligating the Fund to deliver or receive a currency at a specified future date. Forward foreign exchange contracts are valued daily, and unrealized appreciation or depreciation is recorded daily as the difference between the contract exchange rate and the closing forward rate applied to the face amount of the contract. A realized gain or loss is recorded at the time the forward contract expires. Credit risk may arise as a result of the failure of the counterparty to comply with the terms of the contract. The Fund considers the creditworthiness of each counterparty to a contract in evaluating potential credit risk quarterly. The Fund is also subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties to the derivative contracts which are not cleared through a central counterparty but instead are traded over-the-counter between two counterparties. If a counterparty to an over-the-counter derivative becomes bankrupt or otherwise fails to perform its obligations under a derivative contract due to financial difficulties, the Fund may experience significant delays in obtaining any recovery under the derivative contract in a bankruptcy or other reorganization proceeding. The Fund may obtain only a limited recovery or may obtain no recovery in such circumstances. The counterparty risk for cleared derivatives is generally lower than for uncleared over-the-counter derivative transactions since generally

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a clearing organization becomes substituted for each counterparty to a cleared derivative contract and, in effect, guarantees the parties' performance under the contract as each party to a trade looks only to the clearing house for performance of financial obligations. However, there can be no assurance that the clearing house, or its members, will satisfy its obligations to the Fund. In addition, in the event of a bankruptcy of a clearing house, the Fund could experience a loss of the funds deposited with such clearing house as margin and any profits on its open positions. The counterparty risk to the Fund is limited to the net unrealized gain, if any, on the contract.

The use of forward foreign exchange contracts does not eliminate fluctuations in the underlying prices of the Fund's investment securities; however, it does establish a rate of exchange that can be achieved in the future. The use of forward foreign exchange contracts involves the risk that anticipated currency movements will not be accurately predicted. A forward foreign exchange contract would limit the risk of loss due to a decline in the value of a particular currency; however, it would also limit any potential gain that might result should the value of the currency increase instead of decrease. These contracts may involve market risk in excess of the amount of receivable or payable reflected on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

The Fund recognized an asset and a liability on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as a result of forward foreign exchange contracts with J.P. Morgan and Morgan Stanley. The Fund's policy is to recognize an asset equal to the net value of all forward foreign exchange contracts with an unrealized gain and a liability equal to the net value of all forward foreign exchange contracts with an unrealized loss. The Fund has recognized an asset of \$105,836 in net unrealized appreciation on forward foreign exchange contracts and a liability of \$309,179 in net unrealized depreciation on forward foreign exchange contracts. Outstanding forward foreign exchange contracts as of December 31, 2022 are indicative of the volume of activity during the year.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Fund's direct investment in derivatives consisted of forward foreign exchange contracts.

The following is a summary of the fair value of derivative instruments held by the Fund as of December 31, 2022.

These derivatives are presented in the Schedule of Investments.

Fair values of derivative instruments on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of December 31, 2022:

	STATEMENT OF ASSETS	
	AND LIABILITIES	FAIR
DERIVATIVES	LOCATION	VALUE
Asset Derivatives Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts	Unrealized appreciation on forward foreign exchange contracts	\$105,836
Total Asset Derivatives		\$105,836
Liability Derivatives Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts	Unrealized depreciation on forward foreign exchange contracts	\$309,179
Total Liability Derivatives		\$309,179

The effect of derivative instruments on the Statement of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2022:

DERIVATIVES	STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS LOCATION	REALIZED GAIN/ (LOSS) ON DERIVATIVES
Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts Total	Net realized gain on forward foreign exchange contracts	\$5,973,592 \$5,973,592
DERIVATIVES	STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS LOCATION	CHANGE IN UNREALIZED APPRECIATION/ (DEPRECIATION) ON DERIVATIVES
Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts	Net change in unrealized appreciation of forward foreign exchange contracts	\$ 378,081
Total		\$ 378,081

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### **H.Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities**

The following is a summary by counterparty of the fair value of derivative investments subject to Master Netting Agreements and collateral pledged (received), if any, as of December 31, 2022.

				AMOUNTS NOT OFFSET IN THE STATEMENT OF ASSETS		
					ABILITIES	_
		GROSS AMOUNT	NET AMOUNTS			
	GROSS	OFFSET IN THE	PRESENTED IN			
	AMOUNT OF	STATEMENT OF	THE STATEMENT			
	RECOGNIZED	ASSETS AND	OF ASSETS AND	FINANCIAL	COLLATERAL	. NET
ASSETS:	ASSETS	LIABILITIES	LIABILITIES	INSTRUMENTS	RECEIVED	AMOUNT
Forward foreign exchange contracts						
Morgan Stanley	\$105,836	\$ -	\$105,836	\$(105,836)	\$ -	\$ -
				AMOUNTS NO	T OFFSET IN	
				THE STATEMEN	NT OF ASSETS	
				AND LIA	BILITIES	
		GROSS AMOUNT	NET AMOUNTS			
	GROSS	OFFSET IN THE	PRESENTED IN			
	AMOUNT OF	STATEMENT OF	THE STATEMENT			
	RECOGNIZED	ASSETS AND	OF ASSETS AND	FINANCIAL	COLLATERAL	NET
LIABILITIES:	LIABILITIES	LIABILITIES	LIABILITIES	INSTRUMENTS	PLEDGED	AMOUNT*
Forward foreign exchange contracts						
Morgan Stanley	\$306,618	\$ -	\$306,618	\$(105,836)	\$ -	\$(200,782)
JP Morgan Chase	2,561		2,561			(2,561)
Total Liabilities	\$309,179	<u>\$ -</u>	\$309,179	\$(105,836)	\$ -	\$(203,343)

<sup>\*</sup> The net amount represents the amount owed by the Fund to the counterparty as of December 31, 2022.

In order to better define its contractual rights and to secure rights that will help the Fund mitigate its counterparty risk, the Fund may enter into an International Swaps and Derivatives Association, Inc. Master Agreement ("ISDA Master Agreement") or similar agreement with its counterparties. An ISDA Master Agreement is a bilateral agreement between the Fund and a counterparty that governs certain OTC derivatives and typically contains, among other things, collateral posting terms and netting provisions in the event of a default and/or termination event. Under an ISDA Master Agreement, the Fund may, under certain circumstances, offset with the counterparty certain derivative financial instruments' payables and/or receivables with collateral held and/or posted and create one single net payment. The provisions of the ISDA Master

Agreement typically permit a single net payment in the event of default including the bankruptcy or insolvency of the counterparty. Bankruptcy or insolvency laws of a particular jurisdiction may restrict or prohibit the right of offset in bankruptcy, insolvency or other events. In addition, certain ISDA Master Agreements allow counterparties to terminate derivative contracts prior to maturity in the event the Fund's net assets decline by a stated percentage or the Fund fails to meet the terms of its ISDA Master Agreements. The result would cause the Fund to accelerate payment of any net liability owed to the counterparty.

For derivatives traded under an ISDA Master Agreement, the collateral requirements are typically calculated by netting the mark to market amount for each transaction

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under such agreement and comparing that amount to the value of any collateral currently pledged by the Fund and the counterparty.

Cash collateral that has been pledged to cover obligations of the Fund and cash collateral received from the counterparty, if any, is reported separately on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as cash collateral held at broker or cash collateral due to broker, respectively. Non-cash collateral pledged by or received by the Fund, if any, is noted in the Schedule of Investments. Generally, the amount of collateral due from or to a party has to exceed a minimum transfer amount threshold before a transfer is required, which is determined each day at the close of business of the Fund, typically based on changes in market values for each transaction under an ISDA Master Agreement and netted into one amount for such agreement and any additional required collateral is delivered to/pledged by the Fund on the next business day. Typically, the Fund and counterparties are not permitted to sell, re-pledge or use the collateral they receive. To the extent amounts due to the Fund from its counterparties are not fully collateralized, contractually or otherwise, the Fund bears the risk of loss from counterparty non-performance. The Fund attempts to mitigate counterparty risk by entering into agreements only with counterparties that they believe have the financial resources to honor their obligations and by monitoring the financial stability of those counterparties.

### I. Foreign Securities

Investing in securities of foreign companies and foreign governments involves special risks and considerations not typically associated with investing in U.S. companies and the U.S. government. These risks include valuation of currencies and adverse political and economic developments. Moreover, securities of many foreign companies, foreign governments, and their markets may be less liquid and their prices more volatile than those of securities of comparable U.S. companies and the U.S. government.

### J. Foreign Currency Translation

The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Foreign currency transactions are translated into U.S. dollars on the following basis: (i) market value of investment securities, assets and liabilities at the daily rates of exchange, and (ii) purchases and sales of investment securities, dividend and interest income and certain expenses at the rates of exchange prevailing on

the respective dates of such transactions. For financial reporting purposes, the Fund does not isolate changes in the exchange rate of investment securities from the fluctuations arising from changes in the market prices of securities. However, for Federal income tax purposes, the Fund does isolate and treat as ordinary income the effect of changes in foreign exchange rates on realized gain or loss from the sale of investment securities and payables and receivables arising from trade-date and settlement-date differences.

#### K. Counterparty Risk

The Fund seeks to manage counterparty credit risk by entering into agreements only with counterparties the Adviser believes have the financial resources to honor their obligations. The Adviser monitors the financial stability of the Fund's counterparties.

### L. New Accounting Pronouncements

In March 2020, FASB issued ASU 2020-04, Reference Rate Reform: Facilitation of the Effects of Reference Rate Reform on Financial Reporting ("ASU 2020-04"), in January 2021, the FASB issued ASU 2021-01, Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848): Scope ("ASU 2021-01"), and in December 2022, the FASB issued ASU 2022-06, Reference Rate Reform (Topic 848): Deferral of the Sunset Date of Topic 848 ("ASU 2022-06"), which provides optional, temporary relief with respect to the financial reporting of contracts subject to certain types of modifications due to the planned discontinuation of the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") and other interbank offered rates as of the end of 2021. The temporary relief provided by ASU 2020-04, ASU 2021-01, and ASU 2022-06 is effective for certain reference raterelated contract modifications that occur during the period from March 12, 2020 through December 31, 2024. Management is evaluating the impact of ASU 2020-04, ASU 2021-01, and ASU 2022-06 on the Fund's investments, derivatives, debt, and other contracts that will undergo reference raterelated modifications as a result of the reference rate reform. Management is also actively working with other financial institutions and counterparties to modify contracts as required by applicable regulation and within the regulatory deadlines.

#### 3. Advisory Fee

The Fund was previously a party to an investment management agreement with the Adviser, a related party, dated October 25, 2012 (the "Prior Management

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Agreement"). Effective September 1, 2022, the Fund entered into an amended and restated management agreement (the "New Management Agreement") that supersedes the Prior Management Agreement in its entirety. Pursuant to the Prior Management Agreement, the Fund agreed to pay the Adviser a fee payable at the end of each calendar month, at an annual rate of 1.00% of the Fund's average daily managed assets during such month. Effective August 6, 2020 the Adviser had waived 0.15% of its fee payable from the Fund. The waiver expired on August 31, 2022. Effective September 1, 2022, pursuant to the New Management Agreement, effective September 1, 2022, the Fund has agreed to pay the Adviser a fee payable at the end of each calendar month, at an annual rate of 0.85% of the Fund's average daily managed assets during such month. Managed assets are the total assets of the Fund, which include any assets attributable to leverage such as assets attributable to reverse repurchase agreements, or bank loans, minus the sum of the Fund's accrued liabilities (other than liabilities incurred for the purpose of leverage).

Subject to the supervision of the Adviser and the Board, the Sub-Adviser manages the investment and reinvestment of a portion of the assets of the Fund, as allocated from time to time. As compensation for its services, the Adviser (not the Fund) pays the Sub-Adviser a portion of the investment management fees it receives from the Fund, in an amount in U.S. dollars equal to 35% of such investment management fees ("Sub-Advisory Fees").

#### 4. Administrator Fee

The Fund has engaged U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, d/b/a U.S. Bank Global Fund Services ("Fund Services") to serve as the Fund's administrator, fund accountant, and transfer agent. The Fund has engaged U.S. Bank, N.A. to serve as the Fund's custodian. The Fund has agreed to pay Fund Services a fee payable at the end of each calendar month, at an annual rate of 0.075% of the Fund's average daily managed assets.

#### 5. Income Taxes

It is the Fund's intention to qualify as a RIC under sub-chapter M of the Internal Revenue Code and distribute all of its taxable income. Accordingly, no provision for federal income taxes is required in the financial statements.

The tax character of dividends paid to shareholders during the tax years ended in 2022 and 2021, as noted below, was as follows:

2022	2021
\$25,425,498	\$25,425,498
\$25,425,498	\$25,425,498
	\$25,425,498

The amount and character of income and capital gain distributions to be paid, if any, are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. GAAP.

Permanent items identified during the year ended December 31, 2022 have been reclassified among the components of net assets based on their tax basis treatment as follows:

	ACCUMULATED
ADDITIONAL PAID IN CAPITAL	LOSSES
\$(1,018,412)	\$1,018,412

The permanent differences are primarily attributable to non-deductible excise taxes. The Fund's excise tax expense of \$1,018,412 as shown on the Statement of Operation represents excise tax on undistributed income.

The following information is provided on a tax basis as of December 31. 2022:

Cost of investments	\$ 449,171,616
Unrealized appreciation Unrealized depreciation	5,610,623 (72,962,120)
Net unrealized appreciation/ (depreciation) Undistributed ordinary income Undistributed long term gains	(67,351,497) 24,511,959
Distributable earnings Accumulated gain/(loss)	24,511,959 (137,936,217)
Total accumulated gain/(loss)	\$(180,775,755)

The capital loss carryforward is available to offset future taxable income. The Fund has \$15,727,537 of short-term capital loss carryforwards and \$122,254,079 of long term capital loss carryforwards, both of which have unlimited expiration.

The Fund recognizes the tax benefits of uncertain tax positions only where the position is "more likely than not" to be sustained assuming examination by tax authorities. Management has analyzed the Fund's tax positions and

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has concluded that no liability for unrecognized tax benefits should be recorded related to uncertain tax positions taken on U.S. tax returns and state tax returns filed since inception of the Fund. No income tax returns are currently under examination. Tax years ended December 31, 2019 through December 31, 2022 remain subject to examination by the tax authorities in the United States. Due to the nature of the Fund's investments, the Fund may be required to file income tax returns in several states. The Fund is not aware of any tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will change materially in the next 12 months.

#### 6. Investment Transactions

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Fund purchased (at cost) and sold securities in the amount of \$140,590,832 and \$158,710,529 (excluding short-term debt securities), respectively.

#### 7. Credit Facility

On November 8, 2012, the Fund entered into a \$200,000,000 credit facility with BNP Paribas Prime Brokerage International, Ltd ("BNP"). On January 6, 2014, the Fund entered into an amended agreement with a variable annual interest rate of one-month LIBOR plus 0.75 percent. On April 28, 2022, the Fund entered into an amended agreement with a variable interest rate of USD SOFR plus 0.76 percent. Unused portions of the credit facility will accrue a commitment fee equal to an annual rate of 0.65 percent.

The average principal balance and interest rate for the period during which the credit facility was utilized for the year ended December 31, 2022 was approximately \$107,200,000 and 2.42 percent, respectively. As of December 31, 2022, the principal balance outstanding was \$108,500,000 at an interest rate of 5.06 percent. If measured at fair value, borrowings under the credit facility would have been considered as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy (see Note 2A) as of December 31, 2022. For the year ended December 31, 2022, the total amount of income netted against the interest expense was \$56,815.

### 8. Securities Lending

Through an agreement with the Fund, BNP may lend out securities the Fund has pledged as collateral on the note payable. In return, the Fund receives additional income that is netted against the interest charged on the

outstanding credit facility balance. For the year ended December 31, 2022, there were no securities that the fund has pledged as collateral.

#### 9. Common Stock

The Fund had unlimited shares authorized and 20,064,313 shares outstanding as of December 31, 2022 and 2021. There were no changes to shares outstanding during the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

## 10. Aggregate Remuneration Paid to Officers, Trustees and Their Affiliated Persons

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Fund paid its Trustees aggregate remuneration of \$154,070. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Fund did not pay any compensation to any of its Trustees who are "interested persons" (as defined by the 1940 Act) of the Fund. The Fund classifies Messrs. Harris and Mihalick as interested persons of the Fund.

All of the Fund's officers are employees of the Adviser. Pursuant to the Agreement, the Fund does not compensate its officers who are employees of the Adviser (except for the Chief Compliance Officer of the Fund unless assumed by the Adviser). For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Adviser paid the compensation of the Chief Compliance Officer of the Fund.

The Fund did not make any payments to the Adviser for the year ended December 31, 2022, other than the amounts payable to the Adviser pursuant to the Agreement.

### 11. Risks

Impacts of COVID-19

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. The adverse effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on our operations and the operations of Barings, including with respect to us, have been reduced since the height of the pandemic. Barings continues to monitor the COVID-19 situation globally and is prepared to adapt office working patterns as required to ensure the safety of its employees and clients who visit Barings office locations. In addition, Barings' cybersecurity policies are

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applied consistently when working remotely or in the office. These potential impacts, while uncertain, could adversely affect the Fund's and its investments' operating results.

#### 12. Subsequent Events

The Fund has evaluated the possibility of subsequent events existing in this report through the date that the financial statements were issued. The Fund has determined that there were no material events that would require recognition or disclosure in this report through this date, except as provided below.

On January 12, 2023, the Board ratified and approved the appointments of Andrea Nitzan as Treasurer of the Fund and Christopher Hanscom as Chief Financial Officer of the Fund.

On February 22, 2023, the Board ratified and approved the appointments of Gregory MacCordy as Chief Compliance Officer of the Fund, Ashlee Steinnerd as Chief Legal Officer of the Fund, and Alexandra Pacini as Secretary of the Fund.

## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Shareholders and the Board of Trustees of Barings Global Short Duration High Yield Fund:

### Opinion on the Financial Statements and Financial Highlights

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of Barings Global Short Duration High Yield Fund (the "Fund"), including the schedule of investments, as of December 31, 2022, the related statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, and the related notes. In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of December 31, 2022, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund's financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Fund is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements and financial highlights, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and financial highlights. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements and financial highlights. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2022, by correspondence with the custodian, brokers and agent banks; when replies were not received from brokers and agent banks, we performed other auditing procedures. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP New York, New York March 1, 2023

We have served as the auditor of one or more Barings LLC investment companies since 2013.

## RESULTS OF SHAREHOLDER MEETING (unaudited)

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders ("Annual Meeting") was held on Monday, August 8, 2022. The shareholders were asked to elect David M. Mihalick and Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr. as Trustees for a three-year term. The shareholders approved the proposal. The results of shareholder voting are set forth below:

			% OF
		TOTAL	SHARES
SHARES FOR	WITHHELD	VOTED	VOTED FOR
David M. Mihalick	787,586	15,981,564	95.30%
Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr.	618,744	16,150,406	96.31%

The Fund's other Trustees, Thomas W. Okel, Mark F. Mulhern and Jill E. Olmstead continued to serve their respective terms following the Annual Meeting.

## INTERESTED TRUSTEES

NAME (AGE), ADDRESS	POSITION(S) WITH THE FUND	OFFICE TERM AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATIONS DURING PAST 5 YEARS	PORTFOLIOS OVERSEEN IN FUND COMPLEX	OTHER DIRECTORSHIPS HELD BY DIRECTOR
David M. Mihalick (49) 300 South Tryon Street Suite 2500 Charlotte, NC 28202	Trustee	Trustee since 2020	Head of Private Assets (since 2021), Head of U.S. Public Fixed Income and Member of Global Investment Grade Allocation Committee (2019-2021), Head of U.S. High Yield and Member of Global High Yield Allocation Committee (2017-2021), and U.S. High Yield Research Analyst and Portfolio Manager (2008-2017), Barings LLC.		Director (since 2020), Barings BDC, Inc. (business development company advised by Barings); Director (since 2021), Barings Capital Investment Corporation (business development company advised by Barings); Trustee (since May 2022), Barings Corporate Investors and Barings Participation Investors (closed-end investment companies advised by Barings); and Trustee (2020-2021), Barings Funds Trust (open-end investment company advised by Barings).
Dr. Bernard A. Harris Jr. (66) 300 South Tryon Street Suite 2500 Charlotte, NC 28202	Trustee	Trustee since 2012	Chief Executive Officer (since 2018), National Math and Science Initiative; Chief Executive Officer and Managing Partner (since 2002), Vesalius Ventures, Inc.; Director and President (since 1998), The Space Agency; President (since 1999), The Harris Foundation; and Clinical Scientist, Flight Surgeon and Astronaut (1986-1996), NASA.		Director (since February 2022), MassMutual Life Insurance Company, the parent to Barings LLC; Director (since 2021), Barings BDC, Inc. (business development company advised by Barings); Director (since 2021), Barings Capital Investment Corporation (business development company advised by Barings); Director (since 2021), Barings Private Credit Corporation (business development company advised by Barings); Director (since 2021), Barings Private Credit Corporation (business development company advised by Barings); Director (since 2016), Salient MLP & Energy Infrastructure Fund (mutual fund); Director (since 2009), Monebo Technologies Inc. (medical technology design company); Director (since 2009), The Endowment Fund; Director (since 2008), U.S. Physical Therapy, Inc. (NYSE: USPH); Trustee (since 2011), Salient Midstream & MLP Fund (closed-end investment company); Trustee (2015-2017) Forward Funds (open-end investment company) and Trustee (2013-2021), Barings Funds Trust (open-end investment company advised by Barings).

## INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES

NAME (AGE), ADDRESS	POSITION(S) WITH THE FUND	OFFICE TERM AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATIONS DURING PAST 5 YEARS	PORTFOLIOS OVERSEEN IN FUND COMPLEX	OTHER DIRECTORSHIPS HELD BY DIRECTOR
Mark F. Mulhern (63) 300 South Tryon Street Suite 2500 Charlotte, NC 28202	Trustee	Trustee since 2021	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (2014-2021), Highwood Properties, Inc.		Director (since 2016 (Triangle Capital)), Barings BDC, Inc. (business development company advised by Barings); Director (since 2020), Barings Capital Investment Corporation (business development company advised by Barings); Director (since May 2021), Barings Private Credit Corporation (business development company advised by Barings); Trustee (since September 2022), Barings Private Equity Opportunities and Commitments Fund; Director (since 2020), Intercontinental Exchange (NYSE: ICE); Director (since 2020), ICE Mortgage Technology; Director (since 2015), McKim and Creed (engineering service firm); Director and Audit Committee member (2012-2014), Highwood Properties (real estate investment trust); and Director (2015-2017), Azure MLP (midstream oil and gas).
Thomas W. Okel (60) 300 South Tryon Street Suite 2500 Charlotte, NC 28202	Trustee	Trustee since 2012	Executive Director (2011-2019), Catawba Lands Conservancy; and Global Head of Syndicated Capital Markets (1989-2010), Bank of America Merrill Lynch.		Director (since 2018), Barings BDC, Inc. (business development company advised by Barings); Director (since 2020), Barings Capital Investment Corporation (business development company advised by Barings); Director (since 2021), Barings Private Credit Corporation (business development company advised by Barings); Trustee (since September 2022), Barings Private Equity Opportunities and Commitments Fund; Trustee (since 2015), Horizon Funds (mutual fund complex); and Trustee (2013-2021), Barings Funds Trust (open-end investment company advised by Barings).
Jill Olmstead (58) 300 South Tryon Street Suite 2500 Charlotte, NC 28202	Trustee	Trustee since 2021	Chief Human Resources Officer, (since 2018), LendingTree, Inc.; and Founding Partner (2010-2018), Spivey & Olmstead, LLC (talent and leadership consulting firm).		Director (since 2018), Barings BDC, Inc. (business development company advised by Barings); Director (since 2020), Barings Capital Investment Corporation (business development company advised by Barings; Director (since 2021), Barings Private Credit Corporation (business development company advised by Barings); and Trustee (since September 2022), Barings Private Equity Opportunities and Commitments Fund.

## OFFICERS OF THE FUND

NAME (AGE), ADDRESS	POSITION(S) WITH THE FUND	OFFICE TERM* AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATIONS(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS
Sean Feeley (55) 300 South Tryon Street Suite 2500 Charlotte, NC 28202	President	Since 2017	Vice President (2012-2017) of the Fund; Managing Director (since 2003), Barings; Vice President (since 2011), Barings Corporate Investors and Barings Participation Investors (closed-end investment companies advised by Barings); and Vice President (since 2011), CI Subsidiary Trust and PI Subsidiary Trust.
Elizabeth Murray (45) 300 South Tryon Street Suite 2500 Charlotte, NC 28202	Chief Financial Officer	Since 2021, until January 2023	Treasurer (2020-2021) of the Fund; Managing Director (since 2020), Director (2018-2020), Barings; Principal Accounting Officer (since 2020), Barings Corporate Investors and Barings Participation Investors (closed-end investment companies advised by Barings); Controller (since 2020), CI Subsidiary Trust and PI Subsidiary Trust; Chief Operating Officer (since August 2022), Principal Accounting Officer (since 2020), Director of External Reporting (2018-2020), Barings BDC, Inc. (business development company advised by Barings); Principal Accounting Officer (since 2020), Barings Capital Investment Corporation (business development company advised by Barings); Principal Accounting Officer (since 2021), Barings Private Credit Corporation (business development company advised by Barings); Treasurer (since September 2022), Barings Private Equity Opportunities and Commitments Fund; Treasurer (2020-2021), Barings Funds Trust (open-end investment company advised by Barings); and Vice President of Financial Reporting (2012-2018), Barings BDC, Inc. (f/k/a Triangle Capital Corporation).
Andrea Nitzan (55) 300 South Tryon Street Suite 2500 Charlotte, NC 28202	Treasurer	Since January 2023	Managing Director (since 2020) Barings; Principal Accounting Officer (since 2023), Barings Corporate Investors and Barings Participation Investors (closed-end investment companies advised by Barings); Vice President (since 2023) CI Subsidiary Trust and PI Subsidiary Trust.
Christopher Hanscom (40) 300 South Tryon Street Suite 2500 Charlotte, NC 28202	Chief Financial Officer	Since January 2023	Treasurer (2021-2023) of the Fund; Director (since 2018), Associate Director (2015-2018), Analyst (2005-2015), Barings; Chief Financial Officer (since December 2022), Treasurer (since 2017), Barings Corporate Investors and Barings Participation Investors (closed-end investment companies advised by Barings); and Trustee (since December 2022), Chief Financial Officer (since December 2022), Assistant Controller (2020-2022), CI Subsidiary Trust and PI Subsidiary Trust.
Gregory MacCordy (63) 300 South Tryon Street Suite 2500 Charlotte, NC 28202	Chief Compliance Officer	Since February 2023	Director, ACA Group ("ACA"); Chief Compliance Officer (since February 2023), Barings BDC, Inc. (business development company advised by Barings).
Christopher DeFrancis (56) 300 South Tryon Street Suite 2500 Charlotte, NC 28202	Chief Compliance Officer	Since December 2022, until February 2023	Global Head of Compliance (since 2011), Barings; Chief Compliance Officer (since December 2022), Barings Corporate Investors and Barings Participation Investors (closed-end investment companies advised by Barings); Chief Compliance Officer (since December 2022), CI Subsidiary Trust and PI Subsidiary Trust; Chief Compliance Officer (since December 2022), Barings BDC, Inc. (business development company advised by Barings); Chief Compliance Officer (since December 2022), Barings Capital Investment Corporation (business development company advised by Barings); Chief Compliance Officer (since December 2022), Barings Private Credit Corporation (business development company advised by Barings); and Chief Compliance Officer (since December 2022), Barings Private Equity Opportunities and Commitments Fund.

## OFFICERS OF THE FUND (CONTINUED)

NAME (AGE), ADDRESS	POSITION(S) WITH THE FUND	OFFICE TERM* AND LENGTH OF TIME SERVED	PRINCIPAL OCCUPATIONS(S) DURING PAST 5 YEARS
Jill Dinerman (46) 300 South Tryon Street Suite 2500 Charlotte, NC 28202	Chief Legal Officer	Since 2020, until February 2023	Vice President and Secretary (2020-2021), Assistant Secretary (2019-2020), of the Fund; Global Head of Legal and General Counsel (since 2020), Managing Director (since 2016), Associate General Counsel and Corporate Secretary (2018-2020), Senior Counsel (2016-2018), Counsel and Director (2011-2016), Barings; Chief Legal Officer (since 2020), Assistant Secretary (2019-2020), Barings Corporate Investors and Barings Participation Investors (closed-end investment companies advised by Barings); Vice President (since 2020), CI Subsidiary Trust and PI Subsidiary Trust; Chief Legal Officer (since 2020), Assistant Secretary (2019-2020), Barings BDC, Inc. (business development company advised by Barings); Chief Legal Officer (since 2020), Barings Capital Investment Corporation (business development company advised by Barings); Chief Legal Officer (since 2021), Barings Private Credit Corporation (business development company advised by Barings); Trustee and Chief Legal Officer (since September 2022), Barings Private Equity Opportunities and Commitments Fund; Secretary (since 2018), Barings Securities LLC; and Vice President, Secretary and Chief Legal Officer (2020-2021), Assistant Secretary (2019-2020), Barings Funds Trust (open-end Investment company advised by Barings).
Ashlee Steinnerd (41) 300 South Tryon Street Suite 2500 Charlotte, NC 28202	Chief Legal Officer	Since February 2023	Secretary (2021-2023) of the Fund; Managing Director (since April 2022), Head of Regulatory and Registered Funds (since 2021), Director (2019-2022), Barings; Secretary (since 2020) Barings Corporate Investors and Barings Participation Investors (closed-end investment companies advised by Barings); Secretary (since 2020), CI Subsidiary Trust and Pl Subsidiary Trust; Secretary (since 2020), Barings BDC, Inc. (business development company advised by Barings); Secretary (since 2020), Barings Capital Investment Corporation (business development company advised by Barings); Secretary (since 2021), Barings Private Credit Corporation (business development company advised by Barings); Secretary (since September 2022), Barings Private Equity Opportunities and Commitments Fund; and Senior Counsel (2011-2019), Securities and Exchange Commission.
Alexandra Pacini (30) 300 South Tryon Street Suite 2500 Charlotte, NC 28202	Secretary	Since February 2023	Assistant Secretary (2020-2023) of the Fund; Associate Director (since 2021), Analyst (2017-2021), Barings; Assistant Secretary (since 2020), Barings Corporate Investors and Barings Participation Investors (closed-end investment companies advised by Barings); Assistant Secretary (since 2020), CI Subsidiary Trust and PI Subsidiary Trust; Assistant Secretary (since 2020), Barings BDC, Inc. (business development company advised by Barings); Assistant Secretary (since 2021), Barings Capital Investment Corporation (business development company advised by Barings); Assistant Secretary (since 2021), Barings Private Credit Corporation (business development company advised by Barings); Assistant Secretary (since September 2022), Barings Private Equity Opportunities and Commitments Fund; and Assistant Secretary (2020-2021), Barings Funds Trust (open-end investment company advised by Barings).
Matthew Curtis (52) 300 South Tryon Street Suite 2500 Charlotte, NC 28202	Tax Officer	Since August 2022	Managing Director and Global Head of Tax (since 2017), Barings; Tax Officer (since November 2022), Barings Corporate Investors and Barings Participation Investors (closed-end investment companies advised by Barings); Tax Officer (since November 2022), CI Subsidiary Trust and Pl Subsidiary Trust; Tax Officer (since August 2022), Barings BDC, Inc. (business development company advised by Barings); Tax Officer (since August 2022), Barings Capital Investment Corporation (business development company advised by Barings); Tax Officer (since August 2022), Barings Private Credit Corporation (business development company advised by Barings); and Tax Officer (since September 2022), Barings Private Equity Opportunities and Commitments Fund.

## APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT AND SUB-ADVISORY AGREEMENT

The Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act") requires that both the full Board of Trustees and a majority of the Trustees who are not interested persons of Barings Global Short Duration High Yield Fund (the "Fund"), as defined under the 1940 Act (the "Independent Trustees"), voting separately, annually approve the continuation of the Investment Management Agreement (the "Management Agreement") between the Fund and Barings LLC ("Barings") and the Sub-Advisory Agreement between Barings and Baring International Investment Limited ("BIIL Sub-Advisory Agreement" and, together with the Management Agreement, the "Agreements"). The Trustees considered matters bearing on the Fund and the Agreements at their meetings throughout the year, including a review of the Fund's performance at each regular meeting. In addition, the Trustees met at a virtual meeting held on August 8, 2022 (the "Meeting") for the specific purpose of considering whether to approve the Agreements for the Fund. The Trustees' review process and considerations in approving the Agreements are summarized below.

Prior to the Meeting, the Trustees requested and received from Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, independent legal counsel to the Independent Trustees, a memorandum describing the Trustees' legal responsibilities in connection with their review and approval of the Agreements. The Independent Trustees met prior to the August Board meeting with independent legal counsel to discuss their duties, the memorandum and the Agreements. The Trustees also requested and received from Barings extensive written and oral information regarding various matters including, but not limited to: the principal terms of the Agreements; Barings and its personnel; the Fund's investment performance, including comparative performance information; the nature and quality of the services provided by Barings to the Fund; the financial strength of Barings; the Fund's fee and expense information, including comparative fee and expense information; the profitability of the advisory arrangement to Barings; and the "fallout" benefits to Barings resulting from the Agreements.

The Trustees' conclusion as to the continuation of the Agreements was based on a comprehensive consideration of all information provided to the Board and not the result of any single issue. Some of the more significant factors that influenced the Trustees' deliberations are described below, although individual Trustees may have evaluated the information presented differently from one another, giving different weights to various factors. It is also important to recognize that the Board's review of the Agreements is the result of ongoing review and discussion, rather than a single discussion. The Trustees' conclusions may be based, in part, on their consideration of these arrangements throughout the year and in prior years.

The Trustees considered the terms of the Agreements, including the scope of the advisory and non-advisory services provided under the Agreements or otherwise. In evaluating the nature, scope and quality of the services provided by Barings and BIIL, the Trustees considered the specific responsibilities of Barings and BIIL in the day-to-day management of the Fund, the qualifications, experience and responsibilities of the portfolio managers and other key personnel that are involved in the day-to-day management of the Fund, the ability of Barings and BIIL to attract and retain high-quality personnel, and the organizational depth and stability of Barings and BIIL. The Trustees also considered the trading capabilities of Barings and BIIL.

Based on information provided by Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ("Broadridge") and Barings, the Trustees reviewed the Fund's net total return investment performance, as well as the performance of peer groups of funds, over various time periods. The net total return performance of the Fund ranked in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quintile of its Broadridge performance universe for the one-year and three-year periods, and in the 4<sup>th</sup> quintile for the five-year period ended June 30, 2022 (the 1st quintile being the best performers and the 5<sup>th</sup> quintile being the worst performers). The Trustees also reviewed the Fund's performance in comparison to a custom peer group developed by Barings comprised of ten (including the Fund) high-yield closed-end funds that employ generally similar investment strategies and invest in the same asset classes as the Fund. Relative to the custom peer group, the net total return performance of the Fund ranked, respectively, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> out of ten funds for the one-year, three-year and five-year periods ended June 30, 2022. The Trustees felt that BGH's ability to invest in senior secured loans, structured credit and non-U.S. securities required additional infrastructure and resources relative to peer funds using a pure high yield bond strategy. In the course of their deliberations, the Trustees also took into account information provided by Barings during investment review meetings conducted with portfolio management personnel during the course of the year. After reviewing these and related factors, the Trustees concluded, within the context of their overall conclusions regarding the Agreements, that they were satisfied with Barings' and BIIL's responses and efforts relating to investment performance.

# APPROVAL OF INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT AND SUB-ADVISORY AGREEMENT (CONTINUED)

The Trustees considered the investment management fee paid by the Fund to Barings pursuant to the Management Agreement. The Trustees noted that Barings (and not the Fund) pays BIIL, its sub-advisory fee under the BIIL Sub-Advisory Agreement. In assessing the reasonableness of the fee paid by the Fund under the Management Agreement, the Trustees considered, among other information, the Fund's management fee and the total expense ratio for the Fund's shares as a percentage of net asset value and the advisory fee and total expense ratios of peer groups of funds based on information provided by Broadridge. The Trustees considered that, according to the Broadridge data, the Fund's effective management fee (which includes Barings' advisory fee and Fund administration fees) and total expense ratio were each higher than the Broadridge expense group median for common and leverage assets. The Trustees also reviewed the Fund's advisory fee and total expense ratio in comparison to a custom peer group developed by Barings comprised of ten (including the Fund) high-yield closed-end funds that employ generally similar investment strategies and invest in the same asset classes as the Fund. The Trustees considered that, according to the custom peer group data, the contractual advisory fee of the Fund ranked 1st out of 10 funds. The Trustees also reviewed materials provided by Barings describing fees paid by other similar accounts managed by Barings, noting that Barings typically charges higher fees on its global accounts than on accounts that are invested primarily in domestic securities.

The Board noted that, because the Fund is closed-end and does not continue to offer its securities, its size was relatively stable and it was unlikely that Barings would realize economies of scale from the Fund's growth other than through capital gains and income. The Trustees reviewed information prepared by Barings regarding Barings' costs of managing the Fund, and the profitability of the Management Agreement to Barings. In considering the profitability to Barings, the Board noted that BIIL is an affiliate of Barings and is paid by Barings, and, therefore, did not consider its profitability separately.

The Trustees also considered the character and amount of other incidental benefits received by Barings and BIIL. Additionally, the Trustees considered so-called "fall-out benefits" to Barings and BIIL, such as reputational value derived from serving as investment manager to the Fund. The Trustees also considered costs incurred by Barings in connection with the organization and initial offering of the Fund.

On the basis of the information provided, the Trustees concluded, within the context of their overall review of the Agreements, that the management fees charged to the Fund and the sub-advisory fee paid by Barings to BIIL represent reasonable compensation in light of the services being provided by Barings and BIIL to the Fund. Based on their evaluation of factors that they deemed material, including those factors described above, the Board of Trustees, including the Independent Trustees, concluded that the Fund's Management Agreement with Barings and the BIIL Sub-Advisory Agreement should be continued for an additional one-year period through August 2023.

### FUND DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN

#### INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES

Jill Olmstead Trustee

Mark F. Mulhern Trustee

Thomas W. Okel Chairman, Trustee

#### INTERESTED TRUSTEES

Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr Trustee

David M. Mihalick *Trustee* 

#### **OFFICERS**

Sean Feeley President

Christopher Hanscom Chief Financial Officer

Andrea Nitzan Treasurer

Gregory MacCordy
Chief Compliance Officer

Ashlee Steinnerd Chief Legal Officer

Alexandra Pacini Secretary

Matthew Curtis
Tax Officer

The Fund offers a Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "Plan"). The Plan provides a simple way for shareholders to add to their holdings in the Fund through the reinvestment of dividends in additional common shares of the Fund. Shareholders will have all dividends, including any capital gain dividends, reinvested automatically in additional shares of the Fund by U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, as Plan Agent, unless a shareholder elects to receive cash instead. An election to receive cash may be revoked or reinstated at the option of the shareholder. All distributions to investors who elect not to participate in the Plan (or whose broker or nominee elects not to participate on the investor's behalf) will receive dividends and distributions in cash.

Whenever the Fund declares a dividend payable in cash or shares, the Plan Agent, acting on behalf of each participating shareholder, will take the dividend in shares only if the net asset value per Fund share is equal to or less than the market price per Fund share plus estimated brokerage commissions as of the payment date for the dividend.

When the dividend is to be taken in shares, the number of shares to be received is determined by dividing the dollar amount of the cash dividend by the net asset value per Fund share as of the dividend payment date or, if greater than the net asset value per Fund share, 95% of the closing share price on the payment date. Generally, if the net asset value per Fund share is greater than the market price per Fund share plus estimated brokerage commissions as of the dividend payment date, the Plan Agent will endeavor to 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 shares of the Fund will be the fair market value of the shares received, which will be reportable as ordinary income and/or capital gains. Investors should consult with their own tax advisors for further information about the tax consequences of dividend reinvestment.

There is no brokerage charge for the reinvestment of dividends in additional Fund shares; however, all participants pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred by the Plan Agent when it makes open market purchases. There is no direct service charge to participants in the Plan, though the Fund reserves the right to amend the Plan to include a service charge payable by participants.

Additional information about the Plan may be obtained from, and any questions regarding the Plan should be addressed to, U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, Plan Agent for Barings Global Short Duration High Yield Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan, P.O. Box 701, Milwaukee, WI 52301.



### JOINT PRIVACY NOTICE OF BARINGS MANAGEMENT LLC AND

### BARINGS GLOBAL SHORT DURATION HIGH YIELD FUND

This privacy notice is being provided on behalf of Barings LLC and its affiliates: Barings Securities LLC; Barings Australia Pty Ltd; Barings Advisers (Japan) KK; Barings Investment Advisers (Hong Kong) Limited; Barings Funds Trust; Barings Global Short Duration High Yield Fund; Barings Corporate Investors and Barings Participation Investors (together, for purposes of this privacy notice, "Barings").

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