

Barings Participation Investors

Report for the
Three Months Ended March 31, 2017



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Investment Objective and Policy

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

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

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

Form N-Q

The Trust files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. This information is available (i) on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>; and (ii) at

the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC (which information on their operation may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330). A complete schedule of portfolio holdings as of each quarter-end is available upon request by calling, toll-free, 866-399-1516.

Proxy Voting Policies & Procedures; Proxy Voting Record

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

Legal Matters

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

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

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



TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS

April 30, 2017

We are pleased to present the March 31, 2017 Quarterly Report of Barings Participation Investors (the "Trust").

The Board of Trustees declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.27 per share, payable on May 12, 2017 to shareholders of record on May 4, 2017. The Trust paid a \$0.27 per share dividend for the preceding quarter. The Trust earned \$0.29 per share of net investment income, including \$0.04 per share of non-recurring income, for the first quarter of 2017, compared to \$0.30 per share, including \$0.04 per share of non-recurring income, in the previous quarter.

During the first quarter, the net assets of the Trust increased to \$141,119,693 or \$13.56 per share compared to \$136,606,731 or \$13.15 per share on December 31, 2016. This translates into a 3.1% total return for the quarter, based on the change in the Trust's net assets assuming the reinvestment of all dividends. Longer term, the Trust returned 9.7%, 9.6%, 11.2%, 9.5% and 12.3% for the 1-, 3-, 5-, 10-, and 25-year periods ended March 31, 2017, respectively, based on the change in the Trust's net asset value (net of all fees and expenses) assuming the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions.

The Trust's share price decreased 0.7% during the quarter, from \$14.20 per share as of December 31, 2016 to \$14.10 per share as of March 31, 2017. The Trust's market price of \$14.10 per share equates to a 4.0% premium over the March 31, 2017 net asset value per share of \$13.56. The Trust's average quarter-end premium for the 3-, 5- and 10-year periods was 0.9%, 6.9% and 7.1%, respectively U.S. equity markets, as approximated by the Russell 2000 Index, increased 2.5% for the quarter. U.S. fixed income markets, as approximated by the Barclays Capital U.S. Corporate High Yield Index, increased 2.7% for the quarter.

The Trust closed one new private placement investment, as well as six add-on investments in existing portfolio companies, during the first quarter. The one new investment was in SR Smith LLC, while the six add-on investments were in Handi Quilter Holding Company, MC Sign Holdings LLC, Merex Holding Corporation, Panos Brands LLC, Tranzonic Holdings LLC and Veritext Corporation. A brief description of these investments can be found in the Consolidated Schedule of Investments. The total amount invested by the Trust in these transactions was \$2,978,000.

Despite overall optimism heading into 2017, middle market merger and acquisition activity did not meet expectations for the quarter ending March 31, 2017. The lower M&A activity combined with a significant inflow of new capital into the private debt markets in 2016 and thus far in 2017 has exacerbated already hyper-competitive market conditions. High purchase price multiples for companies and aggressive credit terms being offered by debt providers have, and continue to be prevalent in the market. The net result of all of these factors was the Trust's new investment activity being below average for the quarter. While deal flow remains stable and we continue to actively pursue new investment opportunities on behalf of the Trust, we do so cautiously in order to generate attractive investment returns without taking inappropriate levels of risk, a strategy that has served us well over the years.

The Trust's remaining portfolio remains in good condition with the number of companies on our watch list and/or in default remaining stable and at acceptable levels. Two private companies in which the Trust had outstanding investments were sold during the quarter resulting in favorable outcomes. In addition, two companies refinanced their debt, resulting in the prepayment of subordinated notes held by the Trust while also paying a dividend on the equity portion of the Trust's investment. At quarter-end, there were fourteen companies in which the Trust had outstanding investments which were in an active sale process. We would expect these companies to be sold over the next two to three quarters.

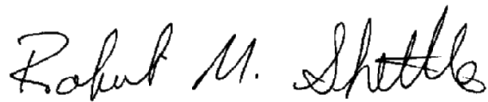
The Trust was able to maintain its \$0.27 per share quarterly dividend in the first quarter. However, it was necessary to supplement recurring investment income with \$0.02 per share of earnings carry forward in order to maintain the \$0.27 per share dividend. As has been discussed in prior reports, recurring investment income alone has not been sufficient, and while improving, may not be sufficient in the near term, to fully fund the current dividend rate. Net investment income has been below the dividend rate since 2013 due principally to the considerable reduction in the number of private debt securities in the portfolio resulting from the high level of exits and prepayment activity that occurred from 2013 through 2015, combined with generally lower investment returns available due to market and competitive dynamics over the past several years. As mentioned above, we made good progress in growing recurring investment income over the past several quarters, but it remains below the dividend rate and may continue to require supplementation from non-recurring

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income in the near term. The level of expected recurring investment income generated by the Trust in 2017, combined with the availability of earnings carry forwards and other non-recurring income, is expected to be sufficient to maintain the current dividend rate over the next several quarters. However, over time, the Trust's dividend paying ability tends to correlate with its recurring earnings capacity. As such, until recurring investment income reaches a level equal to the current dividend rate, there is the risk that the dividend may need to be reduced in the future.

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

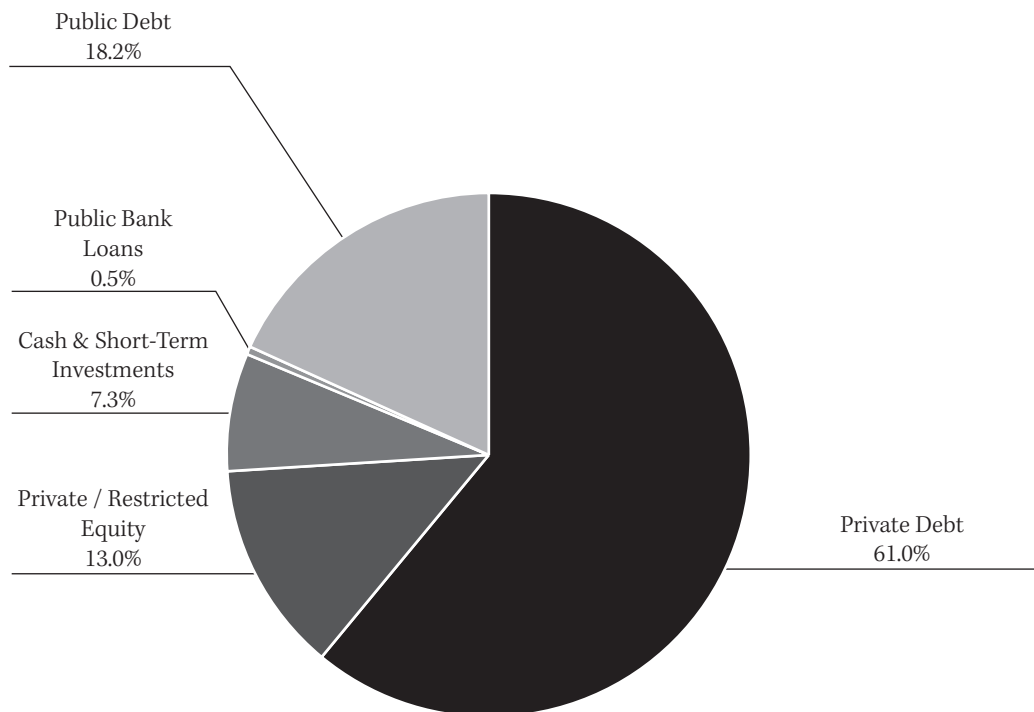
Sincerely,



Robert M. Shettle

President

Portfolio Composition as of 3/31/2017*



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

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

March 31, 2017

(Unaudited)

| | |
|--|-----------------------|
| Assets: | |
| Investments | |
| (See Consolidated Schedule of Investments) | |
| Corporate restricted securities at fair value | |
| (Cost - \$97,147,613) | \$ 95,827,759 |
| Corporate restricted securities at market value | |
| (Cost - \$19,049,007) | 19,149,187 |
| Corporate public securities at market value | |
| (Cost - \$28,257,491) | 28,966,718 |
| Short-term securities at amortized cost | 5,998,388 |
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| Total investments (Cost - \$150,452,499) | 149,942,052 |
| Cash | 5,348,246 |
| Interest receivable | 1,303,769 |
| Receivable for investments sold | 933,677 |
| Other assets | 28,785 |
| Tax receivable | 5,809 |
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| Total assets | 157,562,338 |
| | <hr/> |
| Liabilities: | |
| Note payable | 15,000,000 |
| Payable for investments purchased | 514,437 |
| Deferred tax liability | 408,371 |
| Investment advisory fee payable | 317,519 |
| Interest payable | 27,267 |
| Accrued expenses | 175,051 |
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| Total liabilities | 16,442,645 |
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| Total net assets | \$ 141,119,693 |
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| Net Assets: | |
| Common shares, par value \$.01 per share | \$ 104,044 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 95,157,944 |
| Retained net realized gain on investments, prior years | 40,511,310 |
| Undistributed net investment income | 3,546,068 |
| Accumulated net realized gain on investments | 2,719,145 |
| Net unrealized depreciation of investments | (918,818) |
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| Total net assets | \$ 141,119,693 |
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| Common shares issued and outstanding (14,787,750 authorized) | 10,404,497 |
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| Net asset value per share | \$ 13.56 |
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See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the three months ended March 31, 2017

(Unaudited)

Investment Income:

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Interest | \$ 2,772,007 |
| Dividends | 818,967 |
| Other | 35,438 |
| Total investment income | <u>3,626,412</u> |

Expenses:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Investment advisory fees | 317,519 |
| Interest | 153,375 |
| Trustees' fees and expenses | 67,000 |
| Professional fees | 54,381 |
| Reports to shareholders | 24,000 |
| Custodian fees | 6,000 |
| Other | 26,808 |
| Total expenses | <u>649,083</u> |

Investment income - net **2,977,329**

Net realized and unrealized gain on investments:

| | |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Net realized gain on investments before taxes | 333,072 |
| Income tax expense | (101,548) |
| Net realized gain on investments after taxes | <u>231,524</u> |
| Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments before taxes | 1,048,436 |
| Net (increase) decrease in deferred income tax expense | 6,643 |
| Net increase (decrease) in unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments after taxes | <u>1,055,079</u> |
| Net gain on investments | <u>1,286,603</u> |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations | <u><u>\$ 4,263,932</u></u> |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For the three months ended March 31, 2017

(Unaudited)

Net decrease in cash:

Cash flows from operating activities:

| | |
|---|-------------------------|
| Purchases/Proceeds/Maturities from short-term portfolio securities, net | \$ 4,020,042 |
| Purchases of portfolio securities | (6,767,598) |
| Proceeds from disposition of portfolio securities | 4,615,757 |
| Interest, dividends and other income received | 3,070,388 |
| Interest expense paid | (153,375) |
| Operating expenses paid | (469,092) |
| Income taxes paid | (611,660) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | <u>3,704,462</u> |

Cash flows from financing activities:

| | |
|---|---------------------------|
| Cash dividends paid from net investment income | (2,804,267) |
| Receipts for shares issued on reinvestment of dividends | 249,030 |
| Net cash used for financing activities | <u>(2,555,237)</u> |

Net increase in cash

1,149,225

Cash-beginning of period

4,199,021

Cash-end of period

\$ 5,348,246**Reconciliation of net increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:**

| | |
|--|----------------------------|
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations | <u>\$ 4,263,932</u> |
| Increase in investments | (245,022) |
| Decrease in interest receivable | 444,745 |
| Increase in receivable for investments sold | (781,489) |
| Increase in other assets | (2,002) |
| Decrease in tax payable | (510,112) |
| Decrease in deferred tax liability | (6,643) |
| Increase in investment advisory fee payable | 10,154 |
| Increase in payable for investments purchased | 514,437 |
| Increase in accrued expenses | 16,462 |
| Total adjustments to net assets from operations | <u>(559,470)</u> |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | <u>\$ 3,704,462</u> |

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

| | For the three months ended 03/31/2017 (Unaudited) | For the year ended 12/31/2016 |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|
| Increase in net assets: | | |
| Operations: | | |
| Investment income - net | \$ 2,977,329 | \$ 10,324,242 |
| Net realized gain on investments after taxes | 231,524 | 1,279,991 |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation of investments after taxes | <u>1,055,079</u> | <u>38,399</u> |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations | 4,263,932 | 11,642,632 |
| Increase from common shares issued on reinvestment of dividends | | |
| Common shares issued (2017 - 18,324; 2016 - 57,782) | 249,030 | 806,973 |
| Dividends to shareholders from: | | |
| Net investment income (2017 - \$0.00 per share; 2016 - \$1.08 per share) | <u>-</u> | <u>(11,192,508)</u> |
| Total increase in net assets | 4,512,962 | 1,257,097 |
| Net assets, beginning of period/year | <u>136,606,731</u> | <u>135,349,634</u> |
| Net assets, end of period/year (including undistributed net investment income of \$3,546,068 and \$568,739, respectively) | <u>\$ 141,119,693</u> | <u>\$ 136,606,731</u> |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

CONSOLIDATED SELECTED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**Selected data for each share of beneficial interest outstanding:**

| | For the three months ended 03/31/2017 (Unaudited) | For the years ended December 31, | | | |
|--|--|----------------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 |
| Net asset value: | | | | | |
| Beginning of period/year | \$ 13.15 | \$ 13.10 | \$ 13.35 | \$ 12.83 | \$ 12.56 |
| Net investment income (a) | 0.29 | 1.00 | 0.95 | 1.04 | 1.00 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain (loss) on investments | 0.12 | 0.13 | (0.12) | 0.57 | 0.35 |
| Total from investment operations | 0.41 | 1.13 | 0.83 | 1.61 | 1.35 |
| Dividends from net investment income to common shareholders | - | (1.08) | (1.08) | (0.96) | (1.08) |
| Dividends from realized gain on investments to common shareholders | - | - | - | (0.12) | - |
| Increase from dividends reinvested | (0.00) (b) | (0.00) (b) | (0.00) (b) | (0.01) | (0.00) (b) |
| Total dividends | - | (1.08) | (1.08) | (1.09) | (1.08) |
| Net asset value: End of period/year | \$ 13.56 | \$ 13.15 | \$ 13.10 | \$ 13.35 | \$ 12.83 |
| Per share market value: | | | | | |
| End of period/year | \$ 14.02 | \$ 14.20 | \$ 13.75 | \$ 13.23 | \$ 12.88 |
| Total investment return | | | | | |
| Net asset value (c) | 3.12% | 8.75% | 6.23% | 13.61% | 10.97% |
| Market value (c) | (1.26%) | 11.45% | 12.66% | 12.54% | 0.47% |
| Net assets (in millions): | | | | | |
| End of period/year | \$ 141.12 | \$ 136.61 | \$ 135.35 | \$ 137.57 | \$ 131.42 |
| Ratio of total expenses to average net assets | 2.20% | 2.26% | 2.17% | 2.84% | 2.15% |
| Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets | 1.45% | 1.35% | 1.49% | 1.49% | 1.51% |
| Ratio of interest expense to average net assets | 0.45% | 0.44% | 0.44% | 0.45% | 0.47% |
| Ratio of income tax expense to average net assets (d) | 0.30% | 0.47% | 0.24% | 0.90% | 0.17% |
| Ratio of net investment income to average net assets | 8.69% | 7.45% | 6.95% | 7.82% | 7.77% |
| Portfolio turnover | 3% | 31% | 30% | 32% | 30% |

(a) Calculated using average shares.

(b) Rounds to less than \$0.01 per share.

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

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

Senior borrowings:

| | | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Total principal amount (in millions) | \$ 15 | \$ 15 | \$ 15 | \$ 15 | \$ 15 |
| Asset coverage per \$1,000 of indebtedness | \$ 10,408 | \$ 10,107 | \$ 10,023 | \$ 10,171 | \$ 9,761 |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

March 31, 2017

(Unaudited)

| | Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage | Acquisition Date | Cost | Fair Value |
|---|---|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Corporate Restricted Securities - 81.47%: (A) | | | | |
| Private Placement Investments - 67.90%: (C) | | | | |
| 1492 Acquisition LLC | | | | |
| A leading producer of premium Italian cured meats and deli meats in the U.S. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class A Preferred (B) | 102 uts. | 10/17/12 | \$ 102,270 | \$ 142,717 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class A Common (B) | 11,364 uts. | 10/17/12 | 11,364 | 171,560 |
| | | | <u>113,634</u> | <u>314,277</u> |
| ABC Industries, Inc. | | | | |
| A manufacturer of mine and tunneling ventilation products in the U.S. | | | | |
| 13% Senior Subordinated Note due 07/31/2019 | \$ 139,205 | 08/01/12 | 132,561 | 137,397 |
| Preferred Stock Series A (B) | 125,000 shs. | 08/01/12 | 125,000 | 207,845 |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2022, to purchase common stock at \$.02 per share (B) | 22,414 shs. | 08/01/12 | 42,446 | 34,768 |
| | | | <u>300,007</u> | <u>380,010</u> |
| Advanced Manufacturing Enterprises LLC | | | | |
| A designer and manufacturer of large, custom gearing products for a number of critical customer applications. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) | 1,945 uts. | * | 207,910 | - |
| * 12/07/12, 07/11/13 and 06/30/15. | | | | |
| AFC - Dell Holding Corporation | | | | |
| A distributor and provider of inventory management services for "C-Parts" used by OEMs in their manufacturing and production facilities. | | | | |
| 12.5% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 09/27/2020 | \$ 1,206,338 | 03/27/15 | 1,189,518 | 1,218,401 |
| Preferred Stock (B) | 1,122 shs. | 03/27/15 | 112,154 | 100,634 |
| Common Stock (B) | 346 shs. | 03/27/15 | 346 | - |
| | | | <u>1,302,018</u> | <u>1,319,035</u> |
| Airxcel Holdings | | | | |
| A leading manufacturer of a broad range of climate control solutions, including air-conditioners, heat pumps, cooking appliances, furnaces, powered vents, and water heaters. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit | 288 uts. | 11/18/14 | 288,000 | 330,562 |
| AM Conservation Holding Corp. | | | | |
| A supplier of energy efficiency ("EE") products, including lighting, shower heads and aerators, and weatherization products such as door seals and weather stripping. | | | | |
| 11.75% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 04/30/2023 | \$ 1,568,182 | 10/31/16 | 1,538,194 | 1,555,431 |
| Common Stock (B) | 156,818 shs. | 10/31/16 | 156,818 | 166,628 |
| | | | <u>1,695,012</u> | <u>1,722,059</u> |

CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

March 31, 2017

(Unaudited)

| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) | Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage | Acquisition Date | Cost | Fair Value |
|---|---|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| AMS Holding LLC | | | | |
| A leading multi-channel direct marketer of high-value collectible coins and proprietary-branded jewelry and watches. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class A Preferred (B)(F) | 114 uts. | 10/04/12 | \$ 113,636 | \$ 242,562 |
| API Technologies Corp. | | | | |
| A designer, developer and manufacturer of electronic systems, subsystems, modules and secure communications for technically demanding defense, aerospace and commercial applications in the U.S. and internationally. | | | | |
| 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 04/22/2023 | \$ 1,392,996 | 04/22/16 | 1,375,777 | 1,398,951 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) | 0.40% int. | 04/20/16 | 345,000 | 317,400 |
| | | | <u>1,720,777</u> | <u>1,716,351</u> |
| ARI Holding Corporation | | | | |
| A leading national supplier of products used primarily by specialty contractors. | | | | |
| 11.5% (0.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 02/01/2020 | \$ 1,715,254 | * | 1,699,296 | 1,715,254 |
| Limited Partnership Interest | 524 uts. | 08/01/14 | 523,950 | 543,507 |
| * 05/21/13 and 08/01/14. | | | <u>2,223,246</u> | <u>2,258,761</u> |
| ASC Holdings, Inc. | | | | |
| A manufacturer of capital equipment used by corrugated box manufacturers. | | | | |
| 13% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 05/18/2021 | \$ 750,555 | 11/19/15 | 738,492 | 713,350 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) | 111,100 uts. | 11/18/15 | 111,100 | 22,664 |
| | | | <u>849,592</u> | <u>736,014</u> |
| Aurora Parts & Accessories LLC | | | | |
| A distributor of aftermarket over-the-road semi-trailer parts and accessories sold to customers across North America. | | | | |
| 11% Senior Subordinated Note due 02/17/2022 | \$ 1,515,400 | 08/17/15 | 1,491,464 | 1,537,688 |
| Preferred Stock (B) | 210 shs. | 08/17/15 | 209,390 | 174,258 |
| Common Stock (B) | 210 shs. | 08/17/15 | 210 | - |
| | | | <u>1,701,064</u> | <u>1,711,946</u> |
| Avantech Testing Services LLC | | | | |
| A manufacturer of custom Non-Destructive Testing ("NDT") systems and provider of NDT and inspections services primarily to the oil country tubular goods market. | | | | |
| 15% (3.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 01/31/2021 (D) | \$ 500,587 | 07/31/14 | 491,228 | - |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) | 45,504 uts. | * | - | - |
| * 07/31/14 and 10/14/15. | | | <u>491,228</u> | <u>-</u> |

CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

March 31, 2017

(Unaudited)

| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) | Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage | Acquisition Date | Cost | Fair Value |
|---|---|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Blue Wave Products, Inc. | | | | |
| A distributor of pool supplies. | | | | |
| 10% Senior Secured Term Note due 09/30/2018 | \$ 119,149 | 10/12/12 | \$ 118,413 | \$ 119,149 |
| 13% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 09/30/2019 | \$ 332,244 | 10/12/12 | 321,061 | 332,244 |
| Common Stock (B) | 51,064 shs. | 10/12/12 | 51,064 | 292,856 |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2022, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B) | 20,216 shs. | 10/12/12 | 20,216 | 115,940 |
| | | | <u>510,754</u> | <u>860,189</u> |

BlueSpire Holding, Inc.

A marketing services firm that integrates strategy, technology, and content to deliver customized marketing solutions for clients in the senior living, financial services and healthcare end markets.

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|---|--------------|----------|------------------|----------|
| 12.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 06/30/2021 (D) | \$ 1,585,908 | 06/30/15 | 1,561,276 | - |
| Common Stock (B) | 1,417 shs. | 06/30/15 | 156,800 | - |
| | | | <u>1,718,076</u> | <u>-</u> |

BP SCI LLC

A leading value-added distributor of branded pipes, valves, and fittings (PVF) to diversified end markets.

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|---|----------|----------|----------------|----------------|
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class A (B)(F) | 417 uts. | 10/17/12 | 41,667 | 63,483 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class B (B)(F) | 167 uts. | 10/17/12 | 166,666 | 276,012 |
| | | | <u>208,333</u> | <u>339,495</u> |

CG Holdings Manufacturing Company

A coating provider serving the automotive, agricultural, heavy truck and other end markets.

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|---|--------------|---|-----------|-----------|
| 13% Senior Subordinated Note due 11/01/2019 | \$ 1,412,605 | * | 1,364,857 | 1,412,606 |
| Preferred Stock (B) | 1,350 shs. | * | 134,972 | 172,542 |
| Preferred Stock (B) | 489 shs. | * | 48,721 | 62,537 |
| Common Stock (B) | 140 shs. | * | 14,864 | 198,995 |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2023, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B) | 58 shs. | * | 5,430 | 82,656 |

* 05/09/13 and 11/01/13.

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| | <u>1,568,844</u> | <u>1,929,336</u> |
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CHG Alternative Education Holding Company

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

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|---|------------|----------|------------------|------------------|
| 13.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 01/19/2018 | \$ 782,813 | 01/19/11 | 775,014 | 782,813 |
| 14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 08/03/2019 | \$ 206,034 | 08/03/12 | 204,341 | 206,034 |
| Common Stock (B) | 375 shs. | 01/19/11 | 37,500 | 43,440 |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2021, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B) | 295 shs. | 01/19/11 | 29,250 | 34,146 |
| | | | <u>1,046,105</u> | <u>1,066,433</u> |

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|--|---|---------------------|------------|------------|
| Church Services Holding Company | | | | |
| A provider of diversified residential services to homeowners in the Houston, Dallas, and Austin markets. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) | 1 ut. | 03/26/12 | \$ 189,978 | \$ - |
| Clarion Brands Holding Corp. | | | | |
| A portfolio of six over-the-counter (OTC) pharmaceutical brands whose products are used to treat tinnitus or ringing of the ear, excessive sweating, urinary tract infections, muscle pain, and skin conditions. | | | | |
| 12.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 04/01/2021 | \$ 2,031,027 | * | 2,000,797 | 2,037,991 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit | 1,853 uts. | 07/18/16 | 189,267 | 184,336 |
| * 10/01/14 and 07/18/16. | | | 2,190,064 | 2,222,327 |
| Clough, Harbour and Associates | | | | |
| An engineering service firm that is located in Albany, NY. | | | | |
| Preferred Stock (B) | 147 shs. | 12/02/08 | 146,594 | 765,870 |
| Compass Chemical International LLC | | | | |
| A manufacturer and supplier of standard and specialty formulated chemicals, primarily phosphoric acid derivatives called phosphonates. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) | 230 uts. | 03/04/15 | 147,304 | 114,876 |
| Connecticut Electric, Inc. | | | | |
| A supplier and distributor of electrical products sold into the retail and wholesale markets. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class A (B) | 82,613 uts. | 01/12/07 | 82,613 | 121,546 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class C (B) | 59,756 uts. | 01/12/07 | 59,756 | 96,698 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class D (B) | 671,525 uts. | 05/03/10 | - | 1,037,369 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class E (B) | 1,102 uts. | 05/03/10 | - | 218,964 |
| | | | 142,369 | 1,474,577 |
| CORA Health Services, Inc. | | | | |
| A provider of outpatient rehabilitation therapy services. | | | | |
| 12.75% (1.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 06/30/2023 | \$ 768,276 | 06/30/16 | 754,248 | 776,522 |
| Common Stock Class A (B) | 3,791 shs. | 06/30/16 | 3,791 | 1,327 |
| Preferred Stock Series A (B) | 758 shs. | 06/30/16 | 72,033 | 76,605 |
| | | | 830,072 | 854,454 |
| CTM Holding, Inc. | | | | |
| A leading owner and operator of coin-operated children's rides, penny presses and candy kiosks in the U.S. | | | | |
| 15% (3% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 11/22/2019 | \$ 1,306,609 | 11/22/13 | 1,293,546 | 1,306,609 |
| Common Stock (B) | 90 shs. | * | 514,284 | 363,700 |
| * 11/22/13 and 09/16/16. | | | 1,807,830 | 1,670,309 |

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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) | Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage | Acquisition Date | Cost | Fair Value |
|--|---|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Del Real LLC | | | | |
| A manufacturer and distributor of fully-prepared fresh refrigerated Hispanic entrees as well as side dishes that are typically sold on a heat-and-serve basis at retail grocers. | | | | |
| 11% Senior Subordinated Note due 04/06/2023 | \$ 1,420,588 | 10/07/16 | \$ 1,393,657 | \$ 1,400,938 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) | 304,412 uts. | 10/07/16 | 304,412 | 301,368 |
| | | | <u>1,698,069</u> | <u>1,702,306</u> |
| DPL Holding Corporation | | | | |
| A distributor and manufacturer of aftermarket undercarriage parts for medium and heavy duty trucks and trailers. | | | | |
| 14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 11/04/2020 | \$ 1,410,980 | 05/04/12 | 1,399,876 | 1,370,333 |
| Preferred Stock (B) | 25 shs. | 05/04/12 | 252,434 | 241,837 |
| Common Stock (B) | 25 shs. | 05/04/12 | 28,048 | - |
| | | | <u>1,680,358</u> | <u>1,612,170</u> |
| Dunn Paper | | | | |
| A provider of specialty paper for niche product applications. | | | | |
| 9.75% Second Lien Term Loan due 08/31/2023 | \$ 1,725,000 | 09/28/16 | 1,692,826 | 1,690,500 |
| Eagle Family Foods, Inc. | | | | |
| A producer of low-cost branded and private label canned milk. | | | | |
| 10.05% Last Out Term Loan due 12/31/2021 | \$ 1,725,000 | 12/22/15 | 1,704,520 | 1,725,000 |
| ECG Consulting Group | | | | |
| A healthcare management consulting company who provides strategic, financial, operational, and technology related consulting services to healthcare providers. | | | | |
| 11.75% (0.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 11/21/2020 | \$ 1,316,816 | 11/21/14 | 1,296,486 | 1,329,984 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) | 230 uts. | 11/19/14 | 71,875 | 83,423 |
| | | | <u>1,368,361</u> | <u>1,413,407</u> |
| Elite Sportswear Holding, LLC | | | | |
| A designer and manufacturer of gymnastics, competitive cheerleading and swimwear apparel in the U.S. and internationally. | | | | |
| 11.5% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 10/13/2021 | \$ 1,572,635 | 10/14/16 | 1,547,173 | 1,558,409 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) | 101 uts. | 10/14/16 | 159,722 | 180,253 |
| | | | <u>1,706,895</u> | <u>1,738,662</u> |

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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) | Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage | Acquisition Date | Cost | Fair Value |
|---|---|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| ERG Holding Company LLC | | | | |
| A provider of inpatient and outpatient clinical trial services to pharmaceutical companies and contract research organizations. | | | | |
| 13.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 10/04/2019 | \$ 972,981 | 04/04/14 | \$ 962,744 | \$ 982,711 |
| 14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 10/04/2019 | \$ 255,782 | 07/01/16 | 251,702 | 263,455 |
| Common Stock (B) | 0.31% int. | 04/04/14 | 77,533 | 86,549 |
| | | | <u>1,291,979</u> | <u>1,332,715</u> |
| F F C Holding Corporation | | | | |
| A leading U.S. manufacturer of private label frozen novelty and ice cream products. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B) | 171 uts. | 09/27/10 | 58,345 | 81,925 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Common (B) | 171 uts. | 09/27/10 | 17,073 | 275,789 |
| | | | <u>75,418</u> | <u>357,714</u> |
| F G I Equity LLC | | | | |
| A manufacturer of a broad range of filters and related products that are used in commercial, light industrial, healthcare, gas turbine, nuclear, laboratory, clean room, hotel, educational system, and food processing settings. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B) | 80,559 uts. | 04/15/14 | - | 80,559 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-1 (B) | 65,789 uts. | 12/15/10 | 65,789 | 202,984 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-2 (B) | 8,248 uts. | 12/15/10 | 8,248 | 25,448 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-3 (B) | 6,522 uts. | 08/30/12 | 15,000 | 21,818 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class C (B) | 1,575 uts. | 12/20/10 | 16,009 | 37,551 |
| | | | <u>105,046</u> | <u>368,360</u> |
| FMH Holdings Corporation | | | | |
| A designer and manufacturer of highly engineered components for the aerospace, defense and space industries. | | | | |
| Common Stock (B) | 148 shs. | 05/01/15 | 148,096 | 261,232 |
| GD Dental Services LLC | | | | |
| A provider of convenient "onestop" general, specialty, and cosmetic dental services with 21 offices located throughout South and Central Florida. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B) | 76 uts. | 10/05/12 | 75,920 | 104,347 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Common (B) | 767 uts. | 10/05/12 | 767 | 13,945 |
| | | | <u>76,687</u> | <u>118,292</u> |
| GenNx Novel Holding, Inc. | | | | |
| A manufacturer and distributor of nutraceutical ingredients. | | | | |
| 15% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 03/27/2020 | \$ 1,613,944 | 03/27/14 | 1,594,186 | 1,452,549 |
| Common Stock (B) | 15,500 shs. | 03/27/14 | 155,000 | 47,910 |
| | | | <u>1,749,186</u> | <u>1,500,459</u> |

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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) | Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage | Acquisition Date | Cost | Fair Value |
|--|---|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| gloProfessional Holdings, Inc. | | | | |
| A marketer and distributor of premium mineral-based cosmetics, cosmeceuticals and professional hair care products to the professional spa and physician's office channels. | | | | |
| 14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 03/27/2019 | \$ 1,226,121 | 03/27/13 | \$ 1,216,420 | \$ 1,226,121 |
| Common Stock (B) | 1,181 shs. | 03/27/13 | 118,110 | 128,735 |
| | | | <u>1,334,530</u> | <u>1,354,856</u> |
| Glynlyon Holding Companies, Inc. | | | | |
| A technology-enabled curriculum provider of K-12 and support services predominantly to small and medium public school districts. | | | | |
| 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 01/05/2022 | \$ 1,596,763 | 01/15/16 | 1,569,855 | 1,628,698 |
| Common Stock (B) | 147 shs. | 01/15/16 | 147,436 | 218,547 |
| | | | <u>1,717,291</u> | <u>1,847,245</u> |
| GlynnDevins Acquisition Corporation | | | | |
| A marketing communications agency that services senior living facilities. | | | | |
| Preferred Stock Series A (B) | 342 shs. | 06/19/15 | 70,683 | 79,601 |
| Common Stock (B) | 342 shs. | 06/19/15 | 2,945 | 20,816 |
| | | | <u>73,628</u> | <u>100,417</u> |
| Grakon Parent | | | | |
| The leading designer and manufacturer of highly-engineered and customized LED and incandescent lighting systems for transportation-based markets. | | | | |
| Common Stock (B) | 175 shs. | 10/31/14 | 174,831 | 157,693 |
| GTI Holding Company | | | | |
| A designer, developer, and marketer of precision specialty hand tools and handheld test instruments. | | | | |
| 12% Senior Subordinated Note due 02/05/2020 | \$ 727,865 | 02/05/14 | 698,298 | 714,311 |
| Common Stock (B) | 846 shs. | 02/05/14 | 84,636 | 55,407 |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2024, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B) | 397 shs. | 02/05/14 | 36,816 | 26,001 |
| | | | <u>819,750</u> | <u>795,719</u> |
| Handi Quilter Holding Company (Premier Needle Arts) | | | | |
| A designer and manufacturer of long-arm quilting machines and related components for the consumer quilting market. | | | | |
| 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 06/19/2021 | \$ 1,725,311 | * | 1,698,538 | 1,724,747 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B) | 372 uts. | ** | 371,644 | 377,098 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Common Class A (B) | 3,594 uts. | 12/19/14 | - | - |
| | | | <u>2,070,182</u> | <u>2,101,845</u> |
| * 12/19/14 and 02/21/17. | | | | |
| ** 12/19/14 and 04/29/16. | | | | |

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|---|---|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Happy Floors Acquisition, Inc. | | | | |
| A wholesale importer and value-added distributor of premium European flooring tile to residential and commercial end markets. | | | | |
| 12.5% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 07/01/2022 | \$ 1,587,346 | 07/01/16 | \$ 1,558,762 | \$ 1,599,645 |
| Common Stock (B) | 150 shs. | 07/01/16 | 149,500 | 125,880 |
| | | | <u>1,708,262</u> | <u>1,725,525</u> |
| Hartland Controls Holding Corporation | | | | |
| A manufacturer and distributor of electronic and electromechanical components. | | | | |
| 14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 08/14/2020 | \$ 1,111,911 | 02/14/14 | 1,100,237 | 1,111,911 |
| 12% Senior Subordinated Note due 08/14/2020 | \$ 431,250 | 06/22/15 | 428,516 | 439,875 |
| Common Stock (B) | 821 shs. | 02/14/14 | 822 | 212,516 |
| | | | <u>1,529,575</u> | <u>1,764,302</u> |
| Healthcare Direct Holding Company | | | | |
| A direct-to-customer marketer of discount dental plans. | | | | |
| Common Stock (B) | 517 shs. | 03/09/12 | 21,419 | 91,608 |
| HHI Group, LLC | | | | |
| A developer, marketer, and distributor of hobby-grade radio control products. | | | | |
| 14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 01/17/2020 | \$ 1,722,949 | 01/17/14 | 1,705,633 | 947,622 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) | 102 uts. | 01/17/14 | 101,563 | - |
| | | | <u>1,807,196</u> | <u>947,622</u> |
| Hollandia Produce LLC | | | | |
| A hydroponic greenhouse producer of branded root vegetables. | | | | |
| 14.25% (2.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 12/11/2020 | \$ 1,366,637 | * | 1,345,252 | 1,307,811 |
| * 12/30/15 and 12/23/16. | | | | |
| HOP Entertainment LLC | | | | |
| A provider of post production equipment and services to producers of television shows and motion pictures. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class F (B)(F) | 47 uts. | 10/14/11 | - | - |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class G (B)(F) | 114 uts. | 10/14/11 | - | - |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class H (B)(F) | 47 uts. | 10/14/11 | - | - |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class I (B)(F) | 47 uts. | 10/14/11 | - | - |
| | | | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |

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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) | Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage | Acquisition Date | Cost | Fair Value |
|---|---|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Hospitality Mints Holding Company | | | | |
| A manufacturer of individually-wrapped imprinted promotional mints. | | | | |
| 12% Senior Subordinated Note due 10/01/2018 | \$ 1,098,837 | 08/19/08 | \$ 1,095,422 | \$ 1,038,730 |
| Common Stock (B) | 251 shs. | 08/19/08 | 251,163 | 11,002 |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2018, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B) | 65 shs. | 08/19/08 | 60,233 | 2,844 |
| | | | <u>1,406,818</u> | <u>1,052,576</u> |
| HVAC Holdings, Inc. | | | | |
| A provider of integrated energy efficiency services and maintenance programs for HVAC systems. | | | | |
| 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 07/19/2022 | \$ 1,131,643 | * | 1,119,572 | 1,131,643 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class A Preferred (B) | 1,127 uts. | 09/27/12 | 112,726 | 169,495 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class A Common (B) | 910 uts. | 09/27/12 | 910 | 104,304 |
| * 7/19/16 and 9/6/16. | | | | |
| | | | <u>1,233,208</u> | <u>1,405,442</u> |
| Ideal Tridon Holdings, Inc. | | | | |
| A designer and manufacturer of clamps and couplings used in automotive and industrial end markets. | | | | |
| Common Stock | 93 shs. | 10/27/11 | 77,462 | 174,798 |
| Impact Confections | | | | |
| An independent manufacturer and marketer of confectionery products including Warheads® brand sour candies, Melster® brand classic candies, and co-manufactured/private label classic candies. | | | | |
| 13% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 11/10/2020 | \$ 1,089,466 | 11/10/14 | 1,074,726 | 1,070,150 |
| Common Stock (B) | 2,300 shs. | 11/10/14 | 230,000 | 117,456 |
| | | | <u>1,304,726</u> | <u>1,187,606</u> |
| Insurance Claims Management, Inc. | | | | |
| A third party administrator providing auto and property claim administration services for insurance companies. | | | | |
| Common Stock (B) | 47 shs. | 02/27/07 | 1,424 | 104,566 |
| Janus Group Holdings LLC | | | | |
| A manufacturer of roll-up doors and hallway systems that are primarily used in self-storage facilities. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class A (B)(F) | 283 uts. | 12/11/13 | - | 908,709 |
| | | | <u>-</u> | <u>908,709</u> |

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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) | Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage | Acquisition Date | Cost | Fair Value |
|---|---|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| JMH Investors LLC | | | | |
| A developer and manufacturer of custom formulations for a wide variety of foods. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) | 1,038,805 uts. | 12/05/12 | \$ 232,207 | \$ - |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class A-1 (B)(F) | 163,043 uts. | 10/31/16 | 163,043 | 163,043 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class A-2 (B)(F) | 1,032,609 uts. | 10/31/16 | - | - |
| | | | <u>395,250</u> | <u>163,043</u> |
| K N B Holdings Corporation | | | | |
| A designer, manufacturer and marketer of products for the custom framing market. | | | | |
| Common Stock (B) | 71,053 shs. | 05/24/06 | 71,053 | 47,170 |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2018, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B) | 43,600 shs. | 05/25/06 | 37,871 | 28,945 |
| | | | <u>108,924</u> | <u>76,115</u> |
| K P I Holdings, Inc. | | | | |
| The largest player in the U.S. non-automotive, non-ferrous die casting segment. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class C Preferred (B) | 40 uts. | 06/30/15 | - | 79,396 |
| Common Stock (B) | 353 shs. | 07/15/08 | 285,619 | 81,537 |
| | | | <u>285,619</u> | <u>160,933</u> |
| Kyjen Company | | | | |
| A designer and distributor of branded and private label dog toys and accessories primarily in the US. | | | | |
| 13% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 10/14/2021 | \$ 1,312,769 | 10/14/15 | 1,291,461 | 1,333,433 |
| Mail Communications Group, Inc. | | | | |
| A provider of mail processing and handling services, lettershop services, and commercial printing services. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit | 12,764 uts. | * | 166,481 | 187,812 |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2017, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B)(F) | 1,787 shs. | 05/04/07 | 22,781 | 26,295 |
| | | | <u>189,262</u> | <u>214,107</u> |
| * 05/04/07 and 01/02/08. | | | | |
| Manhattan Beachwear Holding Company | | | | |
| A designer and distributor of women's swimwear. | | | | |
| 12.5% Senior Subordinated Note due 01/15/2018 (D) | \$ 419,971 | 01/15/10 | 404,121 | - |
| 15% (2.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 01/15/2018 (D) | \$ 115,253 | 10/05/10 | 114,604 | - |
| Common Stock (B) | 35 shs. | 10/05/10 | 35,400 | - |
| Common Stock Class B (B) | 118 shs. | 01/15/10 | 117,647 | - |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2019, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B) | 104 shs. | 10/05/10 | 94,579 | - |
| | | | <u>766,351</u> | <u>-</u> |

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|---|---|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Master Cutlery LLC | | | | |
| A designer and marketer of a wide assortment of knives and swords. | | | | |
| 13% Senior Subordinated Note due 04/17/2020 | \$ 870,322 | 04/17/15 | \$ 863,334 | \$ 783,432 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit | 5 uts. | 04/17/15 | 678,329 | 124,745 |
| | | | <u>1,541,663</u> | <u>908,177</u> |
| MC Sign Holdings LLC | | | | |
| A provider of sign and lighting services nationwide. | | | | |
| 11.75% (0.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 09/15/2021 | \$ 769,746 | 09/22/15 | 757,386 | 770,049 |
| 11.75% (0.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 08/09/2022 | \$ 215,854 | 02/09/17 | 211,618 | 215,939 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class B (B) | 101,500 uts. | 09/22/15 | 101,500 | 165,232 |
| | | | <u>1,070,504</u> | <u>1,151,220</u> |
| Merex Holding Corporation | | | | |
| A provider of after-market spare parts and components, as well as maintenance, repair and overhaul services for "out of production" or "legacy" aerospace and defense systems that are no longer effectively supported by the original equipment manufacturers. | | | | |
| 16% Senior Subordinated Note due 10/30/2019 (D) | \$ 454,295 | 09/22/11 | 449,013 | 408,866 |
| 15% PIK Senior Subordinated Note due 04/30/2022 (D) | \$ 23,839 | 08/18/15 | 23,839 | - |
| 14% PIK Senior Subordinated Note due 06/30/2019 | \$ 37,706 | 10/21/16 | 37,706 | 37,470 |
| Common Stock Class A (B) | 86,958 shs. | * | 170,705 | - |
| * 08/18/15, 10/20/16 and 01/27/17. | | | <u>681,263</u> | <u>446,336</u> |
| MES Partners, Inc. | | | | |
| An industrial service business offering an array of cleaning and environmental services to the Gulf Coast region of the U.S. | | | | |
| 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 09/30/2021 | \$ 1,109,402 | 09/30/14 | 1,093,489 | 1,084,574 |
| Common Stock Class B (B) | 219,545 shs. | 09/30/14 | 219,545 | 70,565 |
| | | | <u>1,313,034</u> | <u>1,155,139</u> |
| Midwest Industrial Rubber, Inc. | | | | |
| A supplier of industrial maintenance, repair, and operations ("MRO") products, specializing in the fabrication and distribution of lightweight conveyor belting and related conveyor components and accessories. | | | | |
| 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 12/02/2022 | \$ 1,558,781 | 12/02/16 | 1,528,884 | 1,568,336 |
| Preferred Stock (B) | 1,711 shs. | 12/02/16 | 171,116 | 144,353 |
| Common Stock (B) | 242 shs. | 12/02/16 | 242 | - |
| | | | <u>1,700,242</u> | <u>1,712,689</u> |

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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) | Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage | Acquisition Date | Cost | Fair Value |
|---|---|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| MNX Holding Company | | | | |
| An international third party logistics company providing customized logistics services to customers across the globe. | | | | |
| 14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 11/02/2019 | \$ 1,316,315 | 11/02/12 | \$ 1,304,573 | \$ 1,316,315 |
| Common Stock (B) | 45 shs. | 11/02/12 | 44,643 | 23,933 |
| | | | <u>1,349,216</u> | <u>1,340,248</u> |
| Money Mailer Equity LLC | | | | |
| A leading provider of hyperlocal shared direct mail advertising as well as interactive and online advertising solutions through its nationwide production and distribution network. | | | | |
| 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 10/29/2021 | \$ 1,739,458 | 04/29/16 | 1,709,491 | 1,681,289 |
| Motion Controls Holdings | | | | |
| A manufacturer of high performance mechanical motion control and linkage products. | | | | |
| 14.25% (1.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 08/15/2020 | \$ 1,013,895 | 11/30/10 | 1,007,323 | 1,013,895 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-1 (B)(F) | 75,000 uts. | 11/30/10 | - | 54,791 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-2 (B)(F) | 6,801 uts. | 11/30/10 | - | 4,968 |
| | | | <u>1,007,323</u> | <u>1,073,654</u> |
| NetShape Technologies, Inc. | | | | |
| A manufacturer of powder metal and metal injection molded precision components used in industrial, consumer, and other applications. | | | | |
| 12% Senior Subordinated Note due 06/10/2020 (D) | \$ 810,000 | 02/02/07 | 809,408 | - |
| Limited Partnership Interest of Saw Mill PCG Partners LLC (B) | 1.46% int. | 02/01/07 | 588,077 | - |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class D of Saw Mill PCG Partners LLC (B) | 9 uts. | * | 8,873 | - |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class D-1 of Saw Mill PCG Partners LLC (B) | 121 uts. | 09/30/09 | 121,160 | - |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class D-2 of Saw Mill PCG Partners LLC (B) | 68 uts. | 04/29/11 | 34,547 | - |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class D-3 of Saw Mill PCG Partners LLC (B) | 104 uts. | 12/10/14 | 103,904 | - |
| | | | <u>1,665,969</u> | <u>-</u> |
| * 12/18/08 and 09/30/09. | | | | |
| NSi Industries Holdings, Inc. | | | | |
| A manufacturer and distributor of electrical components and accessories to small to mid-sized electrical wholesalers. | | | | |
| 12.75% (1.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 05/17/2023 | \$ 1,527,814 | 06/30/16 | 1,500,613 | 1,536,204 |
| Common Stock (B) | 207 shs. | 05/17/16 | 207,000 | 232,305 |
| | | | <u>1,707,613</u> | <u>1,768,509</u> |

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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) | Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage | Acquisition Date | Cost | Fair Value |
|---|---|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| O E C Holding Corporation | | | | |
| A provider of elevator maintenance, repair and modernization services. | | | | |
| Preferred Stock Series A (B) | 554 shs. | 06/04/10 | \$ 55,354 | \$ 75,780 |
| Preferred Stock Series B (B) | 311 shs. | 06/04/10 | 31,125 | 60,473 |
| Common Stock (B) | 344 shs. | 06/04/10 | 344 | 59,165 |
| | | | <u>86,823</u> | <u>195,418</u> |
| PANOS Brands LLC | | | | |
| A marketer and distributor of branded consumer foods in the specialty, natural, better-for-you, "free from" healthy and gluten-free categories. | | | | |
| 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 07/29/2021 | \$ 1,449,000 | 01/29/16 | 1,424,667 | 1,477,980 |
| 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 08/17/2022 | \$ 326,705 | 02/17/17 | 320,270 | 326,833 |
| Common Stock Class B (B) | 380,545 shs. | * | 380,545 | 432,096 |
| | | | <u>2,125,482</u> | <u>2,236,909</u> |
| Pearlman Enterprises, Inc. | | | | |
| A developer and distributor of tools, equipment and supplies to the natural and engineered stone industry. | | | | |
| Preferred Stock Series A (B) | 1,236 shs. | 05/22/09 | 59,034 | 1,235,800 |
| Preferred Stock Series B (B) | 7,059 shs. | 05/22/09 | 290,050 | 226,489 |
| Common Stock (B) | 21,462 shs. | 05/22/09 | 993,816 | - |
| | | | <u>1,342,900</u> | <u>1,462,289</u> |
| Petroplex Inv Holdings LLC | | | | |
| A leading provider of acidizing services to E&P customers in the Permian Basin. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company | 0.40% int. | * | 175,339 | 4,910 |
| | | | <u>175,339</u> | <u>4,910</u> |
| Polytex Holdings LLC | | | | |
| A manufacturer of water based inks and related products serving primarily the wall covering market. | | | | |
| 13% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 01/31/2020 | \$ 1,064,655 | 07/31/14 | 1,052,125 | 1,041,754 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit | 148,096 uts. | 07/31/14 | 148,096 | 83,763 |
| | | | <u>1,200,221</u> | <u>1,125,517</u> |
| Power Stop Holdings LLC | | | | |
| A supplier of performance upgrade aftermarket brake products. | | | | |
| 11% Senior Subordinated Note due 05/29/2022 | \$ 1,610,100 | 05/29/15 | 1,585,453 | 1,642,302 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B)(F) | 1,149 uts. | 05/29/15 | 114,900 | 134,531 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Common (B)(F) | 1,149 uts. | 05/29/15 | - | 98,115 |
| | | | <u>1,700,353</u> | <u>1,874,948</u> |

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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) | Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage | Acquisition Date | Cost | Fair Value |
|---|---|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| PPC Event Services | | | | |
| A special event equipment rental business. | | | | |
| 14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 05/20/2020 | \$ 1,172,727 | 11/20/14 | \$ 1,157,985 | \$ 1,172,727 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) | 3,450 uts. | 11/20/14 | 172,500 | 484,684 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Series A-1 (B) | 339 uts. | 03/16/16 | 42,419 | 55,351 |
| | | | <u>1,372,904</u> | <u>1,712,762</u> |
| Randy's Worldwide Automotive | | | | |
| A designer and distributor of automotive aftermarket parts. | | | | |
| 11.5% Senior Subordinated Note due 05/12/2021 | \$ 1,135,898 | 05/12/15 | 1,119,556 | 1,158,616 |
| Common Stock (B) | 118 shs. | 05/12/15 | 118,476 | 180,502 |
| | | | <u>1,238,032</u> | <u>1,339,118</u> |
| Signature Systems Holding Company | | | | |
| A seller and installer of a variety of modular surfaces, industrial matting and related products used for ground protection. | | | | |
| Common Stock (B) | 76 shs. | 03/15/13 | 75,509 | 7,586 |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2023, to purchase common stock A at \$.01 per share (B) | 31 shs. | 03/15/13 | 28,316 | 3,099 |
| | | | <u>103,825</u> | <u>10,685</u> |
| Smart Source Holdings LLC | | | | |
| A short-term computer rental company. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) | 328 uts. | * | 261,262 | 385,543 |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2020, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B) | 83 shs. | * | 67,467 | 97,658 |
| | | | <u>328,729</u> | <u>483,201</u> |
| * 08/31/07 and 03/06/08. | | | | |
| SMB Machinery Holdings, Inc. | | | | |
| A reseller of used, rebuilt and refurbished packaging and processing equipment, primarily serving the bottling and food manufacturing industries. | | | | |
| 14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 10/18/2019 (D) | \$ 738,694 | 10/18/13 | 726,147 | - |
| Common Stock (B) | 841 shs. | 10/18/13 | 84,100 | - |
| | | | <u>810,247</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Software Paradigms International Group, LLC | | | | |
| An outsourced IT services provider focused on the retail industry. | | | | |
| 12.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 11/23/2021 | \$ 1,725,000 | 05/23/16 | 1,694,413 | 1,731,027 |

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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) | Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage | Acquisition Date | Cost | Fair Value |
|--|---|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| SR Smith LLC | | | | |
| A manufacturer of mine and tunneling ventilation products in the United States. | | | | |
| 11% Senior Subordinated Note due 03/27/2022 | \$ 867,652 | 03/27/17 | \$ 856,829 | \$ 865,676 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Series A (B)(F) | 14 uts. | 03/27/17 | 846,631 | 857,286 |
| | | | <u>1,703,460</u> | <u>1,722,962</u> |
| Strahman Holdings Inc | | | | |
| A manufacturer of industrial valves and wash down equipment for a variety of industries, including chemical, petrochemical, polymer, pharmaceutical, food processing, beverage and mining. | | | | |
| 14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 06/13/2019 | \$ 1,059,783 | 12/13/13 | 1,046,028 | 1,045,273 |
| Preferred Stock Series A (B) | 158,967 shs. | 12/13/13 | 158,967 | 139,891 |
| Preferred Stock Series A-2 (B) | 26,543 shs. | 09/10/15 | 29,994 | 23,358 |
| | | | <u>1,234,989</u> | <u>1,208,522</u> |
| Sunrise Windows Holding Company | | | | |
| A manufacturer and marketer of premium vinyl windows exclusively selling to the residential remodeling and replacement market. | | | | |
| 16% Senior Subordinated Note due 01/31/2019 (D) | \$ 1,428,470 | * | 1,358,229 | 999,929 |
| Common Stock (B) | 38 shs. | 12/14/10 | 38,168 | - |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2020, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B) | 37 shs. | 12/14/10 | 37,249 | - |
| * 12/14/10, 08/17/12 and 03/31/16. | | | <u>1,433,646</u> | <u>999,929</u> |
| Sunvair Aerospace Group Inc. | | | | |
| An aerospace maintenance, repair, and overhaul provider servicing landing gears on narrow body aircraft. | | | | |
| 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 07/31/2021 | \$ 1,221,686 | 07/31/15 | 1,202,944 | 1,197,906 |
| Common Stock (B) | 68 shs. | 07/31/15 | 78,150 | 33,989 |
| | | | <u>1,281,094</u> | <u>1,231,895</u> |
| Team Drive-Away Holdings LLC | | | | |
| An asset-light provider of over the road driveaway services for class 8 trucks and specialized equipment. | | | | |
| 12.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 04/15/2021 | \$ 766,700 | 10/15/15 | 754,458 | 778,832 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) | 95,800 uts. | 10/15/15 | 95,800 | 97,812 |
| | | | <u>850,258</u> | <u>876,644</u> |

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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) | Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage | Acquisition Date | Cost | Fair Value |
|--|---|---------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Torrent Group Holdings, Inc. | | | | |
| A contractor specializing in the sales and installation of engineered drywells for the retention and filtration of stormwater and nuisance water flow. | | | | |
| 15% (7.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 12/05/2020 | \$ 69,673 | 12/05/13 | \$ 219,203 | \$ 69,673 |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2023, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B) | 28,079 shs. | 12/05/13 | - | 7,581 |
| | | | <u>219,203</u> | <u>77,254</u> |
| Tranzonic Holdings LLC | | | | |
| A producer of commercial and industrial supplies, such as safety products, janitorial supplies, work apparel, washroom and restroom supplies and sanitary care products. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred Class A (B) | 152,696 shs. | * | 166,248 | 315,918 |
| * 07/05/13 and 02/13/17. | | | | |
| Tristar Global Energy Solutions, Inc. | | | | |
| A hydrocarbon and decontamination services provider serving refineries worldwide. | | | | |
| 12.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 07/31/2020 | \$ 1,147,678 | 01/23/15 | 1,132,243 | 1,159,155 |
| Veritext Corporation | | | | |
| A provider of stenographic staffing and other services used during the legal deposition process. | | | | |
| 10.75% Second Lien Term Loan due 01/29/2023 | \$ 2,012,500 | * | 1,978,123 | 2,012,500 |
| * 01/21/16 and 02/23/17. | | | | |
| VP Holding Company | | | | |
| A provider of school transportation services for special-needs and homeless children in Massachusetts. | | | | |
| Common Stock (B) | 3,632 shs. | 03/31/14 | 363,158 | 398,635 |
| Wellborn Forest Holding Company | | | | |
| A manufacturer of semi-custom kitchen and bath cabinetry. | | | | |
| 8% Senior Subordinated Note due 09/30/2017 (D) | \$ 1,778,423 | 11/30/06 | 667,078 | 1,778,423 |
| Common Stock (B) | 101 shs. | 11/30/06 | 101,250 | - |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2017, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B) | 51 shs. | 11/30/06 | 45,790 | - |
| | | | <u>814,118</u> | <u>1,778,423</u> |
| Westminster Acquisition LLC | | | | |
| A manufacturer of premium, all-natural oyster cracker products sold under the Westminster and Olde Cape Cod brands. | | | | |
| 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 02/03/2021 | \$ 376,425 | 08/03/15 | 370,914 | 383,953 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) | 370,241 uts. | 08/03/15 | 370,241 | 617,029 |
| | | | <u>741,155</u> | <u>1,000,982</u> |

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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) | Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage | Acquisition Date | Cost | Fair Value |
|---|---|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Whitcraft Holdings, Inc. | | | | |
| A leading independent manufacturer of precision formed, machined, and fabricated flight-critical aerospace components. | | | | |
| Common Stock (B) | 205 shs. | 12/16/10 | \$ 205,480 | \$ 413,320 |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2018, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B) | 55 shs. | 12/16/10 | <u>49,334</u> | <u>111,074</u> |
| | | | <u>254,814</u> | <u>524,394</u> |
| Wolf-Gordon, Inc. | | | | |
| A designer and specialty distributor of wallcoverings and related building products, including textiles, paint, and writeable surfaces. | | | | |
| 12.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 07/22/2021 | \$ 1,596,414 | 01/22/16 | 1,570,107 | 1,624,045 |
| Common Stock (B) | 157 shs. | 01/22/16 | <u>156,818</u> | <u>151,734</u> |
| | | | <u>1,726,925</u> | <u>1,775,779</u> |
| WP Supply Holding Corporation | | | | |
| A distributor of fresh fruits and vegetables to grocery wholesalers and foodservice distributors in the upper Midwest. | | | | |
| 14.5% (2.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 06/12/2020 | \$ 972,721 | 11/03/11 | 967,202 | 972,721 |
| Common Stock (B) | 1,500 shs. | 11/03/11 | <u>150,000</u> | <u>109,345</u> |
| | | | <u>1,117,202</u> | <u>1,082,066</u> |
| York Wall Holding Company | | | | |
| A designer, manufacturer and marketer of wall covering products for both residential and commercial wall coverings. | | | | |
| 12.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 03/04/2021 (D) | \$ 1,572,322 | 03/04/15 | 1,549,582 | 1,369,612 |
| Common Stock (B) | 1,835 shs. | 03/04/15 | <u>183,500</u> | <u>52,813</u> |
| | | | <u>1,733,082</u> | <u>1,422,425</u> |
| Total Private Placement Investments (E) | | | <u>\$ 97,147,613</u> | <u>\$ 95,827,759</u> |

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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) | Interest Rate | Maturity Date | Principal Amount | Cost | Market Value |
|--|------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Rule 144A Securities - 13.57%: | | | | | |
| Bonds - 13.57% | | | | | |
| Altice Financing S.A. | 7.500% | 05/15/26 | \$400,000 | \$ 400,000 | \$ 425,000 |
| Amsted Industries | 5.375 | 09/15/24 | 240,000 | 240,000 | 240,600 |
| Beazer Homes USA, Inc. | 8.750 | 03/15/22 | 160,000 | 160,000 | 175,200 |
| Belden Inc. | 5.250 | 07/15/24 | 210,000 | 210,000 | 209,475 |
| Boise Cascade Company | 5.625 | 09/01/24 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 131,950 |
| CITGO Petroleum Corporation | 6.250 | 08/15/22 | 425,000 | 425,000 | 430,313 |
| Consolidated Energy Finance S.A. | 6.750 | 10/15/19 | 500,000 | 495,408 | 503,750 |
| Constellium N.V. | 7.875 | 04/01/21 | 373,000 | 373,000 | 398,177 |
| Cornerstone Chemical Company | 9.375 | 03/15/18 | 500,000 | 502,987 | 502,500 |
| CTP Transportation Products, LLC | 8.250 | 12/15/19 | 310,000 | 310,000 | 272,800 |
| CVR Partners, LP. | 9.250 | 06/15/23 | 500,000 | 488,554 | 513,125 |
| Dean Foods | 6.500 | 03/15/23 | 329,000 | 329,000 | 342,982 |
| Dell Inc. | 4.420 | 06/15/21 | 600,000 | 625,432 | 627,447 |
| Digicel Group Limited | 6.000 | 04/15/21 | 500,000 | 461,195 | 454,375 |
| EnPro Industries Inc. | 5.875 | 09/15/22 | 120,000 | 121,196 | 124,200 |
| First Data Corporation | 5.000 | 01/15/24 | 406,000 | 406,000 | 413,105 |
| First Quantum Minerals Ltd. | 7.500 | 04/01/25 | 500,000 | 486,227 | 503,750 |
| HD Supply, Inc. | 5.250 | 12/15/21 | 127,000 | 127,000 | 133,508 |
| Hilcorp Energy Company | 5.000 | 12/01/24 | 335,000 | 335,000 | 314,063 |
| Hughes Satellite Systems Corporation | 6.625 | 08/01/26 | 500,000 | 496,639 | 511,250 |
| Iamgold Corporation | 7.000 | 04/15/25 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 495,000 |
| J.B. Poindexter Co., Inc. | 9.000 | 04/01/22 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 523,750 |
| Jupiter Resources Inc. | 8.500 | 10/01/22 | 500,000 | 472,529 | 408,750 |
| LBC Tank Terminals Holding Netherlands B.V. | 6.875 | 05/15/23 | 663,000 | 678,135 | 687,942 |
| Mallinckrodt PLC | 5.750 | 08/01/22 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 492,750 |
| MEG Energy Corporation | 6.375 | 01/30/23 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 446,875 |
| Micron Technology, Inc. | 5.250 | 08/01/23 | 494,000 | 494,000 | 506,350 |
| Micron Technology, Inc. | 7.500 | 09/15/23 | 203,000 | 203,000 | 226,599 |
| Moog Inc. | 5.250 | 12/01/22 | 500,000 | 503,161 | 512,500 |
| New Gold Inc. | 6.250 | 11/15/22 | 500,000 | 502,490 | 501,250 |
| Nielsen Finance LLC | 5.000 | 04/15/22 | 271,000 | 272,500 | 277,098 |
| OPE KAG Finance Sub | 7.875 | 07/31/23 | 500,000 | 520,321 | 511,250 |
| Penske Corporation | 4.875 | 07/11/22 | 500,000 | 498,662 | 539,757 |
| Prime Security Services Borrower | 9.250 | 05/15/23 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 548,125 |
| Sabre GLOBL, Inc. | 5.250 | 11/15/23 | 122,000 | 122,000 | 124,745 |
| Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. | 5.875 | 03/15/26 | 204,000 | 204,000 | 209,100 |
| Sinclair Television Group, Inc. | 5.125 | 02/15/27 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 482,500 |
| Suncoke Energy | 7.375 | 02/01/20 | 500,000 | 474,865 | 505,000 |

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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) | Interest Rate | Maturity Date | Principal Amount | Cost | Market Value |
|---|------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Tallgrass Operations LLC | 5.500% | 09/15/24 | \$ 304,000 | \$ 304,000 | \$ 305,520 |
| Topaz Marine S.A. | 8.625 | 11/01/18 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 492,500 |
| Unitymedia KabelBW GmbH | 6.125 | 01/15/25 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 526,250 |
| Univision Communications, Inc. | 5.125 | 05/15/23 | 160,000 | 160,000 | 158,000 |
| UPCB Finance IV Limited | 5.375 | 01/15/25 | 208,000 | 208,000 | 209,300 |
| Valeant Pharmaceuticals International | 7.000 | 10/01/20 | 250,000 | 250,409 | 227,500 |
| Valeant Pharmaceuticals International | 7.000 | 03/15/24 | 173,000 | 173,000 | 177,541 |
| Virgin Media Secured Finance PLC | 5.250 | 01/15/26 | 500,000 | 502,987 | 502,500 |
| VRX Escrow Corp. | 6.125 | 04/15/25 | 182,000 | 182,000 | 140,140 |
| Welltec A/S | 8.000 | 02/01/19 | 375,000 | 372,442 | 376,875 |
| West Corporation | 5.375 | 07/15/22 | 500,000 | 492,868 | 491,250 |
| Wolverine World Wide, Inc. | 5.000 | 09/01/26 | 335,000 | 335,000 | 314,900 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 19,049,007 | 19,149,187 |
| Common Stock - 0.00% | | | | | |
| TherOX, Inc. (B) | | | 2 | - | - |
| Touchstone Health Partnership (B) | | | 292 | - | - |
| Total Common Stock | | | | - | - |
| Total Rule 144A Securities | | | | 19,049,007 | 19,149,187 |
| Total Corporate Restricted Securities | | | | \$ 116,196,620 | \$ 114,976,946 |

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| Corporate Public Securities - 20.53%: (A) | Interest Rate | Maturity Date | Principal Amount | Cost | Market Value |
|---|---------------|---------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Bank Loans - 0.55% | | | | | |
| Aquilex Holdings LLC | 5.000% | 12/31/20 | \$ 157,127 | \$ 156,915 | \$ 151,627 |
| Power Products, LLC | 5.530 | 01/24/23 | 132,220 | 131,575 | 133,046 |
| Seadrill Partners Finco, LLC | 4.000 | 02/21/21 | 493,622 | 253,049 | 333,723 |
| Summit Midstream Holdings, LLC | 7.020 | 03/06/22 | 147,334 | 145,863 | 149,913 |
| Total Bank Loans | | | | 687,402 | 768,309 |
| Bonds - 19.98% | | | | | |
| ADT Security Services Corporation | 4.125 | 06/15/23 | 500,000 | 442,181 | 477,500 |
| Air Lease Corp. | 3.000 | 09/15/23 | 600,000 | 594,484 | 586,327 |
| Alcoa, Inc. | 6.150 | 08/15/20 | 600,000 | 614,617 | 648,750 |
| Anglogold Holdings PLC | 5.375 | 04/15/20 | 600,000 | 602,431 | 631,500 |
| Anixter, Inc. | 5.125 | 10/01/21 | 165,000 | 165,000 | 172,013 |
| Antero Resources Corporation | 5.375 | 11/01/21 | 395,000 | 395,000 | 405,701 |
| A. Schulman Inc. | 6.875 | 06/01/23 | 500,000 | 505,893 | 518,750 |
| Bank of America Corporation | 4.000 | 04/01/24 | 500,000 | 498,611 | 518,399 |
| Brunswick Corporation | 7.125 | 08/01/27 | 500,000 | 503,941 | 588,275 |
| Bunge Limited Finance Corp. | 3.250 | 08/15/26 | 600,000 | 602,088 | 579,901 |
| Community Health Sysyems Inc. | 5.125 | 08/01/21 | 480,000 | 472,180 | 474,600 |
| Clearwater Paper Corporation | 4.500 | 02/01/23 | 500,000 | 496,759 | 485,000 |
| Commercial Metals Company | 4.875 | 05/15/23 | 750,000 | 751,055 | 765,000 |
| Crown Castle International Corp | 5.250 | 01/15/23 | 600,000 | 669,188 | 654,743 |
| CubeSmart, L.P. | 4.000 | 11/15/25 | 500,000 | 506,715 | 507,637 |
| CVR Refining LLC | 6.500 | 11/01/22 | 350,000 | 341,623 | 352,625 |
| Discovery Communications | 4.900 | 03/11/26 | 600,000 | 652,362 | 624,057 |
| Duke Realty Limited Partnership | 3.875 | 10/15/22 | 500,000 | 500,767 | 519,592 |
| EP Energy Corporation | 9.375 | 05/01/20 | 406,000 | 207,483 | 382,736 |
| Expedia Inc. | 4.500 | 08/15/24 | 600,000 | 626,679 | 628,065 |
| Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. | 6.750 | 01/15/22 | 265,000 | 267,866 | 250,425 |
| Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. | 8.625 | 06/15/20 | 650,000 | 650,533 | 622,375 |
| Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC | 4.375 | 08/06/23 | 600,000 | 646,332 | 626,311 |
| Forum Energy Technologies | 6.250 | 10/01/21 | 160,000 | 160,000 | 157,600 |
| Frontier Communications Corporation | 6.875 | 01/15/25 | 500,000 | 490,665 | 413,750 |
| General Motors Financial Co. Inc. | 4.000 | 01/15/25 | 500,000 | 508,417 | 502,507 |
| GEO Group, Inc. | 5.875 | 01/15/22 | 500,000 | 476,107 | 516,250 |
| HealthSouth Corporation | 5.125 | 03/15/23 | 421,000 | 412,927 | 420,999 |
| Hertz Corporation | 6.750 | 04/15/19 | 79,000 | 78,586 | 79,099 |
| Hospital Corporation of America | 5.375 | 02/01/25 | 100,000 | 101,534 | 104,250 |
| Hospital Corporation of America | 5.250 | 06/15/26 | 174,000 | 174,000 | 183,135 |
| Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company | 4.900 | 10/15/25 | 500,000 | 498,603 | 519,367 |

CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**March 31, 2017****(Unaudited)**

| Corporate Public Securities: (A) (Continued) | Interest Rate | Maturity Date | Principal Amount | Cost | Market Value |
|--|------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Icahn Enterprises L.P. | 6.000% | 08/01/20 | \$ 600,000 | \$ 606,633 | \$ 621,000 |
| Jabil Circuit, Inc. | 4.700 | 09/15/22 | 500,000 | 499,989 | 515,000 |
| Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings | 3.600 | 02/01/25 | 500,000 | 499,359 | 494,425 |
| Lamar Media Corp. | 5.375 | 01/15/24 | 160,000 | 160,000 | 165,200 |
| Laredo Petroleum, Inc. | 5.625 | 01/15/22 | 500,000 | 474,501 | 498,750 |
| Lazard Group LLC | 4.250 | 11/14/20 | 500,000 | 499,088 | 525,876 |
| Lifepoint Hospitals, Inc. | 5.500 | 12/01/21 | 350,000 | 356,913 | 363,125 |
| LyondellBasell Industries N.V. | 5.750 | 04/15/24 | 500,000 | 590,982 | 571,472 |
| MasTec, Inc. | 4.875 | 03/15/23 | 500,000 | 492,899 | 493,750 |
| Meritor, Inc. | 6.750 | 06/15/21 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,036,250 |
| MPLX LP | 4.875 | 12/01/24 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 525,969 |
| Netflix, Inc. | 5.500 | 02/15/22 | 299,000 | 299,000 | 317,688 |
| NRG Energy, Inc. | 7.250 | 05/15/26 | 500,000 | 503,121 | 515,000 |
| Owens Corning | 4.200 | 12/01/24 | 600,000 | 635,825 | 618,161 |
| PBF Holding Company LLC | 6.997 | 11/15/23 | 33,000 | 33,000 | 33,083 |
| Perry Ellis International, Inc. | 7.875 | 04/01/19 | 125,000 | 124,535 | 125,125 |
| Pitney Bowes Inc. | 3.375 | 10/01/21 | 500,000 | 499,639 | 491,371 |
| Precision Drilling Corporation | 6.625 | 11/15/20 | 149,477 | 151,790 | 150,225 |
| Reinsurance Group of America | 3.950 | 09/15/26 | 500,000 | 503,084 | 504,246 |
| SM Energy Company | 6.750 | 09/15/26 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 504,063 |
| Sprint Corporation | 7.125 | 06/15/24 | 155,000 | 155,000 | 165,463 |
| Steelcase, Inc. | 6.375 | 02/15/21 | 500,000 | 503,909 | 557,005 |
| Suburban Propane Partners, L.P. | 5.750 | 03/01/25 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 492,500 |
| Summit Midstream Holdings, LLC | 5.500 | 08/15/22 | 92,000 | 68,261 | 92,000 |
| Time Warner Cable, Inc. | 5.000 | 02/01/20 | 500,000 | 496,540 | 531,786 |
| Tyson Foods, Inc. | 4.500 | 06/15/22 | 500,000 | 509,633 | 533,545 |
| Western Digital Corporation | 10.500 | 04/01/24 | 253,000 | 253,000 | 298,224 |
| William Lyon Homes | 7.000 | 08/15/22 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 522,500 |
| WPX Energy, Inc. | 5.250 | 09/15/24 | 425,000 | 425,000 | 411,188 |
| Xlit Ltd | 4.450 | 03/31/25 | 600,000 | 613,761 | 607,180 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 27,570,089 | 28,198,409 |
| Total Corporate Public Securities | | | | \$ 28,257,491 | \$ 28,966,718 |

CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

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| Short-Term Security: | Interest Rate/Yield ^A | Maturity Date | Principal Amount | Cost | Market Value |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Commercial Paper - 4.25% | | | | | |
| AutoZone Inc. | 1.150% | 04/03/17 | \$ 2,000,000 | \$ 1,999,872 | \$ 1,999,872 |
| Leggett & Platt Inc. | 1.250 | 04/18/17 | 2,000,000 | 1,998,820 | 1,998,820 |
| Suncor Energy Inc | 1.095 | 04/06/17 | 2,000,000 | 1,999,696 | 1,999,696 |
| Total Short-Term Security | | | | \$ 5,998,388 | \$ 5,998,388 |
| Total Investments | 106.25% | | | \$ 150,452,499 | \$ 149,942,052 |
| Other Assets | 5.40 | | | | 7,620,286 |
| Liabilities | (11.65) | | | | (16,442,645) |
| Total Net Assets | 100.00% | | | | \$ 141,119,693 |

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

(B) Non-income producing security.

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

(D) Defaulted security; interest not accrued.

(E) Illiquid security. As of March 31, 2017 the values of these securities amounted to \$95,827,759 or 67.90% of net assets.

(F) Held in CI Subsidiary Trust

PIK - Payment-in-kind

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| Industry Classification: | Fair Value/ Market Value | Fair Value/ Market Value |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| AEROSPACE & DEFENSE - 2.96% | | |
| API Technologies Corp. | \$ 1,716,351 | |
| FMH Holdings Corporation | 261,232 | |
| Merex Holding Corporation | 446,336 | |
| Sunvair Aerospace Group Inc. | 1,231,895 | |
| Whitcraft Holdings, Inc. | 524,394 | |
| | <u>4,180,208</u> | |
| AUTOMOTIVE - 8.38% | | |
| Aurora Parts & Accessories LLC | 1,711,946 | |
| CG Holdings Manufacturing Company | 1,929,336 | |
| DPL Holding Corporation | 1,612,170 | |
| Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC | 626,311 | |
| General Motors Financial Co. Inc. | 502,507 | |
| Grakon Parent | 157,693 | |
| J.B. Poindexter Co., Inc. | 523,750 | |
| Meritor, Inc. | 1,036,250 | |
| Moog Inc. | 512,500 | |
| Power Stop Holdings LLC | 1,874,948 | |
| Randy's Worldwide Automotive | 1,339,118 | |
| | <u>11,826,529</u> | |
| BANKING - 0.37% | | |
| Bank of America Corporation | 518,399 | |
| BROKERAGE, ASSET MANAGERS & EXCHANGES - 0.81% | | |
| Icahn Enterprises L.P. | 621,000 | |
| Lazard Group LLC | 525,876 | |
| | <u>1,146,876</u> | |
| BUILDING MATERIALS - 9.58% | | |
| ARI Holding Corporation | 2,258,761 | |
| Boise Cascade Company | 131,950 | |
| Janus Group Holdings LLC | 908,709 | |
| Happy Floors Acquisition, Inc. | 1,725,525 | |
| NSi Industries Holdings, Inc. | 1,768,509 | |
| Owens Corning | 618,161 | |
| Pearlman Enterprises, Inc. | 1,462,289 | |
| Signature Systems Holding Company | 10,685 | |
| Sunrise Windows Holding Company | 999,929 | |
| Torrent Group Holdings, Inc. | 77,254 | |
| Wellborn Forest Holding Company | 1,778,423 | |
| Wolf-Gordon, Inc. | | \$ 1,775,779 |
| | | <u>13,515,974</u> |
| CABLE & SATELLITE - 1.62% | | |
| Hughes Satellite Systems Corporation | | 511,250 |
| Time Warner Cable, Inc. | | 531,786 |
| Unitymedia KabelBW GmbH | | 526,250 |
| UPCB Finance IV Limited | | 209,300 |
| Virgin Media Secured Finance PLC | | 502,500 |
| | | <u>2,281,086</u> |
| CHEMICALS - 3.22% | | |
| A. Schulman Inc. | | 518,750 |
| Compass Chemical International LLC | | 114,876 |
| Consolidated Energy Finance S.A. | | 503,750 |
| Cornerstone Chemical Company | | 502,500 |
| CVR Partners, LP. | | 513,125 |
| LBC Tank Terminals Holding Netherlands B.V. | | 687,942 |
| LyondellBasell Industries N.V. | | 571,472 |
| Polytex Holdings LLC | | 1,125,517 |
| | | <u>4,537,932</u> |
| CONSUMER CYCLICAL SERVICES - 3.41% | | |
| ADT Security Services Corporation | | 477,500 |
| CHG Alternative Education Holding Company | | 1,066,433 |
| Church Services Holding Company | | - |
| GEO Group, Inc. | | 516,250 |
| PPC Event Services | | 1,712,762 |
| Prime Security Services Borrower West Corporation | | 548,125 |
| | | <u>4,812,320</u> |
| CONSUMER PRODUCTS - 10.20% | | |
| AMS Holding LLC | | 242,562 |
| Blue Wave Products, Inc. | | 860,189 |
| Elite Sportswear Holding, LLC | | 1,738,662 |
| gloProfessional Holdings, Inc. | | 1,354,856 |
| GTI Holding Company | | 795,719 |
| Handi Quilter Holding Company | | 2,101,845 |
| HHI Group, LLC | | 947,622 |
| K N B Holdings Corporation | | 76,115 |

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| Industry Classification: (Continued) | Fair Value/ Market Value | | Fair Value/ Market Value |
|--|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| Kyjen Company | \$ 1,333,433 | Eagle Family Foods, Inc. | \$ 1,725,000 |
| Leggett & Platt Inc. | 1,998,820 | F F C Holding Corporation | 357,714 |
| Manhattan Beachwear Holding Company | - | GenNx Novel Holding, Inc. | 1,500,459 |
| MasTec, Inc. | 493,750 | Hollandia Produce LLC | 1,307,811 |
| Master Cutlery LLC | 908,177 | Hospitality Mints Holding Company | 1,052,576 |
| Perry Ellis International, Inc. | 125,125 | Impact Confections | 1,187,606 |
| York Wall Holding Company | 1,422,425 | JMH Investors LLC | 163,043 |
| | <u>14,399,300</u> | PANOS Brands LLC | 2,236,909 |
| DIVERSIFIED MANUFACTURING - 4.89% | | Tyson Foods, Inc. | 533,545 |
| ABC Industries, Inc. | 380,010 | Westminster Acquisition LLC | 1,000,982 |
| Advanced Manufacturing Enterprises LLC | - | WP Supply Holding Corporation | 1,082,066 |
| Airxcel Holdings | 330,562 | | <u>15,087,177</u> |
| Amsted Industries | 240,600 | GAMING - 1.18% | |
| Belden Inc. | 209,475 | CTM Holding, Inc. | <u>1,670,309</u> |
| BP SCI LLC | 339,495 | HEALTHCARE - 3.59% | |
| CTP Transportation Products, LLC | 272,800 | CORA Health Services, Inc. | 854,454 |
| EnPro Industries Inc. | 124,200 | Community Health Sysyems Inc. | 474,600 |
| F G I Equity LLC | 368,360 | ECG Consulting Group | 1,413,407 |
| Forum Energy Technologies | 157,600 | GD Dental Services LLC | 118,292 |
| Ideal Tridon Holdings, Inc. | 174,798 | Healthcare Direct Holding Company | 91,608 |
| K P I Holdings, Inc. | 160,933 | HealthSouth Corporation | 420,999 |
| Motion Controls Holdings | 1,073,654 | Hospital Corporation of America | 287,385 |
| NetShape Technologies, Inc. | - | Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings | 494,425 |
| SR Smith LLC | 1,722,962 | Lifepoint Hospitals, Inc. | 363,125 |
| Strahman Holdings Inc | 1,208,522 | TherOX, Inc. | - |
| Power Products, LLC | 133,046 | Touchstone Health Partnership | - |
| | <u>6,897,017</u> | Valeant Pharmaceuticals International | 405,041 |
| ELECTRIC - 1.59% | | VRX Escrow Corp. | <u>140,140</u> |
| AM Conservation Holding Corp. | 1,722,059 | | <u>5,063,476</u> |
| NRG Energy, Inc. | 515,000 | HEALTH INSURANCE - 0.36% | |
| | <u>2,237,059</u> | Reinsurance Group of America | <u>504,246</u> |
| FINANCE COMPANIES - 0.42% | | HOME CONSTRUCTION - 0.49% | |
| Air Lease Corp. | 586,327 | Beazer Homes USA, Inc. | 175,200 |
| FINANCIAL OTHER - 0.07% | | William Lyon Homes | 522,500 |
| Insurance Claims Management, Inc. | 104,566 | | <u>697,700</u> |
| FOOD & BEVERAGE - 10.69% | | INDEPENDENT - 1.98% | |
| 1492 Acquisition LLC | 314,277 | Antero Resources Corporation | 405,701 |
| Bunge Limited Finance Corp. | 579,901 | EP Energy Corporation | 382,736 |
| Dean Foods | 342,982 | Jupiter Resources Inc. | 408,750 |
| Del Real LLC | 1,702,306 | | |

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| Industry Classification: (Continued) | Fair Value/ Market Value | | Fair Value/ Market Value |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Laredo Petroleum, Inc. | \$ 498,750 | METALS & MINING - 3.15% | |
| MEG Energy Corporation | 446,875 | Alcoa, Inc. | \$ 648,750 |
| Precision Drilling Corporation | 150,225 | Anglogold Holdings PLC | 631,500 |
| SM Energy Company | 504,063 | Commercial Metals Company | 765,000 |
| | <u>2,797,100</u> | Constellium N.V. | 398,177 |
| INDUSTRIAL OTHER - 8.77% | | First Quantum Minerals Ltd. | 503,750 |
| AFC - Dell Holding Corporation | 1,319,035 | Iamgold Corporation | 495,000 |
| Aquilex Holdings LLC | 151,627 | New Gold Inc. | 501,250 |
| Brunswick Corporation | 588,275 | Suncoke Energy | 505,000 |
| Clough, Harbour and Associates | 765,870 | | <u>4,448,427</u> |
| Connecticut Electric, Inc. | 1,474,577 | MIDSTREAM - 1.61% | |
| Hartland Controls Holding Corporation | 1,764,302 | CVR Refining LLC | 352,625 |
| HVAC Holdings, Inc. | 1,405,442 | Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. | 872,800 |
| Mail Communications Group, Inc. | 214,107 | Suburban Propane Partners, L.P. | 492,500 |
| MC Sign Holdings LLC | 1,151,220 | Summit Midstream Holdings, LLC | 241,913 |
| Midwest Industrial Rubber, Inc. | 1,712,689 | Tallgrass Operations LLC | 305,520 |
| Nielsen Finance LLC | 277,098 | | <u>2,265,358</u> |
| O E C Holding Corporation | 195,418 | OIL FIELD SERVICES - 1.37% | |
| Smart Source Holdings LLC | 483,201 | Avantech Testing Services LLC | - |
| SMB Machinery Holdings, Inc. | - | Hilcorp Energy Company | 314,063 |
| Steelcase, Inc. | 557,005 | Petroplex Inv Holdings LLC | 4,910 |
| Tranzonic Holdings LLC | 315,918 | Seadrill Partners Finco, LLC | 333,723 |
| | <u>12,375,784</u> | Topaz Marine S.A. | 492,500 |
| INTEGRATED - 1.42% | | Welltec A/S | 376,875 |
| Suncor Energy Inc | 1,999,696 | WPX Energy, Inc. | 411,188 |
| | | | <u>1,933,259</u> |
| MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT - 2.65% | | OTHER - REITS - 0.73% | |
| BlueSpire Holding, Inc. | - | Duke Realty Limited Partnership | 519,592 |
| Discovery Communications | 624,057 | CubeSmart, L.P. | 507,637 |
| GlynnDevins Acquisition Corporation | 100,417 | | <u>1,027,229</u> |
| HOP Entertainment LLC | - | PACKAGING - 0.52% | |
| Lamar Media Corp. | 165,200 | ASC Holdings, Inc. | 736,014 |
| Money Mailer Equity LLC | 1,681,289 | PAPER - 1.54% | |
| Netflix, Inc. | 317,688 | Clearwater Paper Corporation | 485,000 |
| Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. | 209,100 | Dunn Paper | 1,690,500 |
| Sinclair Television Group, Inc. | 482,500 | | <u>2,175,500</u> |
| Univision Communications, Inc. | 158,000 | | |
| | <u>3,738,251</u> | | |

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| Industry Classification: (Continued) | Fair Value/ Market Value | Fair Value/ Market Value |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| PHARMACEUTICALS - 2.87% | | |
| Clarion Brands Holding Corp. | \$ 2,222,327 | |
| ERG Holding Company LLC | 1,332,715 | |
| Mallinckrodt PLC | 492,750 | |
| | <u>4,047,792</u> | |
| PROPERTY & CASUALTY - 0.43% | | |
| Xlit Ltd | 607,180 | |
| REFINING - 2.34% | | |
| CITGO Petroleum Corporation | 430,313 | |
| MES Partners, Inc. | 1,155,139 | |
| MPLX LP | 525,969 | |
| PBF Holding Company LLC | 33,083 | |
| Tristar Global Energy Solutions, Inc. | 1,159,155 | |
| | <u>3,303,659</u> | |
| RETAILERS - 1.73% | | |
| AutoZone Inc. | 1,999,872 | |
| HD Supply, Inc. | 133,508 | |
| Wolverine World Wide, Inc. | 314,900 | |
| | <u>2,448,280</u> | |
| TECHNOLOGY - 7.17% | | |
| Anixter, Inc. | 172,013 | |
| Dell Inc. | 627,447 | |
| Expedia Inc. | 628,065 | |
| First Data Corporation | 413,105 | |
| Glynlyon Holding Companies, Inc. | 1,847,245 | |
| Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company | 519,367 | |
| Jabil Circuit, Inc. | 515,000 | |
| Micron Technology, Inc. | 732,949 | |
| Pitney Bowes Inc. | 491,371 | |
| Sabre GLBL, Inc. | 124,745 | |
| Software Paradigms International Group, LLC | 1,731,027 | |
| Veritext Corporation | 2,012,500 | |
| Western Digital Corporation | 298,224 | |
| | <u>10,113,058</u> | |
| TELECOMMUNICATIONS - 0.30% | | |
| Altice Financing S.A. | 425,000 | |
| | <u>425,000</u> | |
| TRANSPORTATION SERVICES - 2.65% | | |
| Hertz Corporation | | \$ 79,099 |
| MNX Holding Company | | 1,340,248 |
| OPE KAG Finance Sub | | 511,250 |
| Penske Corporation | | 539,757 |
| Team Drive-Away Holdings LLC | | 876,644 |
| VP Holding Company | | 398,635 |
| | | <u>3,745,633</u> |
| WIRELESS - 0.90% | | |
| Crown Castle International Corp | | 654,743 |
| Digicel Group Limited | | 454,375 |
| Sprint Corporation | | 165,463 |
| | | <u>1,274,581</u> |
| WIRELINES - 0.29% | | |
| Frontier Communications Corporation | | 413,750 |
| | | <u>413,750</u> |
| Total Investments - 106.25% | | |
| (Cost - \$150,452,499) | | \$ 149,942,052 |
| | | <u><u>\$ 149,942,052</u></u> |

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

1. History

Barings Participation Investors (the "Trust") was organized as a Massachusetts business trust under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts pursuant to a Declaration of Trust dated April 7, 1988. In order to clarify the Trust's relationship to Barings LLC, as of September 12, 2016, the Trust's name was changed to replace "Babson Capital Participation Investors" with "Barings Participation Investors".

The Trust is a diversified closed-end management investment company. Barings LLC ("Barings"), a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company ("MassMutual"), acts as its investment adviser. The Trust's investment objective is to maximize total return by providing a high level of current income, the potential for growth of income, and capital appreciation. The Trust's principal investments are privately placed, below-investment grade, long-term debt obligations purchased directly from their issuers, which tend to be smaller companies. The Trust will also invest in publicly traded debt securities (including high yield securities), and in convertible preferred stocks and, subject to certain limitations, readily marketable equity securities. Below-investment grade or high yield securities have predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to the capacity of the issuer to pay interest and repay capital. In addition, the Trust may invest in high quality, readily marketable securities.

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

2. Significant Accounting Policies

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

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

A. Fair Value Measurements:

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

Determination of Fair Value

The determination of the fair value of the Trust's investments is the responsibility of the Trust's Board of Trustees (the "Trustees"). The Trustees have adopted procedures for the

valuation of the Trust's securities and has delegated responsibility for applying those procedures to Barings. Barings has established a Pricing Committee which is responsible for setting the guidelines used in following the procedures adopted by the Trustees ensuring that those guidelines are being followed. Barings considers all relevant factors that are reasonably available, through either public information or information available to Barings, when determining the fair value of a security. The Trustees meet at least once each quarter to approve the value of the Trust's portfolio securities as of the close of business on the last business day of the preceding quarter. This valuation requires the approval of a majority of the Trustees of the Trust, including a majority of the Trustees who are not interested persons of the Trust or of Barings. In approving valuations, the Trustees will consider reports by Barings analyzing each portfolio security in accordance with the procedures and guidelines referred to above, which include the relevant factors referred to below. Barings has agreed to provide such reports to the Trust at least quarterly. The consolidated financial statements include private placement restricted securities valued at \$95,827,759 (67.90% of net assets) as of March 31, 2017 whose values have been estimated by the Trustees based on the process described above in the absence of readily ascertainable market values. Due to the inherent uncertainty of valuation, those estimated values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed, and the differences could be material.

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

Corporate Public Securities – Bank Loans, Corporate Bonds, Preferred Stocks and Common Stocks

The Trust uses external independent third-party pricing services to determine the fair values of its Corporate Public Securities. At March 31, 2017, 100% of the carrying value of these investments was from external pricing services. In the event that the primary pricing service does not provide a price, the Trust utilizes the pricing provided by a secondary pricing service.

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

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

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

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

Corporate Restricted Securities – Corporate Bonds

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

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

Corporate Restricted Securities – Common Stock, Preferred Stock and Partnerships & LLC's

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

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

Both the company's EBITDA and valuation multiple are considered significant unobservable inputs. Significant increases/(decreases) to the company's EBITDA and/or valuation multiple would result in significant increases/(decreases) to the equity value. An increase/(decrease) to the discount would result in a (decrease)/increase to the equity value.

Short-Term Securities

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

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Quantitative Information about Level 3 Fair Value Measurements

The following table represents quantitative information about Level 3 fair value measurements as of March 31, 2017:

| | Fair Value | Valuation Technique | Unobservable Inputs | Range | Weighted Average |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Bank Loans | \$1,690,500 | Broker Quote | Single Broker | 98% | 98% |
| | \$3,737,500 | Discounted Cash Flows | Discount Rate | 8.6% to 9.0% | 8.7% |
| Corporate Bonds | \$68,079,097 | Discounted Cash Flows | Discount Rate | 8.0% to 17.3% | 12.5% |
| | \$2,017,224 | Market Approach | Valuation Multiple | 3.6x to 7.7x | 5.8x |
| | | | EBITDA | \$0.0 million to \$9.4 million | \$6.0 million |
| Equity Securities | \$20,303,438 | Market Approach | Valuation Multiple | 3.6x to 13.4x | 7.9x |
| | | | EBITDA | \$50.0 million to \$165.7 million | \$21.7 million |

Fair Value Hierarchy

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

Level 1 – quoted prices in active markets for identical securities

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

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

The following table summarizes the levels in the fair value hierarchy into which the Trusts' financial instruments are categorized as of March 31, 2017.

The fair values of our investments disaggregated into the three levels of the fair value hierarchy based upon the lowest level of significant input used in the valuation as of March 31, 2017 are as follows:

| Assets: | Total | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Restricted Securities | | | | |
| Corporate Bonds | \$ 89,245,508 | \$ - | \$ 19,149,187 | \$ 70,096,321 |
| Bank Loans | 5,428,000 | - | - | 5,428,000 |
| Common Stock - U.S. | 5,747,364 | - | - | 5,747,364 |
| Preferred Stock | 3,787,872 | - | - | 3,787,872 |
| Partnerships and LLCs | 10,768,202 | - | - | 10,768,202 |
| Public Securities | | | | |
| Bank Loans | 768,309 | - | 768,309 | - |
| Corporate Bonds | 28,198,409 | - | 28,198,409 | - |
| Short-term Securities | 5,998,388 | - | 5,998,388 | - |
| Total | \$ 149,942,052 | \$ - | \$ 54,114,293 | \$ 95,827,759 |

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

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

| Assets: | Beginning balance at 12/31/2016 | Included in earnings | Purchases | Sales | Prepayments | Transfers into Level 3 | Transfers out of Level 3 | Ending balance at 3/31/2017 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Restricted Securities | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate Bonds | \$ 69,600,395 | \$ 1,176,926 | \$ 1,611,393 | \$ (6,900) | \$(2,285,493) | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 70,096,321 |
| Bank Loans | 5,132,890 | 13,360 | 281,750 | — | - | - | - | 5,428,000 |
| Common Stock - U.S. | 5,972,591 | (79,876) | 104,545 | (249,896) | - | - | - | 5,747,364 |
| Preferred Stock | 3,878,030 | 108,001 | — | (198,159) | - | - | - | 3,787,872 |
| Partnerships and LLCs | 10,187,680 | (36,301) | 1,067,399 | (450,576) | - | - | - | 10,768,202 |
| | \$ 94,771,586 | \$ 1,182,110 | \$ 3,065,087 | \$(905,531) | \$(2,285,493) | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 95,827,759 |

There were no transfers into or out of Level 1 and Level 2 assets.

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

| | Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations | Change in Unrealized Gains & (Losses) in Net Assets from assets still held |
|---|---|--|
| Interest (Amortization) | \$ 51,286 | — |
| Net realized gain on investments before taxes | \$ 147,083 | — |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation of investments before taxes | \$ 983,741 | 929,745 |

B. Accounting for Investments:

Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. 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. The Trust does not accrue income when payment is delinquent and when management believes payment is questionable.

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

C. Use of Estimates:

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

D. Federal Income Taxes:

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

The Trust is taxed as a regulated investment company and is therefore limited as to the amount of non-qualified income that it may receive as the result of operating a trade or business, e.g. the Trust's pro rata share of income allocable to the Trust by a partnership operating company. The Trust's violation of this limitation could result in the loss of its status as a regulated investment company, thereby subjecting all of its net income and capital gains to corporate taxes prior to distribution to its shareholders. The Trust, from time-to-time, identifies investment opportunities in the securities of entities that could cause such trade or business income to be allocable to the Trust. The PI Subsidiary Trust (described in Footnote 1, above) was formed in order to allow investment in such securities without adversely affecting the Trust's status as a regulated investment company.

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The PI Subsidiary Trust is not taxed as a regulated investment company. Accordingly, prior to the Trust receiving any distributions from the PI Subsidiary Trust, all of the PI Subsidiary Trust's taxable income and realized gains, including non-qualified income and realized gains, is subject to taxation at prevailing corporate tax rates. As of March 31, 2017, the PI Subsidiary Trust has incurred income tax expense of \$101,548.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of the existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis. As of March 31, 2017, the PI Subsidiary Trust has a deferred tax liability of \$408,371.

E. Distributions to Shareholders:

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

3. Investment Advisory and Administrative Services

Contract

A. Services:

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

B. Fee:

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

4. Senior Indebtedness

MassMutual holds the Trust's \$15,000,000 Senior Fixed Rate Convertible Note (the "Note") issued by the Trust on December 13, 2011. The Note is due December 13, 2023 and accrues interest at 4.09% per annum. MassMutual, at its option, can convert the principal amount of the Note into common shares. The dollar amount of principal would be converted into an equivalent dollar amount of common shares based upon the average price of the common shares for ten business days prior to the notice of conversion. For the three months ended March 31, 2017, the Trust incurred total interest expense on the Note of \$153,375.

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

5. Purchases and Sales of Investments

| | For the three months ended 03/31/17 | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | Cost of Investments Acquired | Proceeds from Sales or Maturities |
| Corporate restricted securities | \$4,721,695 | \$3,319,930 |
| Corporate public securities | 2,560,340 | 1,295,827 |

The aggregate cost of investments is substantially the same for financial reporting and Federal income tax purposes as of March 31, 2017. The net unrealized depreciation of investments for financial reporting and Federal tax purposes as of March 31, 2017 is \$510,447 and consists of \$12,266,794 appreciation and \$12,777,241 depreciation.

Net unrealized depreciation of investments on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities reflects the balance net of a deferred tax liability of \$408,371 on net unrealized gains on the PI Subsidiary Trust.

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

7. Commitments and Contingencies

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

At March 31, 2017, the Trust had the following unfunded commitments:

| <u>Investment</u> | <u>Unfunded Amount</u> |
|----------------------------|------------------------|
| CORA Health Services, Inc. | \$890,933 |
| HVAC Holdings, Inc. | \$600,572 |

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DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND CASH PURCHASE PLAN

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

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

Whenever the Trust declares a dividend payable in cash or shares, the Transfer Agent, acting on behalf of each participating shareholder, will take the dividend in shares only if the net asset value is lower than the market price plus an estimated brokerage commission as of the close of business on the valuation day. The valuation day is the last day preceding the day of dividend payment. When the dividend is to be taken in shares, the number of shares to be received is determined by dividing the cash dividend by the net asset value as of the close of business on the valuation date or, if greater than net asset value, 95% of the closing share price. If the net asset value of the shares is higher than the market value plus an estimated commission, the Transfer Agent, consistent with obtaining the best price and execution, will buy shares on the open market at current prices promptly after the dividend payment date.

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

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

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



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