

# Barings Participation Investors

Report for the  
Six Months Ended June 30, 2025



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### Investment Objective and Policy

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

The Trust's investment objective is to maintain a portfolio of securities providing a current yield and, when available, an opportunity for capital gains. The Trust's principal investments are privately placed, below-investment grade, long-term debt obligations including bank loans and mezzanine debt instruments. Such private placement securities may, in some cases, be accompanied by equity features such as common stock, preferred stock, warrants, conversion rights, or other equity features. The Trust typically purchases these investments, which are not publicly tradable, directly from their issuers in private placement transactions. These investments are typically made to small or middle market companies. In addition, the Trust may invest, subject to certain limitations, in marketable debt securities (including high yield and/or investment grade securities), marketable common stocks and special situations investments. The Trust's special situations investments generally consist of investments in corporate debt instruments and equity instruments of issuers that are stressed or distressed. 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 distributes substantially all of its net income to shareholders each year. Accordingly, the Trust pays dividends to shareholders four times per year. The Trust pays dividends to its shareholders in cash, unless the shareholder elects to participate in the Dividend Reinvestment and Share Purchase Plan.

### Form N-PORT

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

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

The Trustees of the Trust have delegated proxy voting responsibilities relating to the voting of securities held by the Trust to Barings LLC ("Barings"). A description of Barings' proxy voting policies and procedures is available (1) without charge, upon request, by calling, toll-free 866-399-1516; (2) on the Trust's website at <https://www.barings.com/mpv>; and (3) on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Information regarding how the Trust voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30 is available (1) on the Trust's website at <https://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****July 31, 2025**

We are pleased to present the June 30, 2025 Quarterly Report of Barings Participation Investors (the “Trust”).

**PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE**

The Board of Trustees declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.37 per share, payable on September 12, 2025, to shareholders of record on August 29, 2025. The Trust earned \$0.32 per share of net investment income, net of taxes, for the second quarter of 2025, compared to \$0.31 per share in the previous quarter.

|                                      | <b>June 30, 2025<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b> | <b>March 31, 2025<sup>(1)(2)</sup></b> | <b>% Change</b> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Quarterly Dividend per share         | 0.37 <sup>(3)</sup>                   | 0.37                                   | — %             |
| Net Investment Income <sup>(4)</sup> | \$ 3,396,864                          | \$ 3,351,768                           | 1.4 %           |
| Net Assets                           | \$ 168,117,718                        | \$ 167,580,570                         | 0.3 %           |
| Net Assets per share <sup>(5)</sup>  | \$ 15.68                              | \$ 15.65                               | 0.2 %           |
| Share Price                          | \$ 20.11                              | \$ 17.63                               | 14.1 %          |
| Dividend Yield at Share Price        | 7.4 %                                 | 8.4 %                                  | (11.9)%         |
| (Discount) / Premium                 | 28.25 %                               | 12.65 %                                |                 |

(1) Past performance is no guarantee of future results

(2) Figures are unaudited

(3) Payable on September 12, 2025

(4) Figures are shown net of excise tax

(5) Based on shares outstanding at the end of the period of 10,722,277 and 10,704,909 as of 6/30/2025 and as of 3/31/2025, respectively.

- Quarterly total returns at June 30, 2025 and March 31, 2025 were 2.57% and 1.23%, respectively. Longer term, the Trust returned 9.5%, 10.2%, 11.6%, 9.1%, and 10.6% for the 1, 3, 5, 10, and 25-year periods, respectively, based on the change in the Trust’s net assets assuming the reinvestment of all dividends.
- The Trust’s average quarter-end premium/(discount) for the 1, 3, 5 and 10-year periods was 14.7%, (2.12)%, (5.74)% and (0.47)%, respectively.
- U.S. fixed income markets, as approximated by the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index and the S&P UBS Leveraged Loan Index, returned 3.5% and 2.3% for the quarter, respectively.

**PORTFOLIO BENEFITS**

- We believe the Trust benefits from being part of the larger Barings North American Private Finance (“NAPF”) platform, which as of June 30, 2025, has over 30 years of experience and had commitments of over \$28 billion to private credit.
- The NAPF platform has provided two primary benefits to the Trust: Direct deal origination and credit underwriting. NAPF has served as the Lead or Co-Lead on over 80% of its originated transactions and has a senior loan loss rate of 0.03% since inception. The benefit of being the Lead or Co-Lead lender is the ability to lead negotiations on terms and have influence over the credit agreement.
- The Trust has continued to benefit from NAPF’s strong origination relationships with private equity sponsors. Every private placement investment in the portfolio was directly originated by Barings via a sponsor (without a financial intermediary), where one hundred percent of the economics are passed through to investors.
- The Trust has consistently generated a stable dividend yield for investors, which to date has been paid exclusively from investment income and capital gains – no return of capital, all while employing a limited amount of leverage 0.13x.
- The Trust continues to invest in what we believe are high-quality companies in defensive sectors and remains well diversified with 27 different industries across 179 assets, where over 65% of those investments are first lien senior secured loans that we believe provide strong risk adjusted returns. The Trust continues to invest in senior subordinated debt when we believe the risk adjusted return is appropriate. Approximately 14% of the market value of the Trust was equity, generating ~\$14 million (\$1.31 per share) in unrealized appreciation as of June 30, 2025.

## PORTFOLIO ACTIVITY

Consistent with the stated investment objective of the Trust, we continued to search for relative value across the capital structure of potential investments that provide current yield with an opportunity for capital gains. During the three months ended June 30, 2025, the Trust made 16 new investments totaling \$13.7 million and 40 add-on investments in existing portfolio companies totaling approximately \$1.0 million. During the three months ended June 30, 2025, the Trust had 5 private investment loans repaid at par totaling \$1.8 million and realized four equity investments that generated realized gains of \$0.5 million.

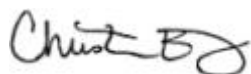
## PORTFOLIO LIQUIDITY

The Trust maintained a liquidity position comprised of a combination of its available cash balance and short-term investments of \$4.2 million or 2.2% of total assets, contributing to a low leverage profile at 0.13x as of June 30, 2025. The available credit facility balance coupled with the current cash balance provides liquidity to support our current portfolio companies as well as invest in new portfolio companies. As always, the Trust continues to benefit from strong relationships with our carefully chosen financial sponsor partners. These relationships provide clear benefits to the portfolio companies including potential access to additional capital if needed and strategic thinking to compliment a company's management team. High-quality and timely information about portfolio companies, which is only available in a private market setting, allows us to work constructively with financial sponsors and maximize the portfolio companies' long-term health and value.

The Trust's recently announced dividend of \$0.37 remains consistent with the prior quarter. With more than 65% of the Trust in first lien floating rate loans, the Trust's net investment income has decreased slightly given falling interest rates. While recurring investment income remains stable, it may not be sufficient to fully fund the current dividend rate in the future. The level of recurring investment income expected to be generated by the Trust in 2025, combined with the availability of earnings carry forwards and other non-recurring income, is currently expected to be sufficient to maintain the current dividend rate over the next several quarters. We believe the strong credit quality and diverse portfolio construction positions the Trust to continue to maximize shareholder value in determining the quarterly dividend, the Board of Trustees seeks to ensure that the Trust will be able to pay sustainable dividends over the long term.

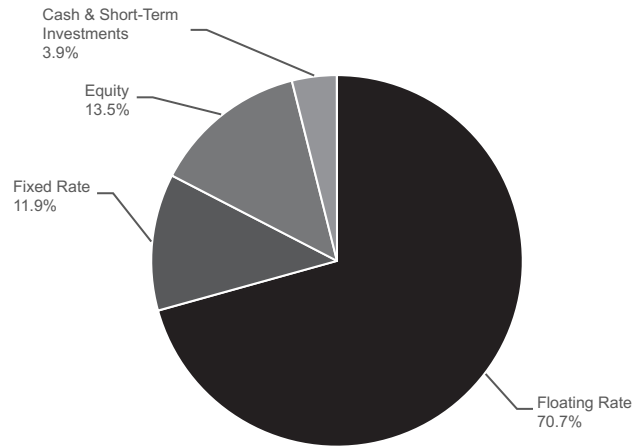
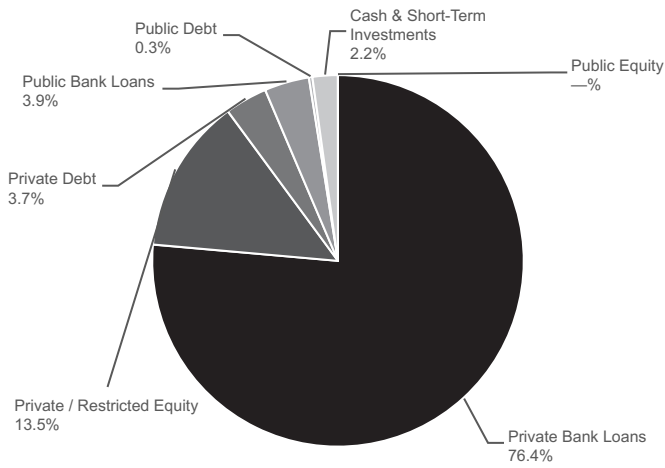
Thank you for your continued interest in and support of Barings Participation Investors.

Sincerely,



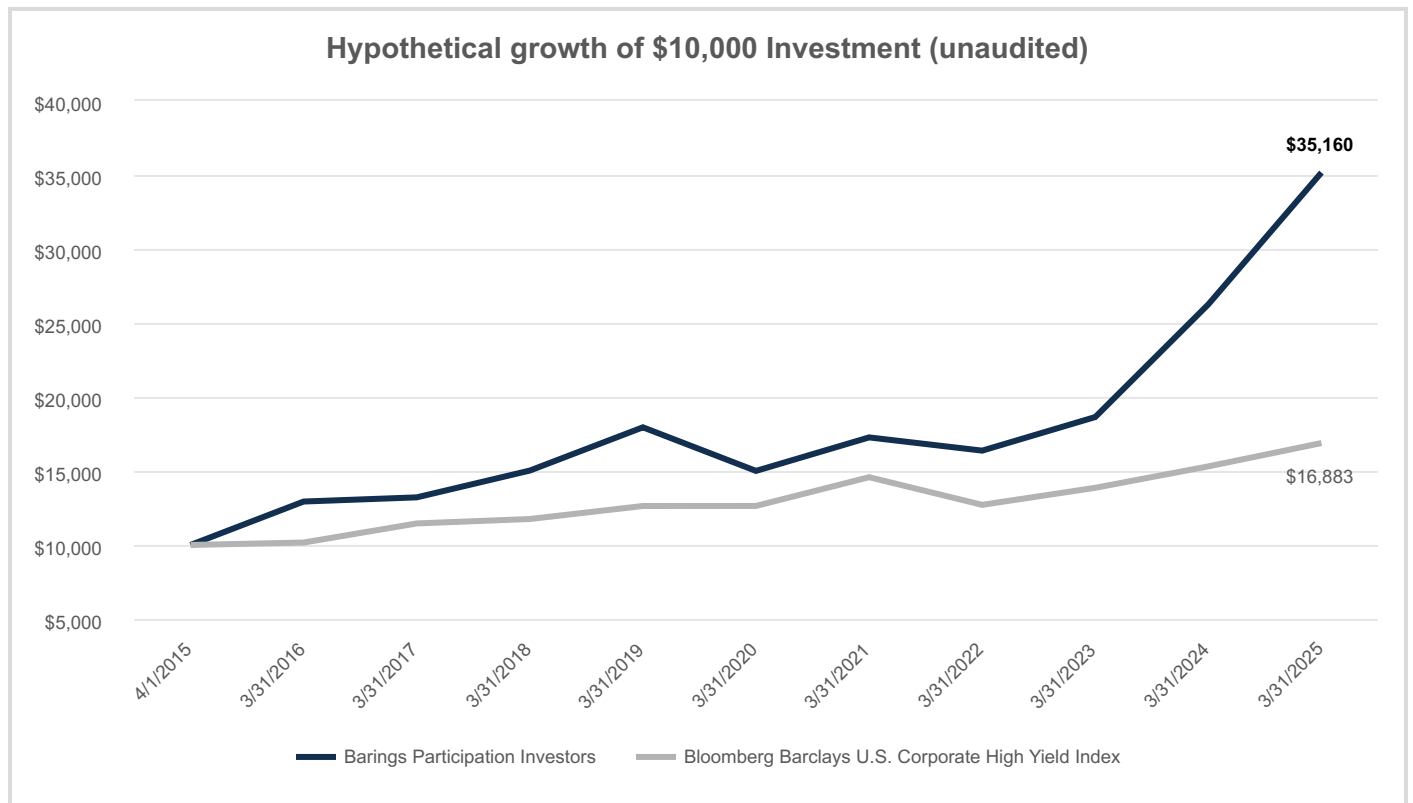
Christina Emery  
President

## Portfolio Composition as of 06/30/25\*



\* Based on market value of total investments

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**Average Annual Returns June 30, 2025**

|  | 1 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year |
|--|--------|--------|---------|
| Barings Participation Investors                    | 33.91% | 18.57% | 13.40%  |
| Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Corporate High Yield Index | 10.29% | 5.97%  | 5.38%   |

Data for Barings Participation Investors (the “Trust”) represents returns based on the change in the Trust’s market price assuming the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions. Past performance is no guarantee of future results.

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

**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**June 30, 2025**  
**(Unaudited)**

Barings Participation Investors

**Assets:**

|  |                    |
|--|--------------------|
| Investments<br>(See Consolidated Schedule of Investments)  |                    |
| Corporate restricted securities - private placement investments at fair value<br>(Cost - \$ 162,218,794) | \$ 172,097,347     |
| Corporate restricted securities - rule 144A securities at fair value<br>(Cost - \$ 6,635,662)            | 6,001,675          |
| Corporate public securities at fair value<br>(Cost - \$ 8,316,341)                                       | 8,133,923          |
|  | <hr/>              |
| Total investments (Cost - \$ 177,170,797)  | 186,232,945        |
| Cash   | 4,210,223          |
| Foreign currencies (Cost - \$ 6,831)   | 6,329              |
| Dividend and interest receivable   | 2,157,116          |
| Receivable for investments sold  | 545,071            |
| Other assets   | 385,523            |
|  | <hr/>              |
| <b>Total assets</b>  | <b>193,537,207</b> |
|  | <hr/>              |

**Liabilities:**

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| Note payable  | 15,000,000            |
| Credit facility (net of deferred financing fees of \$163,653) | 9,586,347             |
| Investment advisory fee payable                               | 378,265               |
| Interest payable  | 143,404               |
| Deferred tax liability  | 132,556               |
| Accrued expenses  | 178,917               |
|   | <hr/>                 |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>                                      | <b>25,419,489</b>     |
|   | <hr/>                 |
| Commitments and Contingencies (See Note 7)                    |                       |
| <b>Total net assets</b>                                       | <b>\$ 168,117,718</b> |
|   | <hr/>                 |

**Net Assets:**

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| Common shares, par value \$0.01 per share                           | \$ 107,223            |
| Additional paid-in capital  | 145,193,006           |
| Total distributable earnings  | 22,817,489            |
|   | <hr/>                 |
| <b>Total net assets</b>   | <b>\$ 168,117,718</b> |
|   | <hr/>                 |
| <b>Common shares issued and outstanding (14,787,750 authorized)</b> | <b>10,722,277</b>     |
|   | <hr/>                 |
| <b>Net asset value per share</b>                                    | <b>\$ 15.68</b>       |
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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS**

For the six months ended June 30, 2025

(Unaudited)

Barings Participation Investors

**Investment Income:**

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| Interest                       | \$ 8,699,719     |
| Dividends                      | 60,378           |
| Other                          | 146,334          |
| <b>Total investment income</b> | <b>8,906,431</b> |

**Expenses:**

|                                   |                  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Interest and other financing fees | 847,477          |
| Investment advisory fees          | 755,321          |
| Professional fees                 | 225,280          |
| Trustees' fees and expenses       | 163,200          |
| Reports to shareholders           | 84,000           |
| Custodian fees                    | 12,000           |
| Other                             | 70,321           |
| <b>Total expenses</b>             | <b>2,157,599</b> |

|                                |                  |
|--------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Investment income - net</b> | <b>6,748,832</b> |
|--------------------------------|------------------|

|   |            |
|---|------------|
| <b>Income tax, including excise tax expense</b> | <b>200</b> |
|---|------------|

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| <b>Net investment income after taxes</b> | <b>6,748,632</b> |
|--|------------------|

**Net realized and unrealized loss on investments and foreign currency:**

|  |                  |
|--|------------------|
| Net realized loss on investments before taxes  | (1,164,389)      |
| Income tax expense   | (15,604)         |
| Net realized loss on investments after taxes   | (1,179,993)      |
| Net increase in unrealized appreciation of investments before taxes                                  | 666,721          |
| Net decrease in unrealized depreciation of foreign currency translation before taxes                 | 324              |
| Deferred income tax benefit (expense)  | 6,292            |
| Net increase in unrealized appreciation of investments and foreign currency transactions after taxes | 673,337          |
| <b>Net loss on investments and foreign currency</b>  | <b>(506,656)</b> |

|   |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| <b>Net increase in net assets resulting from operations</b> | <b>\$ 6,241,976</b> |
|---|---------------------|



**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
For the six months ended June 30, 2025  
(Unaudited)

Barings Participation Investors

**Net decrease in cash & foreign currencies:**

Cash flows from operating activities:

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Purchases of portfolio securities                 | \$ (24,652,872) |
| Proceeds from disposition of portfolio securities | 23,278,422      |
| Interest, dividends and other income received     | 8,219,040       |
| Interest expenses paid                            | (836,118)       |
| Operating expenses paid                           | (1,311,515)     |
| Income taxes paid                                 | (440,804)       |

**Net cash provided by operating activities**

**4,256,153**

Cash flows from financing activities:

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Proceeds from credit facility                           | 1,250,000   |
| Cash dividends paid from net investment income          | (8,980,541) |
| Receipts for shares issued on reinvestment of dividends | 715,132     |
| Financing fees paid                                     | (22,898)    |

**Net cash used for financing activities**

**(7,038,307)**

**Net decrease in cash & foreign currencies**

**(2,782,154)**

Cash & foreign currencies - beginning of period

6,998,382

Effects of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents

324

**Cash & foreign currencies - end of period**

**\$ 4,216,552**

**Reconciliation of net increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:**

**Net increase in net assets resulting from operations**

**\$ 6,241,976**

Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:

|   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Purchases of portfolio securities                 | (24,652,872) |
| Proceeds from disposition of portfolio securities | 23,278,422   |
| Unrealized appreciation on investments            | (666,721)    |
| Net realized loss on investments                  | 1,164,389    |
| Payment-in-kind non-cash income received          | (574,429)    |
| Amortization and accretion                        | (339,744)    |

Changes in operating assets and liabilities:

|   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Decrease in interest receivable             | 503,912   |
| Increase in other assets                    | (277,130) |
| Decrease in deferred tax liability          | (6,292)   |
| Increase in investment advisory fee payable | 6,742     |
| Increase in interest payable                | 11,359    |
| Decrease in accrued expenses                | (8,135)   |
| Decrease in tax payable                     | (425,000) |

**Total adjustments to net assets from operations**

**(1,985,499)**

**Effects of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents**

**(324)**

**Net cash provided by operating activities**

**\$ 4,256,153**

|   | For the six<br>months ended<br>06/30/2025<br>(Unaudited) | For the<br>year ended<br>12/31/2024 |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Increase / (decrease) in net assets:</b>   |  |                                     |
| Operations:   |  |                                     |
| Investment income - net   | \$ 6,748,632   | \$ 16,500,252                       |
| Net realized loss on investments and foreign currency after taxes                     | (1,179,993)  | (860,920)                           |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation of investments and foreign currency after taxes | 673,337  | 1,607,801                           |
| Net increase in net assets resulting from operations                                  | 6,241,976  | 17,247,133                          |
| Increase from common shares issued on reinvestment of dividends                       |  |                                     |
| Common shares issued  | 715,132  | 1,233,130                           |
| Dividends to shareholders from:   |  |                                     |
| Net investment income   | (3,960,816)  | (16,725,552)                        |
| <b>Total increase / (decrease) in net assets</b>                                      | <b>2,996,292</b>   | <b>1,754,711</b>                    |
| <b>Net assets, beginning of period/year</b>   | <b>165,121,426</b>                                       | <b>163,366,715</b>                  |
| <b>Net assets, end of period/year</b>   | <b>\$ 168,117,718</b>                                    | <b>\$ 165,121,426</b>               |

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

|  | For the six<br>months ended<br>06/30/2025<br>(Unaudited) | For the years ended December 31, |           |           |           |           |
|--|--|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  |  | 2024                             | 2023      | 2022      | 2021      | 2020      |
| Net asset value: Beginning of period/year                          | \$ 15.46   | \$ 15.41                         | \$ 14.99  | \$ 15.19  | \$ 13.60  | \$ 13.80  |
| Net investment income (a)  | 0.63   | 1.55                             | 1.50      | 0.97      | 0.86      | 1.00      |
| Net realized and unrealized gain / (loss) on investments           | (0.05)   | 0.07                             | 0.21      | (0.31)    | 1.53      | (0.40)    |
| Total from investment operations                                   | 0.58   | 1.62                             | 1.71      | 0.66      | 2.39      | 0.60      |
| Dividends from net investment income to common shareholders        | (0.37)   | (1.57)                           | (1.29)    | (0.83)    | (0.80)    | (0.80)    |
| Dividends from realized gain on investments to common shareholders | —  | —                                | —         | (0.03)    | —         | —         |
| Increase from dividends reinvested                                 | 0.01   | —                                | —         | —         | —         | 0.00 (b)  |
| Total dividends  | (0.36)   | (1.57)                           | (1.29)    | (0.86)    | (0.80)    | (0.80)    |
| Net asset value: End of period/year                                | \$ 15.68   | \$ 15.46                         | \$ 15.41  | \$ 14.99  | \$ 15.19  | \$ 13.60  |
| Per share market value: End of period/year                         | \$ 20.11   | \$ 17.09                         | \$ 15.60  | \$ 12.32  | \$ 14.80  | \$ 11.88  |
| Total investment return  |  |                                  |           |           |           |           |
| Net asset value (c)  | 3.83%  | 10.76%                           | 12.46%    | 4.42%     | 17.84%    | 4.66%     |
| Market value (c)   | 20.07%   | 20.83%                           | 38.51%    | (10.57%)  | 32.09%    | (21.11%)  |
| Net assets (in millions): End of period/year                       | \$ 168.12  | \$ 165.12                        | \$ 163.37 | \$ 158.92 | \$ 161.08 | \$ 144.18 |
| Ratio of total expenses to average net assets (d)                  | 2.62% (e)  | 2.89%                            | 2.66%     | 2.35%     | 2.66%     | 1.47%     |
| Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets                  | 1.58% (e)  | 1.56%                            | 1.56%     | 1.46%     | 1.46%     | 1.38%     |
| Ratio of interest expense to average net assets                    | 1.02% (e)  | 0.91%                            | 0.76%     | 0.63%     | 0.41%     | 0.43%     |
| Ratio of income tax expense to average net assets                  | 0.02% (e)  | 0.42%                            | 0.34%     | 0.26%     | 0.79%     | (0.34)%   |
| Ratio of net investment income to average net assets               | 8.15% (e)  | 9.86%                            | 9.69%     | 6.39%     | 5.99%     | 7.52%     |
| Portfolio turnover   | 12%  | 32%                              | 12%       | 12%       | 43%       | 34%       |

(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 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) Total expenses include income tax expense.

(e) Annualized.

|  | For the six<br>months<br>ended<br>06/30/2025<br>(Unaudited) | For the years ended December 31, |          |          |          |           |
|--|---|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Senior borrowings:                         |   | 2024                             | 2023     | 2022     | 2021     | 2020      |
| Total principal amount (in millions)       | \$ 25   | \$ 24                            | \$ 22    | \$ 24    | \$ 21    | \$ 15     |
| Asset coverage per \$1,000 of indebtedness | \$ 7,793  | \$ 8,026                         | \$ 8,511 | \$ 7,763 | \$ 8,670 | \$ 10,612 |

|   | Principal Amount,<br>Shares, Units or<br>Ownership<br>Percentage | Acquisition<br>Date | Cost         | Fair Value   |
|---|--|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Corporate Restricted Securities - 105.94%: (A)</b>   |  |                     |              |              |
| <b>Private Placement Investments - 102.37%: (C)</b>   |  |                     |              |              |
| <b>1WorldSync, Inc.</b>   |  |                     |              |              |
| A product information sharing platform that connects manufacturers/suppliers and key retailers via the Global Data Synchronization Network.   |  |                     |              |              |
| 9.17% Term Loan due 10/08/2025 (SOFR + 4.750%) (G)  | \$ 2,347,271   | *                   | \$ 2,348,576 | \$ 2,347,271 |
| * 07/01/19 and 12/09/20.  |  |                     |              |              |
| <b>Accelevation</b>   |  |                     |              |              |
| A vertically integrated designer, producer and installer of customized data center facility solutions and services, predominately in the U.S market. The Company's revenue streams consist of design and installation of customized electrical, power solutions, air flow containment, and layout of critical infrastructure systems at data centers. |  |                     |              |              |
| 9.32% Term Loan due 01/02/2031 (SOFR + 5.000%) (G)  | \$ 281,678   | 01/02/25            | 186,832      | 187,189      |
| <b>Accredited Labs</b>  |  |                     |              |              |
| Offers calibration services for manufacturing and other types of equipment, in addition to product sales and rentals, repair services and other services.   |  |                     |              |              |
| 13.50% HoldCo PIK Note due 06/26/2031 (G)   | \$ 1,000,000   | 06/30/25            | 265,772      | 265,714      |
| <b>Accurus Aerospace</b>  |  |                     |              |              |
| A supplier of highly engineered metallic parts, kits and assemblies, and processing services.   |  |                     |              |              |
| 10.16% First Lien Term Loan due 03/31/2028 (SOFR + 5.750%) (G)  | \$ 520,173   | 04/05/22            | 490,390      | 486,454      |
| Common Stock (B)  | 611 shs.   | 04/05/22            | 611          | —            |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)  | 8,752 uts.   | 10/14/21            | 8,752        | —            |
|   |  |                     | 499,753      | 486,454      |
| <b>Adacore Inc</b>  |  |                     |              |              |
| AdaCore is a provider of a software development toolkit that helps software developers to write code for embedded systems using a number of programming languages, including Ada, C/C++, Rust, and SPARK.   |  |                     |              |              |
| 9.56% First Lien Term Loan due 03/13/2030 (SOFR + 5.250%) (G)   | \$ 1,163,427   | 03/13/24            | 1,008,120    | 1,018,103    |
| <b>Advantage Software</b>   |  |                     |              |              |
| A provider of enterprise resource planning (ERP) software built for advertising and marketing agencies.   |  |                     |              |              |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class A (B) (F)  | 766 uts.   | 10/01/21            | 24,353       | 46,877       |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class A (B) (F)  | 197 uts.   | 10/01/21            | 6,320        | 12,090       |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class B (B) (F)  | 766 uts.   | 10/01/21            | 784          | —            |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class B (B) (F)  | 197 uts.   | 10/01/21            | 201          | —            |
|   |  |                     | 31,658       | 58,967       |
| <b>AIT Worldwide Logistics, Inc.</b>  |  |                     |              |              |
| A provider of domestic and international third-party logistics services.  |  |                     |              |              |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)  | 56 uts.  | 04/06/21            | 55,645       | 95,690       |

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| <b>Corporate Restricted Securities - 105.94%: (A)</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>Private Placement Investments - 102.37%: (C)</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>Americo Chemical Products</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of customized specialty chemical solutions and services for pretreatment of metal surfaces and related applications.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.33% First Lien Term Loan due 04/28/2029 (SOFR + 5.000%) (G)  | \$ 506,146   | 04/28/23            | \$ 378,040       | \$ 379,929       |
| 9.33% Senior Term Loan due 12/02/2029 (SOFR + 5.000%)  | \$ 270,868   | 12/10/24            | 267,319          | 267,563          |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)   | 22,480 uts.  | 04/28/23            | 22,480           | 29,449           |
|  |  |                     | <u>667,839</u>   | <u>676,941</u>   |
| <b>Application Bootcamp LLC</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| Offers comprehensive educational counseling services, including personalized college admissions counseling, essay guidance, and standardized test tutoring. The Company primarily targets high school students, but also serves college students / graduates and middle school students. |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.75% Senior Term Loan due 04/21/2031 (SOFR + 5.000%)  | \$ 1,504,787   | 04/21/25            | 1,117,701        | 1,117,029        |
| 14.00% Senior Subordinated Debt 04/21/2031   | \$ 57,092  | 04/21/25            | 57,092           | 57,092           |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Common (B) (F)  | 163,121 uts.   | 04/21/25            | 163,121          | 163,121          |
|  |  |                     | <u>1,337,914</u> | <u>1,337,242</u> |
| <b>Applied Aerospace Structures Corp.</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A leading provider of specialized large-scale composite and metal-bonded structures for platforms in the aircraft, space, and land/sea end markets.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 8.80% Term Loan due 11/22/2028 (SOFR + 4.500%) (G)   | \$ 894,215   | 12/01/22            | 595,708          | 593,333          |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)   | 8 uts.   | 12/01/22            | 8,000            | 17,352           |
|  |  |                     | <u>603,708</u>   | <u>610,685</u>   |
| <b>ASC Communications, LLC (Becker's Healthcare)</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| An operator of trade shows and controlled circulation publications targeting the healthcare market.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.18% Term Loan due 07/15/2027 (SOFR + 4.750%) (G)   | \$ 280,895   | 07/15/22            | 256,388          | 258,231          |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)   | 535 uts.   | 07/15/22            | 11,221           | 19,840           |
|  |  |                     | <u>267,609</u>   | <u>278,071</u>   |
| <b>Audio Precision</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of high-end audio test and measurement sensing instrumentation software and accessories.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 11.43% Term Loan due 10/31/2025 (SOFR + 7.000%)  | \$ 1,685,115   | 10/30/18            | 1,684,504        | 1,546,936        |
| <b>Aurora Parts &amp; Accessories LLC (d.b.a Hoosier)</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A distributor of aftermarket over-the-road semi-trailer parts and accessories sold to customers across North America.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| Preferred Stock (B)  | 210 shs.   | 08/17/15            | 209,390          | 209,390          |
| Common Stock (B)   | 210 shs.   | 08/17/15            | 210              | 218,435          |
|  |  |                     | <u>209,600</u>   | <u>427,825</u>   |
| <b>BBB Industries LLC - DBA (GC EOS Buyer Inc.)</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A supplier of remanufactured and new parts to the North American automotive aftermarket.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 13.38% Second Lien Term Loan due 07/25/2030 (SOFR + 9.000%)  | \$ 454,545   | 07/25/22            | 443,022          | 424,091          |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)   | 45 uts.  | 07/25/22            | 45,000           | 43,437           |
|  |  |                     | <u>488,022</u>   | <u>467,528</u>   |

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| <b>Corporate Restricted Securities - 105.94%: (A)</b>   |  |                     |            |            |
| <b>Private Placement Investments - 102.37%: (C)</b>   |  |                     |            |            |
| <b>Becklar</b>  |  |                     |            |            |
| A provider of event monitoring and emergency response solutions for critical use cases including commercial and residential fire and security, video surveillance, remote guarding, personal health & safety, and workforce safety. |  |                     |            |            |
| 8.93% Senior Term Loan due 12/06/2030 (SOFR + 4.750%)<br>(G)  | \$ 1,005,849   | 12/05/24            | \$ 769,823 | \$ 771,213 |
| <b>Best Lawyers (Azalea Investment Holdings, LLC)</b>   |  |                     |            |            |
| A global digital media company that provides ranking and marketing services to the legal community.   |  |                     |            |            |
| 9.69% First Lien Term Loan due 11/19/2027 (SOFR + 5.250%) (G)   | \$ 1,205,615   | 11/30/21            | 1,085,331  | 1,095,037  |
| 12.00% HoldCo PIK Note due 05/19/2028   | \$ 442,482   | 11/30/21            | 439,898    | 442,482    |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)  | 44,231 uts.  | 11/30/21            | 44,231     | 71,212     |
|   |  |                     | 1,569,460  | 1,608,731  |
| <b>BKF Engineers</b>  |  |                     |            |            |
| A provider of civil engineering, land surveying, and land planning services for government agencies, institutions, developers, design professionals, contractors, school district and corporations throughout the west coast.       |  |                     |            |            |
| 9.33% Senior Term Loan due 07/19/2027 (SOFR + 5.000%)<br>(G)  | \$ 618,243   | 08/23/24            | 442,050    | 443,813    |
| Common Stock (B)  | 56,012 shs.  | 08/23/24            | 56,012     | 61,053     |
|   |  |                     | 498,062    | 504,866    |
| <b>Bridger Aerospace</b>  |  |                     |            |            |
| A provider of comprehensive solutions to combat wildfires in the United States including fire suppression, air attack and unmanned aircraft systems.  |  |                     |            |            |
| Series C Convertible Preferred Equity (7.00% PIK) (B)   | 183 shs.   | 08/12/22            | 217,016    | 187,560    |
| <b>BrightSign</b>   |  |                     |            |            |
| A provider of digital signage hardware and software solutions, serving a variety of end markets, including retail, restaurants, government, sports, and entertainment.  |  |                     |            |            |
| 9.93% Term Loan due 10/14/2027 (SOFR + 5.500%) (G)  | \$ 1,382,598   | 10/14/21            | 1,325,873  | 1,317,327  |
| 9.93% Senior Term Loan due 03/28/2030 (SOFR + 5.500%)   | \$ 48,273  | 04/03/25            | 47,836     | 47,790     |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)  | 111,835 uts.   | 10/14/21            | 111,835    | 121,901    |
|   |  |                     | 1,485,544  | 1,487,018  |
| <b>Brown Machine LLC</b>  |  |                     |            |            |
| A designer and manufacturer of thermoforming equipment used in the production of plastic packaging containers within the food and beverage industry.  |  |                     |            |            |
| 10.70% Term Loan due 10/04/2025 (SOFR + 6.250%)   | \$ 784,104   | 10/03/18            | 783,699    | 723,728    |
| <b>Cadence, Inc.</b>  |  |                     |            |            |
| A full-service contract manufacturer ("CMO") and supplier of advanced products, technologies, and services to medical device, life science, and industrial companies.   |  |                     |            |            |
| 9.43% First Lien Term Loan due 05/21/2026 (SOFR + 5.000%)   | \$ 847,630   | 05/14/18            | 845,747    | 834,915    |
| 9.51% Incremental Term Loan due 05/26/2026 (SOFR + 5.250%)  | \$ 362,480   | 10/02/23            | 359,428    | 357,768    |
|   |  |                     | 1,205,175  | 1,192,683  |

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| <b>Private Placement Investments - 102.37%: (C)</b>   |  |                     |              |              |
| <b>CAi Software</b>   |  |                     |              |              |
| A vendor of mission-critical, production-oriented software to niche manufacturing and distribution sectors.   |  |                     |              |              |
| 9.30% Term Loan due 12/10/2028 (SOFR + 5.000%) (G)  | \$ 2,426,412   | 12/13/21            | \$ 2,284,609 | \$ 2,308,539 |
| <b>Caldwell &amp; Gregory LLC</b>   |  |                     |              |              |
| A commercial laundry leasing company for multi-unit housing and universities.   |  |                     |              |              |
| 9.05% Term Loan due 09/30/2027 (SOFR + 4.750%) (G)  | \$ 1,715,060   | 09/30/24            | 1,360,489    | 1,363,617    |
| <b>California Custom Fruits &amp; Flavors</b>   |  |                     |              |              |
| Develops and manufactures value-added, custom-formulated processed fruit and flavor bases for various customers across the Private Label, Branded, Direct Grocery, and Food-Service channels. |  |                     |              |              |
| 9.28% First Lien Term Loan due 02/11/2030 (SOFR + 5.000%) (G)   | \$ 438,950   | 02/26/24            | 303,588      | 305,529      |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)  | 12 uts.  | 02/26/24            | 12,000       | 12,299       |
|   |  |                     | 315,588      | 317,828      |
| <b>Cascade Services</b>   |  |                     |              |              |
| A residential services platform that provides HVAC repair and replacement work for single-family homes in southern geographies.   |  |                     |              |              |
| 10.28% First Lien Term Loan due 09/30/2029 (SOFR + 6.000%) (G)  | \$ 990,056   | 10/04/23            | 949,325      | 942,143      |
| <b>Cash Flow Management</b>   |  |                     |              |              |
| A software provider that integrates core banking systems with branch technology and creates modern retail banking experiences for financial institutions.                                     |  |                     |              |              |
| 9.03% First Lien Term Loan due 12/27/2027 (SOFR + 4.750%) (G)   | \$ 957,555   | 12/28/21            | 916,983      | 915,361      |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)  | 12,008 uts.  | 07/22/22            | 12,665       | 13,089       |
|   |  |                     | 929,648      | 928,450      |
| <b>CJS Global</b>   |  |                     |              |              |
| A janitorial services provider focused on high end restaurants in NYC, Florida, and Texas.  |  |                     |              |              |
| 10.12% Senior Term Loan due 10/31/2027 (SOFR + 5.750%)  | \$ 1,272,756   | 11/18/24            | 1,250,919    | 1,265,119    |
| 10.07% Term Loan due 03/10/2029 (SOFR + 5.750%) (G)   | \$ 955,215   | 03/20/23            | 576,952      | 587,415      |
| 10.03% Term Loan due 07/24/2027 (LIBOR + 5.750%) (G)  | \$ 120,367   | 08/08/24            | 118,688      | 119,645      |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Common (B)   | 303,180 uts.   | 03/20/23            | 147,469      | 260,823      |
|   |  |                     | 2,094,028    | 2,233,002    |
| <b>Cloudbreak</b>   |  |                     |              |              |
| A language translation and interpretation services provider to approximately 970 hospitals and outpatient clinics across the U.S.   |  |                     |              |              |
| 9.30% Term Loan due 03/15/2030 (SOFR + 5.000%) (G)  | \$ 1,655,091   | 03/15/24            | 1,511,622    | 1,524,292    |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class A (B) (F)  | 49 uts.  | 03/15/24            | 49,170       | 54,467       |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class B (B) (F) (I)  | 49 uts.  | 03/15/24            | —            | 57,009       |
|   |  |                     | 1,560,792    | 1,635,768    |

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| <b>Private Placement Investments - 102.37%: (C)</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>CloudWave</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of managed cloud hosting and IT services for hospitals.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 8.95% Term Loan due 01/04/2027 (SOFR + 4.500%)  | \$ 1,598,407   | 01/29/21            | \$ 1,588,936     | \$ 1,582,423     |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)  | 55,645 uts.  | 01/29/21            | 55,645           | 158,589          |
|   |  |                     | <u>1,644,581</u> | <u>1,741,012</u> |
| <b>Coduet Royalty Holdings, LLC</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A special purpose vehicle whose primary assets are comprised of royalty rights on two pharmaceuticals developed by Coherus Biosciences.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| SPV Common Equity (F)   | 290,344 shs.   | 05/08/24            | <u>290,344</u>   | <u>540,040</u>   |
| <b>Cogency Global</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of statutory representation and compliance services for corporate and professional services clients.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 8.78% Term Loan due 12/28/2027 (SOFR + 4.500%) (G)  | \$ 816,798   | 02/14/22            | 727,003          | 734,146          |
| 9.07% Incremental Term Loan due 02/14/2028 (SOFR + 4.750%) (G)  | \$ 651,442   | 09/13/23            | 641,782          | 651,442          |
| 8.78% Incremental Term Loan due 02/14/2028 (SOFR + 4.500%) (G)  | \$ 104,005   | 12/30/22            | 102,408          | 104,005          |
| Preferred Stock (B)   | 33 shs.  | 02/14/22            | <u>36,108</u>    | <u>94,672</u>    |
|   |  |                     | <u>1,507,301</u> | <u>1,584,265</u> |
| <b>Cognito Forms</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| An online workflow automation and form builder platform allowing users to create, manage, and automate their data collection processes, offering features like drag-and-drop form fields, templates, AI form generation, and integrations into various applications.                |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 10.57% Senior Term Loan due 04/30/2031 (SOFR + 6.250%) (G)  | \$ 1,606,849   | 05/02/25            | 1,484,980        | 1,484,209        |
| Common Stock (B)  | 1,182 shs.   | 05/02/25            | <u>118,200</u>   | <u>118,200</u>   |
|   |  |                     | <u>1,603,180</u> | <u>1,602,409</u> |
| <b>Coherus Biosciences</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A commercial-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the research, development, and commercialization of innovative cancer treatments and its biosimilars.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 12.30% First Lien Term Loan due 05/08/2029 (SOFR + 8.000%)  | \$ 299,324   | 05/07/24            | <u>292,405</u>   | <u>293,038</u>   |
| <b>Coker</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of consulting advisory services to healthcare organizations with the goal of enabling client transformation.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 8.80% Senior Term Loan due 03/20/2030 (SOFR + 4.500%) (G)   | \$ 1,391,870   | 03/20/25            | <u>356,943</u>   | <u>357,714</u>   |
| <b>Command Alkon</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A vertical-market software and technology provider to the heavy building materials industry delivering purpose-built, mission critical products that serve as the core operating & production systems for ready-mix concrete producers, asphalt producers, and aggregate suppliers. |  |                     |                  |                  |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class B (B) (I)  | 6,629 uts.   | 04/23/20            | <u>—</u>         | <u>30,227</u>    |



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| <b>Private Placement Investments - 102.37%: (C)</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>Compass Precision</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A manufacturer of custom metal precision components.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 11.00% (1.00% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 10/16/2025  | \$ 1,335,730   | 04/15/22            | \$ 1,333,560     | \$ 1,333,058     |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)  | 158,995 uts.   | 10/14/21            | 431,250          | 1,030,290        |
|   |  |                     | <u>1,764,810</u> | <u>2,363,348</u> |
| <b>Comply365</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of proprietary enterprise SaaS and mobile solutions for content management and document distribution in highly regulated industries, including Aviation and Rail.                            |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.68% First Lien Term Loan due 04/19/2028 (SOFR + 5.250%) (G)   | \$ 677,241   | 04/15/22            | 616,597          | 609,594          |
| <b>Concept Machine Tool Sales, LLC</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A full-service distributor of high-end machine tools and metrology equipment, exclusively representing a variety of global manufacturers in the Upper Midwest.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.47% Term Loan due 01/31/2027 (SOFR + 5.250%)  | \$ 575,250   | 01/30/20            | 575,250          | 496,441          |
| (0.25% PIK) Incremental Term Loan due 01/31/2027 (SOFR + .250%)   | \$ 76,083  | 09/14/23            | 75,373           | 65,659           |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)  | 1,237 uts.   | *                   | 49,559           | —                |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)  | 443 uts.   | 09/14/23            | 17,748           | —                |
|   |  |                     | <u>717,930</u>   | <u>562,100</u>   |
| * 01/30/20 and 03/05/21   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>CTS Engines</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of maintenance, repair and overhaul services within the aerospace & defense market.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.90% Term Loan due 12/22/2026 (SOFR + 5.500%) (G)  | \$ 1,382,990   | 12/22/20            | 1,376,214        | 1,273,691        |
| <b>DataServ</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A managed IT services provider serving Ohio's state, local, and education ("SLED") market (79% of FY21 Revenue), as well as small and medium-sized businesses ("SMB", 8%) and enterprise clients (13%). |  |                     |                  |                  |
| Preferred Stock (B)   | 17,546 shs.  | *                   | 19,238           | 20,002           |
| *11/02/22 & 06/10/25  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>Decks Direct</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| An eCommerce direct-to-consumer seller of specialty residential decking products in the United States.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 10.73% (0.25% PIK) Term Loan due 12/28/2026 (SOFR + 6.250%) (G)   | \$ 1,396,511   | 12/29/21            | 996,702          | 672,854          |
| 10.70% (0.25% PIK) Incremental Term Loan due 12/28/2026 (SOFR + 6.250%)   | \$ 268,791   | 12/21/23            | 265,803          | 204,818          |
| 10.73% (0.25% PIK) Incremental Term Loan due 12/28/2026 (SOFR + 6.250%)   | \$ 109,384   | 07/31/23            | 108,189          | 83,351           |
| Common Stock (B)  | 2,209 shs.   | 12/29/21            | 94,091           | —                |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class A (B)  | 553 uts.   | 04/29/24            | 25,563           | —                |
| Preferred Stock (B)   | 11 shs.  | 03/18/25            | 11,888           | —                |
|   |  |                     | <u>1,502,236</u> | <u>961,023</u>   |

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| <b>Private Placement Investments - 102.37%: (C)</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>DistroKid (IVP XII DKCo-Invest,LP)</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A subscription-based music distribution platform that allows artists to easily distribute, promote, and monetize their music across digital service providers, such as Spotify and Apple Music.               |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.18% Senior Term Loan due 09/30/2027 (SOFR + 4.750%) \$  | 2,059,920  | 10/01/21            | \$ 2,048,002     | \$ 2,059,920     |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)  | 73,333 uts.  | 10/01/21            | 73,404           | 91,666           |
|   |  |                     | <u>2,121,406</u> | <u>2,151,586</u> |
| <b>Diversified Packaging</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of pre-press products and services to the packaging industry, serving customers in the upper Midwest U.S. The Company operates under two divisions: plate manufacturing and material distribution. |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 11.00% (0.25% PIK) Second Lien Term Loan due 6/27/2029 \$   | 811,572  | 06/27/24            | 798,663          | 798,018          |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)  | 2,769 uts.   | 06/27/24            | 276,900          | 365,730          |
|   |  |                     | <u>1,075,563</u> | <u>1,163,748</u> |
| <b>Door &amp; Window Guard Systems</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of modular, high-grade steel guards (or "panels") used to cover door and window openings on vacant residential, commercial, and government buildings.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 8.80% Term Loan due 03/03/2032 (SOFR + 4.500%) (G) \$   | 524,205  | 03/28/25            | 408,587          | 408,831          |
| Common Stock (B)  | 20 uts.  | 03/28/25            | 20,320           | 22,489           |
|   |  |                     | <u>428,907</u>   | <u>431,320</u>   |
| <b>Dwyer Instruments, Inc.</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A designer and manufacturer of precision measurement and control products for use with solids, liquids and gases.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.05% Term Loan due 07/01/2027 (SOFR + 4.750%) \$   | 1,675,179  | 07/20/21            | 1,657,243        | 1,668,478        |
| <b>Echo Logistics</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of tech-enabled freight brokerage across various modes including Truckload, Less-than-Truckload, Parcel, and Intermodal, as well as managed (contracted) transportation services.                  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 11.68% Second Lien Term Loan due 11/05/2029 (SOFR + 7.250%) \$  | 1,679,204  | 11/22/21            | 1,663,058        | 1,588,527        |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)  | 46 uts.  | 11/22/21            | 45,796           | 23,774           |
|   |  |                     | <u>1,708,854</u> | <u>1,612,301</u> |
| <b>EFC International</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A St. Louis-based global distributor (40% of revenue ex-US) of branded, highly engineered fasteners and specialty components.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 13.50% (2.50% PIK) Term Loan due 02/28/2030 \$  | 1,020,031  | 03/01/23            | 1,000,811        | 1,013,197        |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)  | 205 uts.   | 03/01/23            | 288,462          | 347,071          |
|   |  |                     | <u>1,289,273</u> | <u>1,360,268</u> |
| <b>EFI Productivity Software</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of ERP software solutions purpose-built for the print and packaging industry.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.94% Term Loan due 12/30/2027 (SOFR + 5.500%) (G) \$   | 1,012,790  | 12/30/21            | 885,862          | 881,884          |
| 9.83% Incremental Term Loan due 12/30/2027 (SOFR + +5.500%) (G) \$  | 696,784  | 05/23/24            | 403,475          | 405,267          |
|   |  |                     | <u>1,289,337</u> | <u>1,287,151</u> |

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| <b>Corporate Restricted Securities - 105.94%: (A)</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>Private Placement Investments - 102.37%: (C)</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>Electric Equipment and Engineering</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| Engineers and manufactures alternating current and direct current electrical power distribution products.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 13.50% (3.00% PIK) Senior Term Loan due 12/02/2030  | \$ 874,494   | 12/02/24            | \$ 858,962       | \$ 860,327       |
| Common Stock (B)  | 515,625 shs.   | 12/02/24            | 515,625          | 757,969          |
|   |  |                     | <u>1,374,587</u> | <u>1,618,296</u> |
| <b>Elite Sportswear Holding, LLC</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A designer and manufacturer of gymnastics, competitive cheerleading and swimwear apparel in the U.S. and internationally.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)  | 1,218,266 uts.   | 10/14/16            | <u>159,722</u>   | <u>158,375</u>   |
| <b>Energy Acquisition Company, Inc.</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| ECI designs, manufactures, assembles, and integrates electrical wire harnesses, control boxes, and other components for specialty industrial and home appliance end markets.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 10.81% First Lien Term Loan due 05/10/2029 (SOFR + 6.500%)  | \$ 742,890   | 05/01/24            | <u>692,918</u>   | <u>692,004</u>   |
| <b>ENTACT Environmental Services, Inc.</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of environmental remediation and geotechnical services for blue-chip companies with regulatory-driven liability enforcement needs.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 10.05% Term Loan due 12/15/2025 (SOFR + 5.750%)   | \$ 844,890   | 02/09/21            | 842,649          | 838,132          |
| 10.05% Incremental Term Loan due 12/15/2025 (SOFR + 5.750%)   | \$ 145,423   | 09/01/23            | <u>144,842</u>   | <u>144,259</u>   |
|   |  |                     | <u>987,491</u>   | <u>982,391</u>   |
| <b>eShipping</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| An asset-life third party logistics Company that serves a broad variety of end markets and offers service across all major transportation modes.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.33% Term Loan due 11/05/2027 (SOFR + 5.000%) (G)  | \$ 1,091,526   | 11/05/21            | <u>912,050</u>   | <u>920,589</u>   |
| <b>Expert Institute Group</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A healthcare-focused outsourced B2B legal services provider that connects plaintiff attorney law firms with high-quality expert witnesses, offers medical record review from in-house medical professionals, provides background checks on allied and opposing witnesses, and utilizes AI-enabled diligence solutions to enable more efficient case outcomes. |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 8.72% Senior Term Loan due 03/04/2032 (SOFR + 4.500%) (G)   | \$ 391,631   | 03/04/25            | <u>150,360</u>   | <u>150,608</u>   |
| <b>Five Star Holding, LLC</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A fully integrated platform of specialty packaging brands that manufactures flexible packaging solutions.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 11.58% Second Lien Term Loan due 04/27/2030 (SOFR + 7.250%)   | \$ 476,190   | 05/04/22            | 470,435          | 472,857          |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Common (B) (F)   | 34 uts.  | 05/24/22            | <u>33,631</u>    | <u>26,288</u>    |
|   |  |                     | <u>504,066</u>   | <u>499,145</u>   |

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| <b>Private Placement Investments - 102.37%: (C)</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>Follett School Solutions</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of software for K-12 school libraries.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 8.77% Term Loan due 04/11/2030 (SOFR + 4.500%)   | \$ 1,499,918   | 04/21/25            | \$ 1,499,918     | \$ 1,499,918     |
| LP Units (B) (F)   | 881 uts.   | 08/30/21            | 8,805            | 12,811           |
| LP Interest (B) (F)  | 200 shs.   | 08/30/21            | 2,003            | 2,914            |
|  |  |                     | <u>1,510,726</u> | <u>1,515,643</u> |
| <b>FragilePAK</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of third-party logistics services focused on the full delivery life-cycle for big and bulky products.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 10.20% Term Loan due 05/24/2027 (SOFR + 5.750%)  | \$ 1,035,000   | 05/21/21            | 1,025,958        | 1,035,000        |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)   | 108 uts.   | 05/21/21            | 107,813          | 86,526           |
|  |  |                     | <u>1,133,771</u> | <u>1,121,526</u> |
| <b>Gojo Industries</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A manufacturer of hand hygiene and skin health products.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 13.82% First Lien Term Loan due 10/20/2028 (SOFR + 9.500%)   | \$ 618,561   | 10/24/23            | 606,702          | 618,561          |
| <b>Golden Ceramic Dental Lab</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A full service dental lab offering removable, crown and bridge, implants, orthodontics and sleep appliances in-house.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 10.30% Senior Term Loan due 08/07/2027 (SOFR + 6.000%) (G)   | \$ 1,298,412   | 08/21/24            | 909,317          | 909,209          |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)   | 419,595 uts.   | 08/21/24            | 419,595          | 562,257          |
|  |  |                     | <u>1,328,912</u> | <u>1,471,466</u> |
| <b>GraphPad Software, Inc.</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of data analysis, statistics and graphing software solution for scientific research applications, with a focus on the life sciences and academic end-markets.               |  |                     |                  |                  |
| Preferred Stock (B) (F)  | 3,737 shs.   | 04/27/21            | 103,147          | 178,190          |
| <b>Handi Quilter Holding Company (Premier Needle Arts)</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A designer and manufacturer of long-arm quilting machines and related components for the consumer quilting market.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B)   | 372 uts.   | *                   | 371,644          | 32,962           |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Common Class A (B) (I)  | 3,716 uts.   | 12/19/14            | —                | —                |
| *12/19/14 and 04/29/16.  |  |                     | <u>371,644</u>   | <u>32,962</u>    |
| <b>HaystackID</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of eDiscovery, advisory, and review services that help 500+ corporations (58% of revenue) and law firms (42%) manage complex, data intensive investigations and litigation. |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 8.88% Senior Term Loan due 01/31/2028 (SOFR + 4.750%) (G)  | \$ 1,018,427   | 01/31/25            | 579,564          | 579,586          |
| <b>Heartland Veterinary Partners</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A veterinary support organization that provides a comprehensive set of general veterinary services as well as ancillary services such as boarding and grooming.                        |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 11.00% Opco PIK Note due 11/09/2028 (G)  | \$ 2,550,433   | 11/17/21            | 2,529,636        | 2,359,150        |

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| <b>Corporate Restricted Securities - 105.94%: (A)</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>Private Placement Investments - 102.37%: (C)</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>HemaSource, Inc.</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A technology-enabled distributor of consumable medical products to plasma collection centers.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.08% Senior Term Loan due 08/31/2029 (SOFR + 4.750%) (G)  | \$ 958,241   | 08/31/23            | \$ 739,234       | \$ 755,867       |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Common (B)  | 11,337 uts.  | 08/31/23            | 11,337           | 14,625           |
|  |  |                     | <u>750,571</u>   | <u>770,492</u>   |
| <b>Home Care Assistance, LLC</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of private pay non-medical home care assistance services.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.38% Term Loan due 03/31/2027 (SOFR + 5.000%)   | \$ 823,051   | 03/26/21            | 817,361          | 741,569          |
| <b>HOP Entertainment LLC</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of post production equipment and services to producers of television shows and motion pictures.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class F (B) (F) (I)   | 47 uts.  | 10/14/11            | —                | —                |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class G (B) (F) (I)   | 114 uts.   | 10/14/11            | —                | —                |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class H (B) (F) (I)   | 47 uts.  | 10/14/11            | —                | —                |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class I (B) (F) (I)   | 47 uts.  | 10/14/11            | —                | —                |
|  |  |                     | <u>—</u>         | <u>—</u>         |
| <b>HTI Technology &amp; Industries Inc.</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A designer and manufacturer of powered motion solutions to industrial customers.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 13.01% Term Loan due 07/07/2025 (SOFR + 8.500%) (G)  | \$ 875,724   | 07/27/22            | 704,898          | 645,720          |
| 13.01% Incremental Term Loan due 07/27/2025 (SOFR + 8.500%) (G)  | \$ 94,249  | 02/15/23            | 94,166           | 87,840           |
|  |  |                     | <u>799,064</u>   | <u>733,560</u>   |
| <b>Ice House America</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A manufacturer and operator of automated ice and water vending units with an installed base of 4,200+ units in service (including Company-owned fleet of 165 units) primarily located in the Southeastern United States.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 10.26% Term Loan due 12/28/2029 (SOFR + 6.000%) (G)  | \$ 1,168,627   | 01/12/24            | 975,083          | 954,225          |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)   | 579 uts.   | 01/12/24            | 57,892           | 47,454           |
|  |  |                     | <u>1,032,975</u> | <u>1,001,679</u> |
| <b>Illumifin</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A leading provider of third-party administrator ("TPA") services and software for life and annuity insurance providers.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 10.53% Incremental Term Loan due 02/04/2028 (SOFR + 6.000% cash, 3.750% PIK)   | \$ 422,304   | 04/05/22            | 418,916          | 399,077          |
| <b>Innovia Medical</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A manufacturer of single-use surgical products (e.g., blades & knives, vent and fluid tubes, wipes, etc.) for ear, nose, & throat (ENT), ophthalmic (i.e., eye procedures), and other general surgical applications, as well as sterile processing systems used to store and transport surgical instruments. |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.04% Term Loan due 06/27/2031 (G)   | \$ 453,928   | 06/30/25            | 447,722          | 447,722          |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)   | 39 uts.  | 06/30/25            | 5,309            | 5,309            |
|  |  |                     | <u>453,031</u>   | <u>453,031</u>   |

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| <b>Corporate Restricted Securities - 105.94%: (A)</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>Private Placement Investments - 102.37%: (C)</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>ISTO Biologics</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| In the orthobiologic space, providing solutions in autologous therapies and bone grafts for spine, orthopedics and sports medicine.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.05% Senior Term Loan due 12/31/2028 (SOFR + 4.750%) (G)   | \$ 631,048   | 10/18/23            | \$ 559,711       | \$ 568,223       |
| <b>Jones Fish</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of lake management services, fish stocking and pond aeration sales and services.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.84% First Lien Term Loan due 12/20/2027 (SOFR + 5.500%) (G)   | \$ 1,559,551   | 02/28/22            | 1,344,738        | 1,344,346        |
| 9.80% First Lien Term Loan due 02/28/2029 (SOFR + 5.500%)   | \$ 274,262   | 03/16/23            | 269,203          | 271,519          |
| 9.73% Incremental Lien Term Loan due 02/28/2028 (SOFR + 5.500%)   | \$ 178,699   | 04/28/23            | 176,195          | 176,911          |
| Common Stock (B) (F)  | 401 shs.   | 02/28/22            | 41,971           | 187,700          |
|   |  |                     | <u>1,832,107</u> | <u>1,980,476</u> |
| <b>Kings III</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of emergency phones and monitoring services.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.33% First Lien Term Loan due 07/07/2028 (SOFR + 5.000%) (G)   | \$ 489,931   | 08/31/22            | 430,386          | 435,558          |
| 9.33% Incremental Lien Term Loan due 08/31/2028 (SOFR + 5.000%) (G)   | \$ 498,839   | 02/16/24            | 495,858          | 498,839          |
|   |  |                     | <u>926,244</u>   | <u>934,397</u>   |
| <b>LeadsOnline</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A nationwide provider of data, technology and intelligence tools used by law enforcement agencies, investigators, and businesses.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 8.80% Term Loan due 12/23/2027 (SOFR + 4.500%) (G)  | \$ 1,672,614   | 02/07/22            | 1,435,705        | 1,442,916        |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)  | 7,050 uts.   | 02/07/22            | 7,302            | 17,414           |
|   |  |                     | <u>1,443,007</u> | <u>1,460,330</u> |
| <b>Lockmasters Incorporated</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A leading distributor of 3rd party locks and related hardware (e.g., safes, high-security cabinets, and locksmith tools) serving various commercial & industrial end markets including financial services, education, automotive, data centers, and others. |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.30% Senior Term Loan due 09/01/2027 (SOFR + 5.000%) (G)   | \$ 721,993   | 05/01/25            | 552,330          | 551,921          |
| <b>LYNX Franchising</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A global franchisor of B2B services including commercial janitorial services, shared office space solutions, and textile and electronics restoration services.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 10.67% Incremental Term Loan due 12/18/2026 (SOFR + 6.250%)   | \$ 2,401,614   | *                   | 2,389,275        | 2,372,795        |
| * 12/22/20 and 09/09/21   |  |                     |                  |                  |

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| <b>Private Placement Investments - 102.37%: (C)</b>   |  |                     |              |               |
| <b>Madison Indoor Air Solutions</b>   |  |                     |              |               |
| A manufacturer and distributor of heating, dehumidification and other air quality solutions.  |  |                     |              |               |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)  | 726,845 uts.   | 02/20/19            | \$ 2,298,574 | \$ 13,737,377 |
| <b>Magnolia Wash Holdings (Express Wash Acquisition Company, LLC)</b>   |  |                     |              |               |
| An express car wash consolidator primarily in the Southeastern US.  |  |                     |              |               |
| 10.46% Senior Term Loan due 04/10/2031 (SOFR + 6.250%) (G)  | \$ 417,117   | 04/09/25            | 389,922      | 389,766       |
| <b>Media Recovery, Inc.</b>   |  |                     |              |               |
| A global manufacturer and developer of shock, temperature, vibration, and other condition indicators and monitors for in-transit and storage applications.                                    |  |                     |              |               |
| 8.80% Term Loan due 09/30/2027 (SOFR + 4.500%) (G)  | \$ 1,264,780   | 09/30/24            | 1,073,418    | 1,075,725     |
| <b>Mission Microwave</b>  |  |                     |              |               |
| A leading provider of high-performance solid-state power amplifiers and block upconverters to support ground-based, maritime, airborne, and space-based satellite communication applications. |  |                     |              |               |
| 9.80% Senior Lien Term Loan due 12/31/2029 (SOFR + 5.500%) (G)  | \$ 720,585   | 03/01/24            | 635,574      | 602,106       |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)  | 307 uts.   | 03/01/24            | 30,700       | 14,363        |
|   |  |                     | 666,274      | 616,469       |
| <b>MNS Engineers, Inc.</b>  |  |                     |              |               |
| A consulting firm that provides civil engineering, construction management and land surveying services.   |  |                     |              |               |
| 9.43% First Lien Term Loan due 07/30/2027 (SOFR + 5.000%)   | \$ 755,000   | 08/09/21            | 749,735      | 755,000       |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)  | 100,000 uts.   | 08/09/21            | 100,000      | 145,000       |
|   |  |                     | 849,735      | 900,000       |
| <b>Mobile Pro Systems</b>   |  |                     |              |               |
| A manufacturer of creative mobile surveillance systems for real-time monitoring in nearly any environment.  |  |                     |              |               |
| 11.00% PIK Second Lien Term Loan due 06/23/2027   | \$ 607,891   | 06/27/22            | 604,441      | 607,890       |
| Common Stock (B) (F)  | 4,118 shs.   | 02/28/22            | 411,765      | 577,295       |
|   |  |                     | 1,016,206    | 1,185,185     |
| <b>Momentum Group</b>   |  |                     |              |               |
| A leading value-added distributor of design-focused textiles and wallcoverings to hospitality, workplace, healthcare, and other commercial end markets (no residential exposure).             |  |                     |              |               |
| 9.80% Term Loan due 03/28/2029 (SOFR + 5.500%) (G)  | \$ 482,200   | 03/28/25            | 423,649      | 423,770       |
| <b>MSI Express</b>  |  |                     |              |               |
| A contract manufacturer and packager of shelf-stable food and beverages for major consumer packaged goods.  |  |                     |              |               |
| 9.05% Senior Term Loan due 03/24/2031 (SOFR + 4.750%)   | \$ 558,065   | 03/24/25            | 357,319      | 357,601       |

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| <b>Private Placement Investments - 102.37%: (C)</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>Music Reports, Inc.</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| An administrator of comprehensive offering of rights and royalties solutions for music and cue sheet copyrights to music and entertainment customers.                |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 10.67% Incremental Term Loan due 08/21/2026 (SOFR + 6.250%)  | \$ 783,584   | 11/05/21            | \$ 779,832       | \$ 763,994       |
| 10.67% Term Loan due 08/21/2026 (SOFR + 6.250%)  | \$ 548,682   | 08/25/20            | 546,051          | 534,965          |
|  |  |                     | <u>1,325,883</u> | <u>1,298,959</u> |
| <b>Navia Benefit Solutions, Inc.</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A third-party administrator of employee-directed healthcare benefits.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 8.83% Term Loan due 02/01/2026 (SOFR + 4.500%) (G)   | \$ 1,132,173   | 02/10/21            | 1,123,215        | 1,132,172        |
| 8.93% Incremental Term Loan due 02/01/2027 (SOFR + 4.500%)   | \$ 503,269   | 11/14/22            | 496,073          | 503,269          |
|  |  |                     | <u>1,619,288</u> | <u>1,635,441</u> |
| <b>Net at Work</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| An SMB-focused IT service provider specializing in software sales, implementation, managed services and hosting services.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.80% Term Loan due 09/13/2029 (SOFR + 5.500%) (G)   | \$ 1,680,470   | 09/13/23            | 1,010,710        | 1,040,129        |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class (B) (F)   | 32,603 uts.  | 09/13/23            | 32,603           | 35,537           |
|  |  |                     | <u>1,043,313</u> | <u>1,075,666</u> |
| <b>Newforma</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A leader in Project Information Management software for the construction industry.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 10.80% Term Loan due 04/02/2029 (SOFR + 6.500%) (G)  | \$ 735,611   | 03/31/23            | 658,841          | 660,862          |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)   | 81,722 shs.  | 08/15/23            | 84,194           | 48,216           |
|  |  |                     | <u>743,035</u>   | <u>709,078</u>   |
| <b>Northstar Recycling</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A managed service provider for waste and recycling services, primarily targeting food and beverage end markets.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 8.95% Senior Term Loan due 12/16/2029 (SOFR + 4.650%) (G)  | \$ 1,470,943   | 12/13/24            | 992,662          | 994,420          |
| <b>Ocelot Holdco</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| An electric power services provider that focuses on construction and maintenance services, installing electrical distribution systems and substation infrastructure. |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 10.00% Term Loan due 10/20/2027  | \$ 217,651   | 10/24/23            | 217,650          | 217,650          |
| Preferred Stock (B)  | 15 shs.  | 10/24/23            | 138,217          | 190,918          |
| Common Stock (B) (I)   | 12 shs.  | 10/24/23            | 0                | 98,880           |
|  |  |                     | <u>355,867</u>   | <u>507,448</u>   |
| <b>Omega Holdings</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A distributor of aftermarket automotive air conditioning products.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.23% Term Loan due 03/31/2029 (SOFR + 4.750%) (G)   | \$ 603,515   | 03/31/22            | 513,917          | 520,104          |
| <b>ORS Nasco</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A leading industrial maintenance, repair, and operations ("MRO") product wholesale distributor.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.30% Senior Term Loan due 08/07/2031 (SOFR + 5.000%) (G)  | 430,847  | 06/13/25            | 424,436          | 424,384          |



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| <b>Corporate Restricted Securities - 105.94%: (A)</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>Private Placement Investments - 102.37%: (C)</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>PANOS Brands LLC</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A marketer and distributor of branded consumer foods in the specialty, natural, better-for-you, “free from” healthy and gluten-free categories.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| Common Stock Class A (B)   | 380,545 shs.   | *                   | \$ 380,545       | \$ 479,487       |
| * 01/29/16 and 02/17/17.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>Parkview Dental Partners</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A dental service organization focused in the southwest Florida market.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 12.55% Term Loan due 10/12/2029 (SOFR + 8.300%) (G)  | \$ 611,833   | 10/20/23            | 603,070          | 609,386          |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)   | 30,371 uts.  | 10/20/23            | 303,705          | 291,921          |
|  |  |                     | <u>906,775</u>   | <u>901,307</u>   |
| <b>Pearl Holding Group</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A managing general agent that originates, underwrites, and administers non-standard auto insurance policies for carriers in Florida.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 10.54% (4.00% PIK) First Lien Term Loan due 12/16/2026 (SOFR + 6.000%)   | \$ 1,889,699   | 12/20/21            | 1,868,053        | 1,874,392        |
| Warrant-Class A, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B)   | 924 shs.   | 12/22/21            | —                | —                |
| Warrant-Class B, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B)   | 312 shs.   | 12/22/21            | —                | —                |
| Warrant-Class D, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B)   | 89 shs.  | 12/22/21            | —                | —                |
|  |  |                     | <u>1,868,053</u> | <u>1,874,392</u> |
| <b>Pegasus Transtech Corporation</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of end-to-end document, driver and logistics management solutions, which enable its customers (carriers, brokers, and drivers) to operate more efficiently, reduce manual overhead, enhance compliance, and shorten cash conversion cycles. |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 10.33% Term Loan due 11/17/2026 (SOFR + 6.000%)  | \$ 1,410,623   | 11/14/17            | 1,405,216        | 1,410,623        |
| 10.33% Term Loan due 08/31/2026 (SOFR + 6.000%)  | \$ 284,939   | 09/29/20            | 282,972          | 284,939          |
|  |  |                     | <u>1,688,188</u> | <u>1,695,562</u> |
| <b>Polara (VSC Polara LLC)</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A manufacturer of pedestrian traffic management and safety systems, including accessible pedestrian signals, “push to walk” buttons, and related “traffic” control units.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.20% First Lien Term Loan due 12/03/2027 (SOFR + 4.750%) (G)  | \$ 895,621   | 12/03/21            | 762,628          | 752,738          |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)   | 1,471 uts.   | 12/03/21            | 147,110          | 345,635          |
|  |  |                     | <u>909,738</u>   | <u>1,098,373</u> |
| <b>Polytex Holdings LLC</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A manufacturer of water based inks and related products serving primarily the wall covering market.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 2.50% (2.500% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 12/31/2027 (D)   | \$ 2,376,372   | 12/03/21            | 1,064,183        | 1,000,452        |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)   | 185,072 uts.   | 07/31/14            | 172,898          | —                |
| * 09/28/17 and 02/15/18.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
|  |  |                     | <u>1,237,081</u> | <u>1,000,452</u> |

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| <b>Corporate Restricted Securities - 105.94%: (A)</b>  |  |                     |                |                |
| <b>Private Placement Investments - 102.37%: (C)</b>  |  |                     |                |                |
| <b>Portfolio Group</b>   |  |                     |                |                |
| A provider of professional finance and insurance products to automobile dealerships, delivering a suite of offerings that supplement earnings derived from vehicle transactions.   |  |                     |                |                |
| 10.45% First Lien Term Loan due 12/02/2025 (SOFR + 6.000%) (G)   | \$ 1,268,824.00  | 11/15/21            | \$ 1,263,674   | \$ 1,196,501   |
| <b>Process Insights Acquisition, Inc.</b>  |  |                     |                |                |
| A designer and assembler of highly engineered, mission critical instruments and sensors that provide compositional analyses to measure contaminants and impurities within gases and liquids.   |  |                     |                |                |
| 10.58% Term Loan due 06/30/2029 (SOFR + 6.250%) (G)  | \$ 815,063   | 07/18/23            | 698,875        | 655,560        |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)   | 32 shs.  | 07/18/23            | 32,000         | 16,687         |
|  |  |                     | <u>730,875</u> | <u>672,247</u> |
| <b>ProcessBarron (Process Equipment, Inc. / PB Holdings, LLC)</b>  |  |                     |                |                |
| Specializes in the design, manufacturing, installation, maintenance and repair of parts and equipment for blue chip industrial customers in the Southern US.   |  |                     |                |                |
| 9.67% Term Loan due 03/06/2026 (SOFR + 5.250%) (G)   | \$ 672,914   | 03/06/19            | <u>670,793</u> | <u>656,764</u> |
| <b>ProfitOptics</b>  |  |                     |                |                |
| A software development and consulting company that delivers solutions via its proprietary software development platform, Catalyst.   |  |                     |                |                |
| 10.17% Term Loan due 02/15/2028 (SOFR + 5.750%) (G)  | \$ 835,000   | 03/15/22            | 704,920        | 712,420        |
| 8.00% Senior Subordinated Note due 02/15/2029  | \$ 32,258  | 03/15/22            | 32,258         | 30,710         |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)   | 96,774 uts.  | 03/15/22            | 64,516         | 151,935        |
|  |  |                     | <u>801,694</u> | <u>895,065</u> |
| <b>Project Halo</b>  |  |                     |                |                |
| A two-sided platform that provides a cloud-based compliance reporting software to fire departments, water municipalities, and state building departments, which is used by authorities having jurisdictions to ensure commercial properties within its jurisdiction maintain compliance with fire codes and annual / semi-annual inspection requirements for fire alarms, sprinklers, fire extinguishers, etc. |  |                     |                |                |
| 9.26% Senior Term Loan due 02/06/2032 (SOFR + 5.000%) (G)  | \$ 1,000,000   | 02/06/25            | <u>569,510</u> | <u>570,401</u> |
| <b>Pro Vision</b>  |  |                     |                |                |
| A leading mobile video technology solutions provider, including vehicle video recording systems, body-worn cameras, data management and cloud based storage solutions for commercial, transit, and public safety organizations.  |  |                     |                |                |
| 8.83% Senior Term Loan due 09/19/2029 (SOFR + 4.500%) (G)  | \$ 906,424   | 09/23/24            | 725,874        | 727,296        |
| Common Stock (B)   | 218 shs.   | 09/30/24            | 21,824         | 21,829         |
|  |  |                     | <u>747,698</u> | <u>749,125</u> |

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| <b>Corporate Restricted Securities - 105.94%: (A)</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>Private Placement Investments - 102.37%: (C)</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>Randy's Worldwide</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A designer and distributor of automotive aftermarket parts serving the repair/replacement, off-road and racing/ performance segments.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.33% First Lien Term Loan due 10/31/2028 (SOFR + 5.000%) (G)   | \$ 191,675   | 11/01/22            | \$ 164,026       | \$ 166,937       |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class A (B)  | 54 uts.  | 11/01/22            | 5,400            | 6,851            |
|   |  |                     | <u>169,426</u>   | <u>173,788</u>   |
| <b>RapidAir</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| An asset-light manufacturer of branded compressed air products, including fittings, accessories, aluminum piping, filtration, and other adjacent products/services.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 8.85% Senior Term Loan due 10/15/2030 (SOFR + 4.750%) (G)   | \$ 547,705   | 10/15/24            | 294,485          | 295,431          |
| Common Stock (B)  | 30 shs.  | 10/15/24            | 30,000           | 27,382           |
|   |  |                     | <u>324,485</u>   | <u>322,813</u>   |
| <b>Real Chemistry</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A leading pure-play, tech-enabled analytical marketing agency in the U.S primarily serving the pharmaceutical and healthcare industry.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 8.83% Senior Term Loan due 04/12/2032 (SOFR + 4.500%) (G)   | \$ 500,000   | 04/10/25            | 289,452          | 289,059          |
| <b>Recovery Point Systems, Inc.</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of IT infrastructure, colocation and cloud based resiliency services.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 10.16% Term Loan due 07/31/2026 (SOFR + 5.750%)   | \$ 1,292,080   | 08/12/20            | 1,287,279        | 1,292,080        |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)  | 21,532 uts.  | 03/05/21            | 21,532           | 10,120           |
|   |  |                     | <u>1,308,811</u> | <u>1,302,200</u> |
| <b>Renovation Brands (Renovation Parent Holdings, LLC)</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A portfolio of seven proprietary brands that sell various home improvement products primarily through the e-Commerce channel.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.94% Senior Term Loan due 08/16/2027 (SOFR + 5.500%)   | \$ 936,893   | 11/15/21            | 927,625          | 877,869          |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)  | 40,479 uts.  | 09/29/17            | 40,479           | 19,025           |
|   |  |                     | <u>968,104</u>   | <u>896,894</u>   |
| <b>RKD Group</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of marketing and fundraising services to non-profit organizations ("NPOs") in the U.S. RKD provides a full suite of services including strategic planning, content creation/design, campaign execution, as well as data analytics to improve donor segmentation and provide strategic insights to inform future campaigns. |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.82% Term Loan due 05/19/2031 (SOFR + 5.500%) (G)  | \$ 1,725,000   | 05/19/25            | 1,386,775        | 1,386,405        |
| <b>RoadOne IntermodaLogistics</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of intermodal logistics and solutions including drayage (moving containers at port/rail locations), dedicated trucking services, warehousing, storage, and transloading (unloading, storing, and repackaging freight), among other services.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 10.49% First Lien Term Loan due 12/30/2028 (SOFR + 6.250%) (G)  | \$ 652,006   | 12/30/22            | 628,369          | 643,230          |

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| <b>Private Placement Investments - 102.37%: (C)</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>Rock Labor</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of live entertainment event labor in the United States.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.82% Term Loan due 09/14/2029 (SOFR + 5.500%) (G)   | \$ 398,995   | 09/14/23            | \$ 332,740       | \$ 336,299       |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)   | 12,266 uts.  | 09/14/23            | 65,676           | 55,688           |
|  |  |                     | <u>398,416</u>   | <u>391,987</u>   |
| <b>Rock-it Cargo</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of specialized international logistics solutions to the music touring, performing arts, live events, fine art and specialty industries. |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.42% Term Loan due 07/31/2026 (SOFR + 5.000%)   | \$ 2,392,914   | 07/30/18            | <u>2,385,089</u> | <u>2,380,949</u> |
| <b>ROI Solutions</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| Call center outsourcing and end user engagement services provider.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.17% Senior Term Loan due 09/13/2029 (SOFR + 5.000%) (G)  | \$ 1,432,989   | 10/03/24            | <u>1,029,399</u> | <u>1,031,946</u> |
| <b>RPX Corp</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of subscription services that help member companies mitigate the risk of patent disputes and reduce the cost of patent litigation.      |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.56% Term Loan due 08/02/2030 (SOFR + 5.250%) (G)   | \$ 2,483,140   | 08/02/24            | <u>2,199,513</u> | <u>2,205,026</u> |
| <b>Ruffalo Noel Levitz</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of enrollment management, student retention and career services, and fundraising management for colleges and universities.              |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 8.28% PIK Term Loan due 12/31/2026 (SOFR + 4.000%) (D)   | \$ 1,280,817   | 01/08/19            | 1,277,411        | 400,896          |
| 11.41% Senior Term Loan due 04/15/2030 (G)   | \$ 81,237  | 04/15/25            | 43,411           | 43,377           |
|  |  |                     | <u>1,320,822</u> | <u>444,273</u>   |
| <b>Safety Products Holdings, Inc.</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A manufacturer of highly engineered safety cutting tools.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.33% Term Loan due 12/15/2026 (SOFR+ 5.000%) (G)  | \$ 1,979,028   | 12/15/20            | 1,970,193        | 1,979,028        |
| Common Stock (B)   | 30 shs.  | 12/16/20            | 29,900           | 38,601           |
| * 12/15/20 and 07/24/24.   |  |                     | <u>2,000,093</u> | <u>2,017,629</u> |
| <b>Sandvine Corporation</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of active network intelligence solutions.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| Class A Units (B) (I)  | 688 shs.   | 06/28/24            | 0                | 0                |
| Class B Units (B) (I)  | 2,395 shs.   | 06/28/24            | 0                | 0                |
| Class C Units (B) (I)  | 31,364 shs.  | 06/28/24            | 0                | 0                |
|  |  |                     | <u>—</u>         | <u>—</u>         |
| <b>Sara Lee Frozen Foods</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of frozen bakery products, desserts and sweet baked goods.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.18% First Lien Term Loan due 07/30/2025 (SOFR + 4.750%)  | \$ 1,433,624   | 07/27/18            | <u>1,426,176</u> | <u>1,421,295</u> |

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| <b>Private Placement Investments - 102.37%: (C)</b>  |  |                     |            |            |
| <b>SBP Holdings</b>  |  |                     |            |            |
| A specialty product distribution platform which provides mission-critical products, services, and technical expertise across industrial rubber and fluid power segments. |  |                     |            |            |
| 9.33% Term Loan due 01/31/2028 (SOFR + 5.000%) (G)   | \$ 1,239,482   | 03/27/23            | \$ 663,832 | \$ 678,609 |
| <b>Scaled Agile, Inc.</b>  |  |                     |            |            |
| A provider of training and certifications for IT professionals focused on software development.  |  |                     |            |            |
| 6.65% (3.75% PIK) Term Loan due 12/15/2027 (SOFR + 2.250%) (G)   | \$ 1,479,335   | 12/16/21            | 1,464,949  | 1,263,352  |
| <b>Screenvision Media</b>  |  |                     |            |            |
| One of two leading cinema advertising networks in the US, offering advertising solutions to national and local brands across an exclusive in-cinema network.             |  |                     |            |            |
| 9.28% First Term Loan due 04/25/2030 (SOFR + 5.000%) (G)   | \$ 498,409   | 04/25/25            | 436,343    | 435,977    |
| 12.78% Second Term Loan due 04/25/2030 (SOFR + 8.500%)   | \$ 447,214   | 04/25/25            | 429,982    | 429,326    |
|  |  |                     | 866,325    | 865,303    |
| <b>SEKO Worldwide, LLC</b>   |  |                     |            |            |
| A third-party logistics provider of ground, ocean, air and home delivery forwarding services.  |  |                     |            |            |
| 11.32% (6.00% PIK) Senior Term Loan due 11/27/2029 (SOFR + 7.000%)   | \$ 533,298   | 11/27/24            | 530,834    | 533,298    |
| Common Stock (B)   | 184 shs.   | 11/27/24            | 808,118    | 466,054    |
|  |  |                     | 1,338,952  | 999,352    |
| <b>Smartling, Inc.</b>   |  |                     |            |            |
| A provider in SaaS-based translation management systems and related translation services.  |  |                     |            |            |
| 8.93% Term Loan due 10/26/2027 (SOFR + 4.500%) (G)   | \$ 1,670,713   | 11/03/21            | 1,556,134  | 1,569,243  |
| <b>smartShift Technologies</b>   |  |                     |            |            |
| A provider of technology-enabled services for the SAP ERP ecosystem.   |  |                     |            |            |
| 9.26% First Lien Term Loan due 09/30/2029 (SOFR + 5.000%) (G)  | \$ 1,478,345   | 09/01/23            | 1,284,653  | 1,310,331  |
| Common Stock (B)   | 29 shs.  | 09/01/23            | 29,000     | 61,304     |
|  |  |                     | 1,313,653  | 1,371,635  |
| <b>Sonicwall</b>   |  |                     |            |            |
| A provider of network security (i.e. firewall products) primarily focused on the SMB market.   |  |                     |            |            |
| 9.82% Term Loan due 01/31/2028 (SOFR + 5.500%) (G)   | \$ 962,264   | 06/13/25            | 943,343    | 945,425    |
| <b>Spatco</b>  |  |                     |            |            |
| A provider of mission-critical services to maintain, test, inspect, certify, and install fueling station infrastructure.   |  |                     |            |            |
| 9.28% Senior Term Loan due 07/23/2030 (SOFR + 5.000%) (G)  | \$ 1,678,199   | 07/23/24            | 1,210,542  | 1,215,683  |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)   | 47,941 uts.  | 07/23/24            | 47,941     | 44,585     |
|  |  |                     | 1,258,483  | 1,260,268  |

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| <b>Private Placement Investments - 102.37%: (C)</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>Stackline</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| An e-commerce data company that tracks products sold through online retailers.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 11.99% Senior PIK Note due 07/30/2028 (SOFR + 7.750%)   | \$ 2,504,234   | 07/29/21            | \$ 2,489,425     | \$ 2,504,234     |
| Common Stock (B)  | 1,340 shs.   | 07/30/21            | 42,078           | 76,728           |
|   |  |                     | <u>2,531,503</u> | <u>2,580,962</u> |
| <b>Standard Elevator Systems</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A scaled manufacturer of elevator components combining four elevator companies, Standard Elevator Systems, EMI Porta, Texacone, and ZZIPCO.                                   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 10.18% First Lien Term Loan due 12/02/2027 (SOFR + 5.750%) (G)  | \$ 1,208,542   | 12/02/21            | 1,058,451        | 987,231          |
| 10.22% Incremental Lien Term Loan due 12/02/2027 (SOFR + 5.750%)  | \$ 452,827   | 04/02/24            | 446,848          | 422,488          |
|   |  |                     | <u>1,505,299</u> | <u>1,409,719</u> |
| <b>Stratus Unlimited</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A nationwide provider of brand implementation services, including exterior and interior signage, refresh and remodel, and facility maintenance and repair.                    |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.88% Term Loan due 06/08/2027 (SOFR + 5.500%) (G)  | \$ 918,257   | 07/02/21            | 853,712          | 835,423          |
| 9.63% Incremental Term Loan due 06/30/2027 (SOFR + 5.250%) (G)  | \$ 717,841   | 06/07/24            | 362,830          | 346,444          |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)  | 75 uts.  | 06/30/21            | 74,666           | 52,623           |
|   |  |                     | <u>1,291,208</u> | <u>1,234,490</u> |
| <b>SVI International, Inc.</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A supplier of aftermarket repair parts and accessories for automotive lifts, automotive shop equipment, and other specialty equipment (hospital bed lifts, boat lifts, etc.). |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 11.03% First Line Term Loan due 03/31/2030 (SOFR + 6.750%) (G)  | \$ 1,101,795   | 03/04/24            | 1,006,656        | 1,023,824        |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)  | 311,881 uts.   | 05/22/23            | 311,881          | 474,059          |
|   |  |                     | <u>1,318,537</u> | <u>1,497,883</u> |
| <b>Swoop</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of marketing data and engagement technology to the biopharma industry.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 8.83% Senior Line Term Loan due 04/12/2032 (SOFR 4.500%) (G)  | \$ 500,000   | 04/10/25            | 255,595          | 255,076          |
| <b>Tank Holding</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A manufacturer of proprietary rotational molded polyethylene and steel storage tanks and containers.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 10.18% Term Loan due 03/31/2028 (SOFR + 5.750%) (G)   | \$ 554,315   | 03/31/22            | 526,333          | 525,980          |
| 10.43% Incremental Term Loan due 03/31/2028 (SOFR + 6.000%)   | \$ 155,642   | 05/22/23            | 152,997          | 154,086          |
|   |  |                     | <u>679,330</u>   | <u>680,066</u>   |
| <b>Tapco</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A leading manufacturer, distributor, service provider and software provider of intelligent transportations safety systems in North America.                                   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 8.83% Term Loan due 11/15/2030 (SOFR + 4.500%) (F) (G)  | \$ 1,709,529   | 11/15/24            | 932,351          | 934,982          |
| Common Stock (B) (F)  | 17 shs.  | 11/15/24            | 17,000           | 20,359           |
|   |  |                     | <u>949,351</u>   | <u>955,341</u>   |

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|---|--|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Corporate Restricted Securities - 105.94%: (A)</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>Private Placement Investments - 102.37%: (C)</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>Team Air (Swiftly Holdings LLC)</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A leading HVAC wholesale distributor headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 14.00% Subordinated Note due 05/02/2030   | \$ 1,035,000   | 05/25/23            | \$ 1,023,001     | \$ 1,017,923     |
| 14.00% Senior Subordinated Note due 08/31/2027  | \$ 201,250   | 08/30/24            | 198,125          | 197,929          |
| 14.00% Senior Subordinated Note due 12/16/2029  | \$ 61,333  | 12/19/24            | 60,297           | 60,321           |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)  | 891,204 uts.   | 05/25/23            | 901,630          | 926,853          |
|   |  |                     | <u>2,183,053</u> | <u>2,203,026</u> |
| <b>Tencarva Machinery Company</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A distributor of mission critical, engineered equipment, replacement parts and services in the industrial and municipal end-markets.    |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.20% Senior Term Loan due 12/20/2027 (SOFR + 4.750%) (G)   | \$ 1,943,510   | 12/20/21            | 1,607,946        | 1,597,781        |
| 9.20% Term Loan due 12/04/2029 (SOFR + 4.750%) (G)  | \$ 542,774   | 01/02/25            | 215,695          | 215,697          |
|   |  |                     | <u>1,823,641</u> | <u>1,813,478</u> |
| <b>Terrybear</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A designer and wholesaler of cremation urns and memorial products for people and pets.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 10.00% (4.00% PIK) Term Loan due 04/27/2028   | \$ 1,003,784   | 04/29/22            | 995,455          | 912,440          |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)  | 84,038 uts.  | 10/14/21            | 823,577          | —                |
|   |  |                     | <u>1,819,032</u> | <u>912,440</u>   |
| <b>The Caprock Group (aka TA/TCG Holdings, LLC)</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A wealth manager focused on ultra-high-net-worth individuals, who have \$25-30 million of investable assets on average.                 |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.07% Term Loan due 12/18/2029 (SOFR + 4.750%) (G)  | \$ 685,251   | 05/21/25            | 678,613          | 678,399          |
| 9.08% Term Loan due 12/15/2027 (SOFR + 4.750%) (G)  | \$ 1,066,753   | 12/21/21            | 328,069          | 327,583          |
|   |  |                     | <u>1,006,682</u> | <u>1,005,982</u> |
| <b>The Hilb Group, LLC</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| An insurance brokerage platform that offers insurance and benefits programs to middle-market companies throughout the Eastern seaboard. |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 8.83% Term Loan due 10/31/2031 (SOFR + 4.500%) (G)  | \$ 782,220   | 10/31/24            | 573,957          | 574,934          |
| <b>The Octave Music Group, Inc. (fka TouchTunes)</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A global provider of digital music and media and introduced the play-for-play digital jukebox in 1998.                                  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)  | 25,641 uts.  | 04/01/22            | 25,641           | 77,180           |
| <b>Tipco Technologies</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A fluid solution supplier for industrial, hydraulic and high-purity applications.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.55% Senior Term Loan due 09/03/2027 (SOFR + 5.250%) (G)   | \$ 581,375   | 09/03/24            | 523,483          | 523,470          |

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|---|--|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Corporate Restricted Securities - 105.94%: (A)</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>Private Placement Investments - 102.37%: (C)</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>Trident Maritime Systems</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A leading provider of turnkey marine vessel systems and solutions for government and commercial new ship construction as well as repair, refurbishment, and retrofit markets worldwide. |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.90% (2.00% PIK) Term Loan due 02/19/2026 (SOFR + 5.500%)  | \$ 1,682,321   | 02/25/21            | \$ 1,674,312     | \$ 1,470,348     |
| 9.90% (2.00% PIK) Incremental Term Loan due 03/31/2027 (SOFR + 5.500%)  | \$ 56,967  | 10/19/23            | 56,109           | 49,789           |
|   |  |                     | <u>1,730,421</u> | <u>1,520,137</u> |
| <b>Trintech, Inc.</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| An international provider of core, cloud-based financial close software.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.83% Term Loan due 07/25/2029 (SOFR + 5.500%) (G)  | \$ 1,700,973   | 07/25/23            | <u>1,578,393</u> | <u>1,594,763</u> |
| <b>Turnberry Solutions, Inc.</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of technology consulting services.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 10.43% Term Loan due 07/30/2026 (SOFR + 6.000%)   | \$ 1,567,894   | 07/29/21            | <u>1,560,678</u> | <u>1,567,894</u> |
| <b>UHY LLP</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A top 30 US CPA firm providing tax, audit and consulting advisory services primarily to middle market customers.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.08% Senior Term Loan due 11/21/2031 (SOFR + 4.750%) (G)   | \$ 1,962,852   | 11/22/24            | <u>902,184</u>   | <u>920,115</u>   |
| <b>Unosquare</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of outsourced digital engineering and software development services for the banking, financial services, insurance, life sciences, and high-tech industries.                 |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.08% Term Loan due 06/02/2031 (SOFR + 4.750%) (G)  | \$ 605,665   | 06/02/25            | 352,638          | 352,518          |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)  | 15,278 uts.  | 06/02/25            | <u>15,278</u>    | <u>15,278</u>    |
|   |  |                     | <u>367,916</u>   | <u>367,796</u>   |
| <b>U.S. Legal Support, Inc.</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of court reporting, record retrieval and other legal supplemental services.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 10.20% Term Loan due 06/01/2026 (SOFR + 5.750%) (G)   | \$ 2,008,859   | 11/29/18            | 2,003,947        | 1,990,980        |
| 10.20% Senior Loan due 10/11/2027 (SOFR + 5.750%)   | \$ 471,477   | 10/10/24            | <u>468,841</u>   | <u>467,281</u>   |
|   |  |                     | <u>2,472,788</u> | <u>2,458,261</u> |
| <b>USA Industries</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A manufacturer and supplier of piping isolation & testing products, tube plugs, flow measurement orifice plates, and heat exchanger tools which are sold or rented to customers.        |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 13.75% (1.00% PIK) Term Loan due 06/30/2029   | \$ 632,173   | 03/14/24            | 625,118          | 629,013          |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)  | 27,916 uts.  | 01/10/25            | <u>51,923</u>    | <u>134,553</u>   |
|   |  |                     | <u>677,041</u>   | <u>763,566</u>   |



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|  | Principal Amount,<br>Shares, Units or<br>Ownership<br>Percentage | Acquisition<br>Date | Cost             | Fair Value       |
|--|--|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Corporate Restricted Securities - 105.94%: (A)</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>Private Placement Investments - 102.37%: (C)</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| <b>VB Spine</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A top-5 producer of spinal implants and devices used in fusion and non-fusion spinal surgeries.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 12.80% Secured Term Loan due 03/25/2030 (SOFR + 8.500%)  | \$ 1,564,266   | 03/31/25            | \$ 1,504,814     | \$ 1,501,695     |
| Common Stock (B)   | 26,485 shs.  | 03/31/25            | —                | —                |
|  |  |                     | <u>1,504,814</u> | <u>1,501,695</u> |
| <b>VitalSource</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of digital fulfillment software for the higher education sector.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 8.82% Term Loan due 06/01/2028 (SOFR + 4.500%)   | \$ 1,573,840   | 06/01/21            | 1,556,632        | 1,558,101        |
| 7.31% Term Loan due 04/11/2030 (SOFR + 4.500%) (G)   | \$ 106,565   | 06/01/21            | 74,142           | 74,101           |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)   | 1,891 uts.   | 04/21/25            | 18,909           | 45,457           |
|  |  |                     | <u>1,649,683</u> | <u>1,677,659</u> |
| <b>VP Holding Company</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A provider of school transportation services for special-needs and homeless children in Massachusetts and Connecticut.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 10.68% Term Loan due 12/31/2025 (SOFR + 6.250%) (G)  | \$ 2,114,134   | 05/17/18            | <u>2,112,349</u> | <u>2,092,993</u> |
| <b>Warner Pacific Insurance Services</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A wholesale insurance broker focused on employee benefits.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.40% Term Loan due 12/27/2027 (SOFR + 5.000%) (G)   | \$ 1,633,972   | 08/01/23            | 884,212          | 888,380          |
| 9.36% Term Loan due 12/13/2029 (SOFR + 5.000%) (G)   | \$ 85,228  | 12/23/24            | 84,530           | 84,530           |
|  |  |                     | <u>968,742</u>   | <u>972,910</u>   |
| <b>Westminster Acquisition LLC</b>   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A manufacturer of premium, all-natural oyster cracker products sold under the Westminster and Olde Cape Cod brands.  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)   | 370,241 uts.   | 08/03/15            | <u>370,241</u>   | <u>14,810</u>    |
| <b>Whitcraft Holdings, Inc.</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A leading supplier of highly engineered components for commercial and military aircraft engines.   |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 10.83% First Lien Term Loan due 02/15/2029 (SOFR + 6.500%) (G)   | \$ 951,878   | 02/15/23            | 826,588          | 849,603          |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)   | 4,206 uts.   | 02/15/23            | 42,058           | 64,769           |
|  |  |                     | <u>868,646</u>   | <u>914,372</u>   |
| <b>Wilson Language Training</b>  |  |                     |                  |                  |
| A leading provider of supplemental literacy curriculum and professional development products for the K-12 market, with a particular emphasis on early reading (K-3). |  |                     |                  |                  |
| 9.03% Senior Term Loan due 04/19/2032 (SOFR + 4.750%) (G)  | \$ 613,489   | 04/17/25            | <u>456,434</u>   | <u>456,210</u>   |

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|  | Principal Amount,<br>Shares, Units or<br>Ownership<br>Percentage | Acquisition<br>Date | Cost                        | Fair Value                  |
|--|--|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Corporate Restricted Securities - 105.94%: (A)</b>  |  |                     |                             |                             |
| <b>Private Placement Investments - 102.37%: (C)</b>  |  |                     |                             |                             |
| <b>Woodland Foods, Inc.</b>  |  |                     |                             |                             |
| A provider of specialty dry ingredients such as herbs & spices, rice & grains, mushrooms & truffles, chilies, and other ingredients to customers within the industrial, foodservice, and retail end-markets. |  |                     |                             |                             |
| 9.97% Term Loan due 11/30/2027 (SOFR + 5.500%) (G)   | \$ 1,013,202   | 12/01/21            | \$ 965,456                  | \$ 959,642                  |
| 9.97% Term Loan due 03/05/2030 (SOFR + 5.500%)   | \$ 242,680   | 03/05/25            | 278,866                     | 277,500                     |
| 9.97% Incremental Term Loan due 12/01/2027 (SOFR + 5.500%)   | \$ 90,677  | 04/09/24            | 89,473                      | 89,407                      |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)   | 146 uts.   | 09/29/17            | 145,803                     | 129,832                     |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B) (F)   | 32 uts.  | 04/05/24            | 41,252                      | 41,249                      |
| Preferred Stock (B) (F)  | 10 uts.  | 03/05/25            | 14,123                      | 14,109                      |
|  |  |                     | <u>1,534,973</u>            | <u>1,511,739</u>            |
| <b>World 50, Inc.</b>  |  |                     |                             |                             |
| A provider of exclusive peer-to-peer networks for C-suite executives at leading corporations.  |  |                     |                             |                             |
| 9.74% First Lien Term Loan due 03/22/2030 (SOFR + 5.500%) (G)  | \$ 1,704,487   | 03/22/24            | <u>1,593,700</u>            | <u>1,620,540</u>            |
| <b>Worldwide Electric Corporation</b>  |  |                     |                             |                             |
| Develops, produces, and distributes electric motors, gear reducers, motor controls, generators, and frequency converters.  |  |                     |                             |                             |
| 9.55% Term Loan due 10/03/2029 (SOFR + 5.250%) (G)   | \$ 977,857   | 10/03/22            | <u>840,362</u>              | <u>841,117</u>              |
| <b>Ziyad</b>   |  |                     |                             |                             |
| An end-to-end importer, brand manager, value-added processor, and distributor of Middle Eastern and Mediterranean foods.   |  |                     |                             |                             |
| 10.20% First Lien Term Loan due 02/09/2028 (SOFR + 5.750%) (G)   | \$ 979,219   | 02/08/22            | 876,014                     | 873,555                     |
| 10.20% Incremental Term Loan due 02/09/2028 (SOFR + 5.750%) (G)  | \$ 674,981   | 08/31/23            | 666,064                     | 666,544                     |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F)   | 31 uts.  | 02/09/22            | 31,256                      | 45,755                      |
|  |  |                     | <u>1,573,334</u>            | <u>1,585,854</u>            |
| <b>Total Private Placement Investments (E)</b>   |  |                     | <b><u>\$162,218,794</u></b> | <b><u>\$172,097,347</u></b> |

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| <b>Corporate Restricted Securities - 106.30%: (A)</b> | <b>Interest<br/>Rate</b> | <b>Maturity<br/>Date</b> | <b>Principal<br/>Amount</b> | <b>Cost</b>          | <b>Market<br/>Value</b> |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Rule 144A Securities - 3.57%: (H)</b>              |                          |                          |                             |                      |                         |
| <b>Bonds - 3.57%</b>                                  |                          |                          |                             |                      |                         |
| Carriage Purchaser Inc.                               | 7.875                    | 10/15/2029               | \$ 750,000                  | \$ 616,889           | \$ 666,411              |
| County of Gallatin MT                                 | 11.500                   | 09/01/2027               | 340,000                     | 340,000              | 350,180                 |
| CSC Holdings LLC                                      | 5.000                    | 11/15/2031               | 625,000                     | 545,902              | 290,625                 |
| Inmarsat Finance PLC                                  | 9.000                    | 09/15/2029               | 480,000                     | 479,784              | 482,461                 |
| Liberty Cablevision of Puerto Rico                    | 6.750                    | 10/15/2027               | 750,000                     | 704,201              | 505,193                 |
| Nielsen   | 9.290                    | 04/15/2029               | 658,000                     | 647,700              | 640,685                 |
| Prince  | 9.000                    | 02/15/2030               | 740,000                     | 658,838              | 498,536                 |
| Radiology Partners, Inc (9.781% PIK)                  | 9.781                    | 02/15/2030               | 786,679                     | 751,581              | 772,911                 |
| Staples   | 10.750                   | 09/01/2029               | 750,000                     | 730,979              | 709,818                 |
| Terrier Media Buyer, Inc.                             | 8.875                    | 12/15/2027               | 428,000                     | 419,327              | 403,460                 |
| Wilsonart   | 11.000                   | 08/15/2032               | 750,000                     | 740,461              | 681,395                 |
| <b>Total Bonds</b>                                    |                          |                          |                             | <b>6,635,662</b>     | <b>6,001,675</b>        |
| <b>Common Stock - 0.00%</b>                           |                          |                          |                             |                      |                         |
| TherOX, Inc. (B)                                      |                          |                          | 2 shs                       | —                    | —                       |
| Touchstone Health Partnership (B)                     |                          |                          | 292 shs                     | —                    | —                       |
| <b>Total Common Stock</b>                             |                          |                          |                             | <b>—</b>             | <b>—</b>                |
| <b>Total Rule 144A Securities</b>                     |                          |                          |                             | <b>\$ 6,635,662</b>  | <b>\$ 6,001,675</b>     |
| <b>Total Corporate Restricted Securities</b>          |                          |                          |                             | <b>\$168,854,456</b> | <b>\$178,099,022</b>    |

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| <b>Corporate Public Securities - 4.84%: (A)</b> | <b>LIBOR<br/>Spread</b> | <b>Interest<br/>Rate</b> | <b>Maturity<br/>Date</b> | <b>Principal<br/>Amount</b> | <b>Cost</b>          | <b>Market<br/>Value</b> |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Bank Loans - 4.46%</b>                       |                         |                          |                          |                             |                      |                         |
| AP Highlands                                    |                         | 9.38                     | 10/16/2028               | \$ 705,446                  | \$ 699,637           | \$ 694,158              |
| Aretec Group Inc                                | 3.50                    | 7.83                     | 8/9/2030                 | 843,630                     | 845,739              | 844,769                 |
| Bausch Health Companies Inc                     | 6.25                    | 10.56                    | 9/25/2030                | 917,431                     | 895,428              | 882,881                 |
| BMC Software                                    | 5.75                    | 10.08                    | 7/30/2032                | 1,000,000                   | 988,258              | 970,630                 |
| Fidelis   | 5.00                    | 9.30                     | 12/31/2031               | 995,000                     | 990,511              | 990,523                 |
| Mcafee (6.04% PIK)                              | 7.00                    | 6.04                     | 7/27/2028                | 30,396                      | 30,396               | 7,042                   |
| Precisely                                       | 4.00                    | 8.54                     | 4/24/2028                | 936,615                     | 928,520              | 886,272                 |
| Syncsort Incorporated                           | 7.25                    | 11.79                    | 4/23/2029                | 222,222                     | 221,400              | 204,722                 |
| Team Health Holdings                            | 5.25                    | 9.53                     | 3/2/2027                 | 548,229                     | 538,439              | 544,714                 |
| Twitter   | 6.50                    | 10.93                    | 10/26/2029               | 497,449                     | 496,859              | 485,480                 |
| Two Kings Casino                                | 4.75                    | 9.05                     | 12/16/2031               | 280,400                     | 279,043              | 283,322                 |
| Wilsonart                                       | 4.25                    | 8.55                     | 7/25/2031                | 718,943                     | 709,542              | 707,037                 |
| <b>Total Bank Loans</b>                         |                         |                          |                          |                             | <b>7,623,772</b>     | <b>7,501,550</b>        |
| <b>Bonds - 0.82%</b>                            |                         |                          |                          |                             |                      |                         |
| Jetblue Airways                                 | —                       | 9.875                    | 09/20/31                 | 650,000                     | 692,569              | 632,373                 |
| <b>Total Bonds</b>                              |                         |                          |                          |                             | <b>692,569</b>       | <b>632,373</b>          |
| <b>Total Corporate Public Securities</b>        |                         |                          |                          |                             | <b>\$ 8,316,341</b>  | <b>\$ 8,133,923</b>     |
| <b>Total Investments</b>                        |                         | <b>110.78%</b>           |                          |                             | <b>\$177,170,797</b> | <b>\$186,232,945</b>    |
| Other Assets                                    |                         | 4.34                     |                          |                             |                      | 7,304,262               |
| Liabilities                                     |                         | (15.12)                  |                          |                             |                      | (25,419,489)            |
| <b>Total Net Assets</b>                         |                         | <b>100.00%</b>           |                          |                             |                      | <b>\$168,117,718</b>    |

- (A) In each of the convertible note, warrant, convertible preferred 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 securities. As of June 30, 2025, the value of these securities amounted to \$172,097,347 or 102.37% of net assets.
- (F) Held in PI Subsidiary Trust.
- (G) A portion of these securities contain unfunded commitments. As of June 30, 2025, total unfunded commitments amounted to \$20,105,882 and had unrealized depreciation of \$(99,137) or (0.06)% of net assets. See Note 7.
- (H) Security exempt from registration under Rule 144a of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may only be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers.
- (I) Security received at zero cost through a restructuring of previously held debt or equity securities.

PIK - Payment-in-kind

SOFR - Secured Overnight Financing Rate

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| Industry Classification:                                     | Fair Value/<br>Market Value |
|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>AEROSPACE &amp; DEFENSE - 4.95%</b>                       |                             |
| Accurus Aerospace  | \$ 486,454                  |
| Applied Aerospace Structures Corp.                           | 610,685                     |
| Bridger Aerospace  | 187,560                     |
| Compass Precision  | 2,363,348                   |
| County of Gallatin MT  | 350,180                     |
| CTS Engines  | 1,273,691                   |
| Mission Microwave  | 616,469                     |
| Trident Maritime Systems                                     | 1,520,137                   |
| Whitcraft Holdings, Inc.                                     | 914,372                     |
|  | <u>8,322,896</u>            |
| <b>AIRLINES - 1.34%</b>                                      |                             |
| Echo Logistics   | 1,612,301                   |
| Jetblue Airways  | 632,373                     |
|  | <u>2,244,674</u>            |
| <b>AUTOMOTIVE - 3.40%</b>                                    |                             |
| Aurora Parts & Accessories LLC (d.b.a<br>Hoosier)            | 427,825                     |
| BBB Industries LLC - DBA (GC EOS<br>Buyer Inc.)              | 467,528                     |
| EFC International  | 1,360,268                   |
| Omega Holdings   | 520,104                     |
| Randy's Worldwide  | 173,788                     |
| Spatco   | 1,260,268                   |
| SVI International, Inc.                                      | 1,497,883                   |
|  | <u>5,707,664</u>            |
| <b>BROKERAGE, ASSET MANAGERS &amp; EXCHANGES -<br/>1.44%</b> |                             |
| Aretec Group Inc   | 844,769                     |
| The Caprock Group  | 1,005,982                   |
| The Hilb Group, LLC  | 574,934                     |
|  | <u>2,425,685</u>            |
| <b>BUILDING MATERIALS - 1.73%</b>                            |                             |
| Decks Direct   | 961,023                     |
| Lockmasters Incorporated                                     | 551,921                     |
| Wilsonart  | 1,388,432                   |
|  | <u>2,901,376</u>            |
| <b>CABLE &amp; SATELLITE - 0.76%</b>                         |                             |
| CSC Holdings LLC   | 290,625                     |
| Inmarsat Finance PLC   | 482,461                     |
| Liberty Cablevision of Puerto Rico                           | 505,193                     |
|  | <u>1,278,279</u>            |

| Industry Classification:  | Fair Value/<br>Market Value |
|---|-----------------------------|
| <b>CHEMICALS - 1.29%</b>  |                             |
| Americo Chemical Products   | \$ 676,941                  |
| Polytex Holdings LLC  | 1,000,452                   |
| Prince  | 498,536                     |
|   | <u>2,175,929</u>            |
| <b>CONSUMER CYCLICAL SERVICES - 6.96%</b>                         |                             |
| CJS Global  | 2,233,002                   |
| Expert Institute Group  | 150,608                     |
| LYNX Franchising  | 2,372,795                   |
| Mobile Pro Systems  | 1,185,185                   |
| ROI Solutions   | 1,031,946                   |
| Staples   | 709,818                     |
| Swoop   | 255,076                     |
| Team Air (Swiftly Holdings LLC)                                   | 2,203,026                   |
| Turnberry Solutions, Inc.   | 1,567,894                   |
|   | <u>11,709,350</u>           |
| <b>CONSUMER INDUSTRIAL - 0.57%</b>                                |                             |
| Tapco   | 955,341                     |
|   | <u>955,341</u>              |
| <b>CONSUMER PRODUCTS - 3.20%</b>                                  |                             |
| Elite Sportswear Holding, LLC                                     | 158,375                     |
| Handi Quilter Holding Company                                     | 32,962                      |
| Ice House America   | 1,001,679                   |
| Jones Fish  | 1,980,476                   |
| Magnolia Wash Holdings (Express<br>Wash Acquisition Company, LLC) | 389,766                     |
| Renovation Brands (Renovation Parent<br>Holdings, LLC)            | 896,894                     |
| Terrybear   | 912,440                     |
| Terrybear   | 1,191,285                   |
|   | <u>6,563,877</u>            |
| <b>DIVERSIFIED MANUFACTURING - 4.84%</b>                          |                             |
| Acceleation   | 187,189                     |
| Energy Acquisition Company, Inc.                                  | 692,004                     |
| HTI Technology & Industries Inc.                                  | 733,560                     |
| MNS Engineers, Inc.   | 900,000                     |
| Process Insights Acquisition, Inc.                                | 672,247                     |
| Safety Products Holdings, Inc.                                    | 2,017,629                   |
| Standard Elevator Systems   | 1,409,719                   |
| Tank Holding  | 680,066                     |
| Worldwide Electric Corporation                                    | 841,117                     |
|   | <u>8,133,531</u>            |

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| Industry Classification:            | Fair Value/<br>Market Value |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>ELECTRIC - 2.00%</b>             |                             |
| Cascade Services                    | \$ 942,143                  |
| Dwyer Instruments, Inc.             | 1,668,478                   |
| Pro Vision                          | 749,125                     |
|                                     | <u>3,359,746</u>            |
| <b>ENVIRONMENTAL - 1.18%</b>        |                             |
| ENTACT Environmental Services, Inc. | 982,391                     |
| Northstar Recycling                 | 994,420                     |
|                                     | <u>1,976,811</u>            |
| <b>FINANCE COMPANIES - 1.12%</b>    |                             |
| AP Highlands                        | 694,158                     |
| Portfolio Group                     | 1,196,501                   |
|                                     | <u>1,890,659</u>            |
| <b>FINANCIAL OTHER - 2.40%</b>      |                             |
| Coduet Royalty Holdings, LLC        | 540,040                     |
| Cogency Global                      | 1,584,265                   |
| Fidelis                             | 990,523                     |
| UHY LLP                             | 920,115                     |
|                                     | <u>4,034,943</u>            |
| <b>FOOD &amp; BEVERAGE - 3.17%</b>  |                             |
| California Custom Fruits & Flavors  | 317,828                     |
| PANOS Brands LLC                    | 479,487                     |
| Sara Lee Frozen Foods               | 1,421,295                   |
| Westminster Acquisition LLC         | 14,810                      |
| Woodland Foods, Inc.                | 1,511,739                   |
| Ziyad                               | 1,585,854                   |
|                                     | <u>5,331,013</u>            |
| <b>GAMING - 0.17%</b>               |                             |
| Two Kings Casino                    | 283,322                     |
|                                     | <u></u>                     |
| <b>HEALTHCARE - 8.17%</b>           |                             |
| Cadence, Inc.                       | \$ 1,192,683                |
| Cloudbreak                          | 1,635,768                   |
| Golden Ceramic Dental Lab           | 1,471,466                   |
| Heartland Veterinary Partners       | 2,359,150                   |
| HemaSource, Inc.                    | 770,492                     |
| Home Care Assistance, LLC           | 741,569                     |
| Illumifin                           | 399,077                     |
| Innovia Medical                     | 453,031                     |
| ISTO Biologics                      | 568,223                     |
| Parkview Dental Partners            | 901,307                     |
| Real Chemistry                      | 289,059                     |
| Radiology Partners, Inc             | 772,911                     |
| Team Health Holdings                | 544,714                     |
|                                     | <u>13,734,891</u>           |

| Industry Classification:                                   | Fair Value/<br>Market Value |
|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>HEALTH INSURANCE - 0.58%</b>                            |                             |
| Warner Pacific Insurance Services                          | 972,910                     |
|  | <u></u>                     |
| <b>INDUSTRIAL OTHER - 20.66%</b>                           |                             |
| Accredited Labs  | 265,714                     |
| Application Bootcamp LLC                                   | 1,337,242                   |
| BKF Engineers  | 504,866                     |
| Caldwell & Gregory LLC                                     | 1,363,617                   |
| Coker  | 357,714                     |
| Concept Machine Tool Sales, LLC                            | 562,100                     |
| Door & Window Guard Systems                                | 431,320                     |
| Electric Equipment and Engineering                         | 1,618,296                   |
| Gojo Industries  | 618,561                     |
| Kings III  | 934,397                     |
| Madison Indoor Air Solutions                               | 13,737,377                  |
| Media Recovery, Inc.                                       | 1,075,725                   |
| Momentum Group   | 423,770                     |
| MSI Express  | 357,601                     |
| Ocelot Holdco  | 507,448                     |
| ORS Nasco  | 424,384                     |
| Polara (VSC Polara LLC)                                    | 1,098,373                   |
| ProcessBarron (Process Equipment, Inc. / PB Holdings, LLC) | 656,764                     |
| RapidAir   | 322,813                     |
| SBP Holdings   | 678,609                     |
| Stratus Unlimited  | 1,234,490                   |
| Tencarva Machinery Company                                 | 1,813,478                   |
| Tipco Technologies   | 523,470                     |
| USA Industries   | 763,566                     |
| VB Spine   | 1,501,695                   |
| World 50, Inc.   | 1,620,540                   |
|  | <u>34,733,930</u>           |
| <b>LOCAL AUTHORITY - 0.87%</b>                             |                             |
| LeadsOnline  | 1,460,330                   |
|  | <u></u>                     |
| <b>MEDIA &amp; ENTERTAINMENT - 5.27%</b>                   |                             |
| Advantage Software   | 58,967                      |
| ASC Communications, LLC (Becker's Healthcare)              | 278,071                     |
| BrightSign   | 1,487,018                   |
| DistroKid (IVP XII DKCo-Invest, LP)                        | 2,151,586                   |
| Music Reports, Inc.  | 1,298,959                   |
| RKD Group  | 1,386,405                   |
| Rock Labor   | 391,987                     |
| Screenvision Media   | 865,303                     |
| Terrier Media Buyer, Inc.                                  | 403,460                     |

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| Industry Classification:                       | Fair Value/<br>Market Value |
|--|-----------------------------|
| The Octave Music Group, Inc. (fka TouchTunes)  | 77,180                      |
| Wilson Language Training                       | 456,210                     |
|  | <u>8,855,146</u>            |
| <b>PACKAGING - 1.42%</b>                       |                             |
| Brown Machine LLC                              | 723,728                     |
| Diversified Packaging                          | 1,163,748                   |
| Five Star Holding, LLC                         | 499,145                     |
|  | <u>2,386,621</u>            |
| <b>PHARMACEUTICALS - 0.53%</b>                 |                             |
| Bausch Health Companies Inc                    | 882,881                     |
|  | <u></u>                     |
| <b>PROPERTY &amp; CASUALTY - 1.11%</b>         |                             |
| Pearl Holding Group                            | 1,874,392                   |
|  | <u></u>                     |
| <b>TECHNOLOGY - 25.34%</b>                     |                             |
| 1WorldSync, Inc.                               | 2,347,271                   |
| AdaCore Inc                                    | 1,018,103                   |
| Audio Precision                                | 1,546,936                   |
| Becklar  | 771,213                     |
| Best Lawyers (Azalea Investment Holdings, LLC) | 1,608,731                   |
| BMC Software                                   | 970,630                     |
| CAi Software                                   | 2,308,539                   |
| Cash Flow Management                           | 928,450                     |
| CloudWave                                      | 1,741,012                   |
| Cognito Forms                                  | 1,602,409                   |
| Coherus Biosciences                            | 293,038                     |
| Command Alkon                                  | 30,227                      |
| Comply365                                      | 609,594                     |
| DataServ                                       | 20,002                      |
| EFI Productivity Software                      | 1,287,151                   |
| Follett School Solutions                       | 1,515,643                   |
| GraphPad Software, Inc.                        | 178,190                     |
| HaystackID                                     | 579,586                     |
| Mcafee   | 7,042                       |
| Net at Work                                    | 1,075,666                   |
| Newforma                                       | 709,078                     |
| Nielsen  | 640,685                     |
| Precisely                                      | 886,272                     |
| ProfitOptics                                   | 895,065                     |
| Project Halo                                   | 570,401                     |
| Recovery Point Systems, Inc.                   | 1,302,200                   |
| RPX Corp                                       | 2,205,026                   |
| Ruffalo Noel Levitz                            | 444,273                     |
| Scaled Agile, Inc.                             | 1,263,352                   |

| Industry Classification:               | Fair Value/<br>Market Value  |
|--|------------------------------|
| Smartling, Inc.                        | 1,569,243                    |
| smartShift Technologies                | 1,371,635                    |
| Sonicwall                              | 945,425                      |
| Stackline                              | 2,580,962                    |
| Syncsort Incorporated                  | 204,722                      |
| Trintech, Inc.                         | 1,594,763                    |
| Twitter                                | 485,480                      |
| Unosquare                              | 367,796                      |
| U.S. Legal Support, Inc.               | 2,458,261                    |
| VitalSource                            | 1,677,659                    |
|  | <u>42,611,731</u>            |
| <b>TRANSPORTATION SERVICES - 6.31%</b> |                              |
| AIT Worldwide Logistics, Inc.          | 95,690                       |
| Carriage Purchaser Inc.                | 666,411                      |
| eShipping                              | 920,589                      |
| FragilePAK                             | 1,121,526                    |
| Pegasus Transtech Corporation          | 1,695,562                    |
| RoadOne IntermodaLogistics             | 643,230                      |
| Rock-it Cargo                          | 2,380,949                    |
| SEKO Worldwide, LLC                    | 999,352                      |
| VP Holding Company                     | 2,092,993                    |
|  | <u>10,616,302</u>            |
| <b>Total Investments - 110.78%</b>     |                              |
| <b>(Cost - \$177,170,797)</b>          | <b><u>\$ 186,232,945</u></b> |

## **1. History**

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

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

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

## **2. Significant Accounting Policies**

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

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

### **A. Fair Value Measurements:**

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

### **Determination of Fair Value**

The net asset value (“NAV”) of the Trust’s shares is determined as of the close of business on the last business day of each quarter, as of the date of any distribution, and at such other times as Barings, as the Trust’s valuation designee under Rule 2a-5 of the 1940 Act, shall determine the fair value of the Trust’s investments, subject to the general oversight of the Board.

Barings has established a Pricing Committee which is responsible for setting the guidelines used in fair valuation and ensuring that those guidelines are being followed. Barings considers all relevant factors that are reasonably available, through either public information or information directly available to Barings, when determining the fair value of a security. Barings reports to the Board each quarter regarding the valuation of each portfolio security in accordance with the procedures and guidelines referred to above, which include the relevant factors referred to below. The consolidated financial statements include private placement restricted securities valued at \$172,097,347 (102.37% of net assets) as of June 30, 2025, the values of which have been estimated by Barings based on the process described above in the absence of readily ascertainable market values. Due to the inherent uncertainty of valuation, those estimated values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed, and the differences could be material.

### **Independent Valuation Process**

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



determine the point within that range that it will use in making valuation determinations. The Adviser will use its internal valuation model as a comparison point to validate the price range provided by the valuation provider. If the Advisers' Pricing Committee disagrees with the price range provided, it may make a fair value determination that is outside of the range provided by the independent valuation provider, such determination to be reported to the Trustees in the Adviser's quarterly reporting to the Board. In certain instances, the Trust may determine that it is not cost-effective, and as a result is not in the shareholders' best interests, to request the independent valuation firm to perform the Procedures on certain investments. Such instances include, but are not limited to, situations where the fair value of the investment in the portfolio company is determined to be insignificant relative to the total investment portfolio.

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

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

The Trust uses external independent third-party pricing services to determine the fair values of its Corporate Public Securities. At June 30, 2025, 100% of the carrying value of these investments was from external pricing services. In the event that the primary pricing service does not provide a price, the Trust utilizes the pricing provided by a secondary pricing service.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Short-Term Securities**

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

### **New Accounting Pronouncements**

In June 2022, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update, 2022-03, Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820), which affects all entities that have investments in equity securities measured at fair value that are subject to a contractual sale restriction ("ASU 2022-03"). The amendments in ASU 2022-03 clarify that a contractual restriction on the sale of an equity security is not considered part of the unit of account of the equity security and, therefore, is not considered in measuring the fair value. The amendments also require additional disclosures for equity securities subject to contractual sale restrictions that are measured at fair value in accordance with Topic 820. The effective date for the amendments in ASU 2022-03 is for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023 and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Trust has determined that this guidance has not had a significant impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In November 2023, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update, 2023-07, Segment Reporting (Topic 280) ("ASU 2023-07"), which applies to all entities that are required to report segment information in accordance with Topic 280, Segment Reporting. The amendments in ASU 2023-07 improve reportable segment disclosure requirements, primarily through enhanced disclosures about significant segment expenses. The effective dates for the amendments in ASU 2023-07 are for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2024. The Trust adopted the aforementioned guidance and it did not have a material impact on the Fund's consolidated financial statements. See "Segments" below for disclosure.

### **Segments**

The Trust makes investments in securities of issuers that operate in various industries. The Trust represents a single reporting segment, where performance is measured against its single investment objective as described in Note 1. The segment generates revenues through debt investments, and on a limited basis, may acquire equity investments in portfolio companies. The accounting policies of the single segment is the same as those described in "Significant Accounting Policies." The Trust has identified the President and Chief Financial Officer as the chief operating decision makers ("CODM"), who evaluate the performance of the single segment. The CODM uses segment net investment income before taxes and net increase in net assets resulting from operations to determine the capital allocation of the Trust, the dividend policy, and the Trust's investment strategy, which is outlined in Note 1. As the Trust operates as a single reportable segment, the segment assets are presented on the accompanying Consolidated Statement of Assets and Liabilities as "total assets" and the net investment income before taxes, significant segment expenses and net increase in net assets resulting from operations are presented on the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations.

### **Fair Value Hierarchy**

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

Level 1 – quoted prices in active markets for identical securities

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

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

The following table summarizes the levels in the fair value hierarchy into which the Trust's financial instruments are categorized as of June 30, 2025.

The fair values of the Trust's investments disaggregated into the three levels of the fair value hierarchy based upon the lowest level of significant input used in the valuation as of June 30, 2025 are as follows:

| <b>Assets:</b>  | <b>Total</b>          | <b>Level 1</b> | <b>Level 2</b>       | <b>Level 3</b>        |
|---|-----------------------|----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Restricted Securities   |                       |                |                      |                       |
| Corporate Bonds   | \$ 7,002,127          | \$ —           | \$ 6,001,675         | \$ 1,000,452          |
| Bank Loans  | 145,449,955           | —              | 945,425              | 144,504,530           |
| Common Stock - U.S.   | 4,331,959             | —              |                      | 4,331,959             |
| Preferred Stock   | 696,648               | —              | —                    | 696,648               |
| Partnerships and LLCs   | 20,618,333            | —              | —                    | 20,618,333            |
| Public Securities   |                       |                |                      |                       |
| Bank Loans  | 7,501,550             |                | 5,816,869            | 1,684,681             |
| Corporate Bonds   | 632,373               | —              | 632,373              | —                     |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$ 186,232,945</b> | <b>\$ —</b>    | <b>\$ 13,396,342</b> | <b>\$ 172,836,603</b> |
| See information disaggregated by security type and industry classification in the Unaudited Consolidated Schedule of Investments. |                       |                |                      |                       |

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

The following table represents quantitative information about Level 3 fair value measurements as of June 30, 2025:

|                            | <b>Fair Value</b> | <b>Valuation Technique</b>          | <b>Unobservable Inputs</b> | <b>Range</b> | <b>Weighted*</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| <b>Bank Loans</b>          | \$121,809,415     | Income Approach                     | Implied Spread             | 8.0% - 22.9% | 11.2%            |
|                            | \$2,671,982       | Market Approach                     | Earnings Multiple          | 7.6x - 10.5x | 9.0x             |
| <b>Corporate Bonds</b>     | \$1,000,452       | Market Approach                     | Revenue Multiple           | 0.3x         | 0.3x             |
| <b>Equity Securities**</b> | \$24,540,703      | Enterprise Value Waterfall Approach | Valuation Multiple         | 0.1x - 33.0x | 12.4x            |
|                            | \$804,329         | Market Approach                     | Revenue Multiple           | 1.0x - 11.5x | 4.2x             |

Certain of the Trust's Level 3 equity securities investments may be valued using unadjusted inputs that have not been internally developed by the Trust, including recently purchased securities held at cost. As a result, fair value of assets of \$22,009,722 have been excluded from the preceding table.

\* The weighted averages disclosed in the table above were weighted by relative fair value

\*\* Including partnerships and LLC's

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

| <b>Assets:</b>               | <b>Beginning<br/>balance at<br/>12/31/2024</b> | <b>Included in<br/>earnings</b> | <b>Purchases</b>     | <b>Sales</b>          | <b>Prepayments</b>     | <b>Transfers<br/>into<br/>Level 3*</b> | <b>Transfers<br/>out of<br/>Level 3*</b> | <b>Ending<br/>balance at<br/>06/30/2025</b> |
|------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--|--|---|
| <b>Restricted Securities</b> |  |                                 |                      |                       |                        |  |  |   |
| Corporate Bonds              | \$ 959,937                                     | \$ 40,515                       | \$ —                 | \$ —                  | \$ —                   | \$ —                                   | \$ —                                     | \$ 1,000,452                                |
| Bank Loans                   | 137,695,499                                    | (463,670)                       | 23,813,054           | (4,355,221)           | (12,185,132)           | —                                      | —  | 144,504,530                                 |
| Common Stock - U.S.          | 4,285,172                                      | (86,603)                        | 139,132              | (5,742)               | —                      | —                                      | —  | 4,331,959                                   |
| Preferred Stock              | 657,453  | (4,641)                         | 47,016               | (3,180)               | —                      | —                                      | —  | 696,648                                     |
| Partnerships and LLCs        | 20,662,269                                     | 858,339                         | 267,987              | (1,170,262)           | —                      | —                                      | —  | 20,618,333                                  |
| <b>Public Securities</b>     |  |                                 |                      |                       |                        |  |  |   |
| Bank Loans                   | 2,282,891                                      | 6,790                           | —                    | —                     | (605,000)              | —                                      | —  | 1,684,681                                   |
| <b>Total</b>                 | <b>\$166,543,221</b>                           | <b>\$ 350,730</b>               | <b>\$ 24,267,189</b> | <b>\$ (5,534,405)</b> | <b>\$ (12,790,132)</b> | <b>\$ —</b>                            | <b>\$ —</b>                              | <b>\$172,836,603</b>                        |

\* For the six months ended June 30, 2025, there were no transfers into or out of Level 3.

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

|   | <b>Net Increase /<br/>(Decrease) in Net<br/>Assets Resulting from<br/>Operations</b> | <b>Change in Unrealized<br/>Depreciation in Net<br/>Assets from assets<br/>still held</b> |
|---|--|---|
| Interest - OID Amortization                                       | \$ 278,462   | -   |
| Net realized loss on investments before taxes                     | (429,576)  | -   |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation of investments before taxes | 501,844  | (262,580)   |

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

### **Investment Income**

Investment transactions are accounted for on the trade date. Interest income, including the amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts on bonds held using the yield-to-maturity method, is recorded on the accrual basis to the extent that such amounts are expected to be collected. Generally, when interest and/or principal payments on a loan become past due, or if the Trust otherwise does not expect the borrower to be able to service its debt and other obligations, the Trust will place the investment on non-accrual status and will cease recognizing interest income on that investment for financial reporting purposes until all principal and interest have been brought current through payment or due to a restructuring such that the interest income is deemed to be collectible. The Trust writes off any previously accrued and uncollected interest when it is determined that interest is no longer considered collectible. As of June 30, 2025, the fair value of the Trust's non-accrual assets was \$1,599,426, or 0.9% of the total fair value of the Trust's portfolio, and the cost of the Trust's non-accrual assets was \$2,341,028, or 1.3% of the total cost of the Trust's portfolio.

### **Payment-in-Kind Interest**

The Trust currently holds, and expects to hold in the future, some investments in its portfolio that contain Payment-in-Kind ("PIK") interest provisions. The PIK interest, computed at the contractual rate specified in each loan agreement, is added to the principal balance of the investment, rather than being paid to the Trust in cash, and is recorded as interest income. Thus, the actual collection of PIK interest may be deferred until the time of debt principal repayment. PIK interest, which is a non-cash source of income at the time of recognition, is included in the Trust's taxable income and therefore affects the amount the Trust is required to distribute to its stockholders to maintain its qualification as a "regulated investment company" for federal income tax purposes, even though the Trust has not yet collected the cash. Generally, when current cash interest and/or principal payments on an investment become past due, or if the Trust otherwise does not expect the borrower to be able to service its debt and other obligations, the Trust will place the investment on PIK non-accrual status and will cease recognizing PIK interest income on that investment for financial reporting purposes until all principal and interest have been brought current through payment or due to a restructuring such that the interest

income is deemed to be collectible. The Trust writes off any accrued and uncollected PIK interest when it is determined that the PIK interest is no longer collectible. As of June 30, 2025, the Trust held no PIK non-accrual assets.

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

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

**C. Use of Estimates:**

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

**D. Federal Income Taxes:**

The Trust has elected to be taxed as a “regulated investment company” under the Internal Revenue Code, and intends to maintain this qualification and to distribute substantially all of its net taxable income to its shareholders. In any year when net long-term capital gains are realized by the Trust, management, after evaluating the prevailing economic conditions, will recommend that the 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.

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 June 30, 2025, the PI Subsidiary Trust has incurred income tax expense of \$15,604.

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 June 30, 2025, the PI Subsidiary Trust has a deferred tax liability of \$132,556.

**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. The Trust’s net realized capital gain distribution, if any, is declared in December.

**3. Investment Services Contract**

**A. Services:**

Under an Investment Services Contract (the “Contract”) with the Trust, Barings agrees 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. Borrowings**

##### **Senior Secured Indebtedness**

MassMutual holds the Trust's \$15,000,000 Senior Floating Rate Convertible Note (the "Note") issued by the Trust on December 13, 2023. The Note is due December 13, 2033, and accrues interest at the rate of SOFR plus 2.20% 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 six months ended June 30, 2025 the Trust incurred total interest expense on the Note of \$498,750.

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 a Make Whole Premium. The Make Whole Premium equals the excess of (1) the present value of the scheduled payments of principal and interest which the Trust would have paid but for the proposed redemption, discounted at a rate which is equal to the lesser of (i) the interest rate applicable interest on the premium calculation date, and (ii) 0.50% plus the Treasury Constant Yield at such time, over (2) the principal of the Note proposed to be redeemed. If the amount designated in clause (1) above is equal to or less than the amount specified in clause (2) above, then the Make Whole Premium shall be 3.00%.

##### **Credit Facility**

On July 22, 2021 (the "Effective Date"), MassMutual provided to the Trust, a five-year \$15,000,000 committed revolving credit facility. Borrowings under the revolving credit facility bear interest, at the rate of LIBOR plus 2.25%. The Trust will also be responsible for paying a commitment fee of 0.50% on the unused amount. On December 13, 2023, the Trust amended the credit agreement with MassMutual to increase the aggregate commitment amount by \$7,500,000 to a total aggregate commitment amount of \$22,500,000, extend the maturity date to December 13, 2028, and set the interest accrual to a rate of SOFR plus 2.20% on the outstanding borrowings. Deferred financing fees in the amount of \$163,653 are presented on the Consolidated Statement of Assets & Liabilities.

The average principal balance and interest rate for the period during which the credit facility was utilized for the six months ended June 30, 2025, was approximately \$9,059,392 and 6.54%, respectively. As of June 30, 2025, the principal balance outstanding was \$9,750,000 at an interest rate of 6.50%. For the six months ended June 30, 2025, the Trust incurred total interest expense on the Credit Facility of \$297,820.

#### **5. Purchases and Sales of Investments**

|                                 | <b>For the six months ended 06/30/2025</b> |  |
|---------------------------------|--|--|
|                                 | <b>Cost of Investments<br/>Acquired</b>    | <b>Proceeds from Sales or<br/>Maturities</b> |
| Corporate restricted securities | \$ 22,498,746                              | \$ 19,502,270                                |
| Corporate public securities     | 694,350                                    | 1,869,614                                    |

#### **6. Risks**

##### **Investment Risks**

In the normal course of its business, the Trust trades various financial instruments and enters into certain investment activities with investment risks. These risks include:

##### **Below Investment Grade (high yield/junk bond) Instruments Risk**

Below investment grade securities, commonly known as "junk" or "high yield" bonds, have speculative characteristics and involve greater volatility of price and yield, greater risk of loss of principal and interest, and generally reflect a greater possibility of an adverse change in financial condition that could affect an issuer's ability to honor its obligations. Below investment grade debt instruments are considered to be predominantly speculative investments. In some cases, these obligations may be highly speculative and have poor prospects for reaching investment grade standing. Below investment grade debt instruments are subject to the increased risk of an issuer's inability to meet principal and interest payment obligations. These instruments may be subject to greater price volatility due to such factors as specific corporate developments, interest rate sensitivity, negative perceptions of the financial markets generally and less secondary market liquidity. The prices of below investment grade debt instruments may be affected by legislative and regulatory

developments. Because below investment grade debt instruments are difficult to value and are more likely to be fair valued, particularly during erratic markets, the values realized on their sale may differ from the values at which they are carried on the books of the Trust.

### **Borrowing and Leverage Risk**

The Trust may borrow, subject to certain limitations, to fund redemptions, post collateral for hedges or to purchase loans, bonds and structured products prior to settlement of pending sale transactions. Any such borrowings, as well as transactions such as when-issued, delayed-delivery, forward commitment purchases and loans of portfolio securities, can result in leverage. The use of leverage involves special risks, and makes the net asset value of the Trust and the yield to shareholders more volatile. There can be no assurance that the Trust's leveraging strategies would be successful. In addition, the counterparties to the Trust's leveraging transactions will have priority of payment over the Trust's shareholders.

### **Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that one or more debt obligations in the Trust's portfolio will decline in price, or fail to pay dividends, interest or principal when due because the issuer of the obligation experiences an actual or perceived decline in its financial status. Credit ratings issued by credit rating agencies are designed to evaluate the safety of principal and interest payments of rated instruments. They do not, however, evaluate the market value risk of below investment grade debt instruments and, therefore, may not fully reflect the true risks of an investment. In addition, credit rating agencies may or may not make timely changes in a rating to reflect changes in the economy or in the conditions of the issuer that affect the market value of the instruments. Consequently, credit ratings are used only as a preliminary indicator of investment quality. Investments in below investment grade and comparable unrated obligations will be more dependent on Barings's credit analysis than would be the case with investments in investment grade instruments. Barings employ their own credit research and analysis, which includes a study of existing debt, capital structure, ability to service debt and to pay dividends, sensitivity to economic conditions, operating history and current earnings trends.

One or more debt obligations in the Trust's portfolio may decline in price, or fail to pay dividends, interest or principal when due because the issuer of the obligation experiences an actual or perceived decline in its financial status or due to changes in the specific or general market, economic, industry, political, regulatory, public health or other conditions.

### **Cybersecurity Risk**

A cyber incident is considered to be any adverse event that threatens the confidentiality, integrity or availability of the information resources of us, Barings or our portfolio investments. These incidents may be an intentional attack or an unintentional event and could involve gaining unauthorized access to our or Barings' information systems or those of our portfolio investments for purposes of misappropriating assets, stealing confidential information, corrupting data or causing operational disruption. Barings' employees may be the target of fraudulent calls, emails and other forms of activities. The result of these incidents may include disrupted operations, misstated or unreliable financial data, liability for stolen assets or information, increased cybersecurity protection and insurance costs, litigation and damage to business relationships. The Trust's business operations rely upon secure information technology systems for data processing, storage, and reporting. The Trust depends on the effectiveness of the information and cybersecurity policies, procedures, and capabilities maintained by its affiliates and their respective third-party service providers to protect their computer and telecommunications systems and the data that reside on or are transmitted through them.

Substantial costs may be incurred in order to prevent any cyber incidents in the future. The costs related to cyber or other security threats or disruptions may not be fully insured or indemnified by other means. As the Trust's and our portfolio investments' reliance on technology has increased, so have the risks posed to the Trust's information systems, both internal and those provided by Barings and third-party service providers, and the information systems of the Trust's portfolio investments. Barings has implemented processes, procedures and internal controls to help mitigate cybersecurity risks and cyber intrusions, but these measures, as well as the Trust's increased awareness of the nature and extent of a risk of a cyber incident, do not guarantee that a cyber incident will not occur and/or that the Trust's financial results, operations or confidential information will not be negatively impacted by such an incident. In addition, cybersecurity continues to be a key priority for regulators around the world, and some jurisdictions have enacted laws requiring companies to notify individuals or the general investing public of data security breaches involving certain types of personal data, including the SEC, which, on July 26, 2023, adopted amendments requiring the prompt public disclosure of certain cybersecurity breaches. If the Trust fails to comply with the relevant laws and regulations, the Trust could suffer financial losses, a disruption of the Trust's business, liability to investors, regulatory intervention or reputational damage.

### **Defaults by Portfolio Investments**

A portfolio investment's failure to satisfy financial or operating covenants imposed by the Trust or other lenders could lead to defaults and, potentially, termination of its loans and foreclosure on its secured assets, which could trigger cross-defaults under other

agreements and jeopardize a portfolio investment's ability to meet its obligations under the debt or equity securities that the Trust holds. The Trust may incur expenses to the extent necessary to seek recovery upon default or to negotiate new terms, which may include the waiver of certain financial covenants, with a defaulting portfolio investment.

### **Duration Risk**

The Trust may invest in investments of any duration or maturity. Although stated in years, duration is not simply a measure of time. Duration measures the time-weighted expected cash flows of a security, which can determine the security's sensitivity to changes in the general level of interest rates (or yields). Securities with longer durations tend to be more sensitive to interest rate (or yield) changes than securities with shorter durations. Duration differs from maturity in that it considers potential changes to interest rates, and a security's coupon payments, yield, price and par value and call features, in addition to the amount of time until the security matures. Various techniques may be used to shorten or lengthen the Trust's duration. The duration of a security will be expected to change over time with changes in market factors and time to maturity.

### **Inflation Risk**

Certain of the Trust's portfolio investments are in industries that could be impacted by inflation. If such portfolio investments are unable to pass any increases in their costs of operations along to their customers, it could adversely affect their operating results and impact their ability to pay interest and principal on the Trust's loans, particularly if interest rates rise in response to inflation. In addition, any projected future decreases in the Trust's portfolio investments' operating results due to inflation could adversely impact the fair value of those investments. Any decreases in the fair value of the Trust's portfolio investments could result in future realized or unrealized losses and therefore reduce the Trust's net assets resulting from operations.

### **Liquidity Risk**

The Trust may, subject to certain limitations, invest in illiquid securities (i.e., securities that cannot be disposed of in current market conditions in seven calendar days or less without the disposition significantly changing the market value of the security). Illiquid securities may trade at a discount from comparable, more liquid investments, and may be subject to wide fluctuations in market value. Some securities may be subject to restrictions on resale. Illiquid securities may be difficult to value. Also, the Trust may not be able to dispose of illiquid securities at a favorable time or price when desired, and the Trust may suffer a loss if forced to sell such securities for cash needs. Below investment grade loans and other debt securities tend to be less liquid than higher-rated securities.

### **Loan Risk**

The loans in which the Trust may invest are subject to a number of risks. Loans are subject to the risk of non-payment of scheduled interest or principal. Such non-payment would result in a reduction of income to the Trust, a reduction in the value of the investment and a potential decrease in the net asset value of the Trust. There can be no assurance that the liquidation of any collateral securing a loan would satisfy the borrower's obligation in the event of non-payment of scheduled interest or principal payments, or that such collateral could be readily liquidated. In the event of bankruptcy of a borrower, the Trust could experience delays or limitations with respect to its ability to realize the benefits of the collateral securing a loan. Loan participations and assignments involve credit risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk, and the risks of being a lender. Loans are not as easily purchased or sold as publicly traded securities and there can be no assurance that future levels of supply and demand in loan trading will provide the degree of liquidity which currently exists in the market. In addition, the terms of the loans may restrict their transferability without borrower consent.

These factors may have an adverse effect on the market price of the loan and the Trust's ability to dispose of particular portfolio investments. A less liquid secondary market also may make it more difficult for the Trust to obtain precise valuations of the high yield loans in its portfolio. The settlement period (the period between the execution of the trade and the delivery of cash to the purchaser) for some loan transactions may be significantly longer than the settlement period for other investments, and in some cases longer than seven days. It is possible that sale proceeds from loan transactions will not be available to meet redemption obligations, in which case the Trust may be required to utilize cash balances or, if necessary, sell its more liquid investments or investments with shorter settlement periods. Some loans may not be considered "securities" for certain purposes under the federal securities laws, and purchasers, such as the Trust, therefore may not be entitled to rely on the anti-fraud protections of the federal securities laws.

### **Management Risk**

The Trust is subject to management risk because it is an actively managed portfolio. Barings apply investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions for the Trust, but there can be no guarantee that such techniques and analyses will produce the desired results.



### **Market Risk**

The value of the Trust's portfolio securities may decline, at times sharply and unpredictably, as a result of unfavorable market-induced changes affecting particular industries, sectors, or issuers. Stock and bond markets can decline significantly in response to issuer, market, economic, industry, political, regulatory, geopolitical, public health and other conditions, as well as investor perceptions of these conditions. Such conditions may include, but are not limited to, war, terrorism, natural and environmental disasters and epidemics or pandemics (including the recent coronavirus pandemic), which may be highly disruptive to economies and markets. Such conditions may also adversely affect the liquidity of the Trust's securities. The Trust is subject to risks affecting issuers, such as management performance, financial leverage, industry problems, and reduced demand for goods or services.

### **Prepayment and Extension Risk**

Prepayment and extension risk is the risk that a loan, bond or other investment might be called or otherwise converted, prepaid or redeemed before maturity. This risk is primarily associated with mortgage-backed and other asset-backed securities and floating rate loans. If the investment is converted, prepaid or redeemed before maturity, particularly during a time of declining interest rates or spreads, the Trust may not be able to invest the proceeds in other investments providing as high a level of income, resulting in a reduced yield to the Trust. Conversely, as interest rates rise or spreads widen, the likelihood of prepayment decreases and the maturity of the investment may extend. The Trust may be unable to capitalize on securities with higher interest rates or wider spreads because the Trust's investments are locked in at a lower rate for a longer period of time.

### **Valuation Risk**

Under the 1940 Act, the Trust is required to carry our portfolio investments at market value or, if there is no readily available market value, at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board of Trustees. The Board has designated Barings as valuation designee to perform the Trust's fair value determinations relating to the value of our assets for which market quotations are not readily available.

Typically there is not a public market for the securities in which we have invested and will generally continue to invest. Barings conducts the valuation of such investments, upon which the Trust's net asset value is primarily based, in accordance with its valuation policy, as well as established and documented processes and methodologies for determining the fair values of investments on a recurring basis in accordance with the 1940 Act and ASC Topic 820. The Trust's current valuation policy and processes were established by Barings and have been approved by the Board. The Adviser has established a pricing committee that is, subject to the oversight of the Board, responsible for the approval, implementation and oversight of the processes and methodologies that relate to the pricing and valuation of assets held by the Trust. Barings uses independent third-party providers to price the portfolio, but in the event an acceptable price cannot be obtained from an approved external source, Barings will utilize alternative methods in accordance with internal pricing procedures established by Barings' pricing committee.

The determination of fair value and consequently, the amount of unrealized appreciation and depreciation in the Trust's portfolio, is to a certain degree subjective and dependent on the judgment of Barings. Certain factors that may be considered in determining the fair value of the Trust's investments include the nature and realizable value of any collateral, the portfolio investment's earnings and its ability to make payments on its indebtedness, the markets in which the portfolio investment does business, comparison to comparable publicly-traded companies, discounted cash flows and other relevant factors. Because such valuations, and particularly valuations of private securities and private companies, are inherently uncertain, may fluctuate over short periods of time and may be based on estimates, Barings' determinations of fair value may differ materially from the values that would have been used if a ready market for these securities existed. Due to this uncertainty, Barings' fair value determinations may cause our net asset value on a given date to materially understate or overstate the value that the Trust may ultimately realize upon the sale or disposition of one or more of its investments. As a result, investors purchasing the Trust's securities based on an overstated net asset value would pay a higher price than the value of the Trust's investments might warrant. Conversely, investors selling shares during a period in which the net asset value understates the value of our investments will receive a lower price for their shares than the value of the Trust's investments might warrant.

### **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 June 30, 2025, the Trust had the following unfunded commitments:

| <b>Delayed Draw Term Loans</b>     | <b>Unfunded Amount</b> | <b>Unfunded Value</b> |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Accelevation                       | \$ 57,179              | \$ 57,258             |
| Accredited Labs                    | 714,286                | 714,228               |
| Adacore Inc                        | 30,613                 | 32,977                |
| Applied Aerospace Structures Corp  | 23,125                 | 23,162                |
| Becklar                            | 119,306                | 119,471               |
| Caldwell & Gregory LLC             | 159,563                | 160,034               |
| California Custom                  | 73,457                 | 74,267                |
| Cascade Services                   | 19,853                 | 16,987                |
| Cash Flow Management               | 276,755                | 276,755               |
| Coker                              | 903,826                | 904,396               |
| EFI Productivity Software          | 282,807                | 283,287               |
| Electrical Components              | 39,000                 | 38,978                |
| Expert Institute                   | 154,480                | 154,578               |
| Global Point Technology Group      | 102,273                | 95,355                |
| Golden Ceramic Dental Lab          | 186,486                | 186,471               |
| HaystackID                         | 346,085                | 346,092               |
| Ice House America                  | 163,225                | 159,290               |
| Lockmasters Incorporated           | 118,575                | 118,491               |
| MSI Express                        | 83,710                 | 83,755                |
| Net at Work                        | 509,659                | 518,809               |
| Northstar Recycling                | 253,550                | 253,854               |
| Process Insights Acquisition, Inc. | 52,932                 | 47,306                |
| Project Halo                       | 335,366                | 335,665               |
| Randy's Worldwide                  | 16,900                 | 17,567                |
| Rapidair Compressed Air Products   | 163,983                | 164,267               |
| Real Chemistry                     | 129,582                | 129,248               |
| RKD GROUP                          | 189,174                | 189,133               |
| ROI Solutions                      | 201,719                | 202,082               |
| SBP Holdings                       | 395,272                | 397,287               |
| SPATCO                             | 234,370                | 235,297               |
| Stratus Unlimited                  | 407,185                | 392,129               |
| SVI International, Inc.            | 25,990                 | 27,726                |
| Swoop                              | 181,818                | 181,349               |
| TAPCO                              | 553,083                | 554,012               |
| Tencarva Machinery Company         | 320,292                | 320,294               |
| The Caprock Group                  | 535,353                | 535,185               |
| The Hilb Group, LLC                | 123,470                | 123,629               |
| TIPCO TECHNOLOGIES                 | 9,019                  | 9,013                 |
| UHY LLP                            | 867,672                | 875,598               |
| Unosquare                          | 164,365                | 164,333               |
| VitalSource                        | \$ 31,398              | \$ 31,386             |
| Warner Pacific Insurance Services  | 732,192                | 735,055               |
| Whitcraft LLC                      | 254,872                | 255,315               |
| Wilson Language Training           | 41,907                 | 41,892                |

| <b>Delayed Draw Term Loans</b>    | Unfunded Amount      | Unfunded Value       |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Woodland Foods, Inc.              | 39,375               | 39,345               |
|                                   | <u>\$ 10,625,102</u> | <u>\$ 10,622,608</u> |
| <br><b>Revolvers</b>              | <br>Unfunded Amount  | <br>Unfunded Value   |
| Accelevation                      | \$ 33,789            | \$ 33,856            |
| Accurus Aerospace                 | 25,917               | 25,423               |
| Adacore Inc                       | 101,913              | 102,788              |
| Americo Chemical Products         | 120,041              | 120,490              |
| Applied Aerospace Structures Corp | 14,475               | 14,704               |
| ASC Communications, LLC           | 22,664               | 22,813               |
| Becklar                           | 103,058              | 103,200              |
| Best Lawyers                      | 110,577              | 111,467              |
| BKF Engineers                     | 165,590              | 166,062              |
| BrightSign                        | 51,444               | 50,615               |
| CAi Software                      | 117,873              | 120,196              |
| Caldwell & Gregory LLC            | 172,500              | 172,815              |
| California Custom                 | 55,093               | 55,336               |
| Cascade Services                  | 3,309                | 2,828                |
| Cash Flow Management              | 29,851               | 29,724               |
| CJS Global                        | 242,424              | 245,463              |
| Cloudbreak                        | 119,048              | 120,536              |
| Cogency Global                    | 82,652               | 83,375               |
| Cognito Forms                     | 94,521               | 94,475               |
| Coker                             | 111,400              | 111,462              |
| Comply365                         | 52,748               | 52,203               |
| Decks Direct, LLC                 | 414,337              | 318,387              |
| Door and Window Guard Systems Inc | 110,603              | 110,662              |
| EFI Productivity Software         | 118,246              | 118,003              |
| eShipping                         | 170,937              | 172,274              |
| Expert Institute                  | 83,058               | 83,110               |
| Global Point Technology Group     | 68,182               | 63,551               |
| Golden Ceramic Dental Lab         | 186,486              | 186,471              |
| HaystackID                        | 83,998               | 84,000               |
| HemaSource, Inc.                  | 202,373              | 205,886              |
| Ice House America                 | 12,613               | 11,001               |
| Innovia Medical                   | 42,580               | 42,580               |
| ISTO Biologics                    | 60,932               | 61,754               |
| Jones Fish                        | 199,610              | 199,525              |
| Kings III                         | 54,374               | 54,989               |
| LeadsOnline                       | 224,512              | 225,521              |
| Lockmasters Incorporated          | 45,785               | 45,758               |
| Magnolia Wash Holdings            | 23,180               | 23,172               |
| Media Recovery, Inc.              | 174,764              | 175,282              |
| Mission Microwave                 | 73,803               | 69,171               |
| Momentum Group                    | 54,042               | 54,056               |
| MSI Express                       | 110,392              | 110,454              |

| <b>Revolvers</b>                   | <b>Unfunded Amount</b> | <b>Unfunded Value</b> |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Net at Work                        | 130,682                | 132,970               |
| Newforma                           | 62,979                 | 63,283                |
| Northstar Recycling                | 208,264                | 208,513               |
| Omega Holdings                     | 83,411                 | 85,031                |
| Polara                             | 142,884                | 127,787               |
| Process Insights Acquisition, Inc. | 49,517                 | 43,415                |
| ProfitOptics                       | 122,581                | 124,297               |
| Project Halo                       | 83,333                 | 83,408                |
| Pro-Vision                         | 168,976                | 169,337               |
| Randy's Worldwide                  | 7,187                  | 7,470                 |
| Rapidair Compressed Air Products   | 81,992                 | 82,133                |
| Real Chemistry                     | 78,859                 | 78,847                |
| RKD GROUP                          | 130,533                | 130,505               |
| RoadOne Intermodal Logistics       | 10,970                 | 12,984                |
| Rock Labor                         | 57,867                 | 58,384                |
| ROI Solutions                      | 180,553                | 180,873               |
| RPX Corp                           | 252,041                | 252,601               |
| Ruffalo Noel Levitz                | 37,055                 | 37,021                |
| SBP Holdings                       | 162,503                | 163,909               |
| Screenvision Media                 | 52,464                 | 52,426                |
| Smartling, Inc.                    | 101,471                | 102,260               |
| smartShift Technologies            | 168,014                | 170,932               |
| SPATCO                             | 204,986                | 205,607               |
| Standard Elevator Systems          | 140,339                | 131,724               |
| SVI International, Inc.            | 51,980                 | 53,716                |
| Swoop                              | 60,606                 | 60,596                |
| Tank Holding Corp                  | 21,818                 | 21,781                |
| TAPCO                              | 201,121                | 201,431               |
| Tencarva Machinery Company         | 321,435                | 319,860               |
| The Caprock Group                  | 193,150                | 192,985               |
| The Hilb Group, LLC                | 77,714                 | 77,819                |
| TIPCO TECHNOLOGIES                 | 42,549                 | 42,548                |
| Top Tier Admissions                | 367,021                | 366,902               |
| Trintech Inc                       | 88,010                 | 89,196                |
| UHY LLP                            | 229,678                | 231,776               |
| Unosquare                          | 79,696                 | 79,681                |
| Whitcraft LLC                      | 102,275                | 105,316               |
| Wilson Language Training           | 107,704                | 107,663               |
| Woodland Foods, Inc.               | 169,273                | 168,094               |
| World 50, Inc.                     | 83,947                 | 85,269                |
| Worldwide Electric Corporation     | 124,224                | 124,320               |
| Ziyad                              | 93,424                 | 94,029                |
|                                    | \$ 9,480,780           | \$ 9,384,137          |
| Total Unfunded Commitments         | \$ 20,105,882          | \$ 20,006,745         |

As of June 30, 2025, unfunded commitments had unrealized depreciation of \$(99,137) or (0.06)% of net assets.

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

| <b>March 31, 2025</b>  |               |    |                  |
|--|---------------|----|------------------|
|  | <b>Amount</b> |    | <b>Per Share</b> |
| Investment income  | \$ 4,405,947  |    |                  |
| Net investment income (net of taxes)                           | 3,351,767     | \$ | 0.31             |
| Net realized and unrealized loss on investments (net of taxes) | (1,292,938)   |    | (0.12)           |

| <b>June 30, 2025</b>   |               |    |                  |
|--|---------------|----|------------------|
|  | <b>Amount</b> |    | <b>Per Share</b> |
| Investment income  | \$ 4,500,484  |    |                  |
| Net investment income (net of taxes)                           | 3,396,865     | \$ | 0.32             |
| Net realized and unrealized gain on investments (net of taxes) | 786,282       |    | 0.07             |

**9. Results of Shareholder Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders was held on Thursday, May 16, 2025. The shareholders were asked to vote to re-elect Susan B. Sweeney and David M. Mihalick as Trustees, each for a three-year term. The shareholders approved the proposal. The Trust's other Trustees, Cliff Noreen, Michael H. Brown, Barbara M. Ginader, Maleyne M. Syracuse and Edward P. Grace, continued to serve their respective terms following the May 16, 2025 Annual Shareholder Meeting. The results of the voting are set forth below.

|                   | <b>Shares for</b> | <b>Withheld</b> |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Susan B. Sweeney  | 7,871,832         | 242,401         |
| David M. Mihalick | 7,897,443         | 216,790         |

**9. Subsequent Events**

The Trust has evaluated the possibility of subsequent events after the balance sheet date of June 30, 2025, through the date that the financial statements are issued. The Trust has determined that there are no material events that would require recognition or disclosure in this report through this date.

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## DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND SHARE 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 SS&C GIDS, 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. Pursuant to the Trust's Policy on the Determination of Fair Value, the net asset value of the Trust's shares is determined by Barings, as the Trust's valuation designee under Rule 2a-5 of the 1940 Act. Barings considers all relevant factors that are reasonably available, through either public information or information directly available to Barings on the valuation date. 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 SS&C GIDS, Transfer Agent for Barings Participation Investors' Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan, P.O. Box 219086, Kansas City, MO 64121-9086.



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