BARINGS PARTICIPATION INVESTORS Form N-Q November 29, 2017

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FORM N-Q

Quarterly Schedule of Portfolio Holdings of Registered Management Investment Company

Investment Company Act file number 811-05531

**Barings Participation Investors** 

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

1500 Main Street, Springfield, MA 01115

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Janice M. Bishop, Vice President, Secretary and Chief Legal Officer Independence Wharf, 470 Atlantic Avenue, Boston, MA 02210

(Name and address of agent for service)

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

Date of fiscal year end: 12/31

Date of reporting period: 09/30/17

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#### ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

#### CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS September 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

Principal Amount, Shares. Units or Ownership Acquisition Date Fair Value Corporate Restricted Securities - 79.17%: (A) Percentage Cost Private Placement Investments - 66.73%: (C) 1492 Acquisition LLC A leading producer of premium Italian cured meats and deli meats in the U.S. Limited Liability Company Unit Class A Preferred (B) 102 uts. \$102,270 10/17/12 \$148,310 Limited Liability Company Unit Class A Common (B) 11,364 uts. 240,224 10/17/12 11,364 113,634 388,534 ABC Industries, Inc. A manufacturer of mine and tunneling ventilation products in the U.S. 13% Senior Subordinated Note due 07/31/2019 \$109,335 08/01/12 105,086 108,740 125,000 Preferred Stock Series A (B) shs. 08/01/12 125,000 251,460 Warrant, exercisable until 2022, to purchase common stock at \$.02 per share (B) 22,414 shs. 08/01/12 42,446 42,589 272,532 402,789 Advanced Manufacturing Enterprises LLC A designer and manufacturer of large, custom gearing products for a number of critical customer applications. Limited Liability Company Unit (B) 1,945 uts. 207,910 \* 12/07/12, 07/11/13 and 06/30/15. AFC - Dell Holding Corporation A distributor and provider of inventory management services for "C-Parts" used by OEMs in their manufacturing and production facilities. 12.5% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 09/27/2020 \$1,212,377 03/27/15 1,197,524 1,224,501 Preferred Stock (B) 1,122 shs. 03/27/15 112,154 130,707 Common Stock (B) 346 shs. 03/27/15 346 1,310,024 1,355,208 Airxcel Holdings A leading manufacturer of a broad range of climate control solutions, including air-conditioners, heat pumps,

cooking appliances, furnaces, powered vents, and water heaters.

Limited Liability Company Unit288 uts.11/18/14288,000617,324

#### AM Conservation Holding Corp.

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

11.75% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 04/30/2023

\$1,568,182 156,818	10/31/16	1,539,920	1,576,467
shs.	10/31/16	156,818 1,696,738	237,645 1,814,112

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

Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date	Cost	Fair Value
AMS Holding LLC A leading multi-channel direct marketer of high-value coll- watches.	ectible coins a	nd proprietary	y-branded jew	elry and
Limited Liability Company Unit Class A Preferred (B)(F)	114 uts.	10/04/12	\$113,636	\$284,979
API Technologies Corp. A designer, developer and manufacturer of electronic syste communications for technically demanding defense, aerosp internationally. 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 04/22/2023 Limited Liability Company Unit (B)	•	nercial applic		J.S. and 1,423,830 417,450 1,841,280
ARI Holding Corporation A leading national supplier of products used primarily by s 11.5% (0.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 02/01/2020	pecialty contr \$1,719,544	actors.	1,706,033	1,719,544
Limited Partnership Interest * 05/21/13 and 08/01/14.	524 uts.	08/01/14	523,950 2,229,983	581,460 2,301,004
ASC Holdings, Inc. A manufacturer of capital equipment used by corrugated by 13% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 05/18/2021	ox manufactur \$754,313 111,100		743,388	726,916
Limited Liability Company Unit (B)	uts.	11/18/15	111,100 854,488	42,885 769,801
Aurora Parts & Accessories LLC A distributor of aftermarket over-the-road semi-trailer part America. 11% Senior Subordinated Note due 02/17/2022 Preferred Stock (B)	\$1,515,400	08/17/15	1,493,316	1,487,572
Preferred Stock (B) Common Stock (B)	210 shs. 210 shs.	08/17/15 08/17/15	209,390 210	152,452 —

1,702,916 1,640,024

Avantech Testing Services LLC A manufacturer of custom Non-Destructive Testing ("NDT services primarily to the oil country tubular goods market. 15% (3.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	") systems an	d provider of N	NDT and insp	ections
due 01/31/2021 (D) Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) * 07/31/14 and 10/14/15.	\$500,587 45,504 uts.	07/31/14 *	491,228 — 491,228	

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### CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

September 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date	Cost	Fair Value
BEI Precision Systems & Space Company, Inc. A provider of advanced design, manufacturing, and testing for precision accelerometers, and micro scanners.	custom optical	encoder-base	d positioning	systems,
12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	¢ 1 455 110	04/09/17	¢ 1 407 004	¢ 1 472 204
due 04/28/2024 Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)	\$1,455,118 2,760 uts.	04/28/17 04/28/17	\$1,427,284 276,000	\$1,472,294 188,967
Linited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)	2,700 uts.	04/28/17	1,703,284	1,661,261
Blue Wave Products, Inc.				
A distributor of pool supplies. 10% Senior Secured Term Note due 09/30/2018	\$79,433	10/12/12	79,100	79,433
13% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	\$79,433	10/12/12	79,100	79,435
due 09/30/2019	\$333,907	10/12/12	324,664	333,907
Common Stock (B)	51,064 shs.	10/12/12	51,064	376,380
Warrant, exercisable until 2022, to purchase				
common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	20,216 shs.	10/12/12	20,216	149,007
			475,044	938,727
BlueSpire Holding, Inc. A marketing services firm that integrates strategy, technology, for clients in the senior living, financial services and healthcare 12.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 06/30/2021		deliver custon	nized marketin	ng solutions
(D)	\$1,585,908	06/30/15	1,561,276	
Common Stock (B)	1,417 shs.	06/30/15	156,800	
			1,718,076	
BP SCI LLC				
A leading value-added distributor of branded pipes, valves, and	l fittings (PVF)	to diversified	end markets.	
Limited Liability Company Unit Class A (B)(F)	417 uts.	10/17/12	41,667	263,730
Limited Liability Company Unit Class B (B)(F)	167 uts.	10/17/12	166,666	292,916
			208,333	556,646
CG Holdings Manufacturing Company	truck and other	and markata		
A coating provider serving the automotive, agricultural, heavy 13% Senior Subordinated Note due 11/01/2019	\$1,412,605	*	1,370,751	1,412,606
Preferred Stock (B)	31,412,003 1,350 shs.	*	1,370,731	1,412,000
Preferred Stock (B)	489 shs.	*	48,721	66,245
Common Stock (B)	140 shs.	*	14,864	410,593
Warrant, exercisable until 2023, to purchase	58 shs.	*	5,430	170,546
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common stock at \$.01 per share (B) \* 05/09/13 and 11/01/13.

1,574,738 2,242,762

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

Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date	Cost	Fair Value
CHG Alternative Education Holding Company A leading provider of publicly-funded, for profit children at therapeutic day schools and "at risk" y 13.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note				
due 06/19/2020 14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	\$788,793	01/19/11	\$782,350	\$788,793
due 06/19/2020 Common Stock (B)	\$208,134 375 shs.	08/03/12 01/19/11	206,653 37,500	208,134 38,118
Warrant, exercisable until 2021, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	295 shs.	01/19/11	29,250 1,055,753	29,963 1,065,008
Church Services Holding Company A provider of diversified residential services to h markets. Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)	omeowners ir 1 ut.	the Houston, 03/26/12	Dallas, and <i>A</i> 189,978	ustin
Clarion Brands Holding Corp. A portfolio of six over-the-counter (OTC) pharmatinnitus or ringing of the ear, excessive sweating, conditions.				
12.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 04/01/2021 Limited Liability Company Unit (B) * 10/01/14 and 07/18/16.	\$2,046,289 1,853 uts.	* 07/18/16	2,018,735 189,267 2,208,002	2,042,283 138,404 2,180,687
Clough, Harbour and Associates An engineering service firm that is located in Alb Preferred Stock (B)	any, NY. 147 shs.	12/02/08	146,594	858,132
Compass Chemical International LLC A manufacturer and supplier of standard and spec	cialty formula	ted chemicals	, primarily ph	osphoric
acid derivatives called phosphonates. Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)	230 uts.	03/04/15	147,304	192,425

Connecticut Electric, Inc. A supplier and distributor of electrical products sold into the retail and wholesale markets. Limited Liability Company Unit Class A (B) 82,613 uts. 01/12/07 82,613 128,941 Limited Liability Company Unit Class C (B) 59,756 59,756 uts. 01/12/07 103,728 671,525 Limited Liability Company Unit Class D (B) uts. 05/03/10 1,120,057 \_\_\_\_ Limited Liability Company Unit Class E (B) 260,556 1,102 uts. 05/03/10 \_\_\_\_ 142,369 1,613,282

# CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) September 30, 2017

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Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date	Cost	Fair Value
CORA Health Services, Inc. A provider of outpatient rehabilitation therapy servi 12.75% (1.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	ces.			
due 06/30/2023 Preferred Stock Series A (B)	\$775,013 758 shs.	06/30/16 06/30/16	\$761,884 72,033	\$793,088 84,218
Common Stock Class A (B)	3,791 shs.	06/30/16	72,033 3,791 837,708	23,287 900,593
CTM Holding, Inc. A leading owner and operator of coin-operated child U.S.	dren's rides, p	enny presses a	and candy kio	sks in the
15% (3% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 11/22/2019	\$1,326,281	11/22/13	1,315,315	1,326,281
Common Stock (B)	90 shs.	*	514,284	558,242
* 11/22/13 and 09/16/16.			1,829,599	1,884,523
Del Real LLC A manufacturer and distributor of fully-prepared free dishes that are typically sold on a heat-and-serve ba	sis at retail gr	ocers.		
11% Senior Subordinated Note due 04/06/2023	\$1,420,588 304,412	10/07/16	1,395,269	1,420,588
Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)	uts.	10/07/16	304,412 1,699,681	337,897 1,758,485
DPL Holding Corporation A distributor and manufacturer of aftermarket under trailers.	rcarriage parts	for medium a	and heavy du	ty trucks and
14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 11/04/2020	\$1,425,125	05/04/12	1,415,222	1,399,628
Preferred Stock (B)	25 shs.	05/04/12	252,434	200,106
Common Stock (B)	25 shs.	05/04/12	28,048 1,695,704	 1,599,734
Dunn Paper	lientiene			
A provider of specialty paper for niche product app 9.75% Second Lien Term Loan due 08/31/2023	\$1,725,000	09/28/16	1,695,344	1,690,500

Eagle Family Foods, Inc.				
A producer of low-cost branded and private label ca	nned milk.			
10.05% Last Out Term Loan due 12/31/2021	\$1,725,000	12/22/15	1,706,680	1,709,376
0.29% Second Last Out Term Loan due 8/29/2023	\$177,404	09/07/17	175,646	175,797
			1,882,326	1,885,173

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	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership	Acquisition		
Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Percentage	Date	Cost	Fair Value
ECG Consulting Group A healthcare management consulting company w technology related consulting services to healthca 11.75% (0.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note		rategic, financ	ial, operation	al, and
due 11/21/2020 Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)	\$1,321,758 230 uts.	11/21/14 11/19/14	\$1,303,731 71,875 1,375,606	\$1,334,976 139,556 1,474,532
Elite Sportwear Holding, LLC A designer and manufacturer of gymnastics, com U.S. and internationally. 11.5% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 10/13/2021 Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)	petitive cheerl \$1,580,639 101 uts.	eading and sw 10/14/16 10/14/16	imwear appar 1,557,371 159,722 1,717,093	rel in the 1,583,673 147,915 1,731,588
English Color & Supply LLC A distributor of aftermarket automotive paint and dealerships and fleet customers through a network 11.5% (0.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	-			auto
due 12/31/2023	\$1,328,964 397,695	06/30/17	1,303,438	1,331,902
Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)	uts.	06/30/17	397,695 1,701,133	437,465 1,769,367
ERG Holding Company LLC A provider of inpatient and outpatient clinical tria research organizations.	l services to p	harmaceutical	companies a	nd contract
<ul><li>13.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note</li><li>due 10/04/2019</li><li>14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note</li></ul>	\$980,292	04/04/14	971,823	980,292
due 10/04/2019 Common Stock (B)	\$258,346 0.31% int.	07/01/16 04/04/14	254,967 77,533 1,304,323	259,508 77,525 1,317,325

#### F F C Holding Corporation

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

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Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B)	171 uts.	09/27/10	58,345	85,700		
Limited Liability Company Unit Common (B)	171 uts.	09/27/10	17,073	439,547		
			75,418	525,247		

# CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) September 30, 2017

(Unaudited)

Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date	Cost	Fair Value
F G I Equity LLC A manufacturer of a broad range of filters and rel industrial, healthcare, gas turbine, nuclear, labora processing settings.				•
Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B)	80,559 uts.	04/15/14	<b>\$</b> —	\$80,559
Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-1 (B)	65,789 uts.	12/15/10	65,789	334,823
Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-2 (B)	8,248 uts.	12/15/10	8,248	41,977
Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-3 (B)	6,522 uts.	08/30/12	15,000	34,887
Limited Liability Company Unit Class C (B)	1,575 uts.	12/20/10	16,009	55,980
Ennied Endinty Company Chie Class C (E)	1,070 000.	12/20/10	105,046	548,226
			105,010	310,220
FMH Holdings Corporation A designer and manufacturer of highly engineered industries.	d components	for the aerosp	ace, defense a	nd space
Common Stock (B)	148 shs.	05/01/15	148,096	333,750
GD Dental Services LLC A provider of convenient "onestop" general, spec located throughout South and Central Florida. Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B) Limited Liability Company Unit Common (B)	ialty, and cosn 76 uts. 767 uts.	netic dental se 10/05/12 10/05/12	rvices with 21 75,920 767 76,687	offices 94,899 — 94,899
gloProfessional Holdings, Inc.				
A marketer and distributor of premium mineral-b care products to the professional spa and physicia 14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note			als and profes	ssional hair
due 03/27/2019	\$1,238,413	03/27/13	1,230,892	1,123,488
Common Stock (B)	1,181 shs.	03/27/13	118,110	61,665
			1,349,002	1,185,153
Glynlyon Holding Companies, Inc. A technology-enabled curriculum provider of K-1 medium public school districts. 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 01/15/2022 Common Stock (B)	12 and support \$1,604,757 147 shs.	services pred 01/15/16 01/15/16	ominantly to s 1,579,980 147,436	small and 1,636,852 260,266
			1,727,416	1,897,118

GlynnDevins Acquisition Corporation				
A marketing communications agency that servic	es senior livin	g facilities.		
Preferred Stock Series A (B)	342 shs.	06/19/15	70,683	82,644
Common Stock (B)	342 shs.	06/19/15	2,945	44,949
			73,628	127,593

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Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date	Cost	Fair Value
Grakon Parent The leading designer and manufacturer of highly-engine systems for transportation-based markets.	eered and cust	omized LED a	and incandesc	ent lighting
Common Stock (B)	175 shs.	10/31/14	\$174,831	\$203,550
CTI Helding Company				
GTI Holding Company A designer, developer, and marketer of precision special	lty hand tools	and handheld	test instrume	nts
12% Senior Subordinated Note due 02/05/2020	\$727,865	02/05/14	702,700	720,988
Common Stock (B)	846 shs.	02/05/14	84,636	53,256
Warrant, exercisable until 2024, to purchase				
common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	397 shs.	02/05/14	36,816 824,152	24,991 799,235
Handi Quilter Holding Company (Premier Needle Arts) A designer and manufacturer of long-arm quilting mach quilting market. 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 06/19/2021 Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B) Limited Liability Company Unit Common Class A (B) * 12/19/14 and 02/21/17. * *12/19/14 and 04/29/16.		ed component * ** 12/19/14	s for the cons 1,700,717 371,644  2,072,361	umer 1,740,947 435,728 42,250 2,218,925
Happy Floors Acquisition, Inc. A wholesale importer and value-added distributor of pre- commercial end markets.	emium Europe	ean flooring til	le to residenti	al and
12.5% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	ф 1 <i>505</i> <b>202</b>	07/01/16	1 5 ( 0 0 7 7	1 (0) (5)
due 07/01/2022 Common Stock (B)	\$1,595,292 150 shs.	07/01/16 07/01/16	1,568,977 149,500 1,718,477	1,626,654 166,535 1,793,189
Hartland Controls Holding Corporation				
Hartland Controls Holding Corporation A manufacturer and distributor of electronic and electro	mechanical co	omponents		
14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note		pontenior		
due 08/14/2020	\$1,123,058	02/14/14	1,112,767	1,123,058
12% Senior Subordinated Note due 08/14/2020	\$431,250	06/22/15	428,850	435,563
Common Stock (B)	821 shs.	02/14/14	822 1,542,439	355,363 1,913,984

CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) September 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date	Cost	Fair Value
HHI Group, LLC A developer, marketer, and distributor of hobby-g 14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	-	-		
due 11/26/2020 Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)	\$1,674,736 102 uts.	01/17/14 01/17/14	\$1,659,884 101,563 1,761,447	\$1,674,326 22,663 1,696,989
Hollandia Produce LLC A hydroponic greenhouse producer of branded ro 14.25% (2.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	ot vegetables.			
due 12/11/2020 * 12/30/15 and 12/23/16.	\$1,388,935	*	1,369,788	1,250,041
HOP Entertainment LLC A provider of post production equipment and serv	vices to produ	cers of televis	ion shows and	d motion
pictures. Limited Liability Company Unit Class F (B)(F)	47 uts.	10/14/11		
Limited Liability Company Unit Class G (B)(F)	114 uts.	10/14/11		
Limited Liability Company Unit Class $H(B)(F)$	47 uts.	10/14/11		
Limited Liability Company Unit Class I (B)(F)	47 uts.	10/14/11		
Emited Endomity Company Chit Class I (D)(I)	17 4(5).	10/1 //11	_	_
Hospitality Mints Holding Company A manufacturer of individually-wrapped imprinte	ed promotiona	l mints.		
12% Senior Subordinated Note due 10/01/2018	\$1,098,837		1,096,447	988,953
Common Stock (B)	251 shs.	08/19/08	251,163	
Warrant, exercisable until 2018, to purchase				
common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	65 shs.	08/19/08	60,233	
			1,407,843	988,953
Impact Confections An independent manufacturer and marketer of co- sour candies, Melster <sup>®</sup> brand classic candies, and 13% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	• •		-	
due 11/10/2020	\$1,094,920	11/10/14	1,081,831	886,450
Common Stock (B)	2,300 shs.	11/10/14	230,000	_
			1,311,831	886,450

Insurance Claims Management, Inc.

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

Common Stock (B) 47 shs. 02/27/07 1,424 132,434

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Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date	Cost	Fair Value
Janus Group Holdings LLC				
A manufacturer of roll-up doors and hallway systems the facilities.	nat are primaril	y used in self-	storage	
Limited Liability Company Unit Class A (B)(F)	283 uts.	12/11/13	\$—	\$1,652,071
JMH Investors LLC				
A developer and manufacturer of custom formulations	for a wide varie 1,038,805	ety of foods.		
Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)	uts. 163,043	12/05/12	232,207	
Limited Liability Company Unit Class A-1 (B)(F)	uts. 1,032,609	10/31/16	163,043	226,139
Limited Liability Company Unit Class A-2 (B)(F)	uts.	10/31/16	 395,250	78,006 304,145
K P I Holdings, Inc.				
The largest player in the U.S. non-automotive, non-ferr Limited Liability Company Unit Class C Preferred (B)	ous die casting 40 uts.	segment. 06/30/15	_	82,604
Common Stock (B)	353 shs.	07/15/08	285,619 285,619	381,643 464,247
Kyjen Company				
A designer and distributor of branded and private label	dog toys and a	ccessories prin	marily in the	US.
13% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 10/14/2021	\$1,319,341	10/14/15	1,299,807	1,345,727
Manhattan Beachwear Holding Company A designer and distributor of women's swimwear.				
12.5% Senior Subordinated Note				
due 04/30/2018 (D) 15% (2.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	\$419,971	01/15/10	404,121	377,974
due 04/30/2020 (D)	\$115,253	10/05/10	114,604	103,727
Common Stock (B)	35 shs.	10/05/10	35,400	27,317
Common Stock Class B (B) Warrant, exercisable until 2019, to purchase	118 shs.	01/15/10	117,647	90,788
common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	104 shs.	10/05/10	94,579	80,347

			766,351	680,153
Master Cutlery LLC				
A designer and marketer of a wide assortment of kni	ives and swords.			
13% Senior Subordinated Note due 04/17/2020	\$865,882	04/17/15	860,027	649,411
13% Senior Subordinated Note due 10/29/2018	\$100,511	09/29/17	100,511	100,511
Limited Liability Company Unit	5 uts.	04/17/15	678,329	
			1,638,867	749,922

# CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) September 30, 2017

(Unaudited)

Compared Destricted Securities (A) (Continued)	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership	Acquisition	Cost	Fair Value
Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Percentage	Date	Cost	Fair Value
MC Sign Holdings LLC A provider of sign and lighting services nationwide. 11.75% (0.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 08/09/2022 Limited Liability Company Unit Class B (B) * 09/22/15 and 02/09/17.	\$989,300 101,500 uts.	* 09/22/15	\$973,837 101,500 1,075,337	\$991,938 158,157 1,150,095
Merex Holding Corporation A provider of after-market spare parts and component services for "out of production" or "legacy" aerospac supported by the original equipment manufacturers. 16% Senior Subordinated Note due 10/30/2019 (D)				
15% PIK Senior Subordinated Note	\$ <del>4</del> 5 <del>4</del> ,295	09122/11	++9,015	449,752
due 04/30/2022 (D)	\$23,839	08/18/15	23,839	22,647
14% PIK Senior Subordinated Note				
due 06/30/2019	\$37,859	10/21/16	37,859	37,853
Common Stock Class A (B)	83,080 shs.	*	170,705	254,013
* 08/18/15, 10/20/16 and 01/27/17.			681,416	764,265
MES Partners, Inc. An industrial service business offering an array of cleregion of the U.S. 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 09/30/2021	eaning and en \$1,114,956 219,545		ervices to the 1,100,412	Gulf Coast 1,103,129
Common Stock Class B (B)	shs.	09/30/14	219,545	86,737
			1,319,957	1,189,866
Midwest Industrial Rubber, Inc. A supplier of industrial maintenance, repair, and oper fabrication and distribution of lightweight conveyor b accessories. 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	belting and rel	· •		

12 // (1 // THK) Senior Subordinated Note				
due 12/02/2022	\$1,566,584	12/02/16	1,538,558	1,594,962
Preferred Stock	1,711 shs.	12/02/16	171,116	150,154

Common Stock	242 shs.	12/02/16	242 1,709,916	 1,745,116
MNX Holding Company An international third party logistics company provid the globe. 14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	ing customize	ed logistics serv	vices to custor	ners across
due 11/02/2019 Common Stock (B)	\$1,329,511 45 shs.	11/02/12 11/02/12	1,319,721 44,643 1,364,364	1,329,511 48,102 1,377,613

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

Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage	Acquisitior Date	ı Cost	Fair Value
Money Mailer Equity LLC A leading provider of hyperlocal shared direct mail advertising as through its nationwide production and distribution network. 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	s well as intera	active and on	line advertisi	ng solutions
due 10/29/2021	\$1,748,238	04/29/16	\$1,720,751	\$1,684,997
Motion Controls Holdings A manufacturer of high performance mechanical motion control a 14.25% (1.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 08/15/2020 Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-1 (B)(F) Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-2 (B)(F)	and linkage pr \$282,920 75,000 uts. 6,801 uts.	oducts. 11/30/10 11/30/10 11/30/10	281,084  281,084	282,920 40,971 3,715 327,606
NetShape Technologies, Inc.				
A manufacturer of powder metal and metal injection molded prec other applications.	ision compon	ents used in	industrial, con	nsumer, and
12% Senior Subordinated Note due 06/10/2020 (D) Limited Partnership Interest of Saw Mill PCG	\$810,000	02/02/07	809,408	—
Partners LLC (B)	1.46% int.	02/01/07	588,077	
Limited Liability Company Unit Class D of Saw Mill PCG Partners LLC (B)	9 uts.	*	8,873	_
Limited Liability Company Unit Class D-1 of Saw Mill PCG Partners LLC (B)	121 uts.	09/30/09	121,160	_
Limited Liability Company Unit Class D-2 of Saw Mill PCG Partners LLC (B)	68 uts.	04/29/11	34,547	_
Limited Liability Company Unit Class D-3 of Saw Mill PCG Partners LLC (B) * 12/18/08 and 09/30/09.	104 uts.	12/10/14	103,904 1,665,969	_

NSi Industries Holdings, Inc. A manufacturer and distributer of electrical components and accessories to small to mid-sized electrical wholesalers. 12.75% (1.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 05/17/2023 \$1,527,814 06/30/16 1,502,058 1,555,450 Common Stock (B) 207 shs. 05/17/16 207,000 250,752 1,709,058 1,806,202

# CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) September 30, 2017

(Unaudited)

Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date	Cost	Fair Value		
PANOS Brands LLC A marketer and distributor of branded consumer for from" healthy and gluten-free categories. 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	oods in the sp	ecialty, natura	l, better-for-y	ou,"free		
due 07/29/2021 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	\$1,449,000	01/29/16	\$1,426,870	\$1,477,980		
due 08/17/2022	\$326,705 380,545	02/17/17	320,704	330,673		
Common Stock Class B (B) * 01/29/16 and 02/17/17.	shs.	*	380,545 2,128,119	488,675 2,297,328		
Petroplex Inv Holdings LLC A leading provider of acidizing services to E&P customers in the Permian Basin.						
Limited Liability Company * 11/29/12 and 12/20/16.	0.40% int.	*	175,339	9,206		
Polytex Holdings LLC A manufacturer of water based inks and related pr 13% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note				-		
due 01/31/2020	\$1,069,985 148,096	07/31/14	1,059,341	1,016,108		
Limited Liability Company Unit Limited Liability Company Unit Class F	uts. 20,621 uts.	07/31/14 09/28/17	148,096 14,274 1,221,711	 14,274 1,030,382		
Power Stop Holdings LLC A supplier of performance upgrade aftermarket br	ake products.					
11% Senior Subordinated Note due 05/29/2022 Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B)(F)	\$1,610,100 1,149 uts.	05/29/15 05/29/15	1,587,023 114,900	1,626,201 141,285		
Limited Liability Company Unit Common (B)(F)	1,149 uts.	05/29/15	 1,701,923	108,716 1,876,202		
PPC Event Services A special event equipment rental business. 14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note						
due 05/20/2020 Limited Liability Company Unit (B)	\$1,184,484 3,450 uts.	11/20/14 11/20/14	1,171,698 172,500	1,184,484 458,907		

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Limited Liability Company Unit Series A-1 (B)	339 uts.	03/16/16	42,419 1,386,617	52,160 1,695,551	
Randy's Worldwide Automotive					
A designer and distributor of automotive aftermar	1	05/10/15	1 101 205	1 1 47 057	
11.5% Senior Subordinated Note due 05/12/2021	\$1,135,898	05/12/15	1,121,325	1,147,257	
Common Stock (B)	118 shs.	05/12/15	118,476	303,372	
			1,239,801	1,450,629	

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

Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date	Cost	Fair Value
Signature Systems Holding Company	U			
A seller and installer of a variety of modular surfa	ces, industrial	l matting and	related produc	cts used for
ground protection. Common Stock (B) Warrant, exercisable until 2023, to purchase	76 shs.	03/15/13	\$75,509	\$67,639
common stock A at \$.01 per share (B)	31 shs.	03/15/13	28,316 103,825	27,634 95,273
Smart Source Holdings LLC A short-term computer rental company.				
Limited Liability Company Unit (B)	328 uts.	*	261,262	451,090
Warrant, exercisable until 2020, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B) * 08/31/07 and 03/06/08.	83 shs.	*	67,467 328,729	114,261 565,351
SMB Machinery Holdings, Inc. A reseller of used, rebuilt and refurbished packagi bottling and food manufacturing industries. 14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	ng and proces	ssing equipme	nt, primarily	serving the
due 10/18/2019 (D) Common Stock (B)	\$738,694 841 shs.	10/18/13 10/18/13	726,147 84,100 810,247	
Software Paradigms International Group, LLC An outsourced IT services provider focused on the	e retail industr	ry.		
12.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 11/23/2021	\$1,725,000	05/23/16	1,696,914	1,742,250
SR Smith LLC A manufacturer of mine and tunneling ventilation	-			
11% Senior Subordinated Note due 03/27/2022 Limited Liability Company Unit Series A (B)(F)	\$867,652 14 uts.	03/27/17 03/27/17	857,662 846,631 1,704,293	867,652 942,711 1,810,363

Strahman Holdings Inc

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

158,967			
shs.	12/13/13	158,967	253,630
26,543 shs.	09/10/15	29,994	42,349
		188,961	295,979
	shs.	)	shs.12/13/13158,96726,543 shs.09/10/1529,994

# CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) September 30, 2017

(Unaudited)

Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date	Cost	Fair Value		
Sunrise Windows Holding Company						
A manufacturer and marketer of premium vinyl window	s exclusively	selling to the	residential rei	modeling		
and replacement market. 16% Senior Subordinated Note due 01/31/2019 (D)	\$1,428,470	*	\$1,358,229	\$999,929		
Common Stock (B)	38 shs.	12/14/10	38,168	\$999,929 —		
Warrant, exercisable until 2020, to purchase	00 5115.	12/11/10	50,100			
common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	37 shs.	12/14/10	37,249	_		
* 12/14/10, 08/17/12 and 03/31/16.			1,433,646	999,929		
Sunvair Aerospace Group Inc.						
An aerospace maintenance, repair, and overhaul provide	er servicing la	nding gears of	n narrow body	aircraft.		
12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note	C	00				
due 07/31/2021	\$1,224,740		1,207,975	1,169,792		
Common Stock (B)	68 shs.	07/31/15	78,150	55,819		
			1,286,125	1,225,611		
Team Drive-Away Holdings LLC						
An asset-light provider of over the road driveaway services for class 8 trucks and specialized						
equipment.						
Limited Liability Company Unit (B)	95,800 uts.	10/15/15	95,800	138,048		
Torrent Group Holdings, Inc.						
A contractor specializing in the sales and installation of	engineered di	wells for the	retention and	l filtration of		
stormwater and nuisance water flow.	0	5				
15% (7.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note						
due 12/05/2020	\$72,303	12/05/13	223,110	72,302		
Warrant, exercisable until 2023, to purchase	20.050.1	10/05/10		15.050		
common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	28,079 shs.	12/05/13	223,110	17,970 90,272		
			223,110	90,272		
Tranzonic Holdings LLC						
A producer of commercial and industrial supplies, such as safety products, janitorial supplies, work apparel,						
washroom and restroom supplies and sanitary care prod						
	152,696	.1.	100 0 10	014050		
Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred Class A (B)	shs.	*	166,248	814,950		
* 07/05/13 and 02/13/17.						

Tristar Global Energy Solutions, Inc.A hydrocarbon and decontamination services provider serving refineries worldwide.12.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Notedue 07/31/2020\$1,156,302\$1,156,302\$1,23/15\$1,142,950\$1,049,735

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

	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership	Acquisition				
Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Percentage	Date	Cost	Fair Value		
Veritext Corporation A provider of stenographic staffing and other service 10.75% Second Lien Term Loan due 01/29/2023 * 01/21/16 and 02/23/17.	xes used durin \$2,012,500	g the legal dep *	position proce \$1,981,078			
VP Holding Company A provider of school transportation services for spe Massachusetts.	cial-needs and	d homeless chi	ildren in			
Common Stock (B)	3,632 shs.	03/31/14	363,158	662,668		
Wellborn Forest Holding Company A manufacturer of semi-custom kitchen and bath ca 8% Senior Subordinated Note due 09/30/2019 (D) Common Stock (B) Warrant, exercisable until 2019, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	ubinetry. \$1,778,423 101 shs. 51 shs.	11/30/06 11/30/06 11/30/06	895,271 101,250 45,790 1,042,311	1,778,423 — 		
Westminster Acquisition LLC A manufacturer of premium, all-natural oyster cracker products sold under the Westminster and Olde Cape Cod brands.						
12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 02/03/2021	\$378,309 370,241	08/03/15	373,457	382,092		
Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)	uts.	08/03/15	370,241 743,698	633,786 1,015,878		
Whitebridge Pet Brands Holdings, LLC A portfolio of natural treats and foods for dogs and cats. 11.5% (0.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note						
due 08/18/2021 Limited Liability Company Unit Class A (B)(F) Limited Liability Company Unit Class B (B)(F)	\$1,484,359 123 uts. 123 uts.	04/18/17 04/18/17 04/18/17	1,464,269 148,096 — 1,612,365	1,490,807 131,193 37,071 1,659,071		

Wolf-Gordon, Inc.

1,741,290

1,809,298

A designer and specialty distributor of wallcoverings and related building products, including textiles, paint, and writeable surfaces. 12.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 07/22/2021 \$1,608,409 01/22/16 1,584,472 1,640,578 Common Stock (B) 157 shs. 01/22/16 156,818 168,720

# CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) September 30, 2017

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Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date	Cost	Fair Value			
WP Supply Holding Corporation							
A distributor of fresh fruits and vegetables to groc Midwest.	ery wholesaler	s and foodser	vice distributor	rs in the upper			
14.5% (2.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note							
due 06/12/2020	\$984,918	11/03/11	\$980,999	\$984,918			
Common Stock (B)	1,500 shs.	11/03/11	150,000 1,130,999	106,190 1,091,108			
York Wall Holding Company							
A designer, manufacturer and marketer of wall covering products for both residential and commercial wall coverings.							
12.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due							
03/04/2021 (D)	\$1,572,322		1,549,582	1,400,615			
Common Stock (B)	1,835 shs.	03/04/15	183,500 1,733,082	22,227 1,422,842			
			1,755,082	1,422,042			

Total Private Placement Investments (E)

\$95,358,716 \$99,182,288

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

	Interest	Maturity	Principal		Market
Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Rate	Date	Amount	Cost	Value
Rule 144A Securities - 12.44%:					
Bonds - 12.44%	<b>- - - - - - - - - -</b>	~	¢ 500 000	¢ 501 01 4	¢ 510 550
Alliance Residential Company			\$500,000	\$521,214	\$518,750
Altice Financing S.A.	7.500	05/15/26	-	400,000	440,000
Amsted Industries	5.375	09/15/24	,	240,000	252,300
Avantor Inc.	6.000	10/01/24	,	406,000	416,150
Boise Cascade Company	5.625	09/01/24	-	130,000	136,663
CITGO Petroleum Corporation	6.250	08/15/22	-	425,000	437,750
Constellium N.V.	7.875	04/01/21	373,000	373,000	395,379
CVR Partners, LP.	9.250	06/15/23	500,000	489,251	532,500
Dell Inc.	4.420	06/15/21	600,000	622,577	629,948
Digicel Group Limited	6.000	04/15/21	500,000	465,341	488,070
Endo Finance LLC	5.375	01/31/23	500,000	431,235	407,500
EnPro Industries Inc.	5.875	09/15/22	-	121,100	125,250
First Data Corporation	5.000	01/15/24	-	406,000	421,550
First Quantum Minerals Ltd.	7.500	04/01/25	,	485,388	511,250
Hertz Corporation	7.625	06/01/22	-	500,000	515,625
Hilcorp Energy Company	5.000	12/01/24	-	335,000	328,300
IAMGOLD Corporation	7.000	04/15/25	500,000	500,000	528,125
J.B. Poindexter Co., Inc.	9.000	04/01/22	500,000	500,000	522,500
Jupiter Resources Inc.	8.500	10/01/22	500,000	471,696	358,750
LBC Tank Terminals Holding Netherlands B.V.	6.875	05/15/23	663,000	677,104	696,149
Mallinckrodt PLC	5.750	08/01/22	500,000	500,000	488,750
MEG Energy Corporation	6.375	01/30/23	500,000	500,000	436,250
Micron Technology, Inc.	5.250	08/01/23	331,000	331,000	345,233
Moog Inc.	5.250	12/01/22	500,000	502,914	521,250
New Gold Inc.	6.250	11/15/22	500,000	502,296	519,375
OPE KAG Finance Sub	7.875	07/31/23	500,000	519,003	513,750
Penske Corporation	4.875	07/11/22	500,000	498,756	544,484
Prime Security Services Borrower	9.250	05/15/23	500,000	500,000	551,780
Sabre GLBL, Inc.	5.250	11/15/23	122,000	122,000	125,355
Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc.	5.875	03/15/26	204,000	204,000	208,080
Sinclair Television Group, Inc.	5.125	02/15/27	500,000	500,000	485,625
Suncoke Energy	7.500	06/15/25	500,000	492,509	516,250
Tallgrass Operations LLC	5.500	09/15/24	304,000	304,000	312,360
Teine Energy Ltd.	6.875	09/30/22	500,000	506,250	508,750
Topaz Marine S.A.	9.125	07/26/22	500,000	500,000	500,375
Unitymedia KabelBW GmbH	6.125	01/15/25	500,000	500,000	533,125
Univision Communications, Inc.	5.125	05/15/23	160,000	160,000	163,200
UPCB Finance IV Limited	5.375	01/15/25		208,000	216,320
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# CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

September 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

	Interest	Maturity	Principal		Market
Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Rate	Date	Amount	Cost	Value
Valeant Pharmaceuticals International	7.000	% 10/01/20	\$250,000	\$250,355	\$251,563
Valeant Pharmaceuticals International	7.000	03/15/24	173,000	173,000	184,693
Virgin Media Secured Finance PLC	5.250	01/15/26	500,000	502,428	520,625
VRX Escrow Corp.	6.125	04/15/25	182,000	182,000	159,478
Welltec A/S	8.000	02/01/19	375,000	373,071	375,000
West Corporation	5.375	07/15/22	500,000	493,457	505,000
Wolverine World Wide, Inc.	5.000	09/01/26	335,000	335,000	335,101
Total Bonds				18,159,945	18,484,281
Common Stock - 0.00%					
TherOX, Inc. (B)			2		
Touchstone Health Partnership (B)			292		
r ( )			-		
Total Common Stock					
Total Rule 144A Securities				18,159,945	18,484,281

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

Corporate Public Securities - 21.60%: (A)	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Principal Amount	Cost	Market Value
Bank Loans - 1.33% Aquilex Holdings LLC Beacon Roofing Supply Inc. Big River Steel LLC. Cunningham Lindsey U.S., Inc. Focus Financial Partners, LLC. Gulf Finance, LLC Murry Energy Corporation Seadrill Partners Finco, LLC Summit Midstream Holdings, LLC	5.000 9 0.000 6.333 5.083 8.799 6.300 7.250 4.000 7.020	% 12/31/20 08/24/18 08/11/23 12/10/19 05/09/25 08/25/23 04/16/20 02/21/21 03/06/22	500,000 119,367 124,966 400,000 261,025	\$156,943 — 118,190 118,558 409,000 258,853 415,585 282,541 145,642	\$155,555 
Total Bank Loans	7.020	03100122	1-10,200	1,905,312	1,972,190
Bonds - 20.27% ADT Security Services Corporation Air Lease Corp. Alcoa, Inc. AMC Entertainment Holdings Inc. Anglogold Holdings PLC Anixter, Inc. Antero Resources Corporation A. Schulman Inc. Bank of America Corporation Beazer Homes USA, Inc. Brunswick Corporation Bunge Limited Finance Corp. Community Health Sysyems Inc. Clearwater Paper Corporation Commercial Metals Company Crown Castle International Corp	$\begin{array}{r} 4.125\\ 3.000\\ 6.150\\ 6.125\\ 5.375\\ 5.125\\ 5.375\\ 6.875\\ 4.000\\ 8.750\\ 7.125\\ 3.250\\ 5.125\\ 4.500\\ 4.875\\ 5.250\end{array}$	06/15/23 09/15/23 08/15/20 05/15/27 04/15/20 10/01/21 11/01/21 11/01/21 06/01/23 04/01/24 03/15/22 08/01/27 08/15/26 08/01/21 02/01/23 05/15/23 01/15/23	500,000 600,000 165,000 395,000 500,000 500,000 160,000 500,000	446,055 594,225 612,588 486,357 602,053 165,000 395,000 505,489 498,698 160,000 503,804 601,991 472,989 497,004 750,980	508,750 598,546 655,346 493,750 630,540 177,375 405,369 518,750 528,227 176,860 582,371 578,156 474,000 498,750 783,750