BABSON CAPITAL PARTICIPATION INVESTORS Form N-30D November 30, 2015

> Babson Capital Participation Investors

Report for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015

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Investment Objective and Policy

Babson Capital Participation Investors (the "Trust") is aRecord 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 section of most newspapers under either the New York Stock Exchange listings or Closed-End Fund Listings.

The Trust's investment objective is to maximize total return by providing a high level of current income, the potential for growth of income, and capital appreciation. The Trust's principal investments are privately placed, below-investment grade, long-term debt obligations purchased directly from their issuers, which tend to be smaller companies. The Trust will also invest in publicly traded debt securities (including high yield securities) again with an emphasis on those with equity features, and in convertible preferred stocks and, subject to certain limitations, readily marketable equity securities. Below-investment grade or high yield securities have predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to the capacity of the issuer to pay interest and repay principal. The Trust is prohibited from purchasing below-investment grade securities if, after giving effect to the purchase, more than 75% of the Trust's total assets service providers, either directly or on behalf of the Trust.

Transfer Agent & Registrar

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Proxy Voting Policies & Procedures; Proxy Voting

The Trustees of the Trust have delegated proxy voting responsibilities relating to the voting of securities held by the Trust to Babson Capital. A description of Babson "MPV". The Trust's share price can be found in the financiaCapital's 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: http://www.babsoncapital.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: http://www.babsoncapital.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

would be invested in below-investment grade securities, which are securities that are rated, at the time of purchase, BB or B by S&P or Ba or B by Moody's, or, if unrated, are believed by Babson Capital Management LLC ("Babson Capital") to be of an equivalent quality. InCommonwealth of Massachusetts. addition, the Trust will not invest in any debt security that is rated, at the time of acquisition, below B by S&P or Moody's, or if unrated, is believed by Babson Capital to be of an equivalent quality. In addition, the Trust may invest in high quality, readily marketable securities.

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

Form N-Q

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

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

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 be federal or state securities laws that may not be waived.

Babson Capital Participation Investors

TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS October 31, 2015

We are pleased to present the September 30, 2015 Quarterly Report of Babson Capital Participation Investors (the "Trust").

The Board of Trustees declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.27 per share, payable on November 13, 2015 to shareholders of record on November 4, 2014. The Trust paid a \$0.27 per share dividend for the preceding quarter. The Trust earned \$0.20 per share of net investment income, including \$0.03 per share of non-recurring charges, for the third quarter of 2015, compared to \$0.25 per share, including \$0.02 per share of non-recurring income, in the previous quarter.

During the third quarter, the net assets of the Trust decreased to \$140,680,541 or \$13.64 per share, compared to \$143,105,029 or \$13.87 per share on June 30, 2015. This translates into a 0.3% total return for the quarter, based on the change in the Trust's net assets assuming the reinvestment of all dividends. Longer term, the Trust returned 9.1%, 12.0%, 12.1%, 11.2% and 12.5% for the 1-, 3-, 5-, 10-, and 25-year time periods, respectively, based on the change in the Trust's net assets assuming the reinvestment of all dividends.

The Trust's share price decreased 1.7% during the quarter, from \$13.87 per share as of June 30, 2015 to \$13.64 per share as of September 30, 2015. The Trust's market price of \$13.20 per share equates to a 3.2% discount below the September 30, 2015 net asset value per share of \$13.64. The Trust's average quarter-end premium for the 3-, 5- and 10-year periods was 4.0%, 9.9% and 8.2%, respectively. U.S. equity markets, as approximated by the Russell 2000 Index, decreased 11.9% for the quarter. U.S. fixed income markets, as approximated by the Barclays Capital U.S. Corporate High Yield Index, decreased 4.9% for the quarter.

The Trust closed four new private placement investments, as well as one add-on investment in an existing portfolio company during the third quarter. The four new investments were in Aurora Parts & Accessories LLC, MC Sign Holdings LLC, Sunvair Aerospace Group, Inc. and Westminster Acquisition LLC, while the add-on investment was in Merex Holding Corporation. A brief description of these investments can be found in the Consolidated Schedule of Investments. The total amount invested by the Trust in these transactions was \$4,646,000.

After two strong quarters of new investment activity for the Trust, new deal closings in the third quarter were comparatively lower. Middle market merger and acquisition activity, a key driver of deal flow for the Trust, was slower in the third quarter than it had been in the prior two quarters. This sluggishness persisted into the fourth quarter, although we believe recent signs indicate a pick up as we approach year-end. Overall, we are pleased with the amount of new investment activity for the Trust in 2015. We expect to at least match last year's level of new deal closings. The dark cloud on the horizon, however, continues to be the high purchase prices and leverage levels that are common in buyout transactions today. Average purchase price multiples for small companies, which had been at their highest levels in the past 15 years, went even higher in the third quarter. Leverage multiples have also been worrisomely high and, in the third quarter, actually exceeded the peaks we saw back in 2007. Though we are actively making new investment philosophy of seeking to take prudent levels of risk and getting paid appropriately for the risk taken. We are not willing to provide financial leverage at levels that we believe are imprudent. This approach has served us well over the long term and through all kinds of market cycles.

The condition of the Trust's existing portfolio remained solid through the third quarter. We once again had more credit upgrades than downgrades during the quarter. The number of companies on our watch list and in default continues to

be at or near the lowest level we have seen over the last five years. We exited six investments during the quarter, and benefited from the partial sale of our holdings in one additional company. We continue to have a backlog of portfolio companies that are in the process of being sold, with two companies already having been sold in October and a few more expected to close by year-end. We had three portfolio companies fully or partially prepay their debt instruments held by the Trust during the quarter. This lower level of prepayment activity is welcome after the unprecedented levels of prepayments we experienced in 2013 and early 2014.

The Trust was able to maintain its \$0.27 per share quarterly dividend for the third quarter even though net investment income per share, excluding non-recurring items, was once again below the dividend rate. Net investment income per share from recurring sources has been below the dividend rate for every quarter since the second quarter of 2012. As we have discussed in prior reports, net investment income has been down due to the considerable reduction in the number of private debt securities in the portfolio resulting from the high level of exit and prepayment activity that occurred in 2013 and 2014. Despite several strong quarters of new investment activity, we have not been able to grow

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the portfolio enough to offset this ongoing effect. It is unlikely that we will be able to rebuild the private portfolio back to its former size and net income-producing capability in the near term. We have been able to maintain the \$0.27 per share quarterly dividend with current income, non-recurring income and earnings carried forward from prior quarters. Over time, however, the Trust's dividend-paying ability tends to be correlated with its recurring earnings capacity. Absent non-recurring items, earnings available for the quarterly dividend would have been \$0.23 per share for the third quarter. This quarter, the Trust's earnings were impacted by \$0.03 per share of non-recurring charges, which required utilization of \$0.07 per share of earnings carry-forwards to maintain the \$0.27 per share quarterly dividend. The Trust's earnings carry-forward was effectively depleted this quarter. Fortunately, though we cannot rely on non-recurring income due to its unpredictable nature, it seems likely that we will realize additional non-recurring income in the fourth quarter, which we believe will enable us to maintain the \$0.27 per share dividend for the fourth quarter. However, it continues to appear likely that we will have to reduce the dividend from the current \$0.27 per share quarterly rate in 2016. As we move forward, we and the Board of Trustees will continue to evaluate the current and future earnings capacity of the Trust and formulate a dividend strategy that is consistent with that earnings level.

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

Sincerely,

Michael L. Klofas President

Portfolio Composition as of 9/30/2015*

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

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

Babson Capital Participation Investors CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES September 30, 2015 (Unaudited)

Assets: Investments (See Consolidated Schedule of Investments) Corporate restricted securities at fair value	
(Cost - \$89,726,091) Corporate restricted securities at market value	\$91,364,667
(Cost - \$19,550,639) Corporate public securities at market value	18,674,349
(Cost - \$31,596,549)	30,082,446
Short-term securities at amortized cost	2,000,000
Total investments (Cost - \$142,873,279)	142,121,462
Cash	13,485,736
Interest receivable	1,424,329
Other assets	6,199
Total assets	157,037,726
Liabilities:	
Note payable	15,000,000
Payable for investments purchased	498,625
Investment advisory fee payable	316,531
Tax payable	140,548
Deferred tax liability	92,535
Interest payable	27,267
Accrued expenses	281,679
Total liabilities	16,357,185
Total net assets	\$140,680,541
Net Assets:	
Common shares, par value \$.01 per share	\$103,148
Additional paid-in capital	97,901,079
Retained net realized gain on investments, prior years	40,289,888
Undistributed net investment income	2,500,792
Accumulated net realized gain on investments	729,986
Net unrealized depreciation of investments	(844,352)
Total net assets	\$140,680,541
Common shares issued and outstanding (14,787,750 authorized)	10,314,898
Net asset value per share	\$13.64

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the nine months ended September 30, 2015 (Unaudited)

Investment Income:	
Interest	\$8,864,084
Dividends	368,705
Other	78,773
Total investment income	9,311,562
Expenses:	
Investment advisory fees	961,852
Interest	460,125
Professional fees	180,413
Trustees' fees and expenses	174,000
Reports to shareholders	56,000
Custodian fees	20,064
Other	145,050
Total expenses	1,997,504
Investment income - net	7,314,058
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments:	
Net realized gain on investments before taxes	1,441,822
Income tax expense	(58,892)
Net realized gain on investments after taxes	1,382,930
Net change in unrealized depreciation of investments before taxes	(517,634)
Net change in deferred income tax expense	317,084
Net change in unrealized depreciation of investments after taxes	(200,550)
Net gain on investments	1,182,380
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$8,496,438

Babson Capital Participation Investors CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS For the nine months ended September 30, 2015 (Unaudited)

Net increase in cash:		
Cash flows from operating activities: Purchases/Proceeds/Maturities from short-term portfolio securities, net	\$	4,508,839
Purchases of portfolio securities	Ψ	(30,317,483)
Proceeds from disposition of portfolio securities		35,833,072
Interest, dividends and other income received		8,478,865
Interest expense paid		(460,125)
Operating expenses paid		(1,483,793)
Income taxes paid		(1,366,629)
Net cash provided by operating activities		15,192,746
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Cash dividends paid from net investment income		(8,351,338)
Receipts for shares issued on reinvestment of dividends		185,229
Net cash used for financing activities		(8,166,109)
Net increase in cash		7,026,637
Cash - beginning of period		6,459,099
Cash - end of period	\$	13,485,736
Reconciliation of net increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$	8,496,438
Decrease in investments		7,702,091
Decrease in interest receivable		55,183
Decrease in other assets		11,644
Increase in payable for investments purchased		498,625
Increase in investment advisory fee payable		7,001
Decrease in tax payable		(1,307,737)
Decrease in deferred tax liability		(317,084)
Increase in accrued expenses		46,585
Total adjustments to net assets from operations	¢	6,696,308
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$	15,192,746

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

Increase in net assets:	moi 09/3	the nine nths ended 30/2015 audited)		•	he ended 1/2014	
Operations:						
Investment income - net Net realized gain on investments after taxes Net change in unrealized depreciation of investments after taxes Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$	7,314,058 1,382,930 (200,550 8,496,438)	\$	10,671,491 5,032,760 800,181 16,504,432	
Increase from common shares issued on reinvestment of dividends Common shares issued (2015 - 13,813; 2014 - 56,918)		185,229			751,903	
Dividends to shareholders from: Net investment income (2015 - \$0.54 per share; 2014 - \$0.96 per share) Net realized gains (2015 - \$0.00 per share; 2014 - \$0.12 per share) Total increase in net assets		(5,570,045)		(9,866,694) (1,236,130) 6,153,511	
Net assets, beginning of period/year		137,568,919)		131,415,408	
Net assets, end of period/year (including undistributed net investment income of	¢	140 600 541	1	¢	127 569 010	
\$2,500,792 and \$756,779, respectively)	\$	140,680,541	l	\$	137,568,919	

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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

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Net asset value: Beginning of year Net investment income (a) Net realized and unrealized	\$	13.35 0.71		\$	12.83 1.04		\$ 12.56 1.00		\$	11.90 1.08		\$	11.89 1.14	
gain (loss) on investments Total from investment operations		0.12 0.83			0.57 1.61		0.35 1.35			0.64 1.72			0.08 1.22	
Dividends from net investment income to common shareholders Dividends from realized gain on investments to		(0.54)		(0.96)	(1.08)		(1.04)		(1.23)
common shareholders					(0.12)	—			(0.04)		(0.00) (b)
Increase from dividends reinvested Total dividends Net asset value: End of		(0.00 (0.54) (b))		(0.01 (1.09))	(0.00 (1.08) (b))		0.02 (1.06)		0.02 (1.21)
period/year	\$	13.64		\$	13.35		\$ 12.83		\$	12.56		\$	11.90	
Per share market value: End of period/year	\$	13.20		\$	13.23		\$ 12.88		\$	13.91		\$	15.85	
Total investment return Net asset value (c) Market value (c) Net assets (in millions):		6.25 4.15	% %		13.61 12.54	% %	10.97 0.47	% %		15.89 (4.54	% %)		10.56 24.16	% %
End of period/year Ratio of total expenses to	\$	140.68		\$	137.57		\$ 131.42		\$	127.87		\$	120.32	
average net assets Ratio of operating expenses		1.95	% (e))	2.84	%	2.15	%		2.83	%		2.18	%
to average net assets Ratio of interest expense to		1.46	% (e))	1.49	%	1.51	%		1.51	%		1.42	%
average net assets Ratio of income tax expense		0.44	% (e))	0.45	%	0.47	%		0.49	%		0.56	%
to average net assets (d) Ratio of net investment		0.05	% (e))	0.90	%	0.17	%		0.83	%		0.20	%
income to average net assets Portfolio turnover		6.93 21	% (e) %)	7.82 32	% %	7.77 30	% %		8.82 34	% %		9.33 21	% %

- (a) Calculated using average shares.
 - Rounds to less than \$0.01 per share.
- (c)Net asset value return represents portfolio returns based on change in the Trust's net asset value assuming the reinvestment of all dividends and distributions which differs from the total investment return based on the Trust's market value due to the difference between the Trust's net asset value and the market value of its shares outstanding; past performance is no guarantee of future results.
- (d)As additional information, this ratio is included to reflect the taxes paid on retained long-term gains. These taxes paid are netted against realized capital gains in the Statement of Operations. The taxes paid are treated as deemed distributions and a credit for the taxes paid is passed on to shareholders.

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Total principal amount (in millions)	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15	\$15
Asset coverage per \$1,000 of indebtedness	\$10,379	\$10,171	\$9,761	\$9,525	\$9,021

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS September 30, 2015 (Unaudited)

Corporate Restricted Securities - 78.22%: (A)	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date		Cost	F	Fair Value
Private Placement Investments - 64.	95%: (C)					
1492 Acquisition LLC A leading producer of premium Itali 14% Senior Subordinated Note	an cured meats and deli	meats in the U.S.				
due 10/17/2019 Limited Liability Company Unit	\$ 687,703	10/17/12	\$	678,450	\$	684,354
Class A Common (B) Limited Liability Company Unit	11,364 uts.	10/17/12		11,364		—
Class A Preferred (B)	102 uts.	10/17/12		102,270 792,084		91,816 776,170
A S C Group, Inc. A designer and manufacturer of high and electronic components primarily 14% Senior Subordinated Note due 12/21/2020			icati	ions products, comj 1,042,778	puti	ng systems 1,070,372
Limited Liability Company Unit						
Class A (B) Limited Liability Company Unit	3,094 uts.	*		153,704		336,484
Class B (B) * 10/09/09 and 12/20/13.	1,479 uts.	10/09/09		52,999 1,249,481		160,847 1,567,703
A W X Holdings Corporation A provider of aerial equipment renta contractors operating in the State of 10.5% Senior Secured Term Note due 12/20/2016 (D) 13% Senior Subordinated Note due 12/20/2016 (D) Common Stock (B) Warrant, exercisable until 2016, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	-	ces to non-residentia 05/15/08 05/15/08 05/15/08 05/15/08	ll co	onstruction and mai 413,944 384,627 60,000 35,654 894,225	nter	405,300

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A manufacturer of mine and tunneling ventilation products in the U.S. 13% Senior Subordinated Note								
due 07/31/2019	\$ 181,818	08/01/12	168,970	181,818				
Preferred Stock Series A (B)	125,000 shs.	08/01/12	125,000	212,614				
Warrant, exercisable until 2022,								
to purchase								
common stock at \$.02 per share								
(B)	22,414 shs.	08/01/12	42,446	35,852				
			336,416	430,284				
ACP Cascade Holdings LLC								
A manufacturer and distributor of v	vinyl windows and pa	tio doors throughout t	he northwestern United	l States.				
Limited Liability Company Unit								
Class B (B)	32 uts.	11/09/12	—					
Advanced Manufacturing								
Enterprises LLC								
A designer and manufacturer of lar	ge, custom gearing p	roducts for a number of	of critical customer app	lications.				
Limited Liability Company Unit								
(B)	1,945 uts.	*	207,910	155,962				
* 12/07/12 and 07/11/13.								

Babson Capital Participation Investors CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) September 30, 2015 (Unaudited)

	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or			
Corporate Restricted	Ownership	Acquisition	_	
Securities: (A) (Continued)	Percentage	Date	Cost	Fair Value
Advanced Technologies Holdings A provider of factory maintenance service Preferred Stock Series A (B) Convertible Preferred Stock	ces to industrial compa 152 shs.	anies. 12/27/07	\$ 75,131	\$ 324,417
Series B (B)	28 shs.	01/04/11	21,600 96,731	59,380 383,797
AFC - Dell Holding Corporation A distributor and provider of inventory r production facilities. 12.5% Senior Subordinated Note due 09/27/2020 Preferred Stock (B) Common Stock (B)	nanagement services f \$ 1,188,400 1,122 shs. 346 shs.	For "C-Parts" used b 03/27/15 03/27/15 03/27/15	by OEMs in their ma 1,166,345 112,154 346	1,198,489 110,491
			1,278,845	1,308,980
Airxcel Holdings A leading manufacturer of a broad range cooking appliances, furnaces, powered v 12.5% Senior Subordinated Note due 11/18/2020 Limited Liability Company Unit			ir-conditioners, heat 1,430,032 288,000 1,718,032	pumps, 1,421,936 206,110 1,628,046
American Hospice Management Holding LLC A for-profit hospice care provider in the 12% Senior Subordinated Note due	United States.			
03/31/2020 (D)	\$ 1,237,502	*	1,237,367	_
Preferred Class A Unit (B)	1,706 uts.	**	170,600	_
Preferred Class B Unit (B)	808 uts.	06/09/08	80,789	
Common Class B Unit (B)	16,100 uts.	01/22/04	1	
Common Class D Unit (B)	3,690 uts.	09/12/06	—	
* 01/22/04 and 06/09/08. ** 01/22/04 and 09/16/06.			1,488,757	

AMS Holding LLC

A leading multi-channel direct marketer of high-value collectible coins and proprietary-branded jewelry and watches.								
Limited Liability Company Unit								
Class A Preferred (B)	114 uts.	10/04/12	113,636	302,984				
Animal Supply Company A distributor of pet products to independent pet stores, veterinary clients and other pet specialty retailers. 9.5% Second Lien Term Loan due								
09/17/2019	\$ 1,725,000	03/30/15	1,702,065	1,654,747				
ARI Holding Corporation A leading national supplier of products u 11.5% Senior Subordinated Note due 02/01/2020 Limited Partnership Interest * 05/21/13 and 08/01/14.	sed primarily by spect \$ 1,702,445 524 uts.	alty contractors. * 08/01/14	1,679,959 523,950 2,203,909	1,706,073 558,806 2,264,879				

CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) September 30, 2015 (Unaudited)

Corporate Restricted Securities:	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership	Acquisition		
(A) (Continued)	Percentage	Date	Cost	Fair Value
Aurora Parts & Accessories LLC A distributor of aftermarket over-th 11% Senior Subordinated Note	e-road semi-trailer parts	s and accessories solo	d to customers across	North America.
due 02/17/2022	\$ 1,515,400	08/17/15	\$ 1,485,655	\$ 1,505,121
Preferred Stock (B)	210 shs.	08/17/15	209,390	209,390
Common Stock (B)	210 shs.	08/17/15	210	210
			1,695,255	1,714,721
Avantech Testing Services LLC A manufacturer of custom Non-Des primarily to the oil country tubular 15% Senior Subordinated Note due 07/31/2021 (D) Limited Liability Company Unit		") systems and provi 07/31/14 07/31/14	ider of NDT and inspe 491,228 369,643 860,871	ections services — — —
Blue Wave Products, Inc. A distributor of pool supplies.				
10% Senior Secured Term Note	¢ 220 2 00	10/10/10	225 540	
due 09/30/2018 13% Senior Subordinated Note	\$ 238,298	10/12/12	235,548	238,298
due 09/30/2019	\$ 327,304	10/12/12	311,075	333,850
Common Stock (B)	\$1,064 shs.	10/12/12	51,064	124,936
Warrant, exercisable until 2022, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	20,216 shs.	10/12/12	20,216	49,462
			617,903	746,546

BlueSpire Holding, Inc.

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

12.5% Senior Subordinated Note

due 06/30/2021	\$ 1,574,081	06/30/15	1,543,618	1,569,618
Common Stock (B)	1,417 shs.	06/30/15	156,800	169,430
			1,700,418	1,739,048

BP SCI LLC				
A leading value-added distributor o	f branded pipes, valves,	and fittings (PVF) to di	versified end markets.	
Limited Liability Company Unit				
Class A (B)	417 uts.	10/17/12	41,667	231,077
Limited Liability Company Unit				
Class B (B)	167 uts.	10/17/12	166,666	230,409
			208,333	461,486
CG Holdings Manufacturing				
Company				
A coating provider serving the auto	motive, agricultural, hea	wy truck and other end	markets.	
13% Senior Subordinated Note				
due 11/01/2019	\$ 1,412,605	*	1,349,394	1,426,731
Preferred Stock (B)	1,350 shs.	*	134,972	154,001
Preferred Stock (B)	489 shs.	*	48,721	55,817
Common Stock (B)	140 shs.	*	14,864	73,971
Warrant, exercisable until 2023,				
to purchase				
common stock at \$.01 per share				
(B)	58 shs.	*	5,430	30,725
* 05/09/13 and 11/01/13.			1,553,381	1,741,245
A coating provider serving the auto 13% Senior Subordinated Note due 11/01/2019 Preferred Stock (B) Preferred Stock (B) Common Stock (B) Warrant, exercisable until 2023, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	\$ 1,412,605 1,350 shs. 489 shs. 140 shs.	* * * *	1,349,394 134,972 48,721 14,864 5,430	154,001 55,817 73,971 30,725

Babson Capital Participation Investors CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) September 30, 2015 (Unaudited)

Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date	Cost	Fair Value
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CHG Alternative Education Holding Company				
A leading provider of publicly-funded, f	or profit pre-K-12 edu	cation services targ	eting special needs of	children at
therapeutic day schools and "at risk" you				
13.5% Senior Subordinated Note due	0	1 8		
01/19/2018	\$ 765,174	01/19/11	\$ 746,177	\$ 765,174
14% Senior Subordinated Note due				
08/03/2019	\$ 199,872	08/03/12	197,376	199,872
Common Stock (B)	375 shs.	01/19/11	37,500	57,928
Warrant, exercisable until 2021, to				
purchase				
common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	295 shs.	01/19/11	29,250 1,010,303	45,535 1,068,509
Church Services Holding Company				
A provider of diversified residential serv	vices to homeowners in	n the Houston, Dall	as, and Austin marke	ets.
14.5% Senior Subordinated Note due		,		
03/26/2018	\$ 189,038	03/26/12	185,641	182,987
10% Senior Subordinated Note due				
09/15/2099	\$ 6,334	09/15/14	6,334	5,936
Common Stock (B)	1,327 shs.	*	132,700	32,823
Warrant, exercisable until 2022, to				
purchase				
common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	57 shs.	03/26/12	5,740	1,410
* 03/26/12, 05/25/12 and 06/19/12.			330,415	223,156
Clarion Brands Holding Corp.				

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

12.5% Senior Subordinated Note due

09/31/2021	\$ 1,591,837	10/01/14	1,563,445	1,591,837
Common Stock (B)	1,568 shs.	10/01/14	156,818	115,334
			1,720,263	1,707,171

Clough, Harbour and Associates

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

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Preferred Stock (B)	147 shs.	12/02/08	146,594	526,758
Compass Chemical International LLC A manufacturer and supplier of standard called phosphonates. 13% Senior Subordinated Note due 10/04/2020 Limited Liability Company Unit (B)	d and specialty form \$ 1,512,168 230 uts.	ulated chemicals, prima 03/04/15 03/04/15	rily phosphoric acid o 1,484,472 230,000 1,714,472	derivatives 1,465,750 205,524 1,671,274

CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) September 30, 2015 (Unaudited)

Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date	Со	ost	Fa	ir Value
Connecticut Electric, Inc.						
A supplier and distributor of electrical pr	roducts sold into the ro	etail and wholesale	mar	kets.		
Limited Liability Company Unit Class A (B)	82,613 uts.	01/12/07	\$	82,613	\$	87,072
Limited Liability Company Unit Class	02,015 uts.	01/12/07	Ψ	02,015	Ψ	07,072
C (B)	59,756 uts.	01/12/07		59,756		68,585
Limited Liability Company Unit Class		0.5.10.0.11.0				001 100
D (B) Limited Liability Company Unit Class	671,525 uts.	05/03/10				821,122
E (B)	1,102 uts.	05/03/10				25,080
	,			142,369		1,001,859
CTM Holding, Inc. A leading owner and operator of coin-op 15% Senior Subordinated Note due 11/22/2019	\$ 1,249,324	11/22/13	d ca	1,230,877	U.S	1,222,649
Common Stock (B)	78 shs.	11/22/13		443,182 1,674,059		374,698 1,597,347
Custom Engineered Wheels, Inc. A manufacturer of custom engineered, n lawn and garden products and wheelchai Preferred Stock PIK (B) Preferred Stock Series A (B) Common Stock (B) Warrant, exercisable until 2016, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B)		wheels and plastic t 10/26/09 10/27/09 10/26/09 10/27/09	read		rima	
DPL Holding Corporation						

A distributor and manufacturer of aftermarket undercarriage parts for medium and heavy duty trucks and trailers. 14% Senior Subordinated Note due

05/04/2019	\$ 1,369,381	05/04/12	1,353,109	1,369,381
Preferred Stock (B)	25 shs.	05/04/12	252,434	312,213
Common Stock (B)	25 shs.	05/04/12	28,048	45,802
			1,633,591	1,727,396

Dunn Paper				
A provider of specialty paper for n	iche product applicatio	ons.		
Preferred Stock (B)	261 shs.	12/30/14	261,364	447,916
E S P Holdco, Inc.				
A manufacturer of power protectio	n technology for comm	nercial office equipment	nt, primarily supplyin	g the office
equipment dealer network.				-
Common Stock (B)	349 shs.	01/08/08	174,701	322,150

Babson Capital Participation Investors CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) September 30, 2015 (Unaudited)

	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or			
Corporate Restricted	Ownership	Acquisition		
Securities: (A) (Continued)	Percentage	Date	Cost	Fair Value
Eatem Holding Company A developer and manufacturer of savory food manufacturers for retail and foodser	rvice end products.		•	
Common Stock (B) Warrant, exercisable until 2018, to purchase	50 shs.	02/01/10	\$ 50,000	\$ 154,410
common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	119 shs.	02/01/10	107,100 157,100	368,175 522,585
ECG Consulting Group A healthcare management consulting con consulting services to healthcare provide 11.75% Senior Subordinated Note due		strategic, financial,	operational, and tech	nnology related
11/21/2020	\$ 1,302,098	11/21/14	1,275,674	1,341,161
Limited Liability Company Unit (B)	230 uts.	11/19/14	71,875 1,347,549	73,246 1,414,407
EPM Holding Company A provider of non-discretionary regulato operational aspects of nuclear power plan 14.5% Senior Subordinated Note due		services that suppo	ort mission critical sa	fety and
07/26/2019	\$ 292,129	07/26/13	287,901	295,050
Common Stock (B)	1,535 shs.	07/26/13	153,474 441,375	460,427 755,477
ERG Holding Company LLC A provider of inpatient and outpatient cli organizations. 13.5% Senior Subordinated Note due	nical trial services to	pharmaceutical cor	npanies and contract	research
10/04/2019	\$ 951,373	04/04/14	936,509	945,288
Common Stock (B)	31 shs.	04/04/14	77,533 1,014,042	83,727 1,029,015
F F C Holding Corporation A leading U.S. manufacturer of private la	abel frozen novelty an	d ice cream produc	cts.	
Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B)	171 uts.	09/27/10	58,345	71,350

Limited Liability Company Unit				
Common (B)	171 uts.	09/27/10	17,073	152,084
			75,418	223,434

F G I Equity	LLC
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A manufacturer of a broad range of filters and related products that are used in commercial, light industrial, healthcare, gas turbine, nuclear, laboratory, clean room, hotel, educational system, and food processing settings. Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B) 80,559 uts. 04/15/14 80,559 Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-1 (B) 65,789 uts. 12/15/10 65,789 116,414 Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-2 (B) 14,595 8,248 uts. 12/15/10 8,248 Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-3 (B) 6,522 uts. 15,000 08/30/12 13,236 Limited Liability Company Unit Class C (B) 16,009 25,450 1,575 uts. 12/20/10 105,046 250,254

CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) September 30, 2015 (Unaudited)

Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date	Cost	Fair Value	
FMH Holdings Corporation A designer and manufacturer of highly	engineered componer	nts for the aerospac	e, defense and space	industries.	
11.5% Senior Subordinated Note due 11/01/2020 Common Stock (B)	\$ 1,443,937 148 shs.	05/01/15 05/01/15	\$ 1,416,849 148,096 1,564,945	\$ 1,446,141 126,700 1,572,841	
G C Holdings A leading manufacturer of gaming tickets, industrial recording charts, security-enabled point-of sale receipts, and medical charts and supplies. Warrant, exercisable until 2018, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B) 198 shs. 10/19/10 46,958 114,651					
common stock at \$.01 per share (B) GD Dental Services LLC A provider of convenient "onestop" ger South and Central Florida. Limited Liability Company Unit					
Preferred (B)	76 uts.	10/05/12	75,920	91,282	
Limited Liability Company Unit Common (B)	767 uts.	10/05/12	767 76,687	57,408 148,690	
GenNx Novel Holding, Inc. A manufacturer and distributor of nutra 13% Senior Subordinated Note due	-				
03/27/2020 Common Stock (B)	\$ 1,589,945 15,500 shs.	03/27/14 03/27/14	1,564,345 155,000 1,719,345	1,562,978 149,853 1,712,831	
gloProfessional Holdings, Inc. A marketer and distributor of premium to the professional spa and physician's 14% Senior Subordinated Note due		tics, cosmeceutical	s and professional h	air care products	
03/27/2010	\$ 1 180 072	03/27/13	1 174 540	1 180 072	

03/27/2019	\$ 1,189,972	03/27/13	1,174,549	1,189,972
Common Stock (B)	1,181 shs.	03/27/13	118,110	157,835
			1,292,659	1,347,807

GlynnDevins Acquisition CorporationA marketing communications agency that services senior living facilities.13% Senior Subordinated Note due12/19/2020\$ 788,872Preferred Stock Series A (B)342 shs.06/19/15Common Stock (B)342 shs.06/19/15

\$ 788,872	06/19/15	773,863	784,160
342 shs.	06/19/15	70,683	70,684
342 shs.	06/19/15	2,945	2,397
		847,491	857,241

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Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date	Cost	Fair Value
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Grakon Parent The leading designer and manufacturer of for transportation-based markets. 12% Senior Subordinated Note due	of highly-engineered a	and customized LE	D and incandescent l	ighting systems
04/30/2021	\$ 1,550,169	10/31/14	\$ 1,522,208	\$ 1,596,674
Common Stock (B)	175 shs.	10/31/14	174,831 1,697,039	214,567 1,811,241
GTI Holding Company				
A designer, developer, and marketer of J 12% Senior Subordinated Note due	precision specialty har	nd tools and handhe	eld test instruments.	
02/05/2020	\$ 727,865	02/05/14	686,758	703,267
Common Stock (B)	846 shs.	02/05/14	84,636	84,434
Warrant, exercisable until 2024, to purchase				
common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	397 shs.	02/05/14	36,816 808,210	39,622 827,323
Handi Quilter Holding Company				
A designer and manufacturer of long-arr	n quilting machines a	nd related compone	ents for the consume	r auilting
market.	in quinting indennies d	na related compone		quinting
12% Senior Subordinated Note due				
06/19/2021	\$ 1,437,500	12/19/14	1,411,117	1,406,145
Limited Liability Company Unit				
Preferred (B)	288 uts.	12/19/14	287,500	272,230
Limited Liability Company Unit	0.075	10/10/14		
Common Class A (B)	2,875 uts.	12/19/14	 1,698,617	1,678,375
			1,090,017	1,070,575
Hartland Controls Holding				
Corporation				
A manufacturer and distributor of electronic and electromechanical components.				
14% Senior Subordinated Note due	* 1 000 0 1 0			
08/14/2019	\$ 1,089,948	02/14/14	1,072,922	1,111,747
12% Senior Subordinated Note due 08/14/2019	\$ 131.250	06/22/15	127 168	430,459
Preferred Stock Series A (B)	\$ 431,250 2,547 shs.	00/22/13 02/14/14	427,168 120,857	430,439 127,124
Therefore block belies A (D)	2,577 5115.	041717	120,007	121,127

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Common Stock (B)	821 shs.	02/14/14	822 1,621,769	168,745 1,838,075	
Healthcare Direct Holding Company A direct-to-customer marketer of discount dental plans.					
Common Stock (B)	517 shs.	03/09/12	51,724	88,031	
HHI Group, LLC A developer, marketer, and distributor of 14% Senior Subordinated Note due 01/17/2020 Limited Liability Company Unit (B)	f hobby-grade radio co \$ 1,576,168 102 uts.	ontrol products. 01/17/14 01/17/14	1,551,896 101,563 1,653,459	1,587,787 79,223 1,667,010	

CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) September 30, 2015 (Unaudited)

Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued)	Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage	Acquisition Date	Cost	Fair Value
Hi-Rel Group LLC	C			
A manufacturer and distributor of precisi aerospace/defense, telecommunications,			onic packaging indus	try, serving the
12% Senior Subordinated Note due 03/15/2018	\$ 703,125	04/15/13	\$ 675,671	\$ 694,028
Limited Liability Company Unit (B)	3703,123 234 uts.	04/15/13	234,375	\$ 094,028 185,445
Warrant, exercisable until 2020, to purchase	254 uts.	04/13/13	234,373	165,445
common stock at \$.01 per share (B)	37,177 shs.	04/15/13	32,344 942,390	29,414 908,887
HOP Entertainment LLC				
A provider of post production equipment	t and services to proc	lucers of television	shows and motion pie	ctures.
Limited Liability Company Unit Class	47 uts.	10/14/11		
F (B) Limited Liability Company Unit Class	47 uts.	10/14/11		
G (B)	114 uts.	10/14/11		
Limited Liability Company Unit Class	117 415.	10/14/11		
H (B)	47 uts.	10/14/11		
Limited Liability Company Unit Class				
I (B)	47 uts.	10/14/11		
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Hospitality Mints Holding Company				
A manufacturer of individually-wrapped imprinted promotional mints.				
12% Senior Subordinated Note due	1 1			
08/19/2016	\$ 1,098,837	08/19/08	1,083,230	1,074,325