

BARINGS PARTICIPATION INVESTORS

Form N-Q

November 29, 2018

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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: 09/30/18

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

CONSOLIDATED SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

September 30, 2018

(Unaudited)

| Corporate Restricted Securities - 85.06%: (A) | Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage | Acquisition Date | Cost | Fair Value |
|---|---|------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Private Placement Investments - 72.65%: (C) | | | | |
| 1A Smart Start, Inc. | | | | |
| A designer, distributor and lessor of ignition interlock devices ("IIDs"). IIDs are sophisticated breathalyzers wired to a vehicles ignition system. | | | | |
| 10.49% Second Lien Term Loan due 12/22/2022 (LIBOR + 8.250%) | \$1,725,000 | 12/21/17 | \$1,696,233 | \$1,691,315 |
| 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 | 107,265 | 109,140 |
| Preferred Stock Series A (B) | 125,000 shs. | 08/01/12 | 125,000 | 243,046 |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2022, to purchase common stock at \$.02 per share (B) | 22,414 shs. | 08/01/12 | 42,446 | 42,137 |
| | | | 274,711 | 394,323 |
| 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. | * | 207,911 | 26,868 |
| * 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 | \$1,224,547 | 02/28/22 | 1,214,049 | 1,198,036 |
| Preferred Stock (B) | 1,122 shs. | 02/28/22 | 112,154 | 112,789 |
| Common Stock (B) | 346 shs. | 02/28/22 | 346 | — |
| | | | 1,326,549 | 1,310,825 |
| 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. | | | | |
| 11.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 04/30/2023 | \$1,568,182 | 10/31/16 | 1,546,468 | 1,581,507 |
| 11.5% (1.25% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due | \$206,039 | 10/06/17 | 202,471 | 207,350 |

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04/30/2023

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|------------------|-----------------|----------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Common Stock (B) | 156,818 shs. | 10/31/16 | 156,818 1,905,757 | 180,036 1,968,893 |
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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

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| Preferred (B)(F) | 114 uts. | 10/04/12 | 113,636 | 218,719 |
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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) | Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage | Acquisition Date | Cost | Fair Value |
|---|---|------------------|-----------|------------|
| API Technologies Corp. | | | | |
| A designer, developer and manufacturer of electronic systems, subsystems, modules and secure communications for technically demanding defense, aerospace and commercial applications in the U.S. and internationally. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) | 0.40% int. | 04/20/16 | \$240,741 | \$451,950 |
| ASC Holdings, Inc. | | | | |
| A manufacturer of capital equipment used by corrugated box manufacturers. | | | | |
| 13% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 05/18/2021 | \$761,884 | 11/19/15 | 753,468 | 699,224 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) | 111,100 uts. | 11/18/15 | 111,100 | — |
| | | | 864,568 | 699,224 |
| Aurora Parts & Accessories LLC | | | | |
| A distributor of aftermarket over-the-road semi-trailer parts and accessories sold to customers across North America. | | | | |
| 11% Senior Subordinated Note due 02/17/2022 | \$1,515,400 | 08/17/15 | 1,497,401 | 1,466,455 |
| 14% Senior Subordinated Note due 08/17/2022 | \$10,486 | 08/30/18 | 10,486 | 10,394 |
| Preferred Stock (B) | 210 shs. | 08/17/15 | 209,390 | 109,573 |
| Common Stock (B) | 210 shs. | 08/17/15 | 210 | — |
| | | | 1,717,487 | 1,586,422 |
| Avantech Testing Services LLC | | | | |
| A manufacturer of custom Non-Destructive Testing ("NDT") systems and provider of NDT and inspections services primarily to the oil country tubular goods market. | | | | |
| 15% (3.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 03/31/2021 (D) | \$6,777 | 07/31/14 | 6,650 | — |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) | 45,504 uts. | * | — | — |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class C Preferred (B)(F) | 78,358 uts. | 09/29/17 | 484,578 | — |
| * 07/31/14 and 10/14/15. | | | 491,228 | — |
| BBB Industries LLC | | | | |
| A supplier of re-manufactured parts to the North American automotive aftermarket. | | | | |
| 10.60% Second Lien Term Loan due 06/26/2026 (LIBOR + 8.500%) | \$1,725,000 | 08/02/18 | 1,674,221 | 1,707,750 |

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BCC Software, Inc.

A provider of software and data solutions which enhance mail processing to help direct mail marketers realize discounts from the U.S. Postal Service, avoid penalties associated with mailing errors, and improve the accuracy and efficiency of marketing campaigns.

12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due

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|------------------------------|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 04/11/2023 | \$1,506,408 | 10/11/17 | 1,480,542 | 1,473,033 |
| Preferred Stock Series A (B) | 23 shs. | 10/11/17 | 232,373 | 232,400 |
| Common Stock Class A (B) | 735 shs. | 10/11/17 | 735 | 30,793 |
| | | | 1,713,650 | 1,736,226 |

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| 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 custom optical encoder-based positioning systems, precision accelerometers, and micro scanners. | | | | |
| 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 04/28/2024 | \$1,469,724 | 04/28/17 | \$1,444,823 | \$1,447,458 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) | 2,760 uts. | 04/28/17 | 276,000 | 147,864 |
| | | | 1,720,823 | 1,595,322 |
| Blue Wave Products, Inc. | | | | |
| A distributor of pool supplies. | | | | |
| 13% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 09/30/2019 | \$337,259 | 10/12/12 | 332,343 | 337,259 |
| Common Stock (B) | 51,064 shs. | 10/12/12 | 51,064 | 227,575 |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2022, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B) | 20,216 shs. | 10/12/12 | 20,216 | 90,096 |
| | | | 403,623 | 654,930 |
| 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. | | | | |
| Common Stock (B) | 29,560 shs. | 06/30/15 | 937,438 | — |
| Cadence, Inc. | | | | |
| A full-service contract manufacturer ("CMO") and supplier of advanced products, technologies, and services to medical device, life science, and industrial companies. | | | | |
| 6.74% Lien Term Loan due 04/30/2025 (LIBOR + 4.500%) | \$811,823 | 05/14/18 | 796,431 | 792,814 |
| Cadent, LLC | | | | |
| A provider of advertising solutions driven by data and technology. | | | | |
| 9.75% Term Loan due 09/07/2023 (LIBOR + 5.500%) | \$1,026,038 | 09/04/18 | 1,015,857 | 1,020,908 |
| CHG Alternative Education Holding Company | | | | |
| A leading provider of publicly-funded, for profit pre-K-12 education services targeting special needs children at therapeutic day schools and "at risk" youth through alternative education programs. | | | | |
| 13.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 06/19/2020 | \$800,858 | 01/19/11 | 796,616 | 794,470 |
| 14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note | \$212,387 | 08/03/12 | 211,377 | 208,749 |

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due 06/19/2020

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|---|----------|----------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Common Stock (B) | 375 shs. | 01/19/11 | 37,500 | 31,716 |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2021, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B) | 295 shs. | 01/19/11 | 29,250 1,074,743 | 24,931 1,059,866 |

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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.

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|------------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) | 1,853 uts. | 07/18/16 | \$ 189,267 | \$ 192,807 |
|------------------------------------|------------|----------|------------|------------|

Clubessential LLC

A leading SaaS platform for private clubs and resorts.

7% (5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note
due 01/12/24

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|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| \$ 1,787,305 | 01/16/18 | 1,755,517 | 1,773,801 |
|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------|

Compass Chemical International LLC

A manufacturer and supplier of standard and specialty formulated chemicals, primarily phosphoric acid derivatives called phosphonates.

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|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) | 230 uts. | 03/04/15 | 147,305 | 244,984 |
|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|---------|---------|

CORA Health Services, Inc.

A provider of outpatient rehabilitation therapy services.

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|---------------------------------------|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 11% (1% PIK) Term Loan due 05/05/2025 | \$ 2,086,422 | 05/01/18 | 1,463,052 | 1,415,430 |
| Preferred Stock Series A (B) | 758 shs. | 06/30/16 | 38,258 | 91,182 |
| Common Stock Class A (B) | 3,791 shs. | 06/30/16 | 3,791 | 20,030 |
| | | | 1,505,101 | 1,526,642 |

CTM Holding, Inc.

A leading owner and operator of coin-operated children's rides, penny presses and candy kiosks in the U.S.

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|---|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 15% (3% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 12/31/2020 | \$ 1,366,519 | 11/22/13 | 1,359,133 | 1,366,519 |
| 14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 06/04/2020 | \$ 337,797 | 05/08/18 | 329,577 | 332,452 |
| Common Stock (B) | 90 shs. | * | 514,284 | 997,754 |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2028, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B) | 2 shs. | 05/08/18 | — | 22,172 |
| * 11/22/13 and 09/16/16. | | | 2,202,994 | 2,718,897 |

Del Real LLC

A manufacturer and distributor of fully-prepared fresh refrigerated Hispanic entrees as well as side dishes that are typically sold on a heat-and-serve basis at retail grocers.

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| 11% Senior Subordinated Note due 04/06/2023 | \$1,420,588 | 10/07/16 | 1,398,778 | 1,388,981 |
| | 336,487 | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) | uts. | * | 343,121 | 245,636 |
| * 10/07/16 and 07/25/18. | | | 1,741,899 | 1,634,617 |

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| Discovery Education, Inc. | | | | |
| A provider of standards-based, digital education content for K-12 schools. | | | | |
| 7.04% Term Loan due 04/30/2024 | | | | |
| (LIBOR + 4.750%) | | | | |
| | \$1,921,590 | 04/20/18 | \$1,885,858 | \$1,876,252 |
| DPL Holding Corporation | | | | |
| A distributor and manufacturer of aftermarket undercarriage parts for medium and heavy duty trucks and trailers. | | | | |
| Preferred Stock (B) | 25 shs. | 05/04/12 | 252,434 | 265,889 |
| Common Stock (B) | 25 shs. | 05/04/12 | 28,048 | — |
| | | | 280,482 | 265,889 |
| DuBois Chemicals, Inc. | | | | |
| A provider of consumable, value-added specialty cleaning chemical solutions to the industrial, transportation paper and water markets. | | | | |
| 10.40% Second Lien Term Loan due 08/31/2025 | | | | |
| (LIBOR + 8.000%) | | | | |
| | \$1,725,000 | 09/19/18 | 1,707,750 | 1,707,750 |
| Dunn Paper | | | | |
| A provider of specialty paper for niche product applications. | | | | |
| 10.99% Second Lien Term Loan due 08/26/2023 | | | | |
| (LIBOR + 8.750%) | | | | |
| | \$1,725,000 | 09/28/16 | 1,700,367 | 1,729,313 |
| ECG Consulting Group | | | | |
| A healthcare management consulting company who provides strategic, financial, operational, and technology related consulting services to healthcare providers. | | | | |
| 11.5% (0.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 06/20/2025 | | | | |
| | \$758,719 | 06/20/18 | 744,139 | 756,962 |
| 11.5% (0.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 06/20/2025 | | | | |
| | \$1,328,581 | 11/21/14 | 1,314,495 | 1,325,505 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) | | | | |
| | 230 uts. | 11/19/14 | 36,199 | 86,897 |
| | | | 2,094,833 | 2,169,364 |
| Elite Sportswear Holding, LLC | | | | |
| A designer and manufacturer of gymnastics, competitive cheerleading and swimwear apparel in the U.S. and internationally. | | | | |
| 11.5% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 01/14/2022 (D) | | | | |
| | \$1,588,640 | 10/14/16 | 1,568,694 | 1,509,208 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) | | | | |
| | 101 uts. | 10/14/16 | 159,722 | 40,662 |

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1,728,416 1,549,870

English Color & Supply LLC

A distributor of aftermarket automotive paint and related products to collision repair shops, auto dealerships and fleet customers through a network of stores in the Southern U.S.

11.5% (0.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

due 12/31/2023

| | | | |
|-------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| \$1,335,621 | 06/30/17 | 1,313,102 | 1,305,319 |
| 397,695 | | | |

Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F)

| | | | |
|------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| uts. | 06/30/17 | 397,695 | 326,110 |
| | | 1,710,797 | 1,631,429 |

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E.S.P. Associates, P.A.

A professional services firm providing engineering, surveying and planning services to infrastructure projects.

12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

due 10/04/2023 \$690,226 04/04/18 \$677,375 \$682,313

Limited Liability Company Unit (B) 229 uts. 04/04/18 228,955 247,971

906,330 930,284

F F C Holding Corporation

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

Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B) 171 uts. 09/27/10 58,345 24,100

Limited Liability Company Unit Common (B) 171 uts. 09/27/10 17,073 —

75,418 24,100

F G I Equity LLC

A manufacturer of a broad range of filters and related products that are used in commercial, light industrial, healthcare, gas turbine, nuclear, laboratory, clean room, hotel, educational system, and food processing settings.

Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B) 80,559 uts. 04/15/14 — 80,558

Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-1 (B) 65,789 uts. 12/15/10 65,789 422,290

Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-2 (B) 8,248 uts. 12/15/10 8,248 52,943

Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-3 (B) 6,522 uts. 08/30/12 15,000 43,558

Limited Liability Company Unit Class C (B) 1,575 uts. 12/20/10 16,009 68,206

105,046 667,555

GD Dental Services LLC

A provider of convenient "onestop" general, specialty, and cosmetic dental services with 21 offices located throughout South and Central Florida.

Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B) 76 uts. 10/05/12 75,920 —

Limited Liability Company Unit Common (B) 767 uts. 10/05/12 767 —

76,687 —

gloProfessional Holdings, Inc.

A marketer and distributor of premium mineral-based cosmetics, cosmeceuticals and professional hair care products to the professional spa and physician's office channels.

14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

due 03/27/2019 \$1,499,222 03/27/13 1,496,582 1,349,300

Common Stock (B) 1,181 shs. 03/27/13 118,110 3,679

1,614,692 1,352,979

Glynlyon Holding Companies, Inc.

A technology-enabled curriculum provider of K-12 and support services predominantly to small and medium public school districts.

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|------------------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Common Stock (B) | 147 shs. | 01/15/16 | 103,205 | 193,076 |
|------------------|----------|----------|---------|---------|

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|--|--|---------------------|-----------|------------|
| GlynnDevins Acquisition Corporation | | | | |
| A marketing communications agency that services senior living facilities. | | | | |
| Preferred Stock Series A (B) | 342 shs. | 06/19/15 | \$70,683 | \$89,256 |
| Common Stock (B) | 342 shs. | 06/19/15 | 2,945 | 147,056 |
| | | | 73,628 | 236,312 |
| GraphPad Software, Inc. | | | | |
| 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. | | | | |
| 8.39% Term Loan due 12/21/2022 (LIBOR + 6.000%) | | | | |
| | \$2,446,513 | 12/19/17 | 2,403,942 | 2,399,013 |
| GTI Holding Company | | | | |
| A designer, developer, and marketer of precision specialty hand tools and handheld test instruments. | | | | |
| 12% Senior Subordinated Note due 05/22/2023 | \$727,865 | 02/05/14 | 706,730 | 727,865 |
| Common Stock (B) | 1,046 shs. | * | 104,636 | 131,843 |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2027, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B) | 397 shs. | 02/05/14 | 36,816 | 50,040 |
| * 02/05/14 and 11/22/17. | | | 848,182 | 909,748 |
| Handi Quilter Holding Company (Premier Needle Arts) | | | | |
| A designer and manufacturer of long-arm quilting machines and related components for the consumer quilting market. | | | | |
| 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 06/19/2021 | | | | |
| | \$1,725,000 | * | 1,706,207 | 1,712,013 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B) | 372 uts. | ** | 371,644 | 471,646 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Common Class A (B) | 3,594 uts. | 12/19/14 | — | 33,528 |
| * 12/19/14 and 02/21/17. | | | 2,077,851 | 2,217,187 |
| * *12/19/14 and 04/29/16. | | | | |
| Happy Floors Acquisition, Inc. | | | | |
| A wholesale importer and value-added distributor of premium European flooring tile to residential and commercial end markets. | | | | |
| 12.5% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 07/01/2022 | | | | |
| | \$993,896 | 07/01/16 | 980,155 | 1,003,835 |
| Common Stock (B) | 150 shs. | 07/01/16 | 149,500 | 213,685 |
| | | | 1,129,655 | 1,217,520 |
| Hartland Controls Holding Corporation | | | | |

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A manufacturer and distributor of electronic and electromechanical components.

14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

due 08/14/2020

\$1,145,688 02/14/14

1,138,481 1,145,688

12% Senior Subordinated Note due 08/14/2020

\$431,250 06/22/15

429,584 430,609

Common Stock (B)

821 shs. 02/14/14

822 267,601
1,568,887 1,843,898

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| HHI Group, LLC | | | | |
| A developer, marketer, and distributor of hobby-grade radio control products. | | | | |
| 14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 11/26/2020 | \$1,675,777 | 01/17/14 | \$1,665,178 | \$1,675,777 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) | 102 uts. | 01/17/14 | 101,563 | 44,253 |
| | | | 1,766,741 | 1,720,030 |
| Hollandia Produce LLC | | | | |
| A hydroponic greenhouse producer of branded root vegetables. | | | | |
| 14.25% (2.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 12/11/2020 | \$1,434,770 | * | 1,420,640 | 1,363,031 |
| 10.1% Term Loan due 12/12/2020 (LIBOR + 8.000%) | \$109,916 | 04/06/18 | 109,916 | 109,652 |
| 10.1% Term Loan due 12/11/2020 (LIBOR + 8.000%) | \$146,780 | 04/06/18 | 146,780 | 146,429 |
| * 12/30/15 and 12/23/16. | | | 1,677,336 | 1,619,112 |
| HOP Entertainment LLC | | | | |
| A provider of post production equipment and services to producers of television shows and motion pictures. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class F (B)(F) | 47 uts. | 10/14/11 | — | — |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class G (B)(F) | 114 uts. | 10/14/11 | — | — |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class H (B)(F) | 47 uts. | 10/14/11 | — | — |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class I (B)(F) | 47 uts. | 10/14/11 | — | — |
| Impact Confections | | | | |
| An independent manufacturer and marketer of confectionery products including Warheads® brand sour candies, Melster® brand classic candies, and co-manufactured/private label classic candies. | | | | |
| 15% (15% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 11/10/2020 (D) | \$1,306,594 | 11/10/14 | 1,297,147 | — |
| Common Stock (B) | 2,300 shs. | 11/10/14 | 230,000 | — |
| | | | 1,527,147 | — |
| JMH Investors LLC | | | | |
| A developer and manufacturer of custom formulations for a wide variety of foods. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) | 1,038,805 uts. | 12/05/12 | 232,207 | — |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class A-1 (B)(F) | | 10/31/16 | 159,048 | 294,064 |

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| | 159,048 | | | |
| | uts. | | | |
| | 1,032,609 | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class A-2 (B)(F) | uts. | 10/31/16 | — | 169,430 |
| | | | 391,255 | 463,494 |
| K P I Holdings, Inc. | | | | |
| The largest player in the U.S. non-automotive, non-ferrous die casting segment. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class C Preferred (B) | 40 uts. | 06/30/15 | — | 89,409 |
| Common Stock (B) | 353 shs. | 07/15/08 | 285,619 | 304,713 |
| | | | 285,619 | 394,122 |

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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) | Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage | Acquisition Date | Cost | Fair Value |
|---|---|------------------|-----------|------------|
| Manhattan Beachwear Holding Company | | | | |
| A designer and distributor of women's swimwear. | | | | |
| 12.5% Senior Subordinated Note due 04/30/2019 (D) | \$419,971 | 01/15/10 | \$404,121 | \$377,974 |
| 15% (2.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 04/30/2019 (D) | \$115,253 | 10/05/10 | 114,604 | 103,727 |
| Common Stock (B) | 35 shs. | 10/05/10 | 35,400 | — |
| Common Stock Class B (B) | 118 shs. | 01/15/10 | 117,647 | — |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2019, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B) | 104 shs. | 10/05/10 | 94,579 | |
| | | | 766,351 | 481,701 |
| Master Cutlery LLC | | | | |
| A designer and marketer of a wide assortment of knives and swords. | | | | |
| 13% Senior Subordinated Note due 04/17/2020 | \$868,102 | 04/17/15 | 864,572 | 390,646 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit | 5 uts. | 04/17/15 | 678,329 | — |
| | | | 1,542,901 | 390,646 |
| Merex Holding Corporation | | | | |
| A provider of after-market spare parts and components, as well as maintenance, repair and overhaul services for "out of production" or "legacy" aerospace and defense systems that are no longer effectively supported by the original equipment manufacturers. | | | | |
| 16% Senior Subordinated Note due 10/30/2019 (D) | \$454,295 | 09/22/11 | 449,013 | 159,003 |
| 15% PIK Senior Subordinated Note due 04/30/2022 (D) | \$23,839 | 08/18/15 | 23,839 | — |
| 14% PIK Senior Subordinated Note due 06/30/2019 | \$68,718 | * | 68,718 | 68,406 |
| Common Stock Class A (B) | 83,080 shs. | ** | 170,705 | — |
| * 10/21/16, 01/27/17 and 10/13/17. | | | 712,275 | 227,409 |
| ** 08/18/15, 10/20/16 and 01/27/17. | | | | |
| MES Partners, Inc. | | | | |
| An industrial service business offering an array of cleaning and environmental services to the Gulf Coast region of the U.S. | | | | |
| 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 09/30/2021 | \$1,126,148 | 09/30/14 | 1,114,606 | 1,126,148 |
| 12% Senior Subordinated Note due 09/30/2021 | \$302,537 | 02/28/18 | 297,340 | 308,633 |
| | 259,252 | | | |
| Common Stock Class B (B) | shs. | * | 244,163 | 71,799 |
| * 09/30/14 and 02/28/18. | | | 1,656,109 | 1,506,580 |

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MeTEOR Education LLC

A leading provider of classroom and common area design services, furnishings, equipment and instructional support to K-12 schools.

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| 12% Senior Subordinated Note due 6/20/23 | \$915,819 | 03/09/18 | 899,352 | 888,430 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) | 182 uts. | 03/09/18 | 183,164 | 10,873 |
| | | | 1,082,516 | 899,303 |

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|--|--|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Midwest Industrial Rubber, Inc. | | | | |
| A supplier of industrial maintenance, repair, and operations ("MRO") products, specializing in the fabrication and distribution of lightweight conveyor belting and related conveyor components and accessories. | | | | |
| 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 12/02/2022 | \$ 1,582,309 | 12/02/16 | \$ 1,558,411 | \$ 1,573,613 |
| Preferred Stock (B) | 1,711 shs. | 12/02/16 | 171,116 | 163,792 |
| Common Stock (B) | 242 shs. | 12/02/16 | 242 | — |
| | | | 1,729,769 | 1,737,405 |
| Money Mailer Equity LLC | | | | |
| A leading provider of hyperlocal shared direct mail advertising as well as interactive and online advertising solutions through its nationwide production and distribution network. | | | | |
| 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 10/29/2021 | \$ 1,765,786 | 04/29/16 | 1,743,894 | 882,893 |
| Motion Controls Holdings | | | | |
| A manufacturer of high performance mechanical motion control and linkage products. | | | | |
| 14.25% (1.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 08/15/2020 | \$ 287,973 | 11/30/10 | 286,721 | 287,739 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-1 (B)(F) | 75,000 uts. | 11/30/10 | — | 51,922 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class B-2 (B)(F) | 6,801 uts. | 11/30/10 | — | 4,708 |
| | | | 286,721 | 344,369 |
| New Mountain Learning, LLC | | | | |
| A leading provider of blended learning solutions to the K-12 and post-secondary school market. | | | | |
| 7.89% Term Loan due 3/16/2024 (LIBOR + 5.500%) | \$ 1,792,448 | 03/15/18 | 1,665,813 | 1,658,725 |
| NSi Industries Holdings, Inc. | | | | |
| A manufacturer and distributor of electrical components and accessories to small to mid-sized electrical wholesalers. | | | | |
| 12.75% (1.75% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 05/17/2023 | \$ 1,527,814 | 06/30/16 | 1,505,322 | 1,517,821 |
| Common Stock (B) | 207 shs. | 05/17/16 | 207,000 | 259,612 |
| | | | 1,712,322 | 1,777,433 |

PANOS Brands LLC

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A marketer and distributor of branded consumer foods in the specialty, natural, better-for-you, "free from" healthy and gluten-free categories.

12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due

08/17/2022

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| \$ 1,775,705 | 02/17/17 | 1,752,299 | 1,758,924 |
| 380,545 | | | |

Common Stock Class B (B)

| | | | |
|------|---|---------|---------|
| shs. | * | 380,545 | 588,612 |
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* 01/29/16 and 02/17/17.

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| 2,132,844 | 2,347,536 |
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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) | Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage | Acquisition Date | Cost | Fair Value |
|--|--|---------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Pegasus Transtech Corporation | | | | |
| 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. | | | | |
| 11.25% Term Loan due 11/16/2022 | \$366,862 | 11/14/17 | \$358,380 | \$356,514 |
| 8.49% Term Loan due 11/17/2024 (LIBOR + 6.250%) | \$2,112,710 | 11/14/17 | 1,931,550 2,289,930 | 1,927,066 2,283,580 |
| Petroplex Inv Holdings LLC | | | | |
| A leading provider of acidizing services to E&P customers in the Permian Basin. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company | 0.40% int. | * | 175,339 | 19,255 |
| * 11/29/12 and 12/20/16. | | | | |
| Polytex Holdings LLC | | | | |
| A manufacturer of water based inks and related products serving primarily the wall covering market. | | | | |
| 13.9% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 01/31/2020 | \$1,157,051 148,096 | 07/31/14 | 1,150,158 | 867,788 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit | uts. | 07/31/14 | 148,096 | — |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class F | 36,976 uts. | * | 24,802 | — |
| * 09/28/17 and 02/15/18. | | | | |
| Power Stop Holdings LLC | | | | |
| A supplier of performance upgrade aftermarket brake products. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Preferred (B)(F) | 1,149 uts. | 05/29/15 | 114,900 | 122,055 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Common (B)(F) | 1,149 uts. | 05/29/15 | — 114,900 | 137,824 259,879 |
| PPC Event Services | | | | |
| A special event equipment rental business. | | | | |
| 14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 05/20/2020 | \$1,208,352 | 11/20/14 | 1,199,910 | 1,208,352 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) | 3,450 uts. | 11/20/14 | 172,500 | 286,265 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Series A-1 (B) | 339 uts. | 03/16/16 | 42,419 1,414,829 | 28,822 1,523,439 |
| Randy's Worldwide Automotive | | | | |

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A designer and distributor of automotive aftermarket parts.

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| Common Stock (B) | 118 shs. | 05/12/15 | 118,476 | 305,572 |
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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) | Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage | Acquisition Date | Cost | Fair Value |
|--|---|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| ReelCraft Industries, Inc. | | | | |
| A designer and manufacturer of heavy-duty reels for diversified industrial, mobile equipment OEM, auto aftermarket, government/military and other end markets. | | | | |
| 10.5% (0.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 02/28/2023 | | | | |
| | \$1,437,794 293,617 | 11/13/17 | \$1,437,794 | \$1,465,747 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class B | uts. | 11/13/17 | 184,688 1,622,482 | 274,295 1,740,042 |
| Rock-it Cargo | | | | |
| A provider of specialized international logistics solutions to the music touring, performing arts, live events, fine art and specialty industries. | | | | |
| 7.09% Term Loan due 06/22/2024 (LIBOR + 4.750%) | | | | |
| | \$2,465,000 | 07/30/18 | 2,405,150 | 2,400,844 |
| ROI Solutions | | | | |
| Call center outsourcing and end user engagement services provider. | | | | |
| 7.17% Term Loan due 07/31/2024 (LIBOR + 5.000%) | | | | |
| | \$1,634,653 | 07/31/18 | 640,774 | 638,646 |
| Sara Lee Frozen Foods | | | | |
| A provider of frozen bakery products, desserts and sweet baked goods. | | | | |
| 6.74% Lien Term Loan due 07/31/2024 (LIBOR + 4.500%) | | | | |
| | \$1,533,288 | 07/27/18 | 1,499,780 | 1,496,970 |
| Signature Systems Holding Company | | | | |
| A seller and installer of a variety of modular surfaces, industrial matting and related products used for ground protection. | | | | |
| Common Stock (B) | 76 shs. | 03/15/13 | 75,509 | 258,220 |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2023, to purchase common stock A at \$.01 per share (B) | 31 shs. | 03/15/13 | 28,316 103,825 | 105,497 363,717 |
| Smart Source Holdings LLC | | | | |
| A short-term computer rental company. | | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) | 328 uts. | * | 261,262 | 479,594 |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2020, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B) | 83 shs. | * | 67,467 | 121,481 |

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* 08/31/07 and 03/06/08. 328,729 601,075

SMB Machinery Holdings, Inc.

A reseller of used, rebuilt and refurbished packaging and processing equipment, primarily serving the bottling and food manufacturing industries.

14% (2% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

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|--------------------|-----------|----------|---------|---|
| due 10/18/2019 (D) | \$738,694 | 10/18/13 | 726,147 | — |
| Common Stock (B) | 841 shs. | 10/18/13 | 84,100 | — |
| | | | 810,247 | — |

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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) | Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage | Acquisition Date | Cost | Fair Value |
|--|--|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Software Paradigms International Group, LLC An outsourced IT services provider focused on the retail industry. 12.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 11/23/2021 | \$1,725,000 | 05/23/16 | \$1,702,400 | \$1,715,276 |
| SR Smith LLC A manufacturer of mine and tunneling ventilation products in the United States. 11% Senior Subordinated Note due 03/27/2022 Limited Liability Company Unit Series A (B) * 03/27/07 and 08/07/18. | \$1,084,565 229 uts. | * * | 1,076,389 1,060,968 2,137,357 | 1,073,751 1,295,171 2,368,922 |
| 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 | | | |
| Preferred Stock Series A (B) | shs. | 12/13/13 | 158,967 | 291,958 |
| Preferred Stock Series A-2 (B) | 26,543 shs. | 09/10/15 | 29,994 188,961 | 48,749 340,707 |
| Strategic Insight, Inc. A provider of largely proprietary data, market research, and business intelligence to the global asset management industry. 11.64% Second Lien Term Loan due 12/21/2024 (LIBOR + 9.250%) | \$1,725,000 | 12/28/17 | 1,690,390 | 1,633,554 |
| Sunrise Windows Holding Company A manufacturer and marketer of premium vinyl windows exclusively selling to the residential remodeling and replacement market. 16% Senior Subordinated Note due 05/28/2020 (D) Common Stock (B) Warrant, exercisable until 2020, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B) * 12/14/10, 08/17/12 and 03/31/16. | \$1,812,109 38 shs. 37 shs. | * 12/14/10 12/14/10 | 1,358,229 38,168 37,249 1,433,646 | 1,540,293 — — 1,540,293 |
| Sunvair Aerospace Group Inc. An aerospace maintenance, repair, and overhaul provider servicing landing gears on narrow body aircraft. 12% (1% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 07/31/2021 (D) Common Stock (B) | \$1,405,417 68 shs. | 07/31/15 * | 1,392,548 104,986 | 1,194,605 — |

* 07/31/15 and 11/08/17.

1,497,534 1,194,605

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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) | Principal Amount, Shares, Units or Ownership Percentage | Acquisition Date | Cost | Fair Value |
|---|--|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| 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 | \$203,000 |
| Therma-Stor Holdings LLC | | | | |
| A designer and manufacturer of dehumidifiers and water damage restoration equipment for residential and commercial applications. | | | | |
| 10.5% (0.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 11/30/2023 | \$1,371,399 | 11/30/17 | 1,371,399 | 1,341,465 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit | 359,375 uts. | 11/30/17 | 342,851 1,714,250 | 238,796 1,580,261 |
| Torrent Group Holdings, Inc. | | | | |
| A contractor specializing in the sales and installation of engineered drywells for the retention and filtration of stormwater and nuisance water flow. | | | | |
| 15% (7.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 12/05/2020 | \$47,044 | 12/05/13 | 93,430 | 47,514 |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2023, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B) | 28,079 shs. | 12/05/13 | — 93,430 | 23,305 70,819 |
| Trident Maritime Systems | | | | |
| 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. | | | | |
| 7.89% Term Loan due 04/30/2024 (LIBOR + 5.500%) | \$2,465,000 | 05/14/18 | 2,412,597 | 2,400,931 |
| Tristar Global Energy Solutions, Inc. | | | | |
| A hydrocarbon and decontamination services provider serving refineries worldwide. | | | | |
| 12.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 07/31/2020 | \$1,173,744 | 01/23/15 | 1,164,561 | 1,113,391 |
| Trystar, Inc. | | | | |
| A niche manufacturer of temporary power distribution products for the power rental, industrial, commercial utility and back-up emergency markets. | | | | |
| 7.39% Term Loan due 10/01/2023 | \$2,304,813 | 09/28/18 | 2,264,479 | 2,264,479 |

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(LIBOR + 5.000%)

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| Limited Liability Company Unit (B) (F) | 47 uts. | 09/28/18 | 46,562 | 46,560 |
| | | | 2,311,041 | 2,311,039 |

U.S. Retirement and Benefit Partners, Inc.

A leading independent provider of outsourced benefit design and administration and retirement services, primarily to K-12 school districts, employee unions, and governmental agencies.

10.89% Second Lien Term Loan due 2/14/2023

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| (LIBOR + 8.500%) | \$1,725,000 | 03/05/18 | 1,486,379 | 1,480,026 |
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|--|--|---------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Velocity Technology Solutions, Inc. | | | | |
| A provider of outsourced hosting services for enterprise resource planning software applications and information technology infrastructure to mid and large-sized enterprises. | | | | |
| 8.39% Lien Term Loan due 12/07/2023 | | | | |
| (LIBOR + 6.000%) | \$2,089,500 | 12/07/17 | \$2,071,414 | \$2,070,793 |
| VP Holding Company | | | | |
| A provider of school transportation services for special-needs and homeless children in Massachusetts and Connecticut. | | | | |
| 7.89% Lien Term Loan due 05/22/2024 | | | | |
| (LIBOR + 5.500%) | \$2,465,000 | 05/17/18 | 1,724,521 | 1,713,097 |
| Wellborn Forest Holding Company | | | | |
| A manufacturer of semi-custom kitchen and bath cabinetry. | | | | |
| 10% Senior Subordinated Note due 09/30/2019 (D) | \$1,778,423 | 11/30/06 | 1,336,280 | 1,778,422 |
| Common Stock (B) | 101 shs. | 11/30/06 | 101,250 | 14,279 |
| Warrant, exercisable until 2019, to purchase common stock at \$.01 per share (B) | 51 shs. | 11/30/06 | 45,790 | 7,129 |
| | | | 1,483,320 | 1,799,830 |
| 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 | | | | |
| | \$382,106 | 08/03/15 | 378,589 | 372,745 |
| | 370,241 | | | |
| Limited Liability Company Unit (B)(F) | uts. | 08/03/15 | 370,241 | 362,921 |
| | | | 748,830 | 735,666 |
| Whitebridge Pet Brands Holdings, LLC | | | | |
| A manufacturer and marketer of branded, all-natural treats and foods for dogs and cats. | | | | |
| 11.5% (0.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 08/18/2021 | | | | |
| | \$1,491,901 | 04/18/17 | 1,476,267 | 1,473,961 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class A (B)(F) | 123 uts. | 04/18/17 | 148,096 | 141,720 |
| Limited Liability Company Unit Class B (B)(F) | 123 uts. | 04/18/17 | — | 2,655 |
| | | | 1,624,363 | 1,618,336 |
| Wolf-Gordon, Inc. | | | | |

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A designer and specialty distributor of wallcoverings and related building products, including textiles, paint, and writeable surfaces.

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| Common Stock (B) | 157 shs. | 01/22/16 | 156,818 | 217,507 |
|------------------|----------|----------|---------|---------|

WP Supply Holding Corporation

A distributor of fresh fruits and vegetables to grocery wholesalers and foodservice distributors in the upper Midwest.

14.5% (2.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note

| | | | | |
|----------------|-------------|----------|-----------|---------|
| due 06/12/2020 | \$1,009,773 | 11/03/11 | 1,009,428 | 989,071 |
|----------------|-------------|----------|-----------|---------|

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|------------------|------------|----------|---------|---------|
| Common Stock (B) | 1,500 shs. | 11/03/11 | 150,000 | 104,057 |
|------------------|------------|----------|---------|---------|

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| | | | 1,159,428 | 1,093,128 |
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|---|--|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| York Wall Holding Company | | | | |
| A designer, manufacturer and marketer of wall covering products for both residential and commercial wall coverings. | | | | |
| 14.5% (1.5% PIK) Senior Subordinated Note due 03/04/2021 (D) | \$ 1,946,834 | 03/04/15 | \$ 1,549,582 | \$ 1,810,024 |
| Common Stock (B) | 2,046 shs. | * | 200,418 | 94,758 |
| * 03/04/15 and 02/07/18 | | | 1,750,000 | 1,904,782 |
| | | | | |
| Total Private Placement Investments (E) | | | \$ 109,983,886 | \$ 105,987,170 |

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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) | Interest Rate | Maturity Date | Principal Amount | Cost | Market Value |
|--|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------|--------------|
| Rule 144A Securities - 12.41%: | | | | | |
| Bonds - 12.41% | | | | | |
| Acrisure, LLC | 7.000 | % 11/15/25 | \$ 500,000 | \$ 455,914 | \$ 466,225 |
| Alliance Residential Company | 7.500 | 05/01/25 | 500,000 | 518,975 | 532,500 |
| Altice Financing S.A. | 7.500 | 05/15/26 | 400,000 | 400,000 | 390,000 |
| Amsted Industries | 5.375 | 09/15/24 | 240,000 | 240,000 | 237,600 |
| Avantor Inc. | 6.000 | 10/01/24 | 406,000 | 406,000 | 412,090 |
| Avantor Inc. | 9.00 | 10/01/25 | 500,000 | 516,722 | 516,250 |
| Beacon Roofing Supply, Inc. | 4.875 | 11/01/25 | 406,000 | 406,000 | 374,027 |
| Boyne USA, Inc. | 7.250 | 05/01/25 | 167,000 | 167,000 | 176,603 |
| Cimpres N.V. | 7.000 | 06/15/26 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 508,065 |
| CITGO Petroleum Corporation | 6.250 | 08/15/22 | 425,000 | 425,000 | 423,937 |
| CVR Partners, L.P. | 9.250 | 06/15/23 | 500,000 | 490,744 | 530,000 |
| Endo Finance LLC | 6.000 | 02/01/25 | 480,000 | 394,500 | 413,760 |
| Endo Finance LLC | 6.000 | 07/15/23 | 250,000 | 223,125 | 221,875 |
| Enterprise Merger Sub Inc. | 8.750 | 10/15/26 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 500,000 |
| EP Energy LLC / Everest Acquisition Finance Inc. | 9.375 | 05/01/24 | 406,000 | 249,444 | 334,950 |
| Financial & Risk US Holdings, Inc. | 6.250 | 05/15/26 | 151,000 | 151,000 | 151,557 |
| Financial & Risk US Holdings, Inc. | 8.250 | 11/15/26 | 195,000 | 195,000 | 193,818 |
| First Quantum Minerals Ltd. | 7.500 | 04/01/25 | 500,000 | 483,616 | 474,375 |
| First Quantum Minerals Ltd. | 7.250 | 04/01/23 | 500,000 | 494,414 | 477,813 |
| Flex Acquisition Co Inc. | 7.875 | 07/15/26 | 386,000 | 386,000 | 381,175 |
| Hertz Corporation | 7.625 | 06/01/22 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 493,750 |
| Hilcorp Energy Company | 5.000 | 12/01/24 | 335,000 | 335,000 | 326,876 |
| IAMGOLD Corporation | 7.000 | 04/15/25 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 496,150 |
| JBS USA Lux S.A. | 6.750 | 02/15/28 | 476,000 | 476,000 | 473,025 |
| Jonah Energy LLC | 7.250 | 10/15/25 | 500,000 | 427,580 | 382,500 |
| Jupiter Resources Inc. | 8.500 | 10/01/22 | 500,000 | 469,920 | 237,500 |
| LBC Tank Terminals Holding Netherlands B.V. | 6.875 | 05/15/23 | 663,000 | 674,940 | 658,028 |
| Mattamy Group Corp. | 6.500 | 10/01/25 | 500,000 | 490,127 | 485,000 |
| Mattel, Inc. | 6.750 | 12/31/25 | 500,000 | 482,102 | 490,000 |
| Moog Inc. | 5.250 | 12/01/22 | 500,000 | 502,401 | 503,750 |
| New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. | 6.250 | 03/15/26 | 500,000 | 508,406 | 503,750 |
| New Gold Inc. | 6.250 | 11/15/22 | 500,000 | 501,890 | 436,250 |
| OPE KAG Finance Sub | 7.875 | 07/31/23 | 500,000 | 516,241 | 517,188 |
| Prime Security Services Borrower | 9.250 | 05/15/23 | 608,000 | 617,951 | 650,256 |
| Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. | 5.875 | 03/15/26 | 204,000 | 204,000 | 198,920 |
| Sinclair Television Group, Inc. | 5.125 | 02/15/27 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 459,375 |
| Suncoke Energy | 7.500 | 06/15/25 | 500,000 | 493,229 | 515,000 |
| Teine Energy Ltd. | 6.875 | 09/30/22 | 500,000 | 506,250 | 503,750 |
| Topaz Marine S.A. | 9.125 | 07/26/22 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 512,480 |

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| Corporate Restricted Securities: (A) (Continued) | Interest Rate | Maturity Date | Principal Amount | Cost | Market Value |
|--|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------|--------------|
| Valeant Pharmaceuticals International | 7.000 | %03/15/24 | \$173,000 | \$173,000 | \$182,775 |
| Vine Oil & Gas, LP | 8.750 | 04/15/23 | 500,000 | 463,614 | 488,750 |
| Virgin Media Secured Finance PLC | 5.250 | 01/15/26 | 500,000 | 501,274 | 488,895 |
| VRX Escrow Corp. | 6.125 | 04/15/25 | 182,000 | 182,000 | 172,900 |
| Warrior Met Coal, Inc. | 8.000 | 11/01/24 | 209,000 | 209,000 | 214,225 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 18,338,379 | 18,107,713 |
| Common Stock - 0.00% | | | | | |
| TherOX, Inc. (B) | | | 2 | — | — |
| Touchstone Health Partnership (B) | | | 292 | — | — |
| Total Common Stock | | | | — | — |
| Total Rule 144A Securities | | | | 18,338,379 | 18,107,713 |

| Corporate Public Securities - 15.86%: (A) | LIBOR Spread | Interest Rate | Maturity Date | Principal Amount | Cost | Market Value |
|---|--------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Bank Loans - 4.25% | | | | | | |
| Argon Medical Devices, Inc. | 8.000 | %10.242 | %01/23/26 | \$500,000 | \$503,750 | \$503,125 |
| Big River Steel LLC. | 5.000 | 7.386 | 08/11/23 | 118,173 | 117,206 | 119,798 |
| BMC Software Finance, Inc. | 4.250 | 6.586 | 06/26/25 | 500,000 | 495,000 | 504,685 |
| CenturyLink Inc. | 2.750 | 5.148 | 05/15/25 | 498,744 | 495,180 | 495,128 |
| Coronado Coal LLC | 6.500 | 8.886 | 03/29/25 | 223,269 | 216,995 | 225,223 |
| Coronado Coal LLC | 6.500 | 8.886 | 03/29/25 | 61,044 | 59,339 | 61,578 |
| Edelman Financial Services | 6.750 | 9.092 | 07/20/26 | 128,178 | 127,552 | 130,742 |
| Getty Images, Inc. | 3.500 | 5.742 | 10/18/19 | 389,592 | 379,779 | 386,494 |
| Gulf Finance, LLC | 5.250 | 7.640 | 08/25/23 | 251,510 | 249,772 | 210,280 |
| ION Trading Technologies Sarl | 4.000 | 6.386 | 11/21/24 | 276,243 | 269,410 | 274,947 |
| Murray Energy Corporation | 7.250 | 9.492 | 10/17/22 | 39,087 | 36,902 | 35,785 |
| OCI Beaumont LLC | 4.000 | 6.386 | 02/14/25 | 121,675 | 121,534 | 123,299 |
| PowerSchool | 7.000 | 8.854 | 05/29/26 | 500,000 | 495,096 | 500,000 |
| Prospect Medical Holdings, Inc. | 5.500 | 7.652 | 02/13/24 | 255,441 | 250,835 | 258,634 |
| PS Logistics LLC | 5.250 | 7.398 | 03/01/25 | 500,000 | 504,853 | 500,625 |
| Schenectady International Group Inc. | 4.750 | 4.750 | 08/10/25 | 307,325 | 295,032 | 308,093 |
| Seadrill Partners Finco, LLC | 6.000 | 8.386 | 02/21/21 | 464,734 | 325,525 | 440,452 |
| STS Operating, Inc. | 8.000 | 10.242 | 04/25/26 | 500,000 | 505,000 | 498,750 |
| Summit Midstream Holdings, LLC | 6.000 | 8.242 | 05/15/22 | 116,885 | 116,060 | 118,420 |
| Unifrax Corporation | 7.500 | 9.886 | 10/31/25 | 499,067 | 508,424 | 504,058 |

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|------------------|--|--|--|--|-----------|-----------|
| Total Bank Loans | | | | | 6,073,244 | 6,220,116 |
|------------------|--|--|--|--|-----------|-----------|

Bonds - 11.27%

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| AMC Entertainment Holdings Inc. | | 6.125 | %05/15/27 | \$ 500,000 | \$487,410 | \$478,750 |
| Anchorage Capital Group, L.L.C. | 7.250 | 9.598 | 01/15/29 | 500,000 | 517,187 | 506,927 |

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| Corporate Public Securities: (A) (Continued) | Interest Rate | Maturity Date | Principal Amount | Cost | Market Value |
|--|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------|--------------|
| Anixter, Inc. | 5.125 | % 10/01/21 | \$ 165,000 | \$ 165,000 | \$ 167,888 |
| Beazer Homes USA, Inc. | 8.750 | 03/15/22 | 160,000 | 160,000 | 169,200 |
| Brunswick Corporation | 7.125 | 08/01/27 | 500,000 | 503,516 | 568,893 |
| Bunge Limited Finance Corp. | 3.250 | 08/15/26 | 600,000 | 601,793 | 542,933 |
| Calumet Specialty Products Partners, L.P. | 7.750 | 04/15/23 | 500,000 | 498,765 | 500,000 |
| Clearwater Paper Corporation | 4.500 | 02/01/23 | 489,000 | 486,564 | 454,770 |
| CVR Refining LLC | 6.500 | 11/01/22 | 350,000 | 343,550 | 355,250 |
| CVS Health Corp. | 4.300 | 03/25/28 | 345,000 | 340,192 | 342,295 |
| Discovery Communications | 4.900 | 03/11/26 | 600,000 | 644,753 | 615,805 |
| Dish DBS Corporation | 7.750 | 07/01/26 | 500,000 | 539,202 | 471,650 |
| Expedia Inc. | 4.500 | 08/15/24 | 600,000 | 621,815 | 603,449 |
| Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. | 6.750 | 01/15/22 | 265,000 | 267,058 | 231,213 |
| Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. | 8.625 | 06/15/20 | 650,000 | 650,212 | 617,500 |
| Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC | 4.375 | 08/06/23 | 600,000 | 636,141 | 593,192 |
| General Motors Financial Co. Inc. | 4.000 | 01/15/25 | 500,000 | 506,972 | 483,658 |
| Genesis Energy, L.P. | 5.625 | 06/15/24 | 500,000 | 472,841 | 472,500 |
| Hospital Corporation of America | 5.375 | 02/01/25 | 100,000 | 101,283 | 102,000 |
| Hospital Corporation of America | 5.250 | 06/15/26 | 174,000 | 174,000 | 179,003 |
| Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company | 4.900 | 10/15/25 | 500,000 | 498,800 | 513,971 |
| Hughes Satellite Systems Corporation | 6.625 | 08/01/26 | 500,000 | 497,029 | 483,750 |
| Laredo Petroleum, Inc. | 5.625 | 01/15/22 | 500,000 | 481,625 | 496,250 |
| Laredo Petroleum, Inc. | 6.250 | 03/15/23 | 500,000 | 501,193 | 500,000 |
| M/I Homes, Inc. | 5.625 | 08/01/25 | 500,000 | 475,989 | 470,000 |
| NRG Energy, Inc. | 7.250 | 05/15/26 | 500,000 | 502,720 | 542,500 |
| Oasis Petroleum Inc. | 6.875 | 03/15/22 | 474,000 | 455,776 | 482,286 |
| PBF Holding Company LLC | 6.997 | 11/15/23 | 33,000 | 33,000 | 34,320 |
| PBF Holding Company LLC | 7.250 | 06/15/25 | 500,000 | 516,701 | 525,000 |
| Pitney Bowes Inc. | 3.625 | 10/01/21 | 500,000 | 498,296 | 476,875 |
| Reinsurance Group of America | 3.950 | 09/15/26 | 500,000 | 502,671 | 485,000 |
| SM Energy Company | 6.750 | 09/15/26 | 750,000 | 744,811 | 779,062 |
| Sprint Corporation | 7.125 | 06/15/24 | 155,000 | 155,000 | 160,812 |
| Trinity Acquisition Plc | 4.400 | 03/15/26 | 500,000 | 514,006 | 497,478 |
| William Lyon Homes | 7.000 | 08/15/22 | 500,000 | 500,000 | 509,375 |
| WPX Energy, Inc. | 5.250 | 09/15/24 | 425,000 | 425,000 | 427,125 |
| Xlit Ltd. | 4.450 | 03/31/25 | 600,000 | 611,508 | 594,410 |
| Total Bonds | | | | 16,632,379 | 16,435,090 |
| Preferred Stock - 0.34% | | | | | |
| B. Riley Financial Inc. | | | 20,000 | 500,000 | 501,000 |
| Total Preferred Stock | | | | 500,000 | 501,000 |

Total Corporate Public Securities

\$23,205,623 \$23,136,206

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| Short-Term Security: | Interest Rate/Yield^ | Maturity Date | Principal Amount | Cost | Market Value |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Commercial Paper - 1.37% | | | | | |
| Aon Corp. | 2.280 | % 10/10/18 | \$1,000,000 | \$999,430 | \$999,430 |
| Comcast Corporation | 2.370 | 10/16/18 | 1,000,000 | 999,013 | 999,013 |
| Total Short-Term Security | | | | \$1,998,443 | \$1,998,443 |
| Total Investments | 102.29 | % | | \$153,526,331 | \$149,229,532 |
| Other Assets | 9.71 | | | | 14,166,925 |
| Liabilities | (12.00 |) | | | (17,508,160) |
| Total Net Assets | 100.00 | % | | | \$145,888,297 |

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

(B) Non-income producing security.

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

(D) Defaulted security; interest not accrued.

(E) Illiquid security. As of September 30, 2018 the values of these securities amounted to \$105,987,170 or 72.65% of net assets.

(F) Held in PI Subsidiary Trust

PIK - Payment-in-kind

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| Industry Classification: | Fair Value/ Market Value |
|--|--------------------------------|
| AEROSPACE & DEFENSE - 4.02% | |
| API Technologies Corp. | \$451,950 |
| BEI Precision Systems & Space Company, Inc. | 1,595,322 |
| Merex Holding Corporation | 227,409 |
| Sunvair Aerospace Group Inc. | 1,194,605 |
| Trident Maritime Systems | 2,400,931 |
| | 5,870,217 |
| AUTOMOTIVE - 5.03% | |
| Aurora Parts & Accessories LLC | 1,586,422 |
| BBB Industries LLC | 1,707,750 |
| DPL Holding Corporation | 265,889 |
| English Color & Supply LLC | 1,631,429 |
| Ford Motor Credit Co. LLC | 593,192 |
| General Motors Financial Co. Inc. | 483,658 |
| Moog Inc. | 503,750 |
| Power Stop Holdings LLC | 259,879 |
| Randy's Worldwide Automotive | 305,572 |
| | 7,337,541 |
| BUILDING MATERIALS - 5.39% | |
| Beacon Roofing Supply, Inc. | 374,027 |
| Happy Floors Acquisition, Inc. | 1,217,520 |
| New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. | 503,750 |
| NSi Industries Holdings, Inc. | 1,777,433 |
| Signature Systems Holding Company | 363,717 |
| Sunrise Windows Holding Company | 1,540,293 |
| Torrent Group Holdings, Inc. | 70,819 |
| Wellborn Forest Holding Company | 1,799,830 |
| Wolf-Gordon, Inc. | 217,507 |
| | 7,864,896 |
| CABLE & SATELLITE - 1.35% | |
| Comcast Corporation | 999,013 |
| Hughes Satellite Systems Corporation | 483,750 |
| Virgin Media Secured Finance PLC | 488,895 |
| | 1,971,658 |
| CHEMICALS - 3.39% | |
| Compass Chemical International LLC | 244,984 |
| CVR Partners, L.P. | 530,000 |

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| DuBois Chemicals, Inc. | 1,707,750 |
| | Fair Value/ Market Value |

| | |
|--|-----------|
| LBC Tank Terminals Holding Netherlands B.V. | \$658,028 |
| OCI Beaumont LLC | 123,299 |
| Polytex Holdings LLC | 867,788 |
| Schenectady International Group Inc. | 308,093 |
| Unifrax Corporation | 504,058 |
| | 4,944,000 |

CONSUMER CYCLICAL SERVICES - 3.61%

| | |
|--|-----------|
| CHG Alternative Education Holding Company | 1,059,866 |
| MeTEOR Education LLC | 899,303 |
| PPC Event Services | 1,523,439 |
| Prime Security Services Borrower | 650,256 |
| PS Logistics LLC | 500,625 |
| ROI Solutions | 638,646 |
| | 5,272,135 |

CONSUMER PRODUCTS - 10.40%

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| AMS Holding LLC | 218,719 |
| Blue Wave Products, Inc. | 654,930 |
| Elite Sportwear Holding, LLC | 1,549,870 |
| gloProfessional Holdings, Inc. | 1,352,979 |
| GTI Holding Company | 909,748 |
| Handi Quilter Holding Company | 2,217,187 |
| HHI Group, LLC | 1,720,030 |
| Manhattan Beachwear Holding Company | 481,701 |
| Master Cutlery LLC | 390,646 |
| Mattel, Inc. | 490,000 |
| New Mountain Learning, LLC | 1,658,725 |
| Whitebridge Pet Brands Holdings, LLC | 1,618,336 |
| York Wall Holding Company | 1,904,782 |
| | 15,167,653 |

DIVERSIFIED MANUFACTURING - 7.13%

| | |
|--|-----------|
| ABC Industries, Inc. | 394,323 |
| Advanced Manufacturing Enterprises LLC | 26,868 |
| Amsted Industries | 237,600 |
| F G I Equity LLC | 667,555 |
| K P I Holdings, Inc. | 394,122 |
| Motion Controls Holdings | 344,369 |
| Reelcraft Industries, Inc. | 1,740,042 |
| SR Smith LLC | 2,368,922 |

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| Industry Classification: (Continued) | Fair Value/ Market Value |
|--|--------------------------------|
| Strahman Holdings Inc. | \$340,707 |
| Therma-Stor Holdings LLC | 1,580,261 |
| Trystar, Inc. | 2,311,039 |
| | 10,405,808 |
| | |
| ELECTRIC - 1.72% | |
| AM Conservation Holding Corp. | 1,968,893 |
| NRG Energy, Inc. | 542,500 |
| | 2,511,393 |
| | |
| FINANCIAL OTHER - 4.16% | |
| Acrisure, LLC | 466,225 |
| Anchorage Capital Group, L.L.C. | 506,927 |
| Aon Corp. | 999,430 |
| B. Riley Financial Inc. | 501,000 |
| Edelman Financial Services | 130,742 |
| Financial & Risk US Holdings, Inc. | 345,375 |
| Strategic Insight, Inc. | 1,633,554 |
| U.S. Retirement and Benefit Partners, Inc. | 1,480,026 |
| | 6,063,279 |
| | |
| FOOD & BEVERAGE - 7.15% | |
| Bunge Limited Finance Corp. | 542,933 |
| Del Real LLC | 1,634,617 |
| F F C Holding Corporation | 24,100 |
| Hollandia Produce LLC | 1,619,112 |
| Impact Confections | — |
| JBS USA Lux S.A. | 473,025 |
| JMH Investors LLC | 463,494 |
| PANOS Brands LLC | 2,347,536 |
| Sara Lee Frozen Foods | 1,496,970 |
| Westminster Acquisition LLC | 735,666 |
| WP Supply Holding Corporation | 1,093,128 |
| | 10,430,581 |
| | |
| GAMING - 1.86% | |
| CTM Holding, Inc. | 2,718,897 |
| | |
| HEALTHCARE - 5.02% | |
| Argon Medical Devices, Inc. | 503,125 |

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| Avantor Inc. | 928,340 |
| Cadence, Inc. | 792,814 |
| CORA Health Services, Inc. | 1,526,642 |
| ECG Consulting Group | 2,169,364 |

Fair Value/
Market
Value

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Enterprise Merger Sub Inc. | \$500,000 |
| GD Dental Services LLC | — |
| Hospital Corporation of America | 281,003 |
| Prospect Medical Holdings, Inc. | 258,634 |
| TherOX, Inc. | — |
| Touchstone Health Partnership | — |
| Valeant Pharmaceuticals International | 182,775 |
| VRX Escrow Corp. | 172,900 |
| | 7,315,597 |

HEALTH INSURANCE - 0.33%

| | |
|------------------------------|---------|
| Reinsurance Group of America | 485,000 |
|------------------------------|---------|

HOME CONSTRUCTION - 1.12%

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Beazer Homes USA, Inc. | 169,200 |
| Mattamy Group Corp. | 485,000 |
| M/I Homes, Inc. | 470,000 |
| William Lyon Homes | 509,375 |
| | 1,633,575 |

INDEPENDENT - 1.71%

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Jupiter Resources Inc. | 237,500 |
| Laredo Petroleum, Inc. | 996,250 |
| Oasis Petroleum Inc. | 482,286 |
| SM Energy Company | 779,062 |
| | 2,495,098 |

INDUSTRIAL OTHER - 5.14%

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| AFC - Dell Holding Corporation | 1,310,825 |
| Brunswick Corporation | 568,893 |
| E.S.P. Associates, P.A. | 930,284 |
| Hartland Controls Holding Corporation | 1,843,898 |
| Midwest Industrial Rubber, Inc. | 1,737,405 |
| Smart Source Holdings LLC | 601,075 |
| SMB Machinery Holdings, Inc. | — |
| STS Operating, Inc. | 498,750 |
| | 7,491,130 |

MEDIA & ENTERTAINMENT - 5.01%

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| AMC Entertainment Holdings Inc. | 478,750 |
| BlueSpire Holding, Inc. | — |
| Boyne USA, Inc. | 176,603 |
| Cimpress N.V. | 508,065 |

Cross MediaWorks Inc.

1,020,908

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| Industry Classification: (Continued) | Fair Value/ Market Value |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Discovery Communications | \$615,805 |
| Discovery Education, Inc. | 1,876,252 |
| Dish DBS Corporation | 471,650 |
| Getty Images, Inc. | 386,494 |
| GlynnDevins Acquisition Corporation | 236,312 |
| HOP Entertainment LLC | — |
| Money Mailer Equity LLC | 882,893 |
| Sinclair Broadcast Group, Inc. | 198,920 |
| Sinclair Television Group, Inc. | 459,375 |
| | 7,312,027 |
| | |
| METALS & MINING - 2.46% | |
| Alliance Residential Company | 532,500 |
| Big River Steel LLC. | 119,798 |
| Coronado Coal LLC | 286,801 |
| First Quantum Minerals Ltd. | 952,188 |
| IAMGOLD Corporation | 496,150 |
| Murray Energy Corporation | 35,785 |
| New Gold Inc. | 436,250 |
| Suncoke Energy | 515,000 |
| Warrior Met Coal, Inc. | 214,225 |
| | 3,588,697 |
| | |
| MIDSTREAM - 1.23% | |
| CVR Refining LLC | 355,250 |
| Ferrellgas Partners, L.P. | 848,713 |
| Genesis Energy, L.P. | 472,500 |
| Summit Midstream Holdings, LLC | 118,420 |
| | 1,794,883 |
| | |
| OIL FIELD SERVICES - 2.50% | |
| Avantech Testing Services LLC | — |
| EP Energy LLC / Everest Acquisition Finance Inc. | 334,950 |
| Gulf Finance, LLC | 210,280 |
| Hilcorp Energy Company | 326,876 |
| Jonah Energy LLC | 382,500 |
| Petroplex Inv Holdings LLC | 19,255 |
| Seadrill Partners Finco, LLC | 440,452 |
| Teine Energy Ltd. | 503,750 |
| Topaz Marine S.A. | 512,480 |
| WPX Energy, Inc. | 427,125 |

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| Vine Oil & Gas, LP | 488,750 | |
| | 3,646,418 | |
| | | Fair Value/ Market Value |
| PACKAGING - 0.74% | | |
| ASC Holdings, Inc. | \$699,224 | |
| Flex Acquisition Co Inc. | 381,175 | |
| | 1,080,399 | |
| PAPER - 1.50% | | |
| Clearwater Paper Corporation | 454,770 | |
| Dunn Paper | 1,729,313 | |
| | 2,184,083 | |
| PHARMACEUTICALS - 0.80% | | |
| Clarion Brands Holding Corp. | 192,807 | |
| CVS Health Corp. | 342,295 | |
| Endo Finance LLC | 635,635 | |
| | 1,170,737 | |
| PROPERTY & CASUALTY - 0.75% | | |
| Trinity Acquisition Plc | 497,478 | |
| Xlit Ltd. | 594,410 | |
| | 1,091,888 | |
| REFINING - 2.81% | | |
| Calumet Specialty Products Partners, L.P. | 500,000 | |
| CITGO Petroleum Corporation | 423,937 | |
| MES Partners, Inc. | 1,506,580 | |
| PBF Holding Company LLC | 559,320 | |
| Tristar Global Energy Solutions, Inc. | 1,113,391 | |
| | 4,103,228 | |
| TECHNOLOGY - 10.02% | | |
| 1A Smart Start, Inc. | 1,691,315 | |
| Anixter, Inc. | 167,888 | |
| BCC Software, Inc. | 1,736,226 | |
| BMC Software Finance, Inc. | 504,685 | |
| Clubessential LLC | 1,773,801 | |
| Expedia Inc. | 603,449 | |
| Glynlyon Holding Companies, Inc. | 193,076 | |
| GraphPad Software, Inc. | 2,399,013 | |
| Hewlett Packard Enterprise Company | 513,971 | |
| ION Trading Technologies Sarl | 274,947 | |
| Pitney Bowes Inc. | 476,875 | |
| PowerSchool | 500,000 | |

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| Industry Classification: (Continued) | Fair Value/ Market Value |
|---|--------------------------------|
| Software Paradigms International Group, LLC | \$1,715,276 |
| Velocity Technology Solutions, Inc. | 2,070,793 |
| | 14,621,315 |

| | |
|----------------------------|---------|
| TELECOMMUNICATIONS - 0.27% | |
| Altice Financing S.A. | 390,000 |

| | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| TRANSPORTATION SERVICES - 5.22% | |
| Hertz Corporation | 493,750 |
| OPE KAG Finance Sub | 517,188 |
| Pegasus Transtech Corporation | 2,283,580 |
| Rock-it Cargo | 2,400,844 |
| Team Drive-Away Holdings LLC | 203,000 |
| VP Holding Company | 1,713,097 |
| | 7,611,459 |

| | Fair Value/ Market Value |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| WIRELESS - 0.45% | |
| CenturyLink Inc. | \$495,128 |
| Sprint Corporation | 160,812 |
| | 655,940 |

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Total Investments - 102.29% | |
| (Cost - \$153,526,331) | \$ 149,229,532 |

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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 September 30, 2018.

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 September 30, 2018 are as follows:

| Assets: | Total | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Restricted Securities | | | | |
| Corporate Bonds | \$ 74,926,328 | \$ — | \$ 18,107,713 | \$ 56,818,615 |
| Bank Loans | 34,638,270 | — | — | 34,638,270 |
| Common Stock - U.S. | 5,150,763 | — | — | 5,150,763 |
| Preferred Stock | 1,648,633 | — | — | 1,648,633 |
| Partnerships and LLCs | 7,730,889 | — | — | 7,730,889 |
| Public Securities | | | | |
| Bank Loans | 6,200,116 | — | 4,003,272 | 2,196,844 |
| Corporate Bonds | 16,435,090 | — | 16,435,090 | — |
| Common Stock - U.S. | — | — | — | — |
| Preferred Stock | 501,000 | 501,000 | — | — |
| Short-term Securities | 1,998,443 | — | 1,998,443 | — |
| Total | \$ 149,229,532 | \$ 501,000 | \$ 40,544,518 | \$ 108,184,014 |

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

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

| Assets: | Beginning balance at 12/31/2017 | Included in earnings | Purchases | Sales | Prepayments | Transfers into Level 3 | Transfers out of Level 3 | Ending balance at 9/30/2018 |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Restricted Securities | | | | | | | | |
| Corporate Bonds | \$68,182,386 | \$(1,333,207) | \$5,136,820 | \$(7,102,372) | \$(8,065,012) | \$— | \$— | \$56,818,615 |
| Bank Loans | 15,737,992 | (46,706) | 22,920,214 | (9,928) | (3,963,302) | — | — | 34,638,270 |
| Common Stock - U.S. | 6,911,240 | 1,132,551 | 968,769 | (3,861,797) | — | — | — | 5,150,763 |

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|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|-----------|
| Preferred Stock | 2,525,813 | (682,970) | (146,595) | (47,615) | — | — | — | 1,648,6 |
| Partnerships and LLCs | 14,061,127 | (404,554) | 722,256 | (6,647,940) | — | — | — | 7,730,8 |
| Public Securities | | | | | | | | |
| Bank Loans | 523,461 | 23,602 | 2,113,411 | (209,789) | (401,237) | 1,723,930 | (1,576,534) | 2,196,8 |
| | \$107,942,019 | \$(1,311,284) | \$31,714,875 | \$(17,879,441) | \$(12,429,551) | \$1,723,930 | \$(1,576,534) | \$108,184 |

ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

(a) The principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the Registrant evaluated the effectiveness of the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Act")) as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report and based on that evaluation have concluded that such disclosure controls and procedures are effective to provide reasonable assurance that material information required to be disclosed by the Registrant on Form N-Q is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms.

(b) There have been changes in the Registrant's internal controls over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Act)("internal controls") that occurred during the Registrant's last fiscal quarter. The Registrant's investment adviser, Barings LLC, who maintains the Registrant's internal controls, revised its internal controls to oversee State Street Bank & Trust who now provides certain administrative and accounting services to the Registrant.

ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)) are attached hereto as an exhibit.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) Barings Participation Investors

By (Signature and Title)*/s/ Robert M. Shettle
Robert M. Shettle, President

Date November 29, 2018

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)*/s/ Robert M. Shettle
Robert M. Shettle, President

Date November 29, 2018

By (Signature and Title)*/s/ James M. Roy
James M. Roy, Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Date November 29, 2018

* PRINT THE NAME AND TITLE OF EACH SIGNING OFFICER UNDER HIS OR HER SIGNATURE.

