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BARINGS PARTICIPATION INVESTORS REPORTS PRELIMINARY FOURTH QUARTER 2021 RESULTS

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Jan. 24, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- The Board of Trustees of Barings Participation Investors (NYSE: MPV) (the "Trust") met on January 24, 2022 and would like to report its preliminary financial results for the fourth quarter of 2021.



Financial Highlights⁽¹⁾

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2021		Three Months Ended September 30, 2021	
	Total Amount	Per Share ⁽⁴⁾	Total Amount	Per Share ⁽⁴⁾
Net investment income ⁽²⁾	\$ 2,988,192	\$ 0.28	\$ 2,079,256	\$ 0.20
Net realized gains / (losses) ⁽³⁾	\$ (1,477,163)	\$ (0.14)	\$ 5,147,354	\$ 0.49
Net unrealized appreciation	\$ 6,096,755	\$ 0.58	\$ 2,849,942	\$ 0.27
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 7,607,784	\$ 0.72	\$ 10,076,552	\$ 0.95
 Total net assets (equity)	 \$ 165,765,941	 \$ 15.64	 \$ 162,398,423	 \$ 15.32

(1) All figures for 2021 are unaudited

(2) December 31, 2021 figures net of approximately \$0.02 per share of excise tax

(3) December 31, 2021 figures net of approximately \$0.08 per share of capital gains tax

(4) Based on shares outstanding at the end of the period of 10,601,700

Key Highlights:

Commenting on the quarter, Christina Emery, President, stated, "During the fourth quarter, Barings continued to drive origination flow into high quality, 1st lien senior secured middle-market investments while further continuing our efforts to realize value in select equity sales and mezzanine assets currently on non-accrual."

During the three months ended December 31, 2021, the Trust reported total investment income of \$4.0 million, net investment income of \$3.0 million, or \$0.28 per share, and a net increase in net assets resulting from operations of \$7.6 million, or \$0.72 per share. Results were driven by \$0.10 per share of non-recurring income related to the repayment of past due interest income from gloProfessional and Westminster Acquisitions previously on non-accrual.

Net asset value ("NAV") per share as of December 31, 2021 was \$15.64, as compared to \$15.32 as of September 30, 2021. The increase in NAV per share was primarily attributable to net unrealized appreciation on the Trust's investment portfolio of approximately \$0.58 per share and net investment income of \$0.28 per share, partially offset by net realized losses of approximately \$0.14 per share and the payment of a \$0.20 per share dividend on November 19, 2021 and the declaration of a \$0.20 dividend which was paid on January 14, 2022.

Recent Portfolio Activity

During the three months ended December 31, 2021, the Trust made 26 new investments totaling \$29.8 million and 19 add-on investments in existing portfolio companies totaling \$5.3 million. During the three months ended December 31, 2021, the Trust had 11 loans repaid at par totaling \$15.8 million, two mezzanine debt investments repaid at par totaling \$1.8 million and realized three equity investments totaling \$0.8 million for a realized gain of \$0.2 million, or approximately \$0.02 per share. The Trust also had one mezzanine investment partially repay debt totaling \$0.3 million and the remaining debt of \$1.3 million, or approximately \$0.12 per share, was written off as a realized loss.

Liquidity and Capitalization

As of December 31, 2021, the Trust had cash of \$11.6 million and \$21.0 million of borrowings outstanding. The Trust had unfunded commitments of \$10.9 million as of December 31, 2021.

Net Capital Gains

The Trust realized net capital losses of \$1,477,163 or \$0.14 per share during the quarter ended December 31, 2021, which resulted in realized net capital gains for the year ended December 31, 2021 of \$4,972,890 or \$0.47 per share. By comparison, for the year ended December 31, 2020, the Trust realized net capital losses of \$234,879 or \$0.02 per share. During the quarter ended September 30, 2021, the Trust realized net capital gains of \$5,147,354 or \$0.49 per share.

The Trust retained all net long-term capital gains realized by the Trust in 2021 for future growth and paid the required federal capital gains tax thereon. IRS Form 2439, Notice to Shareholders of Undistributed Long-Term Capital Gains, will be mailed to shareholders by the end of January.

Annual Meeting

Due to ongoing concerns regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Board of the Trust announced that the Trust's annual shareholders' meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, May 19, 2022. Shareholders of record at the close of business on March 21, 2022 will be entitled to vote at the meeting.

About Barings Participation Investors

Barings Participation Investors is a closed-end management investment company advised by Barings LLC. Its shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the trading symbol ("MPV").

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*Assets under management as of December 31, 2021

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Per share amounts are rounded to the nearest cent.

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