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BARINGS PARTICIPATION INVESTORS REPORTS PRELIMINARY THIRD QUARTER 2022 RESULTS

CHARLOTTE, N.C., Nov. 17, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- The Board of Trustees of Barings Participation Investors (NYSE: MPV) (the "Trust") met on November 17, 2022 and would like to report its preliminary financial results for the third quarter of 2022.



Financial Highlights⁽¹⁾

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2022		Three Months Ended June 30, 2022	
	Total Amount	Per Share ⁽²⁾	Total Amount	Per Share ⁽²⁾
Net investment income	\$ 2,883,428	\$ 0.27	\$ 2,376,358	\$ 0.22
Net realized (losses) / gains	\$ (1,135,749)	\$ (0.11)	\$ 263,625	\$ 0.02
Net unrealized appreciation / (depreciation)	\$ 1,705,739	\$ 0.16	\$ (3,868,916)	\$ (0.36)
Net increase / (decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 3,453,418	\$ 0.33	\$ (1,228,933)	\$ (0.12)
Total net assets (equity)	\$ 160,500,541	\$ 15.14	\$ 159,167,463	\$ 15.01

(1) All figures net of tax.

(2) 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 third quarter, Barings continued to drive origination flow into quality, 1st lien senior secured middle-market investments. When constructing portfolios, we focus on investing in high-quality businesses that are leaders in their space and offer defensive characteristics that will allow them to perform through economic cycles. The increase in net investment income is a function of both the sound credit quality of the portfolio and rising base rates."

During the three months ended September 30, 2022, the Trust reported total investment income of \$3.8 million, net investment income of \$2.9 million, or \$0.27 per share, and a net increase in net assets resulting from operations of \$3.5 million, or \$0.33 per share.

Net asset value ("NAV") per share as of September 30, 2022 was \$15.14, as compared to \$15.01 as of June 30, 2022. The increase in NAV per share was primarily attributable to net investment income exceeding the Company's quarterly dividend by \$0.09 per share and net unrealized appreciation of \$0.16 per share, partially offset by net realized losses of \$0.11 per share.

On October 3, 2022, the Board of Trustees declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.22 per share payable on November 18, 2022 to shareholders of record on November 7, 2022. This represents an increase of \$0.02 per share or 10.0% over the previous dividend of \$0.20 per share.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on December 15, 2022.

Recent Portfolio Activity

During the three months ended September 30, 2022, the Trust made six new investments totaling \$3.0 million and 15 add-on investments in existing portfolio companies totaling \$1.5 million. During the three months ended September 30, 2022, the Trust had one term loan repaid at par and had three loans that were sold or repaid at less than par. The Trust realized a net loss on these transactions totaling \$1.3 million. Finally, the Trust realized a gain on one equity investment totaling \$0.1 million.

Liquidity and Capitalization

As of September 30, 2022, the Trust had cash of \$3.9 million and \$23.0 million of borrowings outstanding. The Trust had unfunded commitments of \$8.9 million as of September 30, 2022.

Net Capital Gains

The Trust realized net capital losses of \$1.1 million or \$0.11 per share during the quarter ended September 30, 2022. During the quarter ended June 30, 2022, the Trust realized net capital gains of \$0.3 million or \$0.02 per share.

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 September 30, 2022

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