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Barings Participation Investors Reports Preliminary Third Quarter 2024 Results

CHARLOTTE, N.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- The Board of Trustees of Barings Participation Investors (NYSE: MPV) (the "Trust") met on November 14, 2024, and would like to report its preliminary financial results for the third quarter of 2024.

<i>Financial Highlights</i> ⁽¹⁾	Three Months Ended September 30, 2024		Three Months Ended June 30, 2024	
	Total Amount	Per Share ⁽⁵⁾	Total Amount	Per Share ⁽⁴⁾
Net investment income ⁽²⁾	\$ 3,553,378	\$ 0.33	\$ 4,066,456	\$ 0.38
Net realized (losses) / gains ⁽³⁾	\$(1,505,789)	\$(0.14)	\$(580,926)	\$(0.05)
Net unrealized depreciation / appreciation	\$ 1,604,338	\$ 0.15	\$ (214,820)	\$ (0.02)
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 3,658,567	\$ 0.34	\$ 3,178,814	\$ 0.30
			\$	
Total net assets (equity)	\$168,387,245	\$ 15.80	\$168,359,378	\$ 15.82

(1) All figures for 2024 are unaudited

(2) September 30, 2024 figures net of less than \$0.01 per share of taxes

(3) September 30, 2024 figures net of less than \$0.01 per share of taxes

(4) Based on shares outstanding at the end of the period of 10,641,293

(5) Based on shares outstanding at the end of the period of 10,660,747

Key Highlights:

Commenting on the quarter, Christina Emery, President, stated, "The Trust earned \$0.33 per share of net investment income, net of taxes, for the third quarter of 2024, compared to \$0.38 per share in the previous quarter. The decrease in net investment income was predominantly due to non-recurring income (repayment of past due income) received in the second quarter, coupled with net realization activity in the second quarter that decreased total invested assets. The Trust has maintained its dividend this quarter, which is further confirmation of our credit philosophy, where we focus on leading businesses backed by strong sponsor ownership and conservative capital structures. This approach has historically generated stable returns and relative stability during economic stress. During the quarter, Barings continued to drive origination flow into quality, 1st lien senior secured middle-market investments as well as capitalizing on public fixed income investments where applicable. 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."

During the three months ended September 30, 2024, the Trust reported total investment income of \$4.5 million, net investment income of \$3.6 million, or \$0.33 per share, and a net increase in net assets resulting from operations of \$3.7 million, or \$0.34 per share.

Net asset value ("NAV") per share as of September 30, 2024, was \$15.80, as compared to \$15.82 as of June 30, 2024. The decrease in NAV per share was primarily attributable to the quarterly dividend payment exceeding net investment income by \$0.04 per share, partially offset by net realized and unrealized appreciation of \$0.01 per share.

The next scheduled meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on December 12, 2024.

Recent Portfolio Activity

During the three months ended September 30, 2024, the Trust made nine new investments totaling \$9.1 million and 33 add-on investments in existing portfolio companies totaling \$4.0 million. During the three months ended September 30, 2024, the Trust had six senior loans repaid at par totaling \$7.0 million, one mezzanine loan repaid at par for \$0.5 million, realized one mezzanine note for a loss of \$1.5 million and realized three equity investments that generated realized gains of \$0.3 million.

Liquidity and Capitalization

As of September 30, 2024, the Trust had cash and short-term investments of \$0.3 million and \$15.0 million of borrowings outstanding. The Trust had unfunded commitments of \$12.3 million as of September 30, 2024.

Net Capital Gains

The Trust realized net capital losses of \$1,505,789 or \$0.14 per share during the quarter ended September 30, 2024. By comparison, for the quarter ended June 30, 2024, the Trust realized net capital losses of \$580,926 or \$0.05 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, 2024

Per share amounts are rounded to the nearest cent.

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