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Barings Participation Investors Reports Preliminary Second Quarter 2025 Results and Announces Quarterly Cash Dividend Of \$0.37 Per Share

CHARLOTTE, N.C.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- The Board of Trustees of Barings Participation Investors (NYSE: MPV) (the "Trust") met on August 14, 2025, and would like to report its preliminary financial results for the second quarter of 2025.

<u>Financial Highlights</u> ⁽¹⁾	Three Months Ended June 30, 2025		Three Months Ended March 31, 2025	
	Total Amount	Per Share ⁽⁵⁾	Total Amount	Per Share ⁽⁴⁾
Net investment income ⁽²⁾	\$ 3,396,864	\$ 0.32	\$ 3,351,767	\$ 0.31
Net realized (losses) / gains ⁽³⁾	\$883,063	\$0.08	\$(2,063,056)	\$(0.19)
Net unrealized depreciation / appreciation	\$ (155,317)	\$ (0.01)	\$ 822,363	\$ 0.08
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$ 4,183,147	\$ 0.39	\$ 2,058,829	\$ 0.19
Total net assets (equity)	\$168,117,718	\$ 15.68	\$167,580,570	\$ 15.65

(1) All figures for 2025 are unaudited

(2) June 30, 2025 figures net of less than \$0.01 per share of taxes

(3) June 30, 2025 figures net of less than \$0.01 per share of taxes

(4) Based on shares outstanding at the end of the period of 10,704,909

(5) Based on shares outstanding at the end of the period of 10,722,277

Key Highlights:

Commenting on the quarter, Christina Emery, President, stated, "The Trust earned \$0.32 per share of net investment income, net of taxes, for the second quarter of 2025, compared to \$0.31 per share in the previous quarter. 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."

The Board of Trustees declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.37 per share, payable on September 12, 2025, to shareholders of record on August 29, 2025.

During the three months ended June 30, 2025, the Trust reported total investment income of \$4.5 million, net investment income of \$3.4 million, or \$0.32 per share, and a net increase in net assets resulting from operations of \$4.2 million, or \$0.39 per share.

Net asset value ("NAV") per share as of June 30, 2025, was \$15.68, as compared to \$15.65 as of March 31, 2025. The increase in NAV per share was primarily attributable to net investment income of \$0.32 per share, net realized gain on investments of \$0.08 per share, partially offset by unrealized depreciation on investments of \$0.01 per share and dividends and distributions of \$0.37 per share.

Recent Portfolio Activity

During the three months ended June 30, 2025, the Trust made 15 new investments totaling \$10.4 million and 40 add-on investments in existing portfolio companies totaling approximately \$1.9 million.

Liquidity and Capitalization

As of June 30, 2025, the Trust had cash and short-term investments of \$4.2 million and \$24.8 million of borrowings outstanding. The Trust had unfunded commitments of \$20.1 million as of June 30, 2025.

Net Capital Gains

The Trust realized net capital gains of \$883,063 or \$0.08 per share during the quarter ended June 30, 2025. By comparison, for the quarter ended March 31, 2025, the Trust realized net capital losses of \$2,063,056 or \$0.19 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 June 30, 2025

Per share amounts are rounded to the nearest cent.

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