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# BARINGS GLOBAL SHORT DURATION HIGH YIELD FUND

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#### PROXY VOTING POLICIES & PROCEDURES

The Trustees of Barings Global Short Duration High Yield Fund (the "Fund") have delegated proxy voting responsibilities relating to the voting of securities held by the Fund to Barings LLC ("Barings"). A description of Barings' proxy voting policies and procedures is available (1) without charge, upon request, by calling, toll-free 1-866-399-1516; (2) on the Fund's website at http://www.barings.com/bgh; and (3) on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's ("SEC") website at http://www.sec.gov.

#### FORM N-Q

The Fund will file its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. This information is available (1) on the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov; and (2) at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC (which information on their operation may be obtained by calling 1-800-SEC-0330). A complete schedule of portfolio holdings as of each quarter-end is available on the Fund's website at http://www.barings.com/bgh or upon request by calling, toll-free, 1-866-399-1516.

## CERTIFICATIONS

The Fund's President has submitted to the NYSE the annual CEO Certification as required by Section 303A.12(a) of the NYSE Listed Company Manual.

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Barings Global Short Duration High Yield Fund is a closed-end investment company, first offered to the public in 2012, whose shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

## **INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE & POLICY**

Barings Global Short Duration High Yield Fund (the "Fund") was organized as a business trust under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Fund is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a diversified, closed-end management investment company with its own investment objective. The Fund's common shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "BGH".

The Fund's primary investment objective is to seek as high a level of current income as the Adviser (as defined herein) determines is consistent with capital preservation. The Fund seeks capital appreciation as a secondary investment objective when consistent with its primary investment objective. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives.

The Fund will seek to take advantage of inefficiencies between geographies, primarily the North American and Western European high yield bond and loan markets and within capital structures between bonds and loans. For example, the Fund will seek to take advantage of differences in pricing between bonds and loans of an issuer denominated in U.S. dollars and substantially similar bonds and loans of the same issuer denominated in Euros, potentially allowing the Fund to achieve a higher relative return for the same credit risk exposure.

## Dear Fellow Shareholders,

It is our pleasure to provide you with the 2017 Semi-Annual Report for the Barings Global Short Duration High Yield Fund (the "Fund") to recap portfolio performance and positioning. We would like to remind shareholders that we continue to believe our Global High Yield Investments Group is one of the largest teams in the market primarily focused on North American and Western European credits. Utilizing the Group's expertise, deep resources, and time-tested process, we continue to believe we can provide investors an attractive level of current income by uncovering compelling opportunities across the global high yield market.

The global nature of the portfolio, primarily focusing on North American and Western European credits, may provide investors with additional benefits compared to a U.S.-only portfolio, such as additional diversification, higher credit quality, increased yield, and lower duration. More importantly, the global strategy provides flexibility to dynamically shift the geographical weighting in order to capture, in our opinion, the best risk-adjusted investment opportunities. This strategy also focuses closely on limiting the duration of the Fund while maintaining what we consider a reasonable amount of leverage.

## **Market Review**

In 2017, global high yield has seen a strong first half of the year driven by market technicals and fundamentals, although new and recurring headwinds remain present. A strong corporate earnings season and demand for high yield have contributed to positive returns overall, while renewed volatility in crude oil prices caused the energy sector to be the performance laggard across the market.

In the United States, the Federal Reserve voted to raise interest rates for the second time in 2017 as inflation rates extended their decline. This leaves one potential rate hike left for the latter part of the year, if the year ends with three increases. As it stands, the recent rate hikes have had a negligible effect on the global high yield markets. The price of crude oil began a rollercoaster of peaks and troughs over the past six months from its high in mid-February to more recently hovering near November 2016 lows. Even as OPEC production cuts remain in place, the effects of these reductions remain to be seen. Crude oil price declines subsequently led to lower prices within the energy sector resulting in notable underperformance year-to-date.

In Europe, Central Banks continued a policy of credit easing and the British exit from the European Union negotiations continued with no substantial consequences. Several member states saw manufacturing and industrial productivity grow at its fastest rate in six years as firms added to headcount at a record pace. High-profile elections took place in Great Britain and France, though markets remained steadfast as concerns of major disruptions receded. Strengthening of economies across the European has provided the European Central Bank with some much needed flexibility as inflation numbers posted higher than expected and prospects of policy tightening shown on the horizon.

Overall, during the first half of the year, the market technicals remained firm with corporate fundamentals trending positive. Default rates across the high yield market remain low at 1.50% and are expected to stay range bound for the remainder of the year. While high yield net new issuance has been at historic lows, the issuance has predominantly been in the form of refinancing activity and higher in quality. Over the period, demand has outpaced supply and contributed to the strong technical picture. Outside of the reemergence of energy sector volatility, a handful of macroeconomic data and events will be closely monitored, such as the continued slower pace of economic growth and investor uncertainty across the geopolitical landscape.

## **Barings Global Short Duration High Yield Fund Overview and Performance**

The Fund ended June with a portfolio of 127 issuers, which is a slight increase from the beginning of the year of 120 issuers. A majority of the issuers are domiciled in the U.S. (73.8%) with the U.K. (10.6%) and France (4.0%) representing the next largest country exposures – see Country Composition chart on page 4. From a geographic standpoint, exposure to U.S. domiciled companies increased marginally and exposure to foreign issuers decreased over the course of the year. While maintaining a meaningful presence in the Western European market, relative value opportunities in the U.S. market have generally been more attractive compared to Europe over this time period. The Western European market continues to be a core part of the portfolio and offers global diversification, reduced duration, and potentially attractive yield opportunities while also providing a larger investment opportunity set.

As of June 30, 2017, the Fund remained well positioned across the credit quality spectrum: 12.5% BB-rated and above, 64.6% B-rated, and 17.3% CCC-rated and below, with over 50% of the portfolio consisting of senior secured obligations. The credit quality of the Fund's underlying holdings changed slightly since the beginning of the year with an increase in BB-rated and above credits, a modest decrease in B-rated credits and a minor pick-up in CCC-rated and below credits. Non-publicly rated securities and cash and accrued interest represented 3.2% and 2.4%, respectively.<sup>1</sup>

The Fund paid six consecutive monthly dividend payments of \$0.1534 per share in the first half of 2017, which we believe is an attractive level of yield for a global short duration high yield bond fund. The Fund's share price and net asset value ("NAV") ended the reporting period at \$19.78 and \$21.32, respectively, or at a 7.22% discount to NAV. Based on the Fund's share price and NAV on June 30, 2017, the Fund's market price and NAV distribution rates using the most recent monthly dividend, on an annualized basis, were 9.31% and 8.63%, respectively. Assets acquired through leverage, which represented 25.13% of the Fund's total assets at the end of June, were accretive to net investment income and benefited shareholders.

On a year-to-date basis through June 30, 2017, the NAV total return was +6.94%, outperforming the global high yield bond market as measured by the Bank of America / Merrill Lynch Non-Financial Developed Markets High Yield Constrained Index (HNDC), which returned +4.85%. From a market value perspective, the total return year-to-date through June 30, 2017 was +7.67%.

#### In Conclusion

As we enter the second half of 2017, we will continue to monitor the geopolitical environment as well as the renewed instability in the energy space. In North America and in Europe, we expect to see ongoing economic growth while labor markets continue to improve and domestic production expands. The U.S. political environment remains in the spotlight as a number of agenda items remain in progress including tax reform, healthcare and energy production regulations. In the coming months, crude oil prices, corporate earnings and market technicals will be closely monitored across the global high yield market.

At Barings, we remain committed to focusing on corporate fundamentals as market sentiment can quickly change and happen unexpectedly. Our focused and disciplined approach emphasizes our fundamental bottom-up research with the goal of preserving investor capital while seeking to capture attractive capital appreciation opportunities that may exist through market and economic cycles. On behalf of the Barings team, we continue to take a long-term view of investing and look forward to helping you achieve your investment goals.

Sincerely,

Sean Feeley

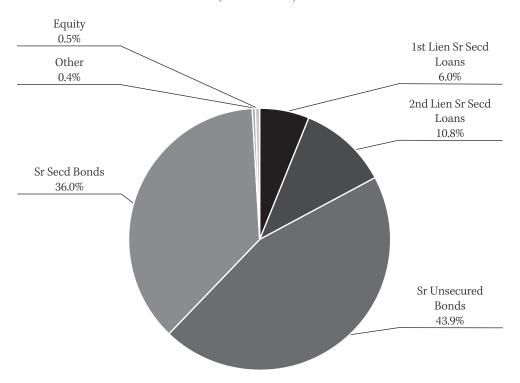
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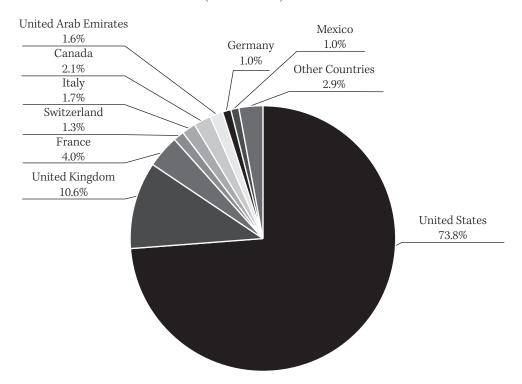
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- 1. Ratings are based on Moody's, S&P and Fitch. If securities are rated differently by the rating agencies, the higher rating is applied and all ratings are converted to the equivalent Moody's major rating category for purposes of the category shown. Credit ratings are based largely on the rating agency's investment analysis at the time of rating and the rating assigned to any particular security is not necessarily a reflection of the issuer's current financial condition. The rating assigned to a security by a rating agency does not necessarily reflect its assessment of the volatility of a security's market value or of the liquidity of an investment in the security. Ratings of Baa3 or higher by Moody's and BBB- or higher by S&P and Fitch are considered to be investment grade quality.
- <sup>2.</sup> Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results. Current performance may be lower or higher. All performance is net of fees, which is inclusive of advisory fees, administrator fees and interest expenses.

## PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION (% OF ASSETS\*)



## COUNTRY COMPOSITION (% OF ASSETS\*)



<sup>\*</sup> Percentage of assets are expressed by market value excluding cash and accrued income, and may vary over time. The percentages shown above represent a percentage of the assets as of June 30, 2017.

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

(Unaudited)

	JUNE 30, 2017
Assets	
Investments, at fair value (cost \$579,957,600)	\$572,781,760
Cash	11,996,158
Foreign currency, at fair value (cost \$1,608,569)	1,645,579
Interest receivable	9,841,602
Unrealized appreciation on forward foreign exchange contracts	84,957
Prepaid expenses and other assets	4,318
Total assets	596,354,374
Liabilities	
Note payable	153,200,000
Dividend payable	3,076,874
Payable for investments purchased	10,827,825
Payable to adviser	477,055
Unrealized depreciation on forward foreign exchange contracts	1,060,636
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	194,429
Total liabilities	168,836,819
Total net assets	\$427,517,555
Net Assets:	
Common stock, \$0.00001 par value	\$ 201
Additional paid-in capital	472,918,320
Dividends in excess of net investment income	(1,218,587)
Accumulated net realized loss	(36,140,286)
Net unrealized depreciation	(8,042,093)
Total net assets	\$427,517,555
Common shares issued and outstanding (unlimited shares authorized)	20,057,849
Net asset value per share	\$ 21.31

# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

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(Unaudited)	
	PERIOD FROM
	JANUARY 1, 2017
	THROUGH
	JUNE 30, 2017
Investment Income	
Interest income	\$24,686,531
Other income	63,974
Total investment income	24,750,505
Operating Expenses	
Advisory fees	2,856,164
Interest expense	1,436,316
Administrator fees	229,590
Professional fees	69,950
Directors' fees	59,508
Printing and mailing expense	37,667
Other operating expenses	30,126
Total operating expenses	4,719,321
Net investment income	20,031,184
Realized and Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments	
Net realized loss on investments	(281,537)
Net realized loss on forward foreign exchange contracts	(3,297,584)
Net realized gain on foreign currency and translation	33,031
Net realized loss on investments	(3,546,090)
Net unrealized appreciation of investments	13,354,563
Net unrealized depreciation of forward foreign exchange contracts	(2,624,820)
Net unrealized appreciation of foreign currency and translation	150,646
Net unrealized appreciation on investments	10,880,389
Net realized and unrealized gains on investments	7,334,299
Net increase in net assets resulting from operations	\$27,365,483

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited)

	PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017
Reconciliation of net increase in net assets resulting from	
operations to net cash provided by operating activities	¢ 07.765.407
Net increase in net assets applicable to common shareholders resulting from operations	\$ 27,365,483
Adjustments to reconcile net increase in net assets applicable to common shareholders resulting from operations to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Purchases of long-term investments	(120,851,877)
Proceeds from sales of long-term investments	109,025,915
Purchases of foreign currency, net	(1,550,295)
Forward currency exchange contracts, net	2,624,820
Net unrealized appreciation	(13,391,682)
Net realized loss	281,537
Amortization and accretion	(1,051,880)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:	
Decrease in interest receivable	275,033
Decrease in prepaid expenses and other assets	10,039
Decrease in receivable for investments sold	4,203,171
Increase in payable for investments purchased	10,693,377
Increase in payable to Adviser	100,585
Decrease in accrued expenses and other liabilities	(57,080)
Net cash provided by operating activities	17,677,146
Cash Flows From Financing Activities	
Advances from credit facility	11,300,000
Distributions paid to common shareholders	(18,461,244)
Net cash used in financing activities	(7,161,244)
Net change in cash	10,515,902
Cash beginning of period	1,480,256
Cash end of period	\$ 11,996,158
Supplemental disclosure of cashflow information	
Income taxes paid	\$ -
Interest paid	1,368,829

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

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PERIOD FROM	
JANUARY 1, 2017	
THROUGH	YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2017	DECEMBER 31, 2016
\$ 20,031,184	\$ 40,264,312
(3,546,090)	(30,201,421)
10,880,389	75,217,081
27,365,483	85,279,972
(18,461,244)	(32,119,057)
<u>-</u>	(4,965,900)
(18,461,244)	(37,084,957)
8,904,239	48,195,015
418,613,316	370,418,301
\$427,517,555	\$418,613,316
(1,218,587)	(2,788,527)
	\$ 20,031,184 (3,546,090) 10,880,389 27,365,483 (18,461,244) (18,461,244) 8,904,239 418,613,316 \$427,517,555

## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

(Unaudited)

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Per Common Share Data (2)  Net asset value, beginning of period Income from investment	I \$	20.87	\$	18.47	\$	22.00	\$	25.24	\$	24.30		23.82(3)
operations:  Net investment income  Net realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments		1.00 0.36		1.57 2.68		1.90 (3.23)		2.12 (2.76)		2.05 1.21		0.18 0.47
Total increase (decrease) from investment operations		1.36		4.25		(1.33)		(0.64)		3.26	_	0.65
Less dividends to common stockholders: Net investment income Net realized gain Return of capital		(0.92)		(1.60) - (0.25)		(2.20)		(2.56) (0.04) –		(2.01) (0.31) –		(0.17)
Total dividends to common stockholders		(0.92)		(1.85)		(2.20)		(2.60)		(2.32)		(0.17)
Net asset value, end of period	\$	21.31	\$	20.87	\$	18.47	\$	22.00	\$	25.24	\$	24.30
Per common share market value, end of period	\$	19.78	\$	19.23	\$	16.49	\$	20.19	\$	23.12	\$	23.77
Total investment return based on net asset value (2)(4)		6.89%		25.42%		(5.57)%		(2.25)%		14.48%		2.69%
Total investment return based on market value (2)(4)		7.67%		29.44%		(8.13)%		(2.06)%		7.20%		(4.27)%
Supplemental Data and Ratios Net assets, end of period (000's) Ratio of expenses (before	\$4	127,518	\$4	118,613	\$	370,418	\$4	41,234	\$5	506,197	\$4	187,005
reductions and reimbursements) to average net assets Ratio of expenses (after reductions		2.22%(6)		2.05%(5	5)	2.27%		2.20%		2.06%		1.85%(6)
and reimbursements) to average ne assets Ratio of net investment income	t	2.22%(6)		1.78%		2.27%		2.20%		2.06%		1.85%(6)
(before reductions and reimbursements) to average net assets Ratio of net investment income (after reductions and		9.41%(6)		10.68% <sup>(5</sup>	5)	9.18%		8.47%		8.20%		4.70%(6)
reimbursements) to average net assets Portfolio turnover rate (2)  (1) Commencement of operations		9.41% <sup>(6)</sup> 19.30%		10.41% 44.81%		9.18% 38.13%		8.47% 63.66%		8.20% 60.87%		4.70% <sup>(6)</sup> 4.74%

<sup>(1)</sup> Commencement of operations.

<sup>(2)</sup> Not annualized.

<sup>(3)</sup> Net asset value at the beginning of the period reflects the deduction of the sales load and offering costs of \$1.18 per share paid by the shareholder from the \$25.00 offering price.

<sup>(4)</sup> Total investment return calculation assumes reinvestment of dividends at actual prices pursuant to the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan. Total investment return does not reflect brokerage commissions.

<sup>(5)</sup> The Adviser contractually waived a portion of its management and other fees equal to an annual rate of 0.275% of the Fund's managed assets for a period of one year ended December 31, 2016.

<sup>(6)</sup> Annualized for periods less than one full year.

# SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

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					FAIR
			SHARES	COST	VALUE
Equities — 0.71%*:					
Common Stocks — 0.71%*:  Pinnacle Operating Corp.  Sabine Oil & Gas LLC  Sabine Oil & Gas LLC  Sabine Oil & Gas LLC  Templar Energy LLC			1,368,352 4,262 13,512 2,407 86,571	\$643,125 248,858 60,669 6,547 865,704	\$1,176,783 189,659 97,962 15,044 800,776
Templar Energy LLC			135,392	734,071	744,657
Total Common Stocks			1,610,496	2,558,974	3,024,881
Total Equities			1,610,496	2,558,974	3,024,881
	EFFECTIVE INTEREST RATE ‡	DUE DATE	PRINCIPAL	COST	FAIR VALUE
Fixed Income — 133.27%*:					
Bank Loans <sup>§</sup> — 23.58%*:					
Automobile — 0.83%*: FleetPride FleetPride	5.30% 9.30	11/19/2019 5/19/2020	802,350 2,999,357	\$723,393 2,965,535	\$784,297 2,759,409
Total Automobile			3,801,708	3,688,928	3,543,706
Beverage, Food and Tobacco — 0.22%*:  Del Monte Food Consumer Products, Inc.	4.44	2/18/2021	1,192,606	1,070,554	957,066
Total Beverage, Food and Tobacco			1,192,606	1,070,554	957,066
Broadcasting and Entertainment $-1.00\%$ *: Endemol+	6.90	8/11/2021	4,573,389	4,357,068	4,279,915
Total Broadcasting and Entertainment			4,573,389	4,357,068	4,279,915
Buildings and Real Estate — 0.52%*:  HD Supply Waterworks	7.05	6/26/2018	2,215,798	2,215,798	2,215,798
Total Buildings and Real Estate			2,215,798	2,215,798	2,215,798
Chemicals, Plastics and Rubber — 0.47%*: Colouroz Investment 2 LLC+	8.40	9/7/2022	2,033,201	2,027,303	1,984,913
Total Chemicals, Plastics and Rubber			2,033,201	2,027,303	1,984,913
Diversified/Conglomerate Manufacturing — 1.815 Commercial Vehicle Group Inc. Pelican Products, Inc.	%*: 7.23 9.55	4/12/2023 4/9/2021	638,388 7,144,100	625,777 7,153,760	639,984 7,090,519
Total Diversified/Conglomerate  Manufacturing			7,782,488	7,779,537	7,730,503
Diversified/Conglomerate Service $-1.92\%$ *: Cologix	8.22	3/21/2025	1,000,000	990,000	1,004,170

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	EFFECTIVE				FAIR
	INTEREST RATE ‡	DUE DATE	PRINCIPAL	COST	VALUE
Bank Loans (Continued)					
Diversified/Conglomerate Service (Continued) Misys (Finastra)+	8.46%	6/16/2025	7,085,136	\$7,207,724	\$7,206,576
Total Diversified/Conglomerate Service	0.1070	0/10/2023	8,085,136	8,197,724	8,210,746
_				0,137,721	0,210,710
Farming and Agriculture — 1.47%*: Allflex Holdings, Inc.	8.16	7/19/2021	6,232,322	6,219,761	6,268,656
Total Farming and Agriculture			6,232,322	6,219,761	6,268,656
Finance — 0.64%*:  Cunningham Lindsey Group, Inc.	9.32	6/10/2020	5,504,015	5,507,051	2,752,007
	9.32	0/10/2020			
Total Finance			5,504,015	5,507,051	2,752,007
Healthcare, Education and Childcare — 0.70%*: Prospect Medical Holdings	7.25	6/30/2022	2,977,444	2,947,669	2,999,774
Total Healthcare, Education and Childcare			2,977,444	2,947,669	2,999,774
Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares, and	Durable Consumer	Products — 1			
AOT Bedding	9.18	11/8/2024	6,250,000	6,237,626	6,221,375
Total Home and Office Furnishings, Housewares, and Durable Consumer Products			6,250,000	6,237,626	6,221,375
Froducts			0,230,000	0,237,020	0,221,373
Insurance — 0.89%*: AmWins Group Inc.	7.98	1/24/2025	3,750,000	3,840,627	3,815,625
Total Insurance			3,750,000	3,840,627	3,815,625
Mining, Steel, Iron and Non-Precious Metals — 2	.34%*:				
Boomerang Tube, LLC Boomerang Tube, LLC Boomerang Tube, LLC	15.00 20.00 19.20	8/1/2018 2/1/2022 2/6/2018	1,150,510 779,868 189,752	1,150,510 730,193 189,752	1,150,510 701,882 189,752
Boomerang Tube, LLC	18.49	2/1/2019	1,776,434	1,776,434	195,408
Boomerang Tube, LLC	19.20	8/1/2017	189,752	189,752	189,752
Boomerang Tube, LLC	16.20	2/1/2019	2,104,053	2,104,053	2,104,053
Boomerang Tube, LLC	19.20	8/17/2017	189,752	189,752	189,752
Murray Energy Corp.	8.54	4/16/2020	5,435,717	5,348,191	5,299,825
Total Mining, Steel, Iron and Non-Precious Metals			11,815,838	11,678,637	10,020,934
Oil and Gas — 8.71%*:					
Caelus Energy Alaska	8.75	4/15/2020	17,863,828	17,433,004	15,333,060
Fieldwood Energy LLC	8.30	9/30/2017	5,651,171	5,120,741	5,269,717
Fieldwood Energy LLC	8.42	9/30/2020	8,925,706	7,218,725	4,931,453
Fieldwood Energy LLC	8.42	9/30/2017	7,481,592	6,051,485	5,891,753
Gulf Finance, LLC	6.55	8/25/2023	2,886,262	2,820,649	2,680,616
Jonah Energy LLC	7.73	5/12/2021	3,301,497	3,267,903	3,141,936
Total Oil and Gas			46,110,056	41,912,507	37,248,535

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	EFFECTIVE				FAIR
	INTEREST RATE ‡	DUE DATE	PRINCIPAL	COST	VALUE
Bank Loans (Continued)					
Printing and Publishing — 0.27%*:					
Springer+	9.00%	8/14/2021	979,688	\$1,116,925	\$1,130,142
Total Printing and Publishing			979,688	1,116,925	1,130,142
Telecommunications — 0.33%*: CenturyLink, Inc.	6.15	2/8/2018	1,426,491	1,419,358	1,426,491
Total Telecommunications			1,426,491	1,419,358	1,426,491
Total Bank Loans			112,514,382	110,217,073	100,806,186
Corporate Bonds — 109.69%*:					
Aerospace and Defense — 0.27%*:					
Swissport Investments+^	6.75	12/15/2021	950,000	1,040,150	1,162,068
Total Aerospace and Defense			950,000	1,040,150	1,162,068
Automobile — 5.18%*:  Gates Global LLC#^  International Automotive Components	6.00	7/15/2022	4,740,000	4,256,924	4,751,850
Group, S.A.#^	9.13	6/1/2018	8,125,000	8,159,653	7,942,187
J.B. Poindexter & Co. Inc.#^	9.00	4/1/2022	8,989,000	9,290,974	9,427,214
Total Automobile			21,854,000	21,707,551	22,121,251
Beverage, Food and Tobacco — 2.37%*:  Boparan Finance plc+^ Carrols Corp.#  JBS USA LLC^ Manitowoc Foodservice#	5.50 8.00 8.25 9.50	7/15/2021 5/1/2022 2/1/2020 2/15/2024	1,700,000 709,000 6,000,000 1,074,000	2,012,185 728,388 5,991,393 1,074,000	2,147,750 754,199 6,000,000 1,245,840
Total Beverage, Food and Tobacco			9,483,000	9,805,966	10,147,789
Broadcasting and Entertainment — 4.94%*: Arqiva Finance#+^ Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings Inc.# Clear Channel Worldwide Holdings Inc.# Dish DBS Corp.# Entertainment One Ltd.+^	9.50 7.63 7.63 7.75 6.88	3/31/2020 3/15/2020 3/15/2020 7/1/2026 12/15/2022	5,000,000 8,165,000 1,277,000 3,094,000 850,000	7,819,479 7,874,131 1,277,000 3,129,390 1,282,386	6,935,581 8,042,525 1,270,615 3,666,390 1,212,261
Total Broadcasting and Entertainment	0.00	12/10/2022	18,386,000	21,382,386	21,127,372
Buildings and Real Estate — 2.60%*:  Beazer Homes USA Inc.#  Cemex S.A.B. de C.V.#+^  Cemex S.A.B. de C.V.#+^  Keystone Financing+^	8.75 9.38 7.75 9.50	3/15/2022 10/12/2022 4/16/2026 10/15/2019	3,198,000 5,000,000 602,000 1,140,684	3,258,767 5,154,087 601,916 1,746,434	3,565,770 5,312,500 688,537 1,553,291
Total Buildings and Real Estate			9,940,684	10,761,204	11,120,098
Cargo Transport — 7.38%*: Direct ChassisLink Inc.#^	10.00	6/15/2023	7,894,000	8,066,745	8,762,340

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	EFFECTIVE				FAIR
	INTEREST RATE ‡	DUE DATE	PRINCIPAL	COST	VALUE
Corporate Bonds (Continued)					
Cargo Transport (Continued)					
Kenan Advantage Group, Inc.#^	7.88%	7/31/2023	10,000,000	\$10,069,390	\$10,500,000
World Flight Services, Inc.+^	9.50	7/15/2022	5,650,000	6,258,913	7,031,686
XPO Logistics, Inc.#^	6.50	6/15/2022	5,000,000	4,870,528	5,250,000
Total Cargo Transport			28,544,000	29,265,576	31,544,026
Chemicals, Plastics and Rubber — 11.65%*:					
Chemours Co.#	7.00	5/15/2025	5,962,000	5,547,838	6,498,580
Consolidated Energy Finance S.A.#^	6.75	10/15/2019	3,198,000	3,121,465	3,261,960
Consolidated Energy Finance S.A.^	6.88	6/15/2025	1,779,000	1,770,105	1,832,370
Cornerstone Chemical Co.#^	9.38	3/15/2018	7,850,000	7,893,574	7,850,000
CVR Partners LP#^	9.25	6/15/2023	6,213,000	6,133,255	6,500,351
LSB Industries, Inc.#	8.50	8/1/2019	8,302,000	8,031,759	8,312,378
Pinnacle Operating Corp.#^	9.00	5/15/2023	1,993,613	1,993,613	1,893,932
Platform Specialty Products Corporation#^	10.38	5/1/2021	5,539,000	5,616,142	6,127,519
TPC Group, Inc.#^	8.75	12/15/2020	8,398,000	8,408,893	7,558,200
Total Chemicals, Plastics and Rubber			49,234,613	48,516,644	49,835,290
Containers, Packaging and Glass — 6.28%*:					
Ardagh Packaging+^	6.75	5/15/2024	3,550,000	4,108,738	4,525,992
Bormioli+^	10.00	8/1/2018	3,450,000	3,875,701	3,994,252
Coveris Holdings S.A.#^	7.88	11/1/2019	9,850,000	9,873,623	9,702,250
Horizon Holdings+^	7.25	8/1/2023	2,000,000	2,195,510	2,419,462
Onex Wizard Acquisition Co+^	7.75	2/15/2023	5,100,000	5,767,013	6,197,542
Total Containers, Packaging and Glass			23,950,000	25,820,585	26,839,498
Diversified/Conglomerate Manufacturing — 3	3.23%*:				
Appvion Inc.#^	9.00	6/1/2020	13,200,000	13,335,090	6,864,000
Carlisle Transportation Products#^	8.25	12/15/2019	4,250,000	4,256,835	3,957,813
StoneMor Partners L.P.#	7.88	6/1/2021	3,000,000	2,944,274	2,977,500
Total Diversified/Conglomerate					
Manufacturing			20,450,000	20,536,199	13,799,313
Diversified/Conglomerate Service — 2.92%*:					
Carlson Travel Holdings Inc.^	9.50	12/15/2024	1,305,000	1,305,000	1,335,994
CSVC Acquisition Corp.^	7.75	6/15/2025	3,197,000	3,197,000	3,264,936
Loxam+^	6.00	4/15/2025	800,000	861,763	988,875
Park-Ohio Holdings Corp.^	6.63	4/15/2027	808,000	808,000	848,400
Zachry Holdings Inc.#^	7.50	2/1/2020	5,875,000	5,848,311	6,051,250
Total Diversified/Conglomerate Service			11,985,000	12,020,074	12,489,455
Diversified Natural Resources, Precious Metal	ls and Minerals — 0	.48%*:			
IAMGOLD Corporation+^	7.00	4/15/2025	2,000,000	2,000,000	2,060,000
Total Diversified Natural Resources,					
Precious Metals and Minerals			2,000,000	2,000,000	2,060,000

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	EFFECTIVE				FAIR
	INTEREST RATE ‡	DUE DATE	PRINCIPAL	COST	VALUE
Corporate Bonds (Continued)					
Electronics — 4.20%*:					
ADT Corp/Protection One#^	9.25%	5/15/2023	8,255,000	\$8,661,775	\$8,970,378
Microsemi Corporation#^	9.13	4/15/2023	691,000	691,000	791,195
TIBCO Software, Inc.^	11.38	12/1/2021	2,915,000	3,171,650	3,213,788
Western Digital Corporation#	10.50	4/1/2024	4,224,000	4,343,556	4,982,968
Total Electronics			16,085,000	16,867,981	17,958,329
Finance — 7.09%*:					
Galaxy Finco Ltd.+^	7.88	11/15/2021	3,900,000	6,351,545	5,209,110
GFKL Financial Services+^	8.50	11/1/2022	5,575,000	8,187,353	7,764,032
High Ridge Brands Co.^	8.88	3/15/2025	2,982,000	2,982,000	2,970,818
Icahn Enterprises	6.75	2/1/2024	3,000,000	2,996,250	3,127,800
Marlin Financial+^	10.50	8/1/2020	4,100,000	5,823,611	5,660,251
National Financial Partners Corp.#^	9.00	7/15/2021	2,220,000	2,212,491	2,329,446
Virtu Financial LLC^	6.75	6/15/2022	3,132,000	3,132,000	3,227,213
Total Finance			24,909,000	31,685,250	30,288,670
Grocery — 0.57%*:					
Premier Foods Finance+^	6.50	3/15/2021	1,850,000	2,662,668	2,440,136
Total Grocery			1,850,000	2,662,668	2,440,136
Healthcare, Education and Childcare — 10.30%	*:				
Capsugel Holdings#^	7.00	5/15/2019	1,159,000	1,164,020	1,159,000
CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc.	6.25	3/31/2023	685,000	685,000	707,160
CHS/Community Health Systems, Inc.	6.88	2/1/2022	2,000,000	1,759,593	1,747,500
Cognita Financing+^	7.75	8/15/2021	2,200,000	3,433,764	2,984,892
Endo International^	6.00	2/1/2025	1,500,000	1,351,047	1,222,500
Horizon Pharma plc#^	8.75	11/1/2024	1,595,000	1,597,460	1,618,925
IDH Finance PLC+^	6.25	8/15/2022	1,150,000	1,506,794	1,455,511
Kindred Healthcare, Inc.#	8.75	1/15/2023	5,699,000	5,750,674	5,991,074
Regionalcare Hospital Partners, Inc.#^	8.25	5/1/2023	9,996,000	10,103,436	10,720,710
Tenet Healthcare Corporation#	8.13	4/1/2022	4,700,000	4,675,499	4,987,875
Valeant#^	6.13	4/15/2025	7,006,000	6,316,128	5,928,827
Valeant#^	7.50	7/15/2021	3,260,000	3,260,000	3,158,125
Valeant^	6.38	10/15/2020	1,000,000	929,001	968,750
Valeant^	6.50	3/15/2022	488,000	488,000	511,790
Valeant^	7.00	3/15/2024	831,000	831,000	873,589
Total Healthcare, Education and Childcare			43,269,000	43,851,416	44,036,228
Hotels, Motels, Inns and Gaming — 0.79%*:					
TVL Finance Plc+^	8.50	5/15/2023	2,340,000	3,337,451	3,377,917
Total Hotels, Motels, Inns and Gaming			2,340,000	3,337,451	3,377,917
Insurance — 1.15%*:					
Onex York Acquisition Corp.#^	8.50	10/1/2022	5,102,000	5,006,221	4,910,675
Total Insurance			5,102,000	5,006,221	4,910,675
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	INTEREST RATE ‡	DUE DATE	PRINCIPAL	COST	VALUE
Corporate Bonds (Continued)					
Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures and Ente					
Perform Group+^	8.50%	11/15/2020	2,400,000	\$3,125,978	\$3,266,560
WMG Acquisition Group#^	6.75	4/15/2022	5,299,000	5,158,441	5,570,574
Total Leisure, Amusement, Motion Pictures	and Entertainment		7,699,000	8,284,419	8,837,134
Machinery (Non-Agriculture, Non-Construct, N	Non-Electronic) — 3.	.10%*:			
Apex Tool Group LLC#^	7.00	2/1/2021	4,896,000	4,452,486	4,553,280
Xerium Technologies#	9.50	8/15/2021	8,200,000	8,287,965	8,712,500
Total Machinery (Non-Agriculture, Non-Co	onstruct, Non-Electro	onic)	13,096,000	12,740,451	13,265,780
Mining, Steel, Iron and Non-Precious Metals —	5.21%*:				
Allegheny Technologies Inc.	7.88	8/15/2023	1,000,000	1,034,351	1,045,000
Alliance Resources Partners, L.P.^	7.50	5/1/2025	823,000	823,000	865,179
Constellium Holdco B.V.#+^	7.00	1/15/2023	3,350,000	3,931,591	3,933,956
Hecla Mining Company#	6.88	5/1/2021	5,888,000	5,698,469	6,108,800
Kissner Milling Company Limited#^	8.38	12/1/2022	6,475,000	6,468,168	6,717,812
Peabody Energy Corp. <sup>^</sup>	6.00	3/31/2022	347,000	347,000	344,398
SunCoke Energy Inc.^	7.50	6/15/2025	2,743,000	2,702,211	2,708,712
Zekelman Industries Inc.^	9.88	6/15/2023	489,000	489,000	549,514
Total Mining, Steel, Iron and Non-Precious	Metals		21,115,000	21,493,790	22,273,371
Oil and Gas — 14.17%*:					
CITGO Holding Inc.#^	10.75	2/15/2020	8,584,000	8,474,678	9,324,370
Covey Park Energy LLC^	7.50	5/15/2025	397,000	397,000	397,000
EP Energy#	9.38	5/1/2020	7,375,000	4,496,386	5,817,031
EP Energy#^	8.00	2/15/2025	5,055,000	4,958,048	3,765,975
Ferrellgas Partners LP#	8.63	6/15/2020	8,060,000	7,996,705	7,616,700
Ferrellgas Partners LP^	8.63	6/15/2020	1,254,000	1,209,637	1,185,030
Globe Luxembourg SA+^	9.88	4/1/2022	400,000	394,475	388,000
Jupiter Resources Inc.#+^	8.50	10/1/2022	13,375,000	11,855,528	10,031,250
Kosmos Energy Ltd.#^	7.88	8/1/2021	3,984,000	3,864,673	4,063,680
Kosmos Energy Ltd.#^	7.88	8/1/2021	5,164,000	4,871,945	5,267,280
Pbf Holding Company LLC	7.00	11/15/2023	1,000,000	997,500	985,000
Pbf Logistics LP#	6.88	5/15/2023	1,117,000	1,117,000	1,133,755
Topaz Marine SA#+^	8.63	11/1/2018	9,341,000	9,327,476	9,276,921
Welltec#+^	8.00	2/1/2019	1,387,000	1,361,673	1,345,390
Total Oil and Gas			66,493,000	61,322,724	60,597,382
Personal Transportation — 1.72%*:					
Hertz Corporation	7.38	1/15/2021	2,000,000	1,892,054	1,930,000
Hertz Corporation	6.25	10/15/2022	2,000,000	1,722,959	1,745,000
Hertz Corporation^	7.63	6/1/2022	3,678,000	3,671,996	3,669,173
Total Personal Transportation			7,678,000	7,287,009	7,344,173
Retail Store — 2.69%*:	6.67	7/15/2010	7 050 000	1160 115	7 574 767
Boing Group Finance+^	6.63	7/15/2019	3,050,000	4,160,415	3,531,763

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	INTEREST RATE ‡	DUE DATE	PRINCIPAL	COST	VALUE
Corporate Bonds (Continued)					
Retail Store (Continued)					
HSS Financing PLC+^	6.75%	8/1/2019	816,000	\$1,240,099	\$1,057,915
Takko Fashion+^	9.88	4/15/2019	2,300,000	3,042,970	2,423,362
Travelex+^	8.00	5/15/2022	4,000,000	4,421,260	4,503,881
Total Retail Store			10,166,000	12,864,744	11,516,921
Telecommunications — 7.57%*:					
Altice S.A.#+^	7.75	5/15/2022	3,240,000	3,240,000	3,438,450
Altice S.A.#+^	7.50	5/15/2026	2,622,000	2,672,640	2,910,420
Altice S.A.+^	7.63	2/15/2025	1,250,000	1,319,537	1,370,312
Digicel Limited#+^	6.00	4/15/2021	4,000,000	3,551,440	3,835,000
GTT Communications <sup>^</sup>	7.88	12/31/2024	3,044,000	3,120,325	3,257,080
Hughes Satellite Systems Corp	6.63	8/1/2026	3,000,000	2,921,588	3,225,000
Numericable-SFR#+^	7.38	5/1/2026	3,183,000	3,207,421	3,453,555
Sprint Corp.#	7.88	9/15/2023	4,428,000	4,302,561	5,092,200
Wind Acquisition#+^	7.38	4/23/2021	5,545,000	5,243,458	5,766,800
Total Telecommunications			30,312,000	29,578,970	32,348,817
Textiles & Leather — 0.55%*:					
Perry Ellis International Inc#	7.88	4/1/2019	2,334,000	2,365,939	2,334,000
Total Textiles & Leather			2,334,000	2,365,939	2,334,000
Utilities — 1.21%*:					
NRG Energy#	7.25	5/15/2026	5,000,000	4,976,185	5,175,000
Total Utilities			5,000,000	4,976,185	5,175,000
Total Corporate Bonds			454,225,297	467,181,553	468,950,693
Total Fixed Income			566,739,679	577,398,626	569,756,879
Total Investments			568,350,175	579,957,600	572,781,760
Other assets and liabilities $-$ (33.98)%					(145,264,205)
Net Assets — 100%					\$427,517,555

- ‡ The effective interest rates are based on settled commitment amount.
- \* Calculated as a percentage of net assets applicable to common shareholders.
- § Bank loans are exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, but contain certain restrictions on resale and cannot be sold publicly. These loans pay interest at rates which adjust periodically. The interest rates shown for bank loans are the current interest rates at June 30, 2017. Bank loans are also subject to mandatory and/or optional prepayment which cannot be predicted. As a result, the remaining maturity may be substantially less than the stated maturity shown.
- + Foreign security.
- # All or a portion of the security is segregated as collateral for the credit facility. See Note 8 to the financial statements for further disclosure.
- ^ Security exempt from registration under Rule 144a of the Securities Act of 1933. These securities may only be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers.

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Distributions of investments by country of risk. Percentage of assets are expressed by market value excluding cash and accrued income as of June 30, 2017.

United States	73.8%
United Kingdom	10.6%
France	4.0%
Canada	2.1%
Italy	1.7%
United Arab Emirates	1.6%
Switzerland	1.3%
Mexico	1.0%
(Individually less than 1%)	3.9%
	100.0%

## Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts at June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)

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					AGGREGATE FACE	APPRECIATION/
COUNTERPARTY	CURRENCY	CONTRACT TYPE	DELIVERY DATE	VALUE	VALUE	(DEPRECIATION)
J.P. Morgan						
	British pounds	Buy	7/17/2017	\$ 2,494,962	\$ 2,576,525	\$ 81,563
	British pounds	Sell	7/17/2017	(48,946,910)	(49,226,568)	(279,658)
	Euros	Buy	7/17/2017	1,671,264	1,674,658	3,394
	Euros	Sell	7/17/2017	(44,318,204)	(45,096,944)	(778,740)
	Euros	Sell	7/3/2017	(1,618,581)	(1,620,819)	(2,238)
	U.S. Dollars	Buy	7/3/2017	1,618,581	1,618,581	_
	U.S. Dollars	Buy	7/17/2017	44,318,204	44,318,204	_
	U.S. Dollars	Sell	7/17/2017	(1,671,264)	(1,671,264)	_
	U.S. Dollars	Buy	7/17/2017	48,946,910	48,946,910	_
	U.S. Dollars	Sell	7/17/2017	(2,494,962)	(2,494,962)	
				_	(975,679)	(975,679)
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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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## 1. Organization

Barings Global Short Duration High Yield Fund (the "Fund") was organized as a business trust under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on May 20, 2011, and commenced operations on October 26, 2012. The Fund is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), as a diversified, closed-end management investment company.

Barings LLC (the "Adviser"), a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, is a registered investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, and serves as investment adviser to the Fund.

Barings Global Advisers Limited (the "Sub-Adviser"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of the Adviser, serves as sub-adviser with respect to the Fund's European investments.

The Fund's primary investment objective is to seek as high a level of current income as the Adviser determines is consistent with capital preservation. The Fund seeks capital appreciation as a secondary investment objective when consistent with its primary investment objective. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives. The Fund seeks to take advantage of inefficiencies between geographies, primarily the North American and Western European high yield bond and loan markets and within capital structures between bonds and loans. Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its Managed Assets in bonds, loans and other income-producing instruments that are, at the time of purchase, rated below investment grade (below Baa3 by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or below BBB- by either Standard & Poor's Rating Services, a division of the McGraw-Hill Company, Inc. ("S&P") or Fitch, Inc. ("Fitch"), or unrated but judged by the Adviser or Sub-Adviser to be of comparable quality).

## 2. Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed consistently by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP").

#### A. Valuation of Investments

The Fund's investments in fixed income securities are generally valued using the prices provided directly by independent third party services or provided directly from one or more broker dealers or market makers, each in accordance with the valuation policies and procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees (the "Board").

The pricing services may use valuation models or matrix pricing, which consider yield or prices with respect to comparable bond quotations from bond dealers or by reference to other securities that are considered comparable in such characteristics as credit rating, interest rates and maturity date, to determine the current value. The closing prices of domestic or foreign securities may not reflect their market values at the time the Fund calculates its NAV if an event that materially affects the value of those securities has occurred since the closing prices were established on the domestic or foreign exchange market, but before the Fund's NAV calculation. Under certain conditions, the Board has approved an independent pricing service to fair value foreign securities. This is generally accomplished by adjusting the closing price for movements in correlated indices, securities or derivatives. Fair value pricing may cause the value of the security on the books of the Fund to be different from the closing value on the non-U.S. exchange and may affect the calculation of the Fund's NAV. The Fund may fair value securities in other situations, for example, when a particular foreign market is closed but the Fund is pricing their shares.

The Fund's investments in bank loans are normally valued at the bid quotation obtained from dealers in loans by an independent pricing service in accordance with the Fund's valuation policies and procedures approved by the Board.

A Valuation Committee, made up of officers of the Fund and employees of the Adviser, is responsible for determining, in accordance with the Fund's valuation policies and procedures approved by the Board: (1) whether market quotations are readily available for investments held by the Fund; and (2) the fair value of investments held by the Fund for which market quotations are not readily available or are deemed not reliable by the Adviser. In certain cases, authorized pricing service vendors may not provide prices for a security held by the Fund, or the price provided by such pricing service vendor is deemed unreliable by the Adviser. In such cases, the Fund may use market maker

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quotations provided by an established market maker for that security (i.e. broker quotes) to value the security if the Adviser has experience obtaining quotations from the market maker and the Adviser determines that quotations obtained from the market maker in the past have generally been reliable (or, if the Adviser has no such experience with respect to a market maker, it determines based on other information available to it that quotations obtained by it from the market maker are reasonably likely to be reliable). In any such case, the Adviser will review any market quotations so obtained in light of other information in its possession for their general reliability.

Bank loans in which the Fund may invest have similar risks to lower-rated fixed income securities. Changes in the financial condition of the borrower or economic conditions or other circumstances may reduce the capacity of the borrower to make principal and interest payments on such instruments and may lead to defaults. Senior secured bank loans are supported by collateral; however, the value of the collateral may be insufficient to cover the amount owed to the Fund. By relying on a third party to administer a loan, the Fund is subject to the risk that the third party will fail to perform it obligations. The loans in which the Fund will invest are largely floating rate instruments; therefore, the interest rate risk generally is lower than for fixed-rate debt obligations. However, from the perspective of the borrower, an increase in interest rates may adversely affect the borrower's financial condition. Due to the unique and customized nature of loan agreements evidencing loans and the private syndication thereof, loans are not as easily purchased or sold as publicly traded securities. Although the range of investors in loans has broadened in recent years, there can be no assurance that future levels of supply and demand in loan trading will provide the degree of liquidity which currently exists in the market. In addition, the terms of the loans may restrict their transferability without borrower consent. These factors may have an adverse effect on the market price and the Fund's ability to dispose of particular portfolio investments. A less liquid secondary market also may make it more difficult for the Fund to obtain precise valuations of the high yield loans in its portfolio.

Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. A three-tier hierarchy is utilized to maximize the use of observable market data and

minimize the use of unobservable inputs and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk. For example, market participants would consider the risk inherent in a particular valuation technique used to measure fair value, such as a pricing model, and/or the risk inherent in the inputs to the valuation technique. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability and are developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs are inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability and are developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. The three-tier hierarchy of inputs is summarized in the three broad levels listed below.

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 Fund's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

The availability of observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, for example, the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, the liquidity of markets, and other characteristics particular to the security. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in level 3.

The inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls in its entirety is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

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The following is a summary of the inputs used as of June 30, 2017 in valuing the Fund's investments:

DESCRIPTION	LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	TOTAL INVESTMENTS
Assets: Equities: Common Stocks	\$ -	\$ 1,176,783	\$1,848,098	\$ 3,024,881
Total Equities:		1,176,783	1,848,098	3,024,881
Fixed Income: Bank Loans Bonds	\$ -	\$ 96,085,077 468,950,693	\$4,721,109	\$100,806,186 468,950,693
Total Fixed Income	\$ -	\$565,035,770	\$4,721,109	\$569,756,879
Derivative Securities: Foreign Exchange Contracts:	\$ -	\$ 82,719	\$ -	\$ 82,719
Total Derivative Securities		82,719		82,719
Total Assets	\$ -	\$566,295,272	\$6,569,207	\$572,864,479
Liabilities: Foreign Exchange Contracts Total Liabilities:	\$ - \$ -	÷ 1,050,700	<del>.</del>	\$ 1,058,398 \$ 1,058,398

The following table is a summary of quantitative information about significant unobservable valuation inputs for Level 3 fair value measurement for investments held as of June 30, 2017:

	FAIR VALUE AS OF	VALUATION	
TYPE OF ASSETS	JUNE 30, 2017	TECHNIQUE(S)	UNOBSERVABLE INPUT
Equities			
Sabine Oil & Gas, LLC	\$ 189,659	Broker Quote	\$41.00; pricing source depth of 1.
Sabine Oil & Gas, LLC	\$ 97,962	Broker Quote	\$6.50; pricing source depth of 1.
Sabine Oil & Gas, LLC	\$ 15,044	Broker Quote	\$5.00; pricing source depth of 1.
Templar Energy LLC	\$ 800,776	Broker Quote	\$4.5; pricing source depth of 1.
Templar Energy LLC	\$ 744,657	Broker Quote	\$9.5; pricing source depth of 1.
Second Lien Term Loans			
Boomerang Tube, LLC	\$1,150,510	Model Price	Average Enterprise Valuation Multiple: 5.5x; EBITDA: \$25 million.
Boomerang Tube, LLC	\$ 701,882	Model Price	Average Enterprise Valuation Multiple: 5.5x; EBITDA: \$25 million.
Boomerang Tube, LLC	\$ 189,752	Model Price	Average Enterprise Valuation Multiple: 5.5x; EBITDA: \$25 million.
Boomerang Tube, LLC	\$ 195,408	Model Price	Average Enterprise Valuation Multiple: 5.5x; EBITDA: \$25 million.
Boomerang Tube, LLC	\$ 189,752	Model Price	Average Enterprise Valuation Multiple: 5.5x; EBITDA: \$25 million.
Boomerang Tube, LLC	\$2,104,053	Model Price	Average Enterprise Valuation Multiple: 5.5x; EBITDA: \$25 million.
Boomerang Tube, LLC	\$ 189,752	Model Price	Average Enterprise Valuation Multiple: 5.5x; EBITDA: \$25 million.

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Boomerang Tube, LLC restructured its debt securities on February 2, 2016. The Fund subsequently received new debt securities, all of which are considered Level 3.

Sabine Oil & Gas, LLC restructured its Second Lien Term Loan on August 12, 2016. The Fund subsequently received new equity securities, all of which are considered Level 3.

Templar Energy, LLC restructured its Second Lien Term Loan on September 14, 2016. The Fund subsequently received new equity securities, all of which are considered Level 3.

The Fund discloses transfers between levels based on valuations at the end of the reporting period. Based on end of period market values, \$3,202,492 was transferred from Level 3 to Level 2 for the period from January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017. The following is a reconciliation of Level 3 investments based upon the inputs used to determine fair value:

										UNREALIZED
										APPRECIATION /
										DEPRECIATION
										FROM
										INVESTMENTS
	BALANCE	TRANSFERS	TRANSFERS			ACCRETION	REALIZED	CHANGE	BALANCE	HELD AS OF
	AT	INTO	OUT OF			OF	GAIN	IN	AT	JUNE 30,
	DECEMBER 31, 2016	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 3	PURCHASES	SALES	DISCOUNT	LOSS	UNREALIZED	JUNE 30, 2017	2017
Common Stocks										
Equities	\$2,110,595	\$0	\$0	\$ 19,024	\$0	\$ 0	\$0	(\$281,521)	\$1,848,098	(\$281,521)
Fixed Income										
Bank Loan	\$3,871,669	\$0	\$0	\$1,195,016	\$0	(\$130,992)	\$0	(\$214,584)	\$4,721,109	(\$214,584)
Total	\$5,982,264	\$0	\$0	\$1,214,040	\$0	(\$130,992)	\$0	(\$496,105)	\$6,569,207	(\$496,105)
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#### **B.** Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist principally of short term investments that are readily convertible into cash and have original maturities of three months or less. At June 30, 2017, all cash and cash equivalents are held by U.S. Bank, N.A.

# C. Investment Transactions, Related Investment Income and Expenses

Investment transactions are accounted for on a tradedate basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis, including the amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts on bonds held using the yield-to-maturity method.

Realized gains and losses on investment transactions and unrealized appreciation and depreciation of investments are reported for financial statement and Federal income tax purposes on the identified cost method.

Expenses are recorded on the accrual basis as incurred.

## **D.Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates

and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

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## **E. Federal Income Taxation**

The Fund has elected to be taxed as a Regulated Investment Company ("RIC") under sub-chapter M of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and intends to maintain this qualification and to distribute substantially all of its net taxable income to its shareholders.

## F. Dividends and Distributions

The Fund declares and pays dividends monthly from net investment income. To the extent that these distributions exceed net investment income, they may be classified as return of capital. The Fund also pays a distribution at least annually from its net realized capital gains, if any. Dividends and distributions are recorded on the ex-dividend date. All common shares have equal dividend

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and other distribution rights. A notice disclosing the source(s) of a distribution will be provided if payment is made from any source other than net investment income. Any such notice would be provided only for informational purposes in order to comply with the requirements of Section 19(a) of the 1940 Act and not for tax reporting purposes. The tax composition of the Fund's distributions for each calendar year is reported on Internal Revenue Service Form 1099-DIV.

Dividends from net investment income and distributions from realized gains from investment transactions have been determined in accordance with Federal income tax regulations and may differ from net investment income and realized gains recorded by the Fund for financial reporting purposes. These differences, which could be temporary or permanent in nature may result in reclassification of distributions; however, net investment income, net realized gains and losses, and net assets are not affected.

#### **G.**Derivative Instruments

The following is a description of the derivative instruments that the Fund utilizes as part of its investment strategy, including the primary underlying risk exposures related to the instrument.

Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts - The Fund is subject to foreign currency exchange rate risk in the normal course of pursuing its investment objectives. The Fund transacted in and currently holds forward foreign exchange contracts to hedge against changes in the value of foreign currencies. The Fund entered into forward foreign exchange contracts obligating the Fund to deliver or receive a currency at a specified future date. Forward foreign exchange contracts are valued daily and unrealized appreciation or depreciation is recorded daily as the difference between the contract exchange rate and the closing forward rate applied to the face amount of the contract. A realized gain or loss is recorded at the time the forward contract expires. Credit risk may arise as a result of the failure of the counterparty to comply with the terms of the contract. The Fund considers the creditworthiness of each counterparty to a contract in evaluating potential credit risk quarterly. The Fund is also subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties to the derivative contracts which are not cleared through a central counterparty but instead are traded over-the-counter between two counterparties. If a counterparty to an over-the-counter derivative becomes bankrupt or otherwise fails to perform its obligations

under a derivative contract due to financial difficulties, the Fund may experience significant delays in obtaining any recovery under the derivative contract in a bankruptcy or other reorganization proceeding. The Fund may obtain only a limited recovery or may obtain no recovery in such circumstances. The counterparty risk for cleared derivatives is generally lower than for uncleared over-the-counter derivative transactions since generally a clearing organization becomes substituted for each counterparty to a cleared derivative contract and, in effect, guarantees the parties' performance under the contract as each party to a trade looks only to the clearing house for performance of financial obligations. However, there can be no assurance that the clearing house, or its members, will satisfy its obligations to the Fund. In addition, in the event of a bankruptcy of a clearing house, the Fund could experience a loss of the funds deposited with such clearing house as margin and any profits on its open positions. The counterparty risk to the Fund is limited to the net unrealized gain, if any, on the contract.

The use of forward foreign exchange contracts does not eliminate fluctuations in the underlying prices of the Fund's investment securities; however, it does establish a rate of exchange that can be achieved in the future. The use of forward foreign exchange contracts involves the risk that anticipated currency movements will not be accurately predicted. A forward foreign exchange contract would limit the risk of loss due to a decline in the value of a particular currency; however, it would also limit any potential gain that might result should the value of the currency increase instead of decrease. These contracts may involve market risk in excess of the amount of receivable or payable reflected on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

The Fund recognized an asset on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as a result of forward foreign exchange contracts with J.P. Morgan. The Fund's policy is to recognize an asset equal to the net value of all forward foreign exchange contracts with an unrealized gain and a liability equal to the net value of all forward foreign exchange contracts with an unrealized loss. The Fund has recognized an asset of \$84,957 in net unrealized appreciation and a liability of \$1,060,636 in net unrealized depreciation on forward foreign exchange contracts. Outstanding forward foreign exchange contracts as of June 30, 2017 are indicative of the volume of activity during the period.

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For the period from January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017, the Fund's direct investment in derivatives consisted of forward foreign exchange contracts.

The following is a summary of the fair value of derivative instruments held directly by the Fund as of June 30, 2017. These derivatives are presented in the Schedule of Investments.

Fair values of derivative instruments on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as of June 30, 2017:

	STATEMENT OF ASSETS	
	AND LIABILITIES	FAIR
	LOCATION	VALUE
Derivatives Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts	Unrealized Appreciation	\$ 84,957
Total Asset Derivatives		\$ 84,957
Liability Derivatives Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts	Unrealized Depreciation	\$1,060,636
Total Liability Derivatives		\$1,060,636

The effect of derivative instruments on the Statement of Operations for the period from January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017:

FORWARD FOREIGN

Amount of Realized Gain/(Loss) on Derivatives

EXCHANGE CONTRACTS
ge
\$(3,297,584)
\$(3,927,584)
Appreciation/(Depreciation) on
FORWARD FOREIGN
EXCHANGE CONTRACTS
ge
90
\$(2,624,820)

# H.Offsetting of Financial and Derivative Assets and Liabilities

The following is a summary by counterparty of the fair value of derivative investments subject to Master Netting Agreements and collateral pledged (received), if any, as of June 30, 2017.

	J.P. MORGAN
Assets: Forward foreign exchange contracts	\$ 84,957
Total Assets	\$ 84,957
Liabilities: Forward foreign exchange contracts	\$1,060,636
Total Liabilities	\$1,060,636
Net Exposure	\$ (975,679)

## I. Foreign Securities

Investing in securities of foreign companies and foreign governments involves special risks and considerations not typically associated with investing in U.S. companies and the U.S. government. These risks include valuation of currencies and adverse political and economic developments. Moreover, securities of many foreign companies, foreign governments, and their markets may be less liquid and their prices more volatile than those of securities of comparable U.S. companies and the U.S. government.

## J. Foreign Currency Translation

The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Foreign currency transactions are translated into U.S. dollars on the following basis: (i) market value of investment securities, assets and liabilities at the daily rates of exchange, and (ii) purchases and sales of investment securities, dividend and interest income and certain expenses at the rates of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions. For financial reporting purposes, the Fund does not isolate changes in the exchange rate of investment securities from the fluctuations arising from changes in the market prices of securities. However, for Federal income tax purposes, the Fund does isolate and treat as ordinary income the effect of changes in foreign exchange rates on realized gain or loss from the sale of investment securities and payables and receivables arising from trade-date and settlementdate differences.

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#### K. Counterparty Risk

The Fund seeks to manage counterparty credit risk by entering into agreements only with counterparties the Adviser believes have the financial resources to honor their obligations. The Adviser monitors the financial stability of the Fund's counterparties.

#### L. New Accounting Pronouncements

In October 2016, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission adopted new rules and amended existing rules (together, "final rules") intended to modernize the reporting and disclosure of information by registered investment companies. In part, the final rules amend Regulation S-X and require standardized, enhanced disclosure about derivatives in investment company financial statements, as well as other amendments. The compliance date for the amendments to Regulation S-X is August 1, 2017. Management is currently evaluating the impact that the adoption of the amendments to Regulation S-X will have on the financial statements and related disclosures.

## 3. Advisory Fee

The Fund has entered into an Investment Management Agreement (the "Agreement") with the Adviser, a related party. Pursuant to the Agreement, the Fund has agreed to pay the Adviser a fee payable at the end of each calendar month, at an annual rate of 1.00% of the Fund's average daily managed assets during such month. Managed assets are the total assets of the Fund, which include any assets attributable to leverage such as assets attributable to reverse repurchase agreements, or bank loans, minus the sum of the Fund's accrued liabilities (other than liabilities incurred for the purpose of leverage).

Subject to the supervision of the Adviser and the Board, the Sub-Adviser manages the investment and reinvestment of a portion of the assets of the Fund, as allocated from time to time to the Sub-Adviser by a global allocation investment committee composed of representatives of the Adviser and Sub-Adviser. The Adviser (not the Fund) will pay a portion of the fees it receives to the Sub-Adviser in return for its services.

## 4. Administrator Fee

The Fund has engaged U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC ("US Bank") to serve as the Fund's administrator, fund accountant, and transfer agent. The Fund has engaged

U.S. Bank, N.A. to serve as the Fund's custodian. The Fund has agreed to pay US Bank a fee payable at the end of each calendar month, at an annual rate of 0.075% of the Fund's average daily managed assets.

#### 5. Income Taxes

It is the Fund's intention to qualify as a RIC under sub-chapter M of the Internal Revenue Code and distribute all of its taxable income. Accordingly, no provision for federal income taxes is required in the financial statements.

The tax character of dividends paid to shareholders during the tax year ended in 2016, as noted below, was as follows:

	NET LONG		
	TERM		TOTAL
ORDINARY	CAPITAL	RETURN OF	DISTRIBUTIONS
INCOME	GAINS	CAPITAL	PAID
\$32,119,057	_	\$4,965,900	\$37,084,957

The amount and character of income and capital gain distributions to be paid, if any, are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. GAAP. On December 31, 2016, undistributed net investment income was decreased by \$3,842,030, net accumulated net realized gain was increased by \$8,807,930, and paid-in capital was decreased by \$4,965,900. This reclassification has no effect on the net assets of the Fund.

The following information is provided on a tax basis as of December 31, 2016:

Cost of investments	\$567,371,422
Unrealized appreciation Unrealized depreciation	17,158,380 (37,688,783)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	(20,530,403)
Undistributed ordinary income Undistributed long term gains	
Distributable earnings	_
Other accumulated gain/(loss)	(33,774,802)
Total accumulated gain/(loss)	(54,305,205)

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The capital loss carryforward is available to offset future taxable income. The Fund has the following capital loss amounts:

## **EXPIRING DECEMBER 31,**

			UNLIMITED -	UNLIMITED –
2016	2017	2018	SHORT TERM	LONG TERM
\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$10,949,025	\$19,996,030

Under current tax rules, regulated investment companies can elect to treat certain late-year ordinary losses incurred and post-October capital losses (capital losses realized after October 31) as arising on the first day of the following taxable year. At December 31, 2016, the Fund deferred, on a tax basis, late-year December losses of \$ 2.788.527.

The Fund recognizes the tax benefits of uncertain tax positions only where the position is "more likely than not" to be sustained assuming examination by tax authorities. Management has analyzed the Fund's tax positions, and has concluded that no liability for unrecognized tax benefits should be recorded related to uncertain tax positions taken on U.S. tax returns and state tax returns filed since inception of the Fund. No income tax returns are currently under examination. All tax years since commencement of operations remain subject to examination by the tax authorities in the United States. Due to the nature of the Fund's investments, the Fund may be required to file income tax returns in several states. The Fund is not aware of any tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will change materially in the next 12 months.

#### 6. Investment Transactions

For the period from January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017, the Fund purchased (at cost) and sold securities in the amount of \$120,851,877 and \$109,025,915 (excluding short-term debt securities), respectively.

## 7. Credit Facility

On November 8, 2012, the Fund entered into a \$200,000,000 credit facility with BNP Paribas Prime Brokerage International, Ltd. ("BNP") The credit facility previously had a variable annual interest rate equal to three-month LIBOR plus 0.90 percent. On January 6, 2014, the Fund entered into an amended agreement with a variable annual interest rate of three-month LIBOR plus

0.80 percent. Unused portions of the credit facility will accrue a commitment fee equal to an annual rate of 0.65 percent.

Changes to the credit facility's capacity for the period from January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017 were as follows:

	PREVIOUS	NEW
DATE OF CHANGE	CAPACITY	CAPACITY
Capacity at January 1, 2017:		\$141,900,000
January 10, 2017	\$141,900,000	\$142,400,000
January 11, 2017	\$142,400,000	\$142,700,000
January 13, 2017	\$142,700,000	\$142,900,000
January 18, 2017	\$142,900,000	\$144,300,000
February 1, 2017	\$144,300,000	\$145,200,000
February 28, 2017	\$145,200,000	\$147,400,000
May 22, 2017	\$147,400,000	\$147,500,000
May 30, 2017	\$147,500,000	\$148,300,000
June 5, 2017	\$148,300,000	\$150,200,000
June 30, 2017	\$150,200,000	\$153,200,000
Capacity at June 30, 2017:		\$153,200,000

The average principal balance and interest rate for the period during which the credit facility was utilized for the period from January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017 was approximately \$146,800,000 and 1.94 percent, respectively. At June 30, 2017, the principal balance outstanding was \$153,200,000 at an interest rate of 2.10 percent.

#### 8. Securities Lending

Through an agreement with the Fund, BNP may lend out securities the Fund has pledged as collateral on the note payable. In return, the Fund receives additional income that is netted against the interest charged on the outstanding credit facility balance. As of June 30, 2017, the total amount of income netted against the interest expense is \$63,974.

## 9. Common Stock

The Fund has unlimited shares authorized and 20,057,849 shares outstanding at December 31, 2016 and June 30, 2017.

# 10. Aggregate Remuneration Paid to Officers, Trustees and Their Affiliated Persons

For the period from January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017, the Fund paid its Trustees aggregate remuneration of \$59,508. During the year, the Fund did not pay any

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compensation to any of its Trustees who are "interested persons" (as defined by the 1940 Act) of the Fund. The Fund classifies Mr. Finke as an interested person of the Fund.

All of the Fund's officers are employees of the Adviser. Pursuant to the Agreement, the Fund does not compensate its officers who are employees of the Adviser (except for the Chief Compliance Officer of the Fund unless assumed by the Adviser). For the period from January 1, 2017 through June 30, 2017, the Adviser paid the compensation of the Chief Compliance Officer of the Fund.

The Fund did not make any payments to the Adviser for the period ended June 30, 2017, other than the amounts payable to the Adviser pursuant to the Agreement.

## 11. Subsequent Events

The Fund has evaluated the possibility of subsequent events existing in this report through the date that the

financial statements were issued. On July 3, 2017, the dividend payable of \$3,076,874 was paid to common shareholders. The dividend amount consisted of net investment income.

In addition, as of June 30, 2017, the borrowing capacity on the current note payable was \$153,200,000. On July 10, 2017, the note was paid down and borrowing capacity was decreased to \$150,200,000. On July 20, 2017, the note was withdrawn upon and borrowing capacity was increased to \$158,700,000. On July 28, 2017, the note was paid down and borrowing capacity decreased to \$150,200,000.

Effective following the adjournment of the August 3, 2017 Board meeting, Cynithia Plouche' was elected by the Trustees as a Trustee of the Fund.

## FUND DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN

#### INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES

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Dr. Bernard A. Harris, Jr. *Trustee* 

Thomas W. Okel Trustee

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Assistant Secretary

Kristin Goodchild

Assistant Secretary

The Fund offers a Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "Plan"). The Plan provides a simple way for shareholders to add to their holdings in the Fund through the reinvestment of dividends in additional common shares of the Fund. Shareholders will have all dividends, including any capital gain dividends, reinvested automatically in additional shares of the Fund by U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, LLC, as Plan Agent, unless a shareholder elects to receive cash instead. An election to receive cash may be revoked or reinstated at the option of the shareholder. All distributions to investors who elect not to participate in the Plan (or whose broker or nominee elects not to participate on the investor's behalf) will receive dividends and distributions in cash.

Whenever the Fund declares a dividend payable in cash or shares, the Plan Agent, acting on behalf of each participating shareholder, will take the dividend in shares only if the net asset value per Fund share is equal to or less than the market price per Fund share plus estimated brokerage commissions as of the payment date for the dividend.

When the dividend is to be taken in shares, the number of shares to be received is determined by dividing the dollar amount of the cash dividend by the net asset value per Fund share as of the dividend payment date or, if greater than the net asset value per Fund share, 95% of the closing share price on the payment date. Generally, if the net asset value per Fund share is greater than the market price per Fund share plus estimated brokerage commissions as of the dividend payment date, the Plan Agent will endeavor to buy shares on the open market at current prices promptly after the dividend payment date.

The reinvestment of dividends does not, in any way, relieve participating shareholders of any Federal, state or local tax. For Federal income tax purposes, the amount reportable in respect of a dividend received in shares of the Fund will be the fair market value of the shares received, which will be reportable as ordinary income and/or capital gains. Investors should consult with their own tax advisors for further information about the tax consequences of dividend reinvestment.

There is no brokerage charge for the reinvestment of dividends in additional Fund shares; however, all participants pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred by the Plan Agent when it makes open market purchases. There is no direct service charge to participants in the Plan, though the Fund reserves the right to amend the Plan to include a service charge payable by participants.

Additional information about the Plan may be obtained from, and any questions regarding the Plan should be addressed to, U.S. Bancorp Fund Services, Plan Agent for Barings Global Short Duration High Yield Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan, P.O. Box 701, Milwaukee, WI 52301.



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Any disclosures will be only to the extent permitted by federal and state law. Certain disclosures may require us to get an "opt-in" or "opt-out" from you. If this is required, we will do so before information is shared. Otherwise, we do not share any personal information about our customers or former customers unless authorized by the customer or as permitted by law.

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