

FORM 3

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Francis Sheldon M (Last) (First) (Middle) 300 SOUTH TRYON STREET, SUITE 2500 (Street) CHARLOTTE, NC 28202 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 08/02/2018	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Barings BDC, Inc. [BBDC]	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Officer of Adviser	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Francis Sheldon M 300 SOUTH TRYON STREET SUITE 2500 CHARLOTTE, NC 28202				Officer of Adviser

Signatures

Ann Malloy as Attorney-in-fact		08/10/2018
<small>Signature of Reporting Person</small>		<small>Date</small>

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Forms 3, Form 4 and Form 5 and
Application for EDGAR Access (Form ID) Confirmation of Authority to Sign

Pursuant to Instruction 7 to SEC "Form 3 - Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities", "Form 4 - Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership" and "Form 5 - Annual Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities" the undersigned being an officer of Barings LLC, the investment adviser to Barings BDC, Inc. (the "Issuer"), hereby appoint and designate Jessica Restivo, Ann Malloy, and Melissa LaGrant each as my true and lawful attorneys in fact with full power to (a) apply for access to the EDGAR filing system in my name and (b) sign for me and file with the SEC, the New York Stock Exchange and the Issuer said SEC Forms 3, 4 and/or 5 with respect to shares of the Issuers purchased or sold by the undersigned or any other change of beneficial ownership relating to equity or derivative securities of the Issuer required to be reported by the undersigned.

This authorization shall remain in effect until a written revocation is executed by the undersigned and filed with the SEC.

By: Sheldon Francis
Title: Chief Legal Officer and Secretary
Date: August 10, 2018