

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned.

Ann Malloy as Attorney-in-fact 08/10/2018

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* 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