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- Amendment No. 1**

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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Approximate date of proposed public offering: From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If any securities being registered on this form will be offered on a delayed or continuous basis in reliance on Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, other than securities offered in connection with a dividend reinvestment plan, check the following box.

It is proposed that this filing will become effective (check appropriate box)

When declared effective pursuant to section 8(c).

If appropriate, check the following box:

This [post-effective] amendment designates a new effective date for a previously filed [post-effective amendment] [registration statement].

This form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act and the Securities Act registration number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering is

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

| Title of Securities | Amount Being Registered | Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (1) | Amount of Registration Fee |
|---------------------|-------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|
| Common Stock | [] Shares | [\$] | \$250 million | |
| Preferred Stock | [] Shares | [\$] | \$150 million | |
| Total | [] Shares | [\$] | \$400 million | \$46,440(2) |

(1) Estimated pursuant to Rule 457 solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee.

(2) Previously paid in connection with the filing of the initial registration statement for these securities on April 29, 2011 (including an unused registration fee that was previously paid in connection with the filing of a registration statement for the Registrant on February 28, 2008).

THE REGISTRANT HEREBY AMENDS THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON SUCH DATE OR DATES AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO DELAY ITS EFFECTIVE DATE UNTIL THE REGISTRANT SHALL FILE A FURTHER AMENDMENT WHICH SPECIFICALLY STATES THAT THIS REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL THEREAFTER BECOME EFFECTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8(a) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933 OR UNTIL THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON SUCH DATE AS THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION, ACTING PURSUANT TO SAID SECTION 8(a), MAY DETERMINE.

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The information in this preliminary prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the Registration Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer, solicitation or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion,
Preliminary Base Prospectus dated June 23, 2011
PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS
\$400,000,000
THE GABELLI GLOBAL MULTIMEDIA TRUST INC.
Common Stock
Preferred Stock

Investment Objectives. The Gabelli Global Multimedia Trust Inc. (the Fund) is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). The Fund's primary investment objective is long-term growth of capital, primarily through investment in a portfolio of common stock and other securities of foreign and domestic companies involved in the telecommunications, media, publishing, and entertainment industries. Income is a secondary objective of the Fund. Gabelli Funds, LLC (the Investment Adviser) serves as investment adviser to the Fund. Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of the value of its assets in common stock and other securities, including convertible securities, preferred stock, options, and warrants of companies in the telecommunications, media, publishing, and entertainment industries (the 80% Policy). A company will be considered to be in these industries if it derives at least 50% of its revenues or earnings from, or devotes at least 50% of its assets to, the indicated activities or multimedia related activities. The 80% Policy may be changed without shareholder approval. The Fund will provide shareholders with notice at least sixty days prior to the implementation of any change in the 80% Policy. The Fund was organized as a Maryland corporation on May 31, 1994 and commenced its investment operations on November 15, 1994. An investment in the Fund is not appropriate for all investors. No assurances can be given that the Fund's objectives will be achieved.

We may offer, from time to time, in one or more offerings, our common stock or preferred stock, each having a par value of \$0.001 per share. Shares may be offered at prices and on terms to be set forth in one or more supplements to this Prospectus (each a Prospectus Supplement). You should read this Prospectus and the applicable Prospectus Supplement carefully before you invest in our shares.

Our shares may be offered directly to one or more purchasers, through agents designated from time to time by us, or to or through underwriters or dealers. The Prospectus Supplement relating to the offering will identify any agents or underwriters involved in the sale of our shares, and will set forth any applicable purchase price, fee, commission, or discount arrangement between us and our agents or underwriters, or among our underwriters, or the basis upon which such amount may be calculated. The Prospectus Supplement relating to any sale of preferred stock will set forth the liquidation preference and information about the dividend period, dividend rate, any call protection or non-call period and other matters. We may not sell any of our shares through agents, underwriters or dealers without delivery of a Prospectus Supplement describing the method and terms of the particular offering of our shares. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol GGT. Our 6.00% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock (Series B Preferred) is listed on the NYSE under the symbol GGT PrB. Our Series C Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Shares (Series C Auction Rate Preferred, and together

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with Series B Preferred, the Preferred Stock) is not listed on a stock exchange. On June 22, 2011, the last reported sale price of our common stock was \$7.79. The net asset value of the Fund's common stock at the close of business on June 22, 2011 was \$8.58 per share. **Shares of closed-end funds often trade at a discount from net asset value. This creates a risk of loss for an investor purchasing shares in a public offering.**

Investing in the Fund's shares involves risks. See Risk Factors and Special Considerations on page 29 for factors that should be considered before investing in shares of the Fund.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved these securities or determined if this Prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

These securities have not been approved or disapproved by any securities regulatory authority in Canada. This offering will not be made in any province in Canada where it is not permitted by law.

This Prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of shares by us through agents, underwriters, or dealers unless accompanied by a Prospectus Supplement.

This Prospectus sets forth concisely the information about the Fund that a prospective investor should know before investing. You should read this Prospectus, which contains important information about the Fund, before deciding whether to invest in the shares, and retain it for future reference. A Statement of Additional Information (the SAI), dated June 23, 2011, containing additional information about the Fund, has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated by reference in its entirety into this Prospectus. You may request a free copy of the Fund's Annual and Semi-Annual Reports, the SAI, the table of contents of which is on page 60 of this Prospectus, request other information about us, and make shareholder inquiries by calling (800) GABELLI (422-3554), or by writing to the Fund, or obtain a copy (and other information regarding the Fund) from the Securities and Exchange Commission's web site (<http://www.sec.gov>).

Our shares do not represent a deposit or obligation of, and are not guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank or other insured depository institution, and are not federally insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board, or any other government agency.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus. The Fund has not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. The Fund is not making an offer to sell these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained in this Prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date of this Prospectus.

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CAUTIONARY NOTICE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Prospectus and the SAI contain forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the words may, will, intend, expect, estimate, continue, plan, anticipate, and similar terms and the negative terms. By their nature, all forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, and actual results could differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. Several factors that could materially affect the Fund's actual results are the performance of the portfolio of securities the Fund holds, the conditions in the U.S. and international financial and other markets, the price at which the Fund's shares will trade in the public markets and other factors discussed in the Fund's periodic filings with the SEC.

Although we believe that the expectations expressed in our forward-looking statements are reasonable, actual results could differ materially from those projected or assumed in our forward-looking statements. The Fund's future financial condition and results of operations, as well as any forward-looking statements, are subject to change and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties, such as those disclosed in the Risk Factors and Special Considerations section of this Prospectus. All forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus are made as of the date of this Prospectus. Except for the Fund's ongoing obligations under the federal securities laws, the Fund does not intend, and it undertakes no obligation, to update any forward-looking statement.

Currently known risk factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the Fund's expectations include, but are not limited to, the factors described in the Risk Factors and Special Considerations section of this Prospectus. You are urged to review carefully that section for a more complete discussion of the risks of an investment in the Fund's shares.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This is only a summary of some of the information that is described more fully elsewhere in this Prospectus. This summary may not contain all of the information that you should consider before investing in our shares. You should review the more detailed information contained in this Prospectus and the Statement of Additional Information, dated June 23, 2011 (the "SAI").

The Fund

The Gabelli Global Multimedia Trust Inc. is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company organized as a Maryland corporation on May 31, 1994. Throughout this Prospectus, we refer to The Gabelli Global Multimedia Trust Inc. as the Fund, or as we. See The Fund.

The Offering

We may offer, from time to time, in one or more offerings, our common or preferred stock, \$0.001 par value per share. The shares may be offered at prices and on terms to be set forth in one or more supplements to this Prospectus (each a Prospectus Supplement). We may also offer subscription rights to purchase our common or preferred stock. The offering price per share of our common stock will not be less than the net asset value per share of our common stock at the time we make the offering, exclusive of any underwriting commissions or discounts, provided that transferable rights offerings that meet certain conditions may be offered at a price below the then current net asset value. See Rights Offerings. The offering price per share of our common stock will not be less than the net asset value per share of our common stock at the time we make the offering, exclusive of any underwriting commissions or discounts. You should read this Prospectus and the applicable Prospectus Supplement carefully before you invest in our shares. Our shares may be offered directly to one or more purchasers, through agents designated from time to time by us, or to or through underwriters, or dealers. The Prospectus Supplement relating to the offering will identify any agents, underwriters, or dealers involved in the sale of our shares, and will set forth any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement between us and our agents or underwriters, or among our underwriters, or the basis upon which such amount may be calculated. The Prospectus Supplement relating to any sale of preferred stock will set forth the liquidation preference and information about the dividend period, dividend rate, any call protection or non-call period and other matters. We may not sell any of our shares through agents, underwriters or dealers without delivery of a Prospectus Supplement describing the method and terms of the particular offering of our shares. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol GGT. Our 6.00% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock (Series B Preferred) is listed on the NYSE under the symbol GGT PrB. Our Series C Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Stock (Series C Auction Rate Preferred, together with the Series B Preferred, the Preferred Stock) is not listed on a stock exchange. The Fund completed its redemption of its 7.92% Tax Advantaged Cumulative Preferred Stock (the Series A Preferred) on April 2, 2003. The Series B Preferred and the Series C Auction Rate Preferred have the same seniority with respect to distributions and liquidation preference. On June 22, 2011, the last reported sale price of our common stock was \$7.79. The net asset value of the Fund's common stock at the close of business on June 22, 2011 was \$8.58 per share. As of March 31, 2011, the Fund had outstanding 13,575,669 shares of common stock; 791,014 shares of Series B Preferred and 600 shares of Series C Auction Rate Preferred.

Investment Objectives and Policies

The Fund's primary investment objective is long-term growth of capital, primarily through investment in a portfolio of common stock and other securities of foreign and domestic companies involved in the telecommunications, media, publishing, and entertainment industries. Income is a secondary objective of the Fund. Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of the value of its assets in common stock and other securities, including convertible securities, preferred stock, options, and warrants of companies in the telecommunications, media, publishing, and entertainment industries (the 80% Policy). The Fund may invest in companies of any size market capitalization. The Fund may also invest, without limitation, in foreign securities. The Fund may also invest in securities of companies located in emerging markets.

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A company will be considered to be in these industries if it derives at least 50% of its revenues or earnings from, or devotes at least 50% of its assets to, the indicated activities or multimedia related activities. The 80% Policy may be changed without shareholder approval. The Fund will provide shareholders with notice at least sixty days prior to the implementation of any change in the 80% Policy.

No assurance can be given that the Fund's investment objectives will be achieved. The investment objectives of long-term growth of capital and income are fundamental policies of the Fund. The Fund's policy of concentration in companies in the communications industries is also a fundamental policy of the Fund. These fundamental policies may not be changed without the approval of the holders of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities, as defined in the 1940 Act.

Under normal market circumstances, the Fund will invest in securities of issuers located in at least three countries, which may include the United States, and at least 40% of its net assets will be invested in foreign securities. Investing in securities of foreign issuers, which generally are denominated in foreign currencies, may involve certain risk and opportunity considerations not typically associated with investing in domestic companies and could cause the Fund to be affected favorably or unfavorably by changes in currency exchange rates and revaluations of currencies. See Investment Objectives and Policies.

Preferred Stock

On March 31, 2003, the Fund completed the placement of \$25 million of the Series B Preferred and \$25 million of Series C Auction Rate Preferred. The Preferred Stock is senior to the common stock and results in the financial leveraging of the common stock. Such leveraging tends to magnify both the risks and opportunities to common shareholders. Dividends on the Preferred Stock are cumulative. The Fund is required by the 1940 Act and by the articles supplementary classifying and designating the series of Preferred Stock (the Articles Supplementary) to meet certain asset coverage tests with respect to the Preferred Stock. If the Fund fails to meet these requirements and does not correct such failure, the Fund may be required to redeem, in part or in full, the Preferred Stock. For the Series B Preferred, the redemption price is \$25 per share plus an amount equal to any accumulated but unpaid dividends (whether or not earned or declared) to the redemption date. For the Series C Auction Rate Preferred, the redemption price is \$25,000 per share plus an amount equal to any accumulated but unpaid dividends (whether or not earned or declared) to the redemption date. Dividend rates for the Series C Auction Rate Preferred are cumulative at a rate that may be reset every seven days based on the results of an auction, or not in excess of a maximum rate. Additionally, failure to meet the foregoing asset coverage requirements could restrict the Fund's ability to pay dividends to common shareholders and could lead to sales of portfolio securities at inopportune times. If the Fund has insufficient investment income and gains, all or a portion of the distributions to preferred shareholders would come from the common shareholders' capital. Such distributions reduce the net assets attributable to common shareholders since the liquidation value of the preferred shareholders is constant.

The Fund may issue additional series of preferred stock to leverage its investments. If the Fund's Board of Directors (the Board, each member of the Board individually, a Director) determines that it may be advantageous to the holders of the Fund's common stock for the Fund to utilize such leverage, the Fund may issue additional series of preferred stock. Any preferred stock issued by the Fund will pay distributions either at a fixed rate or at rates that will be reset frequently based on short-term interest rates. Leverage creates a greater risk of loss as well as a potential for more gains for the common stock than if leverage were not used. See Risk Factors and Special Considerations Leverage Risk. The Fund may also engage in investment management techniques which will not be considered senior securities if the Fund establishes in a segregated account cash or other liquid securities equal to the Fund's obligations in respect of such techniques.

Dividends and Distributions

Preferred Stock Distributions. In accordance with the 1940 Act and the Preferred Stock Articles Supplementary, all preferred stock of the Fund must have the same seniority with respect to distributions. Accordingly, no full distribution will be declared or paid on any series of preferred stock of the Fund for any dividend period, or part thereof, unless full cumulative dividends and distributions due through the

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most recent dividend payment dates for all series of outstanding preferred stock of the Fund are declared and paid. If full cumulative distributions due have not been declared and made on all outstanding preferred stock of the Fund, any distributions on such preferred stock will be made as nearly pro rata as possible in proportion to the respective amounts of distributions accumulated but unmade on each such series of preferred stock on the relevant dividend payment date.

In the event that for any calendar year the total distributions on shares of the Fund's preferred stock exceed the Fund's current and accumulates earnings and profits allocable to such shares, the excess distributions will generally be treated as a tax free return of capital (to the extent of the shareholder's tax basis in the shares). Shareholders should not assume that the source of a distribution from the Fund is net profit. Distributions sourced from paid-in capital should not be considered the current yield or the total return from an investment in the Fund. The amount treated as a tax free return of capital will reduce a shareholder's adjusted tax basis in the preferred stock, thereby increasing the shareholder's potential taxable gain or reducing the potential loss on the sale of the shares.

The distributions to the Fund's preferred shareholders for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, were comprised exclusively of net investment income, short-term capital gains, and long-term capital gains and did not include any return of capital. The Fund did make return of capital distributions to preferred shareholders in 2008 and 2009.

Fixed Rate Preferred Stock. Distributions on Fixed Rate Preferred Stock, at the applicable annual rate of the per share liquidation preference, are cumulative from the original issue date and are payable, when, as and if authorized by the Board and declared by the Fund, out of funds legally available therefor.

Auction Rate Preferred Stock. The holders of Auction Rate Preferred Stock are entitled to receive cash distributions, stated at annual rates of the applicable per share liquidation preference, that vary from dividend period to dividend period. Dividend rates for the Series C Auction Rate Preferred are cumulative at a rate that may be reset every seven days based on the results of an auction, or not in excess of a maximum rate.

Common Stock Distributions. In order to allow its common shareholders to realize a predictable, but not assured, level of cash flow and some liquidity periodically on their investment without having to sell shares, the Fund has adopted a managed distribution policy, which may be changed at any time by the Board, of paying a minimum annual distribution of 10% of the average net asset value of the Fund to common shareholders. In the event the Fund does not generate a total return from dividends and interest received and net realized capital gains in an amount equal to or in excess of its stated distribution in a given year, the Fund may return capital as part of such distribution, which may have the effect of decreasing the asset coverage per share with respect to the Fund's preferred stock. Any return of capital should not be considered by investors as yield or total return on their investment in the Fund.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, the percentage of distributions paid by the Fund that was a return of capital was 90.55%. The composition of each distribution is estimated based on the earnings of the Fund as of the record date for each distribution. The actual composition of each of the current year's distributions will be based on the Fund's investment activity through the end of the calendar year.

Limitations on Distributions. If at any time the Fund has borrowings outstanding, the Fund will be prohibited from paying any distributions on any of its common stock (other than in additional stock), and from repurchasing any of its common stock or preferred stock, unless, the value of its total assets, less certain ordinary course liabilities, exceed 300% of the amount of the debt outstanding and exceed 200% of the sum of the amount of debt and preferred stock outstanding. In addition, in such circumstances the Fund will be prohibited from paying any sister distributions on its preferred stock unless the value of its total assets, less certain ordinary course liabilities, exceed 200% of the amount of debt outstanding. See Dividends and Distributions.

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Use of Proceeds

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, the Fund will invest the net proceeds of any offering in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies, and may use a portion of such proceeds, depending on market conditions, for other general corporate purposes, including the continuation of the Fund's managed distribution policy. The Investment Adviser anticipates that investment of the proceeds will be made in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies as appropriate investment opportunities are identified, which is expected to be substantially completed in approximately three months; however, the identification of appropriate investment opportunities pursuant to the Investment Adviser's investment style or changes in market conditions may cause the investment period to extend as long as six months. Pending such investment, the proceeds will be held in high quality short-term debt securities and instruments. See Use of Proceeds.

Exchange Listing

The Fund's common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), under the trading or ticker symbol GGT. Currently, the Series B Preferred is listed on the NYSE under the symbol GGT PrB. The Series C Auction Rate Preferred is not listed on a stock exchange. Any additional series of fixed rate preferred stock would also likely be listed on a stock exchange. See Description of Capital Stock.

Market Price of Shares

Common shares of closed-end investment companies often trade on an exchange at prices lower than their net asset value. Common shares of closed-end investment companies may trade during some periods at prices higher than their net asset value and during other periods at prices lower than their net asset value. The Fund cannot assure you that its common stock will trade at a price higher than or equal to net asset value. The Fund's net asset value will be reduced immediately following this offering by the sales load and the amount of the offering expenses paid by the Fund. See Use of Proceeds.

In addition to net asset value, the market price of the Fund's common stock may be affected by such factors as the Fund's dividend and distribution levels (which are affected by expenses) and stability, market liquidity, market supply and demand, unrealized gains, general market and economic conditions, and other factors. See Risk Factors and Special Considerations, Description of Capital Stock and Repurchase of Common Stock.

The common stock is designed primarily for long-term investors, and you should not purchase shares of common stock of the Fund if you intend to sell them shortly after purchase.

Fixed rate preferred stock may also trade at premiums to or discounts from their liquidation preference for a variety of reasons, including changes in interest rates.

Risk Factors and Special Considerations

Risk is inherent in all investing. Therefore, before investing in shares of the Fund, you should consider the risks carefully.

Leverage Risk. The Fund currently uses, and intends to continue to use, financial leverage for investment purposes by issuing preferred stock. As of March 31, 2011, the amount of leverage represented approximately 21% of the Fund's net assets. The Fund's leveraged capital structure creates special risks not associated with unleveraged funds having similar investment objectives and policies. These include the possibility of greater loss and the likelihood of higher volatility of the net asset value of the Fund and the asset coverage for preferred stock. Such volatility may increase the likelihood of the Fund having to sell investments in order to meet its obligations to make distributions on the preferred stock, or to redeem preferred stock when it may be disadvantageous to do so. The Fund may not be permitted to declare dividends or distributions with respect to common stock or preferred stock, or purchase common stock or preferred stock unless at such time the Fund meets certain asset coverage requirements. In addition, the

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Fund may not be permitted to pay distributions on common stock unless all distributions on preferred stock and/or accrued interest on borrowings have been paid, or set aside for payment. Any preferred stock currently outstanding or that the Fund issues in the future would subject the Fund to certain asset coverage requirements under the 1940 Act that could, under certain circumstances, restrict the Fund from making distributions necessary to qualify as a registered investment company. If the Fund is unable to obtain cash from other sources, the Fund may fail to qualify as a registered investment company and, thus, may be subject to income tax as an ordinary corporation. See

Investment Objectives and Policies Leveraging and Risk Factors and Special Considerations Leverage Risk. *Special Risks for Holders of Series C Auction Rate Preferred.*

Auction Risk. You may not be able to sell your Series C Auction Rate Preferred at an auction if the auction fails, i.e., if more Series C Auction Rate Preferred is offered for sale than there are buyers for those shares. Also, if you place an order (a hold order) at an auction to retain Series C Auction Rate Preferred only at a specified rate that exceeds the rate set at the auction, you will not retain your Series C Auction Rate Preferred. Additionally, if you place a hold order without specifying a rate below which you would not wish to continue to hold your shares and the auction sets a below market rate, you will receive a lower rate of return on your shares than the market rate. Finally, the dividend period may be changed, subject to certain conditions and with notice to the holders of the Series C Auction Rate Preferred, which could also affect the liquidity of your investment. Since February 2008, most auction rate preferred stock, including our Series C Auction Rate Preferred, have had failed auctions and holders of such stock have suffered reduced liquidity.

Secondary Market Risk. If you try to sell your Series C Auction Rate Preferred between auctions, you may not be able to sell them for their liquidation preference per share or such amount per share plus accumulated dividends. If the Fund has designated a special dividend period of more than seven days, changes in interest rates could affect the price you would receive if you sold your shares in the secondary market. Broker-dealers that maintain a secondary trading market for the Series C Auction Rate Preferred are not required to maintain this market, and the Fund is not required to redeem Series C Auction Rate Preferred if either an auction or an attempted secondary market sale fails because of a lack of buyers. The Series C Auction Rate Preferred will not be registered on a stock exchange. If you sell Series C Auction Rate Preferred to a broker-dealer between auctions, you may receive less than the price you paid for them, especially when market interest rates have risen since the last auction or during a special dividend period. Since February 2008, most auction rate preferred stock, including our Series C Auction Rate Preferred, have had failed auctions and holders of such stock have suffered reduced liquidity, including the inability to sell such stock in a secondary market.

Common Stock Distribution Policy Risk. The Fund has adopted a policy, which may be changed at any time by the Board, of paying a minimum annual distribution of 10% of the average net asset value of the Fund to common shareholders. In the event the Fund does not generate a total return from dividends and interest received and net realized capital gains in an amount equal to or in excess of its stated distribution in a given year, the Fund may return capital as part of such distribution, which may have the effect of decreasing the asset coverage per share with respect to the preferred stock. Any return of capital should not be considered by investors as yield or total return on their investment in the Fund. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, the percentage of distributions paid by the Fund that was a return of capital was 90.55%. The composition of each distribution is estimated based on the earnings of the Fund as of the record date for each distribution. The actual composition of each of the current year's distributions will be based on the Fund's investment activity through the end of the calendar year.

Market Loss. Shares of closed-end funds frequently trade at a market price that is less than the value of the net assets attributable to those shares. The possibility that shares of the Fund will trade at a discount from net asset value or at premiums that are unsustainable over the long term are risks separate and distinct from the risk that the Fund's net assets will decrease. The risk of purchasing shares of a closed-end fund that might trade at a discount or unsustainable premium is more pronounced for investors who wish to sell their shares in a relatively short period of time because, for those investors, realization of a gain or loss on their investments is likely to be more dependent upon the existence of a premium or discount than upon portfolio performance. The Fund's common stock is not subject to redemption. The Fund's Series B Preferred and

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Series C Auction Rate Preferred are subject to redemption only under limited circumstances. Shareholders desiring liquidity may, subject to applicable securities law, trade their common stock and Series B Preferred in the Fund on the NYSE or other markets on which such shares may trade at the then current market value, which may differ from the then current net asset value. See Risk Factors and Special Consideration Market Value and Net Asset Value.

Non-Diversified Status. As a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company under the 1940 Act, the Fund may invest a greater portion of its assets in a more limited number of issuers than may a diversified fund, and accordingly, an investment in the Fund may, under certain circumstances, present greater risk to an investor than an investment in a diversified company. See Risk Factors and Special Considerations Non-Diversified Status.

Industry Concentration Risk. The Fund invests a significant portion of its assets in companies in the telecommunications, media, publishing, and entertainment industries and, as a result, the value of the Fund's shares will be more susceptible to the factors affecting those particular types of companies, including government regulation, greater price volatility for the overall market, rapid obsolescence of products and services, intense competition, and strong market reactions to technological developments. See Risk Factors and Special Considerations Industry Concentration Risk.

Smaller Companies Risk. The Fund invests in smaller companies which may benefit from the development of new products and services. These smaller companies may involve greater investment risk than large, established issuers. See Risk Factors and Special Considerations Smaller Companies.

Interest Rate Transactions. The Fund has entered into an interest rate swap transaction with respect to its outstanding Series C Auction Rate Preferred and may enter into an interest rate swap or cap transaction with respect to all or a portion of any future series of variable rate preferred stock. Through these transactions, the Fund seeks to obtain the equivalent of a fixed rate for a series of variable rate preferred stock that is lower than the rate the Fund would have to pay if it issued fixed rate preferred stock. The use of interest rate swaps and caps is a highly specialized activity that involves certain risks to the Fund including, among others, counterparty risk and early termination risk. The Fund will enter into an interest rate swap or cap transaction only with counterparties that the Investment Adviser believes are creditworthy. Further, the Investment Adviser monitors the credit worthiness of a counterparty in an interest rate or cap transaction on an ongoing basis. See How the Fund Manages Risk Interest Rate Transactions.

Foreign Securities. There is no limitation on the amount of foreign securities in which the Fund may invest. Investing in securities of foreign companies (or foreign governments), which are generally denominated in foreign currencies, may involve certain risks and opportunities not typically associated with investing in domestic companies and could cause the Fund to be affected favorably or unfavorably by changes in currency exchange rates and revaluation of currencies. See Risk Factors and Special Considerations Foreign Securities.

Emerging Markets Risk. The Fund may invest in securities of issuers whose primary operations or principal trading market is in an emerging market. An emerging market country is any country that is considered to be an emerging or developing country by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (the World Bank). Investing in securities of companies in emerging markets may entail special risks relating to potential political and economic instability and the risks of expropriation, nationalization, confiscation or the imposition of restrictions on foreign investment, the lack of hedging instruments and restrictions on repatriation of capital invested. Emerging securities markets are substantially smaller, less developed, less liquid and more volatile than the major securities markets. The limited size of emerging securities markets and limited trading value compared to the volume of trading in U.S. securities could cause prices to be erratic for reasons apart from factors that affect the quality of the securities. For example, limited market size may cause prices to be unduly influenced by traders who control large positions. Adverse publicity and investors' perceptions, whether or not based on fundamental analysis, may decrease the value and liquidity of portfolio securities, especially in these markets. Other risks include high concentration of market capitalization and trading volume in a small number of issuers representing a limited number of industries, as well as a high concentration of investors and financial intermediaries; overdependence on exports; overburdened infrastructure and obsolete or unseasoned

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financial systems; environmental problems; less developed legal systems; and less reliable securities custodial services and settlement practices. See Risk Factors and Special Considerations Emerging Markets Risk.

Dependence on Key Personnel. The Investment Adviser is dependent upon the expertise of Mr. Mario J. Gabelli in providing advisory services with respect to the Fund's investments. If the Investment Adviser were to lose the services of Mr. Gabelli, its ability to service the Fund could be adversely affected. There can be no assurance that a suitable replacement could be found for Mr. Gabelli in the event of his death, resignation, retirement, or inability to act on behalf of the Investment Adviser. See Risk Factors and Special Considerations Dependence on Key Personnel.

Taxation. The Fund has qualified, and intends to remain qualified, for federal income tax purposes as a regulated investment company. Qualification requires, among other things, compliance by the Fund with certain distribution requirements. Statutory limitations on distributions on the common stock if the Fund fails to satisfy the 1940 Act's asset coverage requirements could jeopardize the Fund's ability to meet such distribution requirements. See Taxation for a more complete discussion of these and other federal income tax considerations.

Geopolitical Risks. The terrorist attacks on domestic U.S. targets on September 11, 2001, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and other geopolitical events have led to, and may in the future lead to, increased short-term market volatility and may have long-term effects on U.S. and world economies and markets. The nature, scope and duration of the war and occupation cannot be predicted with any certainty. Similar events in the future or other disruptions of financial markets could affect interest rates, securities exchanges, auctions, secondary trading, ratings, credit risk, inflation, energy prices and other factors relating to the common stock or preferred stock. See Risk Factors and Special Considerations Geopolitical Risks.

Recent Market Conditions. While the U.S. and global markets have experienced extreme volatility and disruption for an extended period of time, the first, second and third quarters of 2010 witnessed more stabilized economic activity as expectations for an economic recovery increased. However, risks to a robust resumption of growth persist: a weak consumer weighed down by too much debt and increasing joblessness, the growing size of the federal budget deficit and national debt, and the threat of inflation. A return to unfavorable economic conditions could impair our ability to execute our investment strategies. See Risk Factors and Special Considerations Recent Market Conditions.

Government Intervention in Financial Markets Risk. The recent instability in the financial markets has led the U.S. government and foreign governments to take a number of unprecedented actions designed to support certain financial institutions and segments of the financial markets that have experienced extreme volatility, and in some cases a lack of liquidity. U.S. federal and state governments and foreign governments, their regulatory agencies or self regulatory organizations may take additional actions that affect the regulation of the securities in which the Fund invests, or the issuers of such securities, in ways that are unforeseeable. Issuers of corporate securities might seek protection under the bankruptcy laws. Legislation or regulation may also change the way in which the Fund itself is regulated. Such legislation or regulation could limit or preclude the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objectives. The Investment Adviser will monitor developments and seek to manage the Fund's portfolio in a manner consistent with achieving the Fund's investment objectives, but there can be no assurance that it will be successful in doing so. See Risk Factors and Special Considerations Government Intervention in Financial Markets Risk.

Management and Fees

Gabelli Funds, LLC serves as the Fund's investment adviser. The Investment Adviser's fee is computed weekly and paid monthly, equal on an annual basis to 1.00% of the Fund's average weekly net assets including the liquidation value of preferred stock. The fee paid by the Fund may be higher when leverage in the form of preferred stock is utilized, giving the Investment Adviser an incentive to utilize such leverage. However, the Investment Adviser has agreed to reduce the management fee on the incremental assets attributable to the currently outstanding Series B Preferred Stock and Series C Auction Rate Preferred Stock during the fiscal year if the total return of the net asset value of the common stock of the Fund, including distributions and advisory fees subject to reduction for that year, does not exceed the

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stated dividend rate or corresponding swap rate of each particular series of preferred stock for the period. In other words, if the effective cost of the leverage for any series of preferred stock exceeds the total return (based on net asset value) on the Fund's common stock, the Investment Adviser will reduce that portion of its management fee on the incremental assets attributable to the leverage for that series of preferred stock to mitigate the negative impact of the leverage on the common shareholder's total return. The Investment Adviser currently intends that the voluntary advisory fee waiver will remain in effect for as long as the 6.00% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock and Series C Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Stock are outstanding. The Investment Adviser, however, reserves the right to modify or terminate the voluntary advisory fee waiver at any time. The Fund's total return on the net asset value of the common stock is monitored on a monthly basis to assess whether the total return on the net asset value of the common stock exceeds the stated dividend rate or corresponding swap rate of each particular series of preferred stock for the period. The test to confirm the accrual of the management fee on the assets attributable to each particular series of preferred stock is annual. The Fund will accrue for the management fee on these assets during the fiscal year if it appears probable that the Fund will incur the management fee on those additional assets. See Management of the Fund.

For the year ended December 31, 2010, the Fund's total return on the net asset value of the common stock exceeded the stated dividend rate or net swap expense of all outstanding preferred stock. Thus, management fees were accrued on these assets.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board's approval of the continuation of the investment advisory contract of the Fund is available in the Fund's Semi-Annual Report to shareholders for the six months ended June 30, 2010.

Repurchase of Common Stock

The Board has authorized the Fund to repurchase up to 1,950,000 shares of its common stock on the open market when the shares are trading at a discount of 5% or more (or such other percentage as the Board may determine from time to time) from the net asset value of the shares. Although the Fund's Board has authorized such repurchases, the Fund is not required to repurchase its common stock. In total through March 31, 2011, the Fund has repurchased and retired 1,497,033 shares in the open market at an average investment of \$8.26 per share and at an average discount of approximately 15.3% from its net asset value. Such repurchases are subject to certain notice and other requirements under the 1940 Act. See Repurchase of Common Stock.

Anti-Takeover Provisions

Certain provisions of Maryland law and of the Fund's charter (the Charter) and the Bylaws of the Fund, as amended from time to time (the Bylaws and, together with the Charter, the Governing Documents), may be regarded as anti-takeover provisions. Pursuant to these provisions, only one of the three classes of Directors is elected each year, and the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of 66 2/3% of the Fund's outstanding shares of each class (voting separately) is required to authorize the conversion of the Fund from a closed-end to an open-end investment company. The overall effect of these provisions and other provisions applicable to principal shareholders of the Fund, if any, is to render more difficult the accomplishment of a merger with, or the assumption of control by, a principal shareholder. These provisions may have the effect of depriving Fund shareholders of an opportunity to sell their stock at a premium to the prevailing market price. See Anti-Takeover Provisions of the Fund's Governing Documents.

Custodian, Transfer Agent, Auction Agent, and Dividend Disbursing Agent

State Street Bank and Trust Company (the Custodian), located at 150 Royall Street, Canton, Massachusetts 02021, serves as the custodian of the Fund's assets pursuant to a custody agreement. Under the custody agreement, the Custodian holds the Fund's assets in compliance with the 1940 Act. For its services, the Custodian will receive a monthly fee based upon the average weekly value of the total assets of the Fund, plus certain charges for securities transactions.

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Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (Computershare), located at 250 Royall Street, Canton, Massachusetts 02021, serves as the Fund s dividend disbursing agent, as agent under the Fund s automatic dividend reinvestment and voluntary cash purchase plan (the Plan), and as transfer agent and registrar with respect to the common stock of the Fund. Computershare also serves as the transfer agent, registrar, dividend paying agent, and redemption agent with respect to the Series B Preferred.

The Bank of New York, located at 100 Church Street, New York, New York 10286, serves as the auction agent, transfer agent, registrar, dividend paying agent, and redemption agent with respect to the Series C Auction Rate Preferred. See Custodian, Transfer Agent, Auction Agent, and Dividend Disbursing Agent.

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The following table shows the Fund's expenses, including preferred stock offering expenses, as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stock.

Shareholder Transaction Expenses

| | |
|---|----------|
| Sales Load (as a percentage of offering price) | 1.81%(1) |
| Offering Expenses Borne by the Fund (excluding Preferred Stock Offering Expenses) (as a percentage of offering price) | 0.10%(1) |
| Dividend Reinvestment Plan Fees | None(2) |
| Preferred Stock Offering Expenses Borne by the Fund (as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stock) | 0.09%(3) |

Annual Expenses (as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stock)

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Management Fees | 1.45%(4) |
| Interest Payments on Borrowed Funds | None |
| Other Expenses | 0.49%(4) |
| Total Annual Expenses | 1.94% |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | 2.49%(5) |

Total Annual Expenses and Dividends on Preferred Stock 4.43%

- (1) Estimated maximum amount based on offering of \$250 million in common stock and \$150 million in preferred stock. The actual amounts in connection with any offering will be set forth in the Prospectus Supplement if applicable.
- (2) Shareholders participating in the Fund's Automatic Dividend Reinvestment and Voluntary Cash Purchase Plans would pay \$0.75 plus their pro rata share of brokerage commissions per transaction to purchase shares and \$2.50 plus their pro rata share of brokerage commissions per transaction to sell shares. See Automatic Dividend Reinvestment and Voluntary Cash Purchase Plans.
- (3) Assumes issuance of \$150 million in liquidation preference of fixed rate preferred stock and net assets attributable to common stock of \$409.3 million (which includes issuance of \$250 million in common stock). The actual amounts in connection with any offering will be set forth in the Prospectus Supplement if applicable.
- (4) The Investment Adviser's fee is 1.00% annually of the Fund's average weekly net assets, plus assets attributable to outstanding senior securities, with no deduction for the liquidation preference of any outstanding preferred stock. Consequently, if the Fund has preferred stock outstanding, the investment management fees and other expenses as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stock will be higher than if the Fund does not utilize a leveraged capital structure. Other Expenses are based on estimated amounts for the current year assuming completion of the proposed issuances.
- (5) Dividends on Preferred Stock represent the aggregate of (1) the estimated annual distributions on the existing preferred stock outstanding and (2) the distributions that would be made assuming \$150 million of preferred

stock is issued with a fixed dividend rate of 6.00%. There can, of course, be no guaranty that any preferred stock would be issued or, if issued, the terms thereof.

The purpose of the table above and the example below is to help you understand all fees and expenses that you, as a holder of common stock, would bear directly or indirectly.

The following example illustrates the expenses (including the maximum estimated sales load of \$10 and estimated offering expenses of \$0.95 from the issuance of \$250 million in common stock) you would pay on a \$1,000 investment in common stock, assuming a 5% annual portfolio total return.* The actual amounts in connection with any offering will be set forth in the Prospectus Supplement if applicable.

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| | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Total Expenses Incurred | \$ 41 | \$ 102 | \$ 166 | \$ 338 |

* **The Example should not be considered a representation of future expenses.** The example is based on Total Annual Expenses and Dividends on Preferred Stock shown in the table above and assumes that the amounts set forth in the Annual Expenses table are accurate and that all distributions are reinvested at net asset value. Actual expenses may be greater or less than those assumed. Moreover, the Fund's actual rate of return may be greater or less than the hypothetical 5% return shown in the example.

The example includes Dividends on Preferred Stock. If Dividends on Preferred Stock were not included in the example calculation, the expenses would be as follows (based on the same assumptions as above).

| | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Total Expenses Incurred | \$ 30 | \$ 71 | \$ 115 | \$ 235 |

The foregoing fee table and example are intended to assist investors in understanding the costs and expenses that an investor in the Fund will bear directly or indirectly, and include the costs and expenses borne by an investor in common stock of the Fund in connection with an offering of Preferred Stock of the Fund, in addition to the cost of servicing Preferred Stock.

The table above and the assumption in the example of a 5% annual return are required by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) regulations applicable to all management investment companies. **THE EXAMPLE AND FEE TABLE SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A REPRESENTATION OF PAST OR FUTURE EXPENSES OR RATES OF RETURN. THE ACTUAL EXPENSES OF THE FUND MAY BE GREATER OR LESS THAN THOSE SHOWN.** For more complete descriptions of certain of the Fund's cost and expenses, see Management of the Fund in this Prospectus and the SAI.

Table of Contents**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

The following financial highlights tables are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance. The selected data below sets forth the per share operating performance and ratios for the periods presented. The financial information was derived from and should be read in conjunction with the Financial Statements of the Fund and Notes thereto, which are incorporated by reference into this Prospectus and the SAI. The financial information for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, and 2006, has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, whose unqualified report on such Financial Statements is incorporated by reference into the SAI.

Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period:

| | Year Ended December 31, | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 |
| Operating Performance: | | | | | |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$ 7.70 | \$ 5.40 | \$ 14.39 | \$ 14.09 | \$ 11.77 |
| Net investment income/(loss) | (0.07) | 0.05 | 0.14 | 0.10 | 0.29 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments, swap contracts, and foreign currency transactions | 2.22 | 2.33 | (8.41) | 1.15 | 2.85 |
| Total from investment operations | 2.15 | 2.38 | (8.27) | 1.25 | 3.14 |
| Distributions to Preferred Shareholders: (a) | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.09) | (0.02) | (0.13) | (0.02) | (0.07) |
| Net realized gain | | | | (0.18) | (0.12) |
| Return of capital | | (0.07) | (0.03) | | |
| Total distributions to preferred shareholders | (0.09) | (0.09) | (0.16) | (0.20) | (0.19) |
| Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders Resulting from Operations | | | | | |
| | 2.06 | 2.29 | (8.43) | 1.05 | 2.95 |
| Distributions to Common Shareholders: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.07) | | | (0.08) | (0.23) |
| Net realized gain | | | | (0.67) | (0.40) |
| Return of capital | (0.53) | | (0.57) | (0.00)(f) | |
| | (0.60) | | (0.57) | (0.75) | (0.63) |

Total distributions to common
shareholders

Fund Share Transactions:

| | | | | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Increase in net asset value from repurchase of common shares | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00(f) | 0.00(f) | 0.00(f) |
| Increase in net asset value from repurchase of preferred shares | 0.00(f) | 0.00(f) | 0.01 | | |
| Offering expenses charged to paid-in capital | | | | | |
| Total fund share transactions | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00(f) | 0.00(f) |
| Net Asset Value Attributable to Common Shareholders, End of Period | \$ 9.17 | \$ 7.70 | \$ 5.40 | \$ 14.39 | \$ 14.09 |
| Net Asset Value total return | 28.76% | 42.59% | (59.40)% | 8.03% | 26.65% |
| Market value, end of period | \$ 8.21 | \$ 6.63 | \$ 4.45 | \$ 12.89 | \$ 12.27 |
| Investment total return | 33.88% | 48.99% | (62.65)% | 11.13% | 27.89% |

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| | Year Ended December 31, | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
| Operating Performance: | | | | | |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$ 12.27 | \$ 10.56 | \$ 7.67 | \$ 10.52 | \$ 12.21 |
| Net investment income | 0.16 | 0.04 | (0.03) | (0.00)(f) | (0.02) |
| Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments, swap contracts, and foreign currency transactions | 0.09 | 1.79 | 3.14 | (2.68) | (1.44) |
| Total from investment operations | 0.25 | 1.83 | 3.11 | (2.68) | (1.46) |
| Distributions to Preferred Shareholders: (a) | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.03) | (0.04) | | | |
| Net realized gain | (0.13) | (0.09) | (0.13) | (0.17) | (0.17) |
| Total distributions to preferred shareholders | (0.16) | (0.13) | (0.13) | (0.17) | (0.17) |
| Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders Resulting from Operations | | | | | |
| | 0.09 | 1.70 | 2.98 | (2.85) | (1.63) |
| Distributions to Common Shareholders: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.12) | | | | (0.00)(f) |
| Net realized gain | (0.48) | | | | (0.06) |
| Total distributions to common shareholders | (0.60) | | | | (0.06) |
| Fund Share Transactions: | | | | | |
| Increase in net asset value from repurchase of common shares | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00(f) | |
| Increase in net asset value from repurchase of preferred shares | | 0.00(f) | | | |
| Offering expenses charged to paid-in capital | (0.00)(f) | | (0.10) | | |

| | | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| Total fund share transactions | 0.01 | 0.01 | (0.09) | 0.00(f) | |
| Net Asset Value Attributable to Common Shareholders, End of Period | \$ 11.77 | \$ 12.27 | \$ 10.56 | \$ 7.67 | \$ 10.52 |
| Net Asset Value total return | 1.6% | 16.2% | 37.7% | (27.1)% | (13.3)% |
| Market value, end of period | \$ 10.15 | \$ 10.68 | \$ 9.07 | \$ 6.40 | \$ 9.01 |
| Investment total return | 0.7% | 17.8% | 41.7% | (29.0)% | (12.1)% |

Table of Contents**THE GABELLI GLOBAL MULTIMEDIA TRUST INC.
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)**

Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period:

| | Year Ended December 31, | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 |
| Ratios and Supplemental Data: | | | | | |
| Net assets including liquidation value of preferred shares, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 159,232 | \$ 141,164 | \$ 122,401 | \$ 251,334 | \$ 247,412 |
| Net assets attributable to common shares, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 124,457 | \$ 106,386 | \$ 75,619 | \$ 201,506 | \$ 197,584 |
| Ratio of net investment income/(loss) to average net assets attributable to common shares before preferred share distributions | (0.89)% | 0.88% | 1.40% | 0.46% | 2.17% |
| Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets attributable to common shares before fees waived | 3.19% | 2.46% | 1.89% | | |
| Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets attributable to common shares net of advisory fee reduction, if any (b) | 3.19% | 2.43% | 1.54% | 1.62% | 1.79% |
| Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets including liquidation value of preferred shares before fees waived | 2.44% | 1.70% | 1.40% | | |
| Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets including liquidation value of preferred shares net of advisory fee reduction, if any (b) | 2.44% | 1.68% | 1.14% | 1.32% | 1.39% |
| Portfolio turnover rate | 9.4% | 9.6% | 14.5% | 14.5% | 9.8% |
| Preferred Stock: | | | | | |
| 6.00% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock | | | | | |
| Liquidation value, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 19,775 | \$ 19,778 | \$ 24,281 | \$ 24,828 | \$ 24,828 |
| Total shares outstanding (in 000 s) | 791 | 791 | 971 | 993 | 993 |
| Liquidation preference per share | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 |
| Average market value (c) | \$ 25.07 | \$ 23.53 | \$ 22.59 | \$ 24.14 | \$ 24.12 |
| Asset coverage per share | \$ 114.47 | \$ 101.48 | \$ 65.41 | \$ 126.10 | \$ 124.13 |
| Series C Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Stock | | | | | |
| Liquidation value, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 15,000 | \$ 15,000 | \$ 22,500 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 |
| Total shares outstanding (in 000 s) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Liquidation preference per share | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 |
| Average market value (d) | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 |

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|---------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Asset coverage per share | \$ 114,472 | \$ 101,475 | \$ 65,411 | \$ 126,101 | \$ 124,134 |
| Asset Coverage (e) | 458% | 406% | 262% | 504% | 497% |
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| | Year Ended December 31, | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
| Ratios and Supplemental Data: | | | | | |
| Net assets including liquidation value of preferred shares, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 214,907 | \$ 223,739 | \$ 200,195 | \$ 132,683 | \$ 181,539 |
| Net assets attributable to common shares, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 165,079 | \$ 173,912 | \$ 150,195 | \$ 109,533 | \$ 150,672 |
| Ratio of net investment income to average net assets attributable to common shares before preferred share distributions | 1.44% | 0.71% | (0.36)% | (0.04)% | (0.18)% |
| Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets attributable to common shares net of advisory fee reduction, if any (b) | 1.55% | 1.87% | 1.81% | 1.46% | 1.34% |
| Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets including liquidation value of preferred shares net of advisory fee reduction, if any (b) | 1.20% | 1.41% | 1.35% | 1.18% | 1.13% |
| Portfolio turnover rate | 12.4% | 7.5% | 10.9% | 16.6% | 25.4% |
| Preferred Stock: | | | | | |
| 7.92% Cumulative Preferred Stock | | | | | |
| Liquidation value, end of period (in 000 s) | | | | \$ 23,150 | \$ 30,867 |
| Total shares outstanding (in 000 s) | | | | 926 | 1,235 |
| Liquidation preference per share | | | | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 |
| Average market value (c) | | | | \$ 25.75 | \$ 25.50 |
| Asset coverage per share | | | | \$ 143.29 | \$ 147.00 |
| 6.00% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock | | | | | |
| Liquidation value, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 24,828 | \$ 24,828 | \$ 25,000 | | |
| Total shares outstanding (in 000 s) | 993 | 993 | 1,000 | | |
| Liquidation preference per share | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | | |
| Average market value (c) | \$ 25.00 | \$ 24.84 | \$ 25.28 | | |
| Asset coverage per share | \$ 107.83 | \$ 112.26 | \$ 100.10 | | |
| Series C Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Stock | | | | | |
| Liquidation value, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | | |
| Total shares outstanding (in 000 s) | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Liquidation preference per share | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | | |
| Average market value (d) | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | | |
| Asset coverage per share | \$ 107,825 | \$ 112,257 | \$ 100,097 | | |
| Asset Coverage (e) | 431% | 449% | 400% | 573% | 588% |

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Based on net asset value per share, adjusted for reinvestment of distributions at prices determined under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.

Based on market value per share, adjusted for reinvestment of distributions at prices determined under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.

Effective in 2008, a change in accounting policy was adopted with regard to the calculation of the portfolio turnover rate to include cash proceeds due to mergers. Had this policy been adopted retroactively, the portfolio turnover rate for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006, 2005, and 2004 would have been 14.8%, 16.5%, 14.5%, and 8.9%, respectively.

- (a) Calculated based upon average common shares outstanding on the record dates throughout the year.
- (b) For the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007, 2006, and 2005, the effect of the custodian fee credits was minimal.
- (c) Based on weekly prices.
- (d) Based on weekly auction prices. Since February 2008, the weekly auctions have failed. Holders that have submitted orders have not been able to sell any or all of their stock in the auctions.
- (e) Asset coverage is calculated by combining all series of preferred stock.
- (f) Amount represents less than \$0.005 per share.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, the Fund will invest the net proceeds of any offering in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies, and may use a portion of such proceeds, depending on market conditions, for other general corporate purposes, including the continuation of the Fund's managed distribution policy. The Investment Adviser expects that it will initially invest the proceeds of the offering in high quality short-term debt securities and instruments. The Investment Adviser anticipates that the investment of the proceeds will be made in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies as appropriate investment opportunities are identified, which is expected to be substantially completed within three months; however, the identification of appropriate investment opportunities pursuant to the Fund's investment style or changes in market conditions may cause the result in the Fund's anticipated investment period extending to as long as six months.

THE FUND

The Fund is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the 1940 Act. The Fund was organized as a Maryland corporation on May 31, 1994. The Fund commenced its

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investment operations on November 15, 1994. The Fund's principal office is located at One Corporate Center, Rye, New York 10580-1422.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Investment Objectives

The Fund's primary investment objective is to achieve long-term growth of capital by investing primarily in the common stock and other securities of foreign and domestic companies involved in the telecommunications, media, publishing, and entertainment industries. Income is the secondary investment objective. The investment objectives of long-term growth of capital and income are fundamental policies of the Fund. The Fund's policy of concentration in companies in the communications industries is also a fundamental policy of the Fund. These fundamental policies and the investment limitations described in the SAI under the caption "Investment Restrictions" cannot be changed without the approval of the holders of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities. Such majority votes require, in each case, the lesser of (i) 67% of the Fund's applicable shares represented at a meeting at which more than 50% of the Fund's applicable shares outstanding are represented, whether in person or by proxy, or (ii) more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the applicable class.

Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of the value of its assets in common stock and other securities, including convertible securities, preferred stock, options, and warrants of companies in the telecommunications, media, publishing, and entertainment industries (the "80% Policy"). The Fund may invest in companies of any size market capitalization. The Fund may invest, without limitation, in foreign securities. The Fund may also invest in securities of companies located in emerging markets.

A company will be considered to be in these industries if it derives at least 50% of its revenues or earnings from, or devotes at least 50% of its assets to, the indicated activities or multimedia related activities. The 80% Policy may be changed without shareholder approval. The Fund will provide shareholders with notice at least sixty days prior to the implementation of any change in the 80% Policy.

The telecommunications companies in which the Fund may invest are engaged in the development, manufacture, or sale of communications services or equipment throughout the world, including the following products or services: regular telephone service; wireless communications services and equipment, including cellular telephone, microwave and satellite communications, paging, and other emerging wireless technologies; equipment and services for both data and voice transmission, including computer hardware and software; electronic components and communications equipment; video conferencing; electronic mail; local and wide area networking, and linkage of data and word processing systems; publishing and information systems; video text and teletext; emerging technologies combining television, telephone and computer systems; broadcasting, including television and radio, satellite and microwave transmission and cable television.

The entertainment, media and publishing companies in which the Fund may invest are engaged in providing the following products or services: the creation, packaging, distribution, and ownership of entertainment programming throughout the world, including pre-recorded music, feature-length motion pictures, made-for-TV movies, television series, documentaries, animation, game shows, sports programming, and news programs; live events such as professional sporting events or concerts, theatrical exhibitions, television and radio broadcasting, satellite and microwave transmission, cable television systems and programming, broadcast and cable networks, wireless cable television and other emerging distribution technologies; home video, interactive and multimedia programming, including home shopping and multiplayer games; publishing, including newspapers, magazines and books, advertising agencies and niche advertising mediums such as in-store or direct mail; emerging technologies combining television, telephone, and computer systems, computer hardware and software; and equipment used in the creation and distribution of entertainment programming such as that required in the provision of broadcast, cable, or telecommunications services.

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Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest in securities of issuers located in at least three countries, which may include the United States, and at least 40% of its net assets will be invested in foreign securities. Investing in securities of foreign issuers, which generally are denominated in foreign currencies, may involve certain risk and opportunity considerations not typically associated with investing in domestic companies and could cause the Fund to be affected favorably or unfavorably by changes in currency exchange rates and revaluations of currencies. For a further discussion of the risks associated with investing in foreign securities and a description of other risks inherent in the Fund's investment objectives and policies, see Risk Factors and Special Considerations.

The Investment Adviser believes that at the present time investment by the Fund in the securities of companies located throughout the world presents great potential for accomplishing the Fund's investment objectives. While the Investment Adviser expects that a substantial portion of the Fund's portfolio may be invested in the securities of domestic companies, a significant portion of the Fund's portfolio may also be comprised of the securities of issuers headquartered outside the United States.

No assurance can be given that the Fund's investment objectives will be achieved.

Investment Methodology of the Fund

In selecting securities for the Fund, the Investment Adviser normally will consider the following factors, among others:

the Investment Adviser's own evaluations of the private market value (as defined below), cash flow, earnings per share, and other fundamental aspects of the underlying assets and business of the company;

the potential for capital appreciation of the securities;

the interest or dividend income generated by the securities;

the prices of the securities relative to other comparable securities;

whether the securities are entitled to the benefits of call protection or other protective covenants;

the existence of any anti-dilution protections or guarantees of the security; and

the diversification of the portfolio of the Fund as to issuers.

The Investment Adviser's investment philosophy with respect to equity securities is to identify assets that are selling in the public market at a discount to their private market value. The Investment Adviser defines private market value as the value informed purchasers are willing to pay to acquire assets with similar characteristics. The Investment Adviser also normally evaluates an issuer's free cash flow and long-term earnings trends. Finally, the Investment Adviser looks for a catalyst, something indigenous to the company, its industry, or country that will surface additional value.

Certain Investment Practices

Foreign Securities. There is no limitation on the amount of foreign securities in which the Fund may invest. Among the foreign securities in which the Fund may invest are those issued by companies located in developing countries or emerging markets, which are countries in the initial stages of their industrialization cycles. Investing in the equity and debt markets of developing countries involves exposure to economic structures that are generally less diverse and less mature, and to political systems that may have less stability than those of developed countries. The markets of developing countries historically have been more volatile than the markets of the more mature economies of developed countries, but often have provided higher rates of return to investors.

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The Fund may also invest in the debt securities of foreign governments. Although such investments are not a principal strategy of the Fund, there is limitation on its ability to invest in the debt securities of foreign governments.

Corporate Reorganizations. The Fund may invest without limit in securities of companies for which a tender or exchange offer has been made or announced and in securities of companies for which a merger, consolidation, liquidation, or similar reorganization proposal has been announced if, in the judgment of the Investment Adviser, there is a reasonable prospect of capital appreciation significantly greater than the added portfolio turnover expenses inherent in the short term nature of such transactions. The principal risk is that such offers or proposals may not be consummated within the time and under the terms contemplated at the time of the investment, in which case, unless such offers or proposals are replaced by equivalent or increased offers or proposals that are consummated, the Fund may sustain a loss.

Temporary Defensive Investments. Subject to the Fund's investment restrictions, when a temporary defensive period is believed by the Investment Adviser to be warranted (temporary defensive periods), the Fund may, without limitation, hold cash or invest its assets in securities of U.S. government sponsored instrumentalities, in repurchase agreements in respect of those instruments, and in certain high grade commercial paper instruments. During temporary defensive periods, the Fund may also invest up to 10% of the market value of its total assets in money market mutual funds that invest primarily in securities of U.S. government sponsored instrumentalities and repurchase agreements in respect of those instruments. Obligations of certain agencies and instrumentalities of the U.S. government, such as the Government National Mortgage Association, are supported by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government; others, such as those of the Export-Import Bank of the U.S., are supported by the right of the issuer to borrow from the U.S. Treasury; others, such as those of the Federal National Mortgage Association, are supported by the discretionary authority of the U.S. government to purchase the agency's obligations; and still others, such as those of the Student Loan Marketing Association, are supported only by the credit of the instrumentality. No assurance can be given that the U.S. government would provide financial support to U.S. government sponsored instrumentalities if it is not obligated to do so by law. During temporary defensive periods, the Fund may be less likely to achieve its secondary investment objective of income.

Further information on the investment objectives and policies of the Fund are set forth in the SAI.

Special Investment Methods

Options. On behalf of the Fund, and subject to guidelines of the Board, the Investment Adviser may purchase or sell (*i.e.*, write) options on securities, securities indices and foreign currencies which are listed on a national securities exchange or in the U.S. over-the-counter (OTC) markets as a means of achieving additional return or of hedging the value of the Fund's portfolio. The Fund may write covered call options on common stocks that it owns or has an immediate right to acquire through conversion or exchange of other securities in an amount not to exceed 25% of total assets or invest up to 10% of its total assets in the purchase of put options on common stocks that the Fund owns or may acquire through the conversion or exchange of other securities that it owns.

A call option is a contract that gives the holder of the option the right to buy from the writer (seller) of the call option, in return for a premium paid, the security underlying the option at a specified exercise price at any time during the term of the option.

The writer of the call option has the obligation upon exercise of the option to deliver the underlying security upon payment of the exercise price during the option period.

A put option is a contract that gives the holder of the option the right to sell to the writer (seller), in return for the premium, the underlying security at a specified price during the term of the option. The writer of the put, who receives the premium, has the obligation to buy the underlying security upon exercise, at the exercise price during the option period.

If the Fund has written an option, it may terminate its obligation by effecting a closing purchase transaction. This is accomplished by purchasing an option of the same series as the option previously

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written. There can be no assurance that a closing purchase transaction can be effected when the Fund so desires.

An exchange traded option may be closed out only on an exchange which provides a secondary market for an option of the same series. Although the Fund will generally purchase or write only those options for which there appears to be an active secondary market, there is no assurance that a liquid secondary market on an exchange will exist for any particular option. See *Investment Objectives and Policies* *Investment Practices* in the SAI.

Futures Contracts and Options on Futures. On behalf of the Fund, the Investment Adviser may, subject to the Fund's investment restrictions and guidelines of the Board, purchase and sell financial futures contracts and options thereon which are traded on a commodities exchange or board of trade for certain hedging, yield enhancement, and risk management purposes. These futures contracts and related options may be on debt securities, financial indices, securities indices, United States government securities, and foreign currencies. A financial futures contract is an agreement to purchase or sell an agreed amount of securities or currencies at a set price for delivery in the future.

The Investment Adviser has claimed an exclusion from the definition of the term *commodity pool operator* under the Commodity Exchange Act and therefore, is not subject to the registration requirements under the Commodity Exchange Act. Accordingly, the Fund's investments in derivative instruments are not limited by or subject to regulation under the Commodity Exchange Act or otherwise regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Nevertheless, the Fund's investment restrictions place certain limitations and prohibitions on its ability to purchase or sell commodities or commodity contracts. In addition, investment in futures contracts and related options generally will be limited by the rating agency guidelines applicable to any of the Fund's outstanding preferred stock.

Forward Currency Exchange Contracts. Subject to guidelines of the Board, the Fund may enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts to protect the value of its portfolio against future changes in the level of currency exchange rates. The Fund may enter into such contracts on a *spot* (*i.e.*, cash) basis at the rate then prevailing in the currency exchange market or on a forward basis, by entering into a forward contract to purchase or sell currency. A forward contract on foreign currency is an obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency at a future date, which may be any fixed number of days agreed upon by the parties from the date of the contract at a price set on the date of the contract. The Fund's dealings in forward contracts generally will be limited to hedging involving either specific transactions or portfolio positions. The Fund does not have an independent limitation on its investments in foreign currency futures contracts and options on foreign currency futures contracts.

Special Risks of Derivative Transactions. Participation in the options or futures markets and in currency exchange transactions involves investment risks and transaction costs to which the Fund would not be subject absent the use of these strategies. If the Investment Adviser's prediction of movements in the direction of the securities, foreign currency, and interest rate markets are inaccurate, the consequences to the Fund may leave the Fund in a worse position than if such strategies were not used. Risks inherent in the use of options, foreign currency, futures contracts, and options on futures contracts, securities indices, and foreign currencies include:

dependence on the Investment Adviser's ability to predict correctly movements in the direction of interest rates, securities prices, and currency markets;

imperfect correlation between the price of options and futures contracts and options thereon and movements in the prices of the securities or currencies being hedged;

the fact that skills needed to use these strategies are different from those needed to select portfolio securities;

the possible absence of a liquid secondary market for any particular instrument at any time;

the possible need to defer closing out certain hedged positions to avoid adverse tax consequences; and

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the possible inability of the Fund to purchase or sell a security at a time that otherwise would be favorable for it to do so, or the possible need for the Fund to sell a security at a disadvantageous time due to a need for the Fund to maintain cover or to segregate securities in connection with the hedging techniques.

See Risk Factors and Special Considerations Futures Transactions.

Short Sales. The Fund may from time to time make short sales of securities, including short sales against the box. A short sale is a transaction in which the Fund sells a security it does not own in anticipation that the market price of that security will decline. A short sale against the box occurs when the Fund contemporaneously owns, or has the right to obtain at no added cost, securities identical to those sold short.

The market value for the securities sold short of any one issuer will not exceed 5% of the Fund's total assets or 5% of such issuer's voting securities. In addition, the Fund may not make short sales or maintain a short position if it would cause more than 25% of the Fund's total assets, taken at market value, to be held as collateral for such sales. The Fund may make short sales against the box without respect to such limitations.

The Fund may make short sales in order to hedge against market risks when it believes that the price of a security may decline, causing a decline in the value of a security owned by the Fund or a security convertible into, or exchangeable for, such security, or when the Fund does not want to sell the security it owns. Such short sale transactions may be subject to special tax rules, one of the effects of which may be to accelerate income to the Fund. Additionally, the Fund may use short sales in conjunction with the purchase of a convertible security when it is determined that the convertible security can be bought at a small conversion premium and has a yield advantage relative to the underlying common stock sold short.

When the Fund makes a short sale, it will often borrow the security sold short and deliver it to the broker-dealer through which it made the short sale as collateral for its obligation to deliver the security upon conclusion of the sale. In connection with such short sales, the Fund may pay a fee to borrow securities or maintain an arrangement with a broker to borrow securities, and is often obligated to pay over any accrued interest and dividends on such borrowed securities. In a short sale, the Fund does not immediately deliver the securities sold or receive the proceeds from the sale. The Fund may close out a short position by purchasing and delivering an equal amount of the securities sold short, rather than by delivering securities already held by the Fund, because the Fund may want to continue to receive interest and dividend payments on securities in its portfolio that are convertible into the securities sold short.

If the price of the security sold short increases between the time of the short sale and the time that the Fund replaces the borrowed security, the Fund will incur a loss; conversely, if the price declines, the Fund will realize a capital gain. Any gain will be decreased, and any loss, increased, by the transaction costs described above. The successful use of short selling may be adversely affected by imperfect correlation between movements in the price of the security sold short and the securities being hedged.

To the extent that the Fund engages in short sales, it will provide collateral to the broker-dealer and (except in the case of short sales against the box) will maintain additional asset coverage in the form of segregated or earmarked assets on the records of the Investment Adviser or with the Fund's Custodian, consisting of cash, U.S. government securities, or other liquid securities that is equal to the current market value of the securities sold short, or (in the case of short sales against the box) will ensure that such positions are covered by offsetting positions, until the Fund replaces the borrowed security. The Fund will engage in short selling to the extent permitted by the federal securities laws and rules and interpretations thereunder, subject to the percentage limitations set forth above. To the extent the Fund engages in short selling in foreign (non-U.S.) jurisdictions, the Fund will do so to the extent permitted by the laws and regulations of such jurisdiction.

Repurchase Agreements. The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements with banks and non-bank dealers of U.S. government securities which are listed as reporting dealers of the Federal Reserve Bank and which furnish collateral at least equal in value or market price to the amount of their repurchase obligation.

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In a repurchase agreement, the Fund purchases a debt security from a seller who undertakes to repurchase the security at a specified resale price on an agreed future date. Repurchase agreements are generally for one business day and generally will not have a duration of longer than one week. The SEC has taken the position that, in economic reality, a repurchase agreement is a loan by a fund to the other party to the transaction secured by securities transferred to the fund. The resale price generally exceeds the purchase price by an amount which reflects an agreed upon market interest rate for the term of the repurchase agreement. The Fund's risk is primarily that, if the seller defaults, the proceeds from the disposition of the underlying securities and other collateral for the seller's obligation may be less than the repurchase price. If the seller becomes insolvent, the Fund might be delayed in or prevented from selling the collateral. In the event of a default or bankruptcy by a seller, the Fund will promptly seek to liquidate the collateral. To the extent that the proceeds from any sale of the collateral upon a default in the obligation to repurchase are less than the repurchase price, the Fund will experience a loss. If the financial institution that is a party to the repurchase agreement petitions for bankruptcy or becomes subject to the United States Bankruptcy Code, the law regarding the rights of the Fund is unsettled. As a result, under extreme circumstances, there may be a restriction on the Fund's ability to sell the collateral and the Fund could suffer a loss.

Loans of Portfolio Securities. To increase income, the Fund may lend its portfolio securities to securities broker-dealers or financial institutions if: (i) the loan is collateralized in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements, and (ii) no loan will cause the value of all loaned securities to exceed 20% of the value of its total assets.

If the borrower fails to maintain the requisite amount of collateral, the loan automatically terminates and the Fund could use the collateral to replace the securities while holding the borrower liable for any excess of replacement cost over the value of the collateral. As with any extension of credit, there are risks of delay in recovery and in some cases even loss of rights in collateral should the borrower of the securities fail financially. While these loans of portfolio securities will be made in accordance with guidelines approved by the Fund's Board, there can be no assurance that borrowers will not fail financially. On termination of the loan, the borrower is required to return the securities to the Fund, and any gain or loss in the market price during the loan would inure to the Fund. If the counterparty to the loan petitions for bankruptcy or becomes subject to the United States Bankruptcy Code, the law regarding the Fund's rights is unsettled. As a result, under these circumstances, there may be a restriction on the Fund's ability to sell the collateral and it would suffer a loss.

Borrowing. The Fund may borrow money in accordance with its investment restrictions, including as a temporary measure for extraordinary or emergency purposes. It may not borrow for investment purposes.

Leveraging. As provided in the 1940 Act, and subject to compliance with the Fund's investment limitations, the Fund may issue senior securities representing stock, such as preferred stock, so long as immediately following such issuance of stock, its total assets exceed 200% of the amount of such stock. The use of leverage magnifies the impact of changes in net asset value. For example, a fund that uses 33% leverage will show a 1.5% increase or decline in net asset value for each 1% increase or decline in the value of its total assets. In addition, if the cost of leverage exceeds the return on the securities acquired with the proceeds of leverage, the use of leverage will diminish, rather than enhance, the return to the Fund. The use of leverage generally increases the volatility of returns to the Fund. The Fund currently has two series of preferred stock outstanding: the 6.00% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock and the Series C Auction Rate Preferred Stock.

Further information on the investment objectives and policies of the Fund is set forth in the SAI.

Investment Restrictions. The Fund has adopted certain investment restrictions as fundamental policies of the Fund. Under the 1940 Act, a fundamental policy may not be changed without the vote of a majority, as defined in the 1940 Act, of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund (voting together as a single class). The Fund's investment restrictions are more fully discussed under "Investment Restrictions" in the SAI.

Portfolio Turnover. The Fund will buy and sell securities to accomplish its investment objective. The investment policies of the Fund may lead to frequent changes in investments, particularly in periods of

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rapidly fluctuating interest or currency exchange rates. The portfolio turnover may be higher than that of other investment companies.

Portfolio turnover generally involves some expense to the Fund, including brokerage commissions or dealer mark-ups and other transaction costs on the sale of securities and reinvestment in other securities. The portfolio turnover rate is computed by dividing the lesser of the amount of the securities purchased or securities sold by the average monthly value of securities owned during the year (excluding securities whose maturities at acquisition were one year or less). High portfolio turnover may also result in the realization of substantial net short-term capital gains and any distributions resulting from such gains will be taxable at ordinary income rates for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The Fund's portfolio turnover rates for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2010, and 2009, were 9.4% and 9.6%, respectively.

RISK FACTORS AND SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are a number of risks that an investor should consider in evaluation the Fund. You should read this entire Prospectus and SAI before you decide whether to invest in the Fund. In addition, you should consider the matters set forth below.

Leverage Risk

The Fund uses financial leverage for investment purposes by issuing preferred stock. The amount of leverage represents approximately 21% of the Fund's Managed Assets (defined as the aggregate net asset value of outstanding shares of common stock plus assets attributable to outstanding shares of preferred stock, with no deduction for the liquidation preference of such shares of preferred stock) as of March 31, 2011. The Fund's leveraged capital structure creates special risks not associated with unleveraged funds having similar investment objectives and policies. These include the possibility of greater loss and the likelihood of higher volatility of the net asset value of the Fund and the asset coverage. Such volatility may increase the likelihood of the Fund's having to sell investments in order to meet dividend payments on the preferred stock, or to redeem preferred stock when it may be disadvantageous to do so. The Fund may not be permitted to declare dividends or distributions with respect to common stock or preferred stock, or purchase common stock or preferred stock unless at such time the Fund meets certain asset coverage requirements. In addition, the Fund may not be permitted to pay distributions on common stock unless all distributions on preferred stock and/or accrued interest on borrowings have been paid, or set aside for payment. Any preferred stock currently outstanding or that the Fund issues in the future would subject the Fund to certain asset coverage requirements under the 1940 Act that could, under certain circumstances, restrict the Fund from making distributions necessary to qualify as a registered investment company. If the Fund is unable to obtain cash from other sources, the Fund may fail to qualify as a registered investment company and, thus, may be subject to income tax as an ordinary corporation. Because the advisory fee paid to the Investment Adviser is calculated on the basis of the Fund's Managed Assets rather than only on the basis of net assets attributable to the shares of common stock, the fee may be higher when leverage is utilized, giving the Investment Adviser an incentive to utilize leverage. However, the Investment Adviser has agreed to reduce any management fee on the incremental assets attributable to the cumulative preferred stock during the fiscal year if the total return of the net asset value of the outstanding shares of common stock, including distributions and advisory fee subject to reduction for that year, does not exceed the stated dividend rate or corresponding swap rate of each particular series of preferred stock.

Preferred Stock Risk. The issuance of preferred stock causes the net asset value and market value of the common stock to become more volatile. If the dividend rate on the preferred stock approaches the net rate of return on the Fund's investment portfolio, the benefit of leverage to the holders of the common stock would be reduced. If the dividend rate on the preferred stock plus the management fee annual rate of 1.00% (as applicable) exceeds the net rate of return on the Fund's portfolio, the leverage will result in a lower rate of return to the holders of common stock than if the Fund had not issued preferred stock.

Any decline in the net asset value of the Fund's investments would be borne entirely by the holders of common stock. Therefore, if the market value of the Fund's portfolio declines, the leverage will result

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in a greater decrease in net asset value to the holders of common stock than if the Fund were not leveraged. This greater net asset value decrease will also tend to cause a greater decline in the market price for the common stock. The Fund might be in danger of failing to maintain the required asset coverage of the preferred stock or of losing its ratings on the preferred stock or, in an extreme case, the Fund's current investment income might not be sufficient to meet the dividend requirements on the preferred stock. In order to counteract such an event, the Fund might need to liquidate investments in order to fund a redemption of some or all of the preferred stock.

In addition, the Fund would pay (and the holders of common stock will bear) all costs and expenses relating to the issuance and ongoing maintenance of the preferred shares, including the advisory fees on the incremental assets attributable to such shares.

Holders of preferred stock may have different interests than holders of common stock and may at times have disproportionate influence over the Fund's affairs. Holders of preferred stock, voting separately as a single class, have the right to elect two members of the Board at all times and in the event dividends become two full years in arrears would have the right to elect a majority of the Directors until such arrearage is completely eliminated. In addition, preferred shareholders have class voting rights on certain matters, including changes in fundamental investment restrictions and conversion of the fund to open-end status, and accordingly can veto any such changes.

Restrictions imposed on the declarations and payment of dividends or other distributions to the holders of the Fund's common stock and preferred stock, both by the 1940 Act and by requirements imposed by rating agencies, might impair the Fund's ability to maintain its qualification as a regulated investment company for federal income tax purposes. While the Fund intends to redeem its preferred stock to the extent necessary to enable the Fund to distribute its income as required to maintain its qualification as a regulated investment company under the Code, there can be no assurance that such actions can be effected in time to meet the Code requirements.

Portfolio Guidelines of Rating Agencies for Preferred Stock. In order to obtain and maintain attractive credit quality ratings for preferred shares, the Fund must comply with investment quality, diversification, and other guidelines established by the relevant ratings agencies. These guidelines could affect portfolio decisions and may be more stringent than those imposed by the 1940 Act.

Effects of Leverage

The following table is furnished in response to requirements of the SEC. It is designed to illustrate the effect of leverage on common stock total return, assuming investment portfolio total returns (comprised of net investment income of the Fund, realized gains or losses of the Fund and changes in the value of the securities held in the Fund's portfolio) of -10%, -5%, 0%, 5% and 10%. These assumed investment portfolio returns are hypothetical figures and are not necessarily indicative of the investment portfolio returns experienced or expected to be experienced by the Fund. See Risks. The table further reflects leverage representing 21% of the Fund's net assets, the Fund's current projected blended annual average leverage dividend or interest rate of 3.48%, a management fee at an annual rate of 1.00% of the liquidation preference of any outstanding preferred stock and estimated annual incremental expenses attributable to any outstanding preferred stock of 0.04% of the Fund's net assets attributable to common stock.

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| Assumed return on portfolio (net of expenses) | (10)% | (5)% | 0% | 5% | 10% |
| Corresponding return to Common Shareholder | (13.86)% | (7.53)% | (1.20)% | 5.13% | 11.46% |

The following factors associated with leveraging could increase the investment risk and volatility of the price of the shares of common stock:

leveraging exaggerates any increase or decrease in the net asset value of the shares of common stock;

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the dividend requirements on the Fund's preferred shares may exceed the income from the portfolio securities purchased with the proceeds from the issuance of preferred stock;

a decline in net asset value results if the investment performance of the additional securities purchased fails to cover their cost to the Fund (including any dividend requirements of preferred stock);

a decline in net asset value could affect the ability of the Fund to make dividend payments on shares of common stock;

a failure to pay dividends or make distributions on its shares of common stock could result in the Fund's ceasing to qualify as a regulated investment company under the Code; and

if the asset coverage for the Fund's preferred shares declines to less than 200% (as a result of market fluctuations or otherwise), the Fund may be required to sell a portion of its investments when it may be disadvantageous to do so.

Pursuant to Section 18 of the 1940 Act, it is unlawful for the Fund, as a registered closed-end investment company, to issue any class of senior security, or to sell any senior security that it issues, unless it can satisfy certain asset coverage ratios. The asset coverage ratio with respect to a senior security representing indebtedness means the ratio of the value of the Fund's total assets (less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities) to the aggregate amount of the Fund's senior securities representing indebtedness. The asset coverage ratio with respect to a senior security representing stock means the ratio of the value of the Fund's total assets (less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities) to the aggregate amount of the Fund's senior securities representing indebtedness plus the aggregate liquidation preference of the Fund's outstanding preferred shares.

If, as is the case with the Fund, a registered investment company's senior securities are equity securities, such securities must have an asset coverage of at least 200% immediately following its issuance. If a registered investment company's senior securities represent indebtedness, such indebtedness must have an asset coverage of at least 300% immediately after their issuance. Subject to certain exceptions, during any period following issuance that the Fund fails to satisfy these asset coverage ratios, it will, among other things, be prohibited from declaring any dividend or declaring any other distribution in respect of its common stock except a dividend payable in shares of common stock issued by the Fund. A registered investment company may, to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act, segregate assets or cover transactions in order to avoid the creation of a class of senior security.

Special Risks to Holders of Fixed Rate Preferred Stock

Market Price Fluctuation. Shares of fixed rate preferred stock may trade at a premium to or discount from liquidation value for various reasons, including changes in interest rates.

Special Risks for Holders of Auction Rate Preferred Stock

Auction Risk. You may not be able to sell your auction rate preferred stock at an auction if the auction fails, i.e., if more auction rate preferred shares are offered for sale than there are buyers for those shares. Also, if you place an order (a hold order) at an auction to retain auction rate preferred stock only at a specified rate that exceeds the rate set at the auction, you will not retain your auction rate preferred stock. Additionally, if you place a hold order without specifying a rate below which you would not wish to continue to hold your shares and the auction sets a below market rate, you will receive a lower rate of return on your shares than the market rate. Finally, the dividend period may be changed, subject to certain conditions and with notice to the holders of the auction rate preferred stock, which could also affect the liquidity of your investment. Since February 2008, most auction rate preferred stock, including our Series C Auction Rate Preferred, have had failed auctions and holders of such stock have suffered reduced liquidity.

Secondary Market Risk. If you try to sell your auction rate preferred stock between auctions, you may not be able to sell them for their liquidation preference per share or such amount per share plus

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accumulated dividends. If the Fund has designated a special dividend period of more than seven days, changes in interest rates could affect the price you would receive if you sold your shares in the secondary market. Broker-dealers that maintain a secondary trading market for the auction rate preferred stock are not required to maintain this market, and the Fund is not required to redeem auction rate preferred stock if either an auction or an attempted secondary market sale fails because of a lack of buyers. The auction rate preferred stock will not be registered on a stock exchange. If you sell your auction rate preferred stock to a broker-dealer between auctions, you may receive less than the price you paid for them, especially when market interest rates have risen since the last auction or during a special dividend period. Since February 2008, most auction rate preferred stock, including our Series C Auction Rate Preferred, have had failed auctions and holders of such stock have suffered reduced liquidity, including the inability to sell such stock in a secondary market.

Common Stock Distribution Policy Risk

The Fund has adopted a policy, which may be changed at any time by the Board, of paying a minimum annual distribution of 10% of the average net asset value of the Fund to common shareholders. In the event the Fund does not generate a total return from dividends and interest received and net realized capital gains in an amount equal to or in excess of its stated distribution in a given year, the Fund may return capital as part of such distribution, which may have the effect of decreasing the asset coverage per share with respect to the Fund's preferred stock. Any return of capital should not be considered by investors as yield or total return on their investment in the Fund. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, the percentage of distributions paid by the Fund that was a return of capital was 90.55%. The composition of each distribution is estimated based on the earnings of the Fund as of the record date for each distribution. The actual composition of each of the current year's distributions will be based on the Fund's investment activity through the end of the calendar year.

Industry Concentration Risk

The Fund invests a significant portion of its assets in companies in the telecommunications, media, publishing, and entertainment industries and, as a result, the value of the Fund's shares is more susceptible to factors affecting those particular types of companies and those industries, including governmental regulation, a greater price volatility than the overall market, rapid obsolescence of products and services, intense competition, and strong market reactions to technological developments.

Various types of ownership restrictions are imposed by the Federal Communications Commission, or FCC, on investment in media companies and cellular licensees. For example, the FCC's broadcast and cable multiple-ownership and cross ownership rules, which apply to the radio, television, and cable industries, provide that investment advisers are deemed to have an attributable interest whenever the adviser has the right to determine how five percent or more of the issued and outstanding voting stock of a broadcast company or cable system operator may be voted. These rules limit the number of broadcast stations both locally and nationally that a single entity is permitted to own, operate, or control and prohibit ownership of certain competitive communications providers in the same location. The FCC also applies limited ownership restrictions on cellular licensees serving rural areas. An attributable interest in a cellular company arises from the right to control 20% or more of its voting stock.

Attributable interests that may result from the role of the Investment Adviser and its principals in connection with other funds, managed accounts and companies may limit the Fund's ability to invest in certain mass media and cellular companies. In the event that the Investment Adviser and its affiliates may be deemed to have such an attributable interest, the Board of Directors of the Fund may delegate, from time to time, to the Fund's Proxy Voting Committee, voting power over certain shares of securities held by the Fund in view of these ownership limitations to ensure compliance with certain FCC regulations.

Smaller Companies

While the Fund intends to focus on the securities of established suppliers of accepted products and services, the Fund may also invest in smaller companies which may benefit from the development of new products and services. These smaller companies may present greater opportunities for capital appreciation,

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and may also involve greater investment risk than larger, more established companies. For example, smaller companies may have more limited product lines, market or financial resources, and their securities may trade less frequently and in lower volume than the securities of larger, more established companies. As a result, the prices of the securities of such smaller companies may fluctuate to a greater degree than the prices of securities of other issuers.

Long-Term Objective; Not a Complete Investment Program

The Fund is intended for investors seeking long-term capital growth. The Fund is not meant to provide a vehicle for those who wish to exploit short-term swings in the stock market. An investment in shares of the Fund should not be considered a complete investment program. Each shareholder should take into account the Fund's investment objectives as well as the shareholder's other investments when considering an investment in the Fund.

Non-Diversified Status

The Fund is classified as a non-diversified investment company under the 1940 Act, which means it is not limited by the 1940 Act in the proportion of its assets that may be invested in the securities of a single issuer. As a non-diversified investment company, the Fund may invest in the securities of individual issuers to a greater degree than a diversified investment company. As a result, the Fund may be more vulnerable to events affecting a single issuer and therefore subject to greater volatility than a fund that is more broadly diversified. Accordingly, an investment in the Fund may present greater risk to an investor than an investment in a diversified company. To qualify as a regulated investment company, or RIC, for purposes of the Code, the Fund has in the past conducted and intends to conduct its operations in a manner that will relieve it of any liability for federal income tax to the extent its earnings are distributed to shareholders. To so qualify as a regulated investment company, among other requirements, the Fund will limit its investments so that, at the close of each quarter of the taxable year:

not more than 25% of the market value of its total assets will be invested in the securities (other than U.S. government securities or the securities of other RICs) of a single issuer, any two or more issuers in which the fund owns 20% or more of the voting securities and which are determined to be engaged in the same, similar, or related trades or businesses or in the securities of one or more qualified publicly traded partnerships (as defined in the Code); and

at least 50% of the market value of the Fund's assets will be represented by cash, securities of other regulated investment companies, U.S. government securities and other securities, with such other securities limited in respect of any one issuer to an amount not greater than 5% of the value of the its assets and not more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer.

Market Value and Net Asset Value

The Fund is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. Shares of closed-end funds are bought and sold in the securities markets and may trade at either a premium to or discount from net asset value. Listed shares of closed-end investment companies often trade at discounts from net asset value. This characteristic of shares of a closed-end fund is a risk separate and distinct from the risk that its net asset value may decrease. The Fund cannot predict whether its listed stock will trade at, below, or above net asset value. As of March 31, 2011, the shares of common stock traded at a discount of 18.22%. Shareholders desiring liquidity may, subject to applicable securities laws, trade their Fund common stock on the NYSE or other markets on which such shares may trade at the then-current market value, which may differ from the then-current net asset value. Shareholders will incur brokerage or other transaction costs to sell stock.

Lower Grade Securities

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its total assets in fixed income securities rated below investment grade by recognized statistical rating agencies or unrated securities of comparable quality. These securities, which may be preferred stock or debt, are predominantly speculative and involve major risk exposure to

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adverse conditions. Debt securities that are not rated or that are rated lower than BBB by Standard & Poor's, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. (S&P) or lower than Baa by Moody's are referred to in the financial press as junk bonds.

Generally, such lower grade securities and unrated securities of comparable quality offer a higher current yield than is offered by higher rated securities, but also: (i) will likely have some quality and protective characteristics that, in the judgment of the rating organizations, are outweighed by large uncertainties or major risk exposures to adverse conditions, and (ii) are predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of the obligation. The market values of certain of these securities also tend to be more sensitive to individual corporate developments and changes in economic conditions than higher quality securities. In addition, such securities generally present a higher degree of credit risk. The risk of loss due to default by these issuers is significantly greater because such lower grade securities and unrated securities of comparable quality generally are unsecured and frequently are subordinated to the prior payment of senior indebtedness. In light of these risks, the Investment Adviser, in evaluating the creditworthiness of an issue, whether rated or unrated, will take various factors into consideration, which may include, as applicable, the issuer's operating history, financial resources and its sensitivity to economic conditions and trends, the market support for the facility financed by the issue, the perceived ability and integrity of the issuer's management, and regulatory matters.

In addition, the market value of securities in lower rated categories is more volatile than that of higher quality securities, and the markets in which such lower rated or unrated securities are traded are more limited than those in which higher rated securities are traded. The existence of limited markets may make it more difficult for the Fund to obtain accurate market quotations for purposes of valuing its portfolio and calculating its net asset value. Moreover, the lack of a liquid trading market may restrict the availability of securities for the Fund to purchase and may also have the effect of limiting the ability of the Fund to sell securities at their fair value in response to changes in the economy or the financial markets.

Lower grade securities also present risks based on payment expectations. If an issuer calls the obligation for redemption (often a feature of fixed income securities), the Fund may have to replace the security with a lower yielding security, resulting in a decreased return for investors. Also, as the principal value of nonconvertible bonds and preferred stocks moves inversely with movements in interest rates, in the event of rising interest rates, the value of the securities held by the Fund may decline proportionately more than a portfolio consisting of higher rated securities. Investments in zero coupon bonds may be more speculative and subject to greater fluctuations in value due to changes in interest rates than bonds that pay regular income streams.

As part of its investment in lower grade securities, the Fund may invest in securities of issuers in default. The Fund will make an investment in securities of issuers in default only when the Investment Adviser believes that such issuers will honor their obligations or emerge from bankruptcy protection under a plan pursuant to which the securities received by the Fund in exchange for its defaulted securities will have a value in excess of the Fund's investment. By investing in securities of issuers in default, the Fund bears the risk that these issuers will not continue to honor their obligations or emerge from bankruptcy protection or that the value of the securities will not otherwise appreciate.

In addition to using recognized rating agencies and other sources, the Investment Adviser also performs its own analysis of issues in seeking investments that it believes to be underrated (and thus higher yielding) in light of the financial condition of the issuer. Its analysis of issuers may include, among other things, current and anticipated cash flow and borrowing requirements, value of assets in relation to historical cost, strength of management, responsiveness to business conditions, credit standing, and current anticipated results of operations. In selecting investments for the Fund, the Investment Adviser may also consider general business conditions, anticipated changes in interest rates, and the outlook for specific industries.

Subsequent to its purchase by the Fund, an issue of securities may cease to be rated or its rating may be reduced. In addition, it is possible that statistical rating agencies may change their ratings of a particular issue to reflect subsequent events. Moreover, such ratings do not assess the risk of a decline in market

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value. None of these events will require the sale of the securities by the Fund, although the Investment Adviser will consider these events in determining whether the Fund should continue to hold the securities.

The market for lower grade and comparable unrated securities has experienced several periods of significantly adverse price and liquidity, particularly at or around times of economic recessions. Past market recessions have adversely affected the value of such securities as well as the ability of certain issuers of such securities to repay principal and pay interest thereon or to refinance such securities. The market for those securities may react in a similar fashion in the future.

Foreign Securities

Investments in the securities of foreign issuers involve certain considerations and risks not ordinarily associated with investments in securities of domestic issuers. Foreign companies are not generally subject to uniform accounting, auditing, and financial standards and requirements comparable to those applicable to U.S. companies. Foreign securities exchanges, brokers and listed companies may be subject to less government supervision and regulation than exists in the United States. Dividend and interest income may be subject to withholding and other foreign taxes, which may adversely affect the net return on such investments. There may be difficulty in obtaining or enforcing a court judgment abroad. In addition, it may be difficult to effect repatriation of capital invested in certain countries. In addition, with respect to certain countries, there are risks of expropriation, confiscatory taxation, political or social instability, or diplomatic developments that could affect assets of the Fund held in foreign countries.

There may be less publicly available information about a foreign company than a U.S. company. Foreign securities markets may have substantially less volume than U.S. securities markets and some foreign company securities are less liquid than securities of otherwise comparable U.S. companies. A portfolio of foreign securities may also be adversely affected by fluctuations in the rates of exchange between the currencies of different nations and by exchange control regulations. Foreign markets also have different clearance and settlement procedures that could cause the Fund to encounter difficulties in purchasing and selling securities on such markets and may result in the Fund missing attractive investment opportunities or experiencing loss. In addition, a portfolio that includes foreign securities can expect to have a higher expense ratio because of the increased transaction costs on non-U.S. securities markets and the increased costs of maintaining the custody of foreign securities. The Fund does not have an independent limit on the amount of its assets that it may invest in the securities of foreign issuers.

The Fund also may purchase sponsored American Depositary Receipts (ADRs) or U.S. denominated securities of foreign issuers. ADRs are receipts issued by United States banks or trust companies in respect of securities of foreign issuers held on deposit for use in the United States securities markets. While ADRs may not necessarily be denominated in the same currency as the securities into which they may be converted, many of the risks associated with foreign securities may also apply to ADRs.

Emerging Markets Risk

The Fund may invest in securities of issuers whose primary operations or principal trading market is in an emerging market. An emerging market country is any country that is considered to be an emerging or developing country by the World Bank. Investing in securities of companies in emerging markets may entail special risks relating to potential political and economic instability and the risks of expropriation, nationalization, confiscation or the imposition of restrictions on foreign investment, the lack of hedging instruments and restrictions on repatriation of capital invested. Emerging securities markets are substantially smaller, less developed, less liquid and more volatile than the major securities markets. The limited size of emerging securities markets and limited trading value compared to the volume of trading in U.S. securities could cause prices to be erratic for reasons apart from factors that affect the quality of the securities. For example, limited market size may cause prices to be unduly influenced by traders who control large positions. Adverse publicity and investors' perceptions, whether or not based on fundamental analysis, may decrease the value and liquidity of portfolio securities, especially in these markets. Other risks include high concentration of market capitalization and trading volume in a small number of issuers representing a limited number of industries, as well as a high concentration of investors and financial intermediaries; over-dependence on exports; overburdened infrastructure and obsolete or unseasoned

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financial systems; environmental problems; less developed legal systems; and less reliable securities custodial services and settlement practices.

Futures Transactions

Futures and options on futures entail certain risks, including but not limited to the following:
no assurance that futures contracts or options on futures can be offset at favorable prices;

possible reduction of the yield of the Fund due to the use of hedging;

possible reduction in value of both the securities hedged and the hedging instrument;

possible lack of liquidity due to daily limits or price fluctuations;

imperfect correlation between the contracts and the securities being hedged; and

losses from investing in futures transactions that are potentially unlimited and the segregation requirements for such transactions.

For a further description, see *Investment Objectives and Policies* *Investment Practices* in the SAI.

Forward Currency Exchange Contracts

The use of forward currency exchange contracts may involve certain risks, including the failure of the counterparty to perform its obligations under the contract and that the use of forward contracts may not serve as a complete hedge because of an imperfect correlation between movements in the prices of the contracts and the prices of the currencies hedged or used for cover. For a further description of such investments, see *Investment Objectives and Policies* *Investment Practices* in the SAI.

Dependence on Key Personnel

The Investment Adviser is dependent upon the expertise of Mr. Mario J. Gabelli in providing advisory services with respect to the Fund's investments. If the Investment Adviser were to lose the services of Mr. Gabelli, its ability to service the Fund could be adversely affected. There can be no assurance that a suitable replacement could be found for Mr. Gabelli in the event of his death, resignation, retirement, or inability to act on behalf of the Investment Adviser.

Market Disruption Risk

Certain events have a disruptive effect on the securities markets, such as terrorist attacks, war and other geopolitical events. The Fund cannot predict the effects of similar events in the future on the U.S. economy. Lower rated securities and securities of issuers with smaller market capitalizations tend to be more volatile than higher rated securities and securities of issuers with larger market capitalizations so that these events and any actions resulting from them may have a greater impact on the prices and volatility of lower rated securities and securities of issuers with smaller market capitalizations than on higher rated securities and securities of issuers with larger market capitalizations.

Special Risks Related to Preferred Securities

There are special risks associated with the Fund's investing in preferred securities, including:

Deferral. Preferred securities may include provisions that permit the issuer, at its discretion, to defer dividends or distributions for a stated period without any adverse consequences to the issuer. If the Fund owns a preferred security that is deferring its dividends or distributions, the Fund may be required to report income for tax purposes although it has not yet received such income.

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Non-Cumulative Dividends. Some preferred securities are non-cumulative, meaning that the dividends do not accumulate and need not ever be paid. A portion of the portfolio may include investments in non-cumulative preferred securities, whereby the issuer does not have an obligation to make up any arrearages to its shareholders. Should an issuer of a non-cumulative preferred security held by the Fund determine not to pay dividends or distributions on such security, the Fund's return from that security may be adversely affected. There is no assurance that dividends or distributions on non-cumulative preferred securities in which the Fund invests will be declared or otherwise made payable.

Subordination. Preferred securities are subordinated to bonds and other debt instruments in an issuer's capital structure in terms of priority to corporate income and liquidation payments, and therefore will be subject to greater credit risk than more senior debt security instruments.

Liquidity. Preferred securities may be substantially less liquid than many other securities, such as common stocks or U.S. government securities.

Limited Voting Rights. Generally, preferred security holders (such as the Fund) have no voting rights with respect to the issuing company unless preferred dividends have been in arrears for a specified number of periods, at which time the preferred security holders may be entitled to elect a number of directors to the issuer's board. Generally, once all the arrearages have been paid, the preferred security holders no longer have voting rights.

Special Redemption Rights. In certain varying circumstances, an issuer of preferred securities may redeem the securities prior to a specified date. For instance, for certain types of preferred securities, a redemption may be triggered by a change in federal income tax or securities laws. A redemption by the issuer may negatively impact the return of the security held by the Fund.

Interest Rate Transactions

The Fund has entered into an interest rate swap transaction with respect to its outstanding Series C Auction Rate Preferred, and may enter into interest rate swap or cap transactions with respect to all or a portion of any future series of auction rate preferred stock in order to manage the impact on its portfolio of changes in the dividend rate of such stock. The Fund's ten year interest rate swap transaction expires on April 4, 2013. Through these transactions the Fund seeks to obtain the equivalent of a fixed rate for such auction rate preferred stock that is lower than the Fund would have to pay if it issued fixed rate preferred stock. The use of interest rate swaps and caps is a highly specialized activity that involves certain risks to the Fund including, among others, counterparty risk and early termination risk. See *How the Fund Manages Risk Interest Rate Transactions*.

Investment Companies

The Fund may invest in the securities of other investment companies to the extent permitted by law. To the extent the Fund invests in the common equity of investment companies, the Fund will bear its ratable share of any such investment company's expenses, including management fees. The Fund will also remain obligated to pay management fees to the Investment Adviser with respect to the assets invested in the securities of other investment companies. In these circumstances holders of the Fund's common stock will be subject to duplicative investment expenses.

Counterparty Risk

The Fund will be subject to credit risk with respect to the counterparties to the derivative contracts purchased by the Fund. If a counterparty 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 bankruptcy or other reorganization proceeding. The Fund may obtain only a limited recovery or may obtain no recovery in such circumstances.

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Management Risk

The Fund is subject to management risk because it is an actively managed portfolio. The Investment Adviser will apply investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions for the Fund, but there can be no guarantee that these will produce the desired results.

Anti-Takeover Provisions of the Fund's Governing Documents

The Fund's Governing Documents include provisions that could limit the ability of other entities or persons to acquire control of the Fund or convert the Fund to an open-end fund. See **Anti-Takeover Provisions of the Fund's Governing Documents**.

Status as a Regulated Investment Company

The Fund has qualified, and intends to remain qualified, for federal income tax purposes as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code. Qualification requires, among other things, compliance by the Fund with certain distribution requirements. Statutory limitations on distributions on the common stock if the Fund fails to satisfy the 1940 Act's asset coverage requirements could jeopardize the Fund's ability to meet such distribution requirements. The Fund presently intends, however, to purchase or redeem preferred stock to the extent necessary in order to maintain compliance with such asset coverage requirements. See **Taxation** for a more complete discussion of these and other federal income tax considerations.

Geopolitical Risks

The terrorist attacks on domestic U.S. targets on September 11, 2001, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and other geopolitical events have led to, and may in the future lead to, increased short-term market volatility and may have long-term effects on U.S. and world economies and markets. The nature, scope and duration of the war and occupation cannot be predicted with any certainty. Similar events in the future or other disruptions of financial markets could affect interest rates, securities exchanges, auctions, secondary trading, ratings, credit risk, inflation, energy prices and other factors relating to the common stock or preferred stock.

Recent Market Conditions

While the U.S. and global markets have experienced extreme volatility and disruption for an extended period of time, the first, second and third quarters of 2010 witnessed more stabilized economic activity as expectations for an economic recovery increased. However, risks to a robust resumption of growth persist: a weak consumer weighed down by too much debt and increasing joblessness, the growing size of the federal budget deficit and national debt, and the threat of inflation. A return to unfavorable economic conditions could impair our ability to execute our investment strategies.

Government Intervention in Financial Markets Risk

The recent instability in the financial markets has led the U.S. government and foreign governments to take a number of unprecedented actions designed to support certain financial institutions and segments of the financial markets that have experienced extreme volatility, and in some cases a lack of liquidity. U.S. federal and state governments and foreign governments, their regulatory agencies or self regulatory organizations may take additional actions that affect the regulation of the securities in which the Fund invests, or the issuers of such securities, in ways that are unforeseeable. Issuers of corporate securities might seek protection under the bankruptcy laws. Legislation or regulation may also change the way in which the Fund itself is regulated. Such legislation or regulation could limit or preclude the Fund's ability to achieve its investment objectives. The Investment Adviser will monitor developments and seek to manage the Fund's portfolio in a manner consistent with achieving the Fund's investment objectives, but there can be no assurance that it will be successful in doing so.

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HOW THE FUND MANAGES RISK

Investment Restrictions

The Fund has adopted certain investment limitations designed to limit investment risk and maintain portfolio diversification. These limitations are fundamental and may not be changed without the approval of the holders of a majority, as defined in the 1940 Act, of the outstanding shares of common stock and preferred stock voting together as a single class. The Fund may become subject to guidelines that are more limiting than the investment restrictions set forth above in order to obtain and maintain ratings from Moody's or S&P on its preferred stock. See "Investment Restrictions" in the SAI for a complete list of the fundamental and non-fundamental investment policies of the Fund.

Interest Rate Transactions

The Fund has entered into an interest rate swap transaction with respect to its outstanding Series C Auction Rate Preferred and may enter into interest rate swap or cap transactions in relation to all or a portion of any future series of auction rate preferred stock in order to manage the impact on its portfolio of changes in the dividend rate of such stock. The Fund's ten year interest rate swap transaction expires on April 4, 2013. Through these transactions, the Fund may, for example, obtain the equivalent of a fixed rate for such auction rate preferred stock that is lower than the Fund would have to pay if it issued fixed rate preferred stock.

The use of interest rate swaps and caps is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio security transactions. In an interest rate swap, the Fund would agree to pay to the other party to the interest rate swap (which is known as the "counterparty") periodically a fixed rate payment in exchange for the counterparty agreeing to pay to the Fund periodically a variable rate payment that is intended to approximate the Fund's variable rate payment obligation on its auction rate preferred stock. In an interest rate cap, the Fund would pay a premium to the counterparty to the interest rate cap and, to the extent that a specified variable rate index exceeds a predetermined fixed rate, would receive from the counterparty payments of the difference based on the notional amount of such cap. Interest rate swap and cap transactions introduce additional risk because the Fund would remain obligated to pay preferred stock dividends or distributions when due in accordance with the Articles Supplementary of the relevant series of the auction rate preferred stock even if the counterparty defaulted. Depending on the general state of short-term interest rates and the returns on the Fund's portfolio securities at that point in time, such a default could negatively affect the Fund's ability to make dividend or distribution payments on the auction rate preferred stock. In addition, at the time an interest rate swap or cap transaction reaches its scheduled termination date, there is a risk that the Fund will not be able to obtain a replacement transaction or that the terms of the replacement will not be as favorable as on the expiring transaction. If this occurs, it could have a negative impact on the Fund's ability to make dividend or distribution payments on the auction rate preferred stock. To the extent there is a decline in interest rates, the value of the interest rate swap or cap could decline, resulting in a decline in the asset coverage for the auction rate preferred shares. A sudden and dramatic decline in interest rates may result in a significant decline in the asset coverage. Under the Articles Supplementary for each series of the preferred stock, if the Fund fails to maintain the required asset coverage on the outstanding preferred stock or fails to comply with other covenants, the Fund may be required to redeem some or all of these shares. The Fund generally may redeem any series of auction rate preferred stock, in whole or in part, at its option at any time (usually on a dividend or distribution payment date), other than during a non-call period. Such redemption would likely result in the Fund seeking to terminate early all or a portion of any swap or cap transactions. Early termination of a swap could result in a termination payment by the Fund to the counterparty, while early termination of a cap could result in a termination payment to the Fund.

The Fund will usually enter into swaps or caps on a net basis; that is, the two payment streams will be netted out in a cash settlement on the payment date or dates specified in the instrument, with the Fund receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments. The Fund intends to segregate cash or liquid securities having a value at least equal to the value of the Fund's net payment obligations under any swap transaction, marked to market daily. The Fund will monitor any such swap

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with a view to ensuring that the Fund remains in compliance with all applicable regulatory investment policy and tax requirements.

MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

General

The business and affairs of the Fund are managed under the direction of the Fund's Board (who, with its officers, are described in the SAI). The Board decides upon matters of general policy and reviews the actions of the Investment Adviser and the Sub-Administrator (as defined below). Pursuant to an Investment Advisory Agreement with the Fund, the Investment Adviser, under the supervision of the Fund's Board, provides a continuous investment program for the Fund's portfolio; provides investment research and makes and executes recommendations for the purchase and sale of securities; and provides all facilities and personnel, including officers required for its administrative management and pays the compensation of all officers and Directors of the Fund who are its affiliates.

The Investment Adviser

Gabelli Funds, LLC serves as the Fund's Investment Adviser pursuant to the Investment Advisory Agreement with the Fund. The Investment Adviser is a New York limited liability company with principal offices located at One Corporate Center, Rye, New York 10580-1422 and is registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. The Investment Adviser was organized in 1999 and is the successor to Gabelli Funds, Inc., which was organized in 1980. As of March 31, 2011, the Investment Adviser acts as a registered investment adviser to 26 management investment companies with aggregate net assets of \$20.1 billion. The Investment Adviser, together with the other affiliated investment advisers noted below, had assets under management totaling approximately \$35.4 billion as of March 31, 2011. GAMCO Asset Management Inc. (GAMCO), an affiliate of the Investment Adviser, acts as investment adviser for individuals, pension trusts, profit sharing trusts and endowments, and as a sub-adviser to management investment companies having aggregate assets of \$14.7 billion under management as of March 31, 2011. Gabelli Securities, Inc., an affiliate of the Investment Adviser, acts as investment adviser for investment partnerships and entities having aggregate assets of approximately \$547 million under management as of March 31, 2011. Teton Advisors, Inc., an affiliate of the Investment Adviser, acts as investment manager to The GAMCO Westwood Funds and separately managed accounts having aggregate assets of approximately \$983.1 million under management as of March 31, 2011.

The Investment Adviser is a wholly-owned subsidiary of GAMCO Investors, Inc., a New York corporation. Shares of Class A common stock of GAMCO Investors, Inc. are traded on the NYSE under the symbol GBL. Mr. Mario J. Gabelli may be deemed a controlling person of the Investment Adviser on the basis of his indirect ownership of a majority of GGCP, Inc. (GGCP), a private company, which owns a majority of the capital stock of GAMCO Investors, Inc.

Payment of Expenses

The Investment Adviser is obligated to pay expenses associated with providing the services contemplated by the Investment Advisory Agreement between the Fund and the Investment Adviser (the Advisory Agreement) including compensation of and office space for its officers and employees connected with investment and economic research, trading and investment management and administration of the Fund, as well as the fees of all Directors of the Fund who are affiliated with the Investment Adviser.

In addition to the fees of the Investment Adviser, the Fund is responsible for the payment of all its other expenses incurred in the operation of the Fund, which include, among other things, expenses for legal and independent accountants' services, costs of printing proxies, stock certificates and shareholder reports, charges of the custodian, any sub-custodian and transfer and dividend payment agent, expenses in connection with the dividend reinvestment and cash purchase plans, SEC fees, fees and expenses of unaffiliated Directors, accounting and pricing costs, the Fund's *pro rata* portion of membership fees in trade associations, fidelity bond coverage for the Fund's officers and employees, directors and officers

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errors and omissions insurance coverage, interest, brokerage costs, taxes, stock exchange listing fees and expenses, all expenses of computing the Fund's net asset value per share, including any equipment or services obtained solely for the purpose of pricing shares or valuing the Fund's investment portfolio, expenses of qualifying the Fund for sale in various states, litigation and other extraordinary or non-recurring expenses and other expenses properly payable by the Fund.

Advisory Agreement

Under the terms of the Advisory Agreement, the Investment Adviser manages the portfolio of the Fund in accordance with its stated investment objectives and policies, makes investment decisions for the Fund, and places orders to purchase and sell securities on behalf of the Fund and manages the Fund's other business and affairs, all subject to the supervision and direction of its Board. In addition, under the Advisory Agreement, the Investment Adviser oversees the administration of all aspects of the Fund's business and affairs and provides, or arranges for others to provide, at the Investment Adviser's expense, certain enumerated services, including maintaining the Fund's books and records, preparing reports to its shareholders and supervising the calculation of the net asset value of its stock. All expenses of computing the Fund's net asset value, including any equipment or services obtained solely for the purpose of pricing shares of stock or valuing the Fund's investment portfolio, will be an expense of the Fund under the Advisory Agreement unless the Investment Adviser voluntarily assumes responsibility for such expense. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, the Fund reimbursed the Investment Adviser \$45,000 in connection with the cost of computing the Fund's net asset value.

The Advisory Agreement combines investment advisory and administrative responsibilities in one agreement. For services rendered by the Investment Adviser on behalf of the Fund under the Advisory Agreement, the Fund pays the Investment Adviser a fee computed weekly and paid monthly, equal on an annual basis to 1.00% of the Fund's average weekly net assets including the liquidation value of preferred stock. The fee paid by the Fund may be higher when leverage in the form of preferred stock is utilized, giving the Investment Adviser an incentive to utilize such leverage. However, the Investment Adviser has agreed to reduce the management fee on the incremental assets attributable to the currently outstanding Series B Preferred Stock and Series C Auction Rate Preferred Stock during the fiscal year if the total return of the net asset value of the common stock of the Fund, including distributions and advisory fees subject to reduction for that year, does not exceed the stated dividend rate or corresponding swap rate of each particular series of preferred stock for the period. In other words, if the effective cost of the leverage for any series of preferred stock exceeds the total return (based on net asset value) on the Fund's common stock, the Investment Adviser will reduce that portion of its management fee on the incremental assets attributable to the leverage for that series of preferred stock to mitigate the negative impact of the leverage on the common shareholder's total return. The Investment Adviser currently intends that the voluntary advisory fee waiver will remain in effect for as long as the 6.00% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock and Series C Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Stock are outstanding. The Investment Adviser, however, reserves the right to modify or terminate the voluntary advisory fee waiver at any time. The Fund's total return on the net asset value of the common stock is monitored on a monthly basis to assess whether the total return on the net asset value of the common stock exceeds the stated dividend rate or corresponding swap rate of each particular series of preferred stock for the period. The test to confirm the accrual of the management fee on the assets attributable to each particular series of preferred stock is annual. The Fund will accrue for the management fee on these assets during the fiscal year if it appears probable that the Fund will incur the management fee on those additional assets. For the year ended December 31, 2010, the Fund's total return on the net asset value of the common stock exceeded the stated dividend rate or corresponding swap rate of all outstanding preferred stock. Thus, management fees were accrued on these assets.

The Advisory Agreement provides that in the absence of willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence, or reckless disregard of its obligations and duties thereunder, the Investment Adviser is not liable for any error or judgment or mistake of law or for any loss suffered by the Fund. As part of the Advisory Agreement, the Fund has agreed that the name "Gabelli" is the Investment Adviser's property, and that in the event the Investment Adviser ceases to act as an investment adviser to the Fund, the Fund will change its name to one not including "Gabelli."

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Pursuant to its terms, the Advisory Agreement will remain in effect with respect to the Fund from year to year if approved annually: (i) by the Fund's Board or by the holders of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting securities and (ii) by a majority of the Directors who are not interested persons (as defined in the 1940 Act) of any party to the Advisory Agreement, by vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. A discussion regarding the basis of the Board's approval of the Advisory Agreement is available in the Fund's Semi-Annual Report to shareholders for the six months ended June 30, 2010.

Canadian shareholders should note, to the extent applicable, that there may be difficulty enforcing any legal rights against the Investment Adviser because it is resident outside Canada and all of its assets are situated outside Canada.

Selection of Securities Brokers

The Advisory Agreement contains provisions relating to the selection of securities brokers to effect the portfolio transactions of the Fund. Under those provisions, the Investment Adviser may: (i) direct Fund portfolio brokerage to Gabelli & Company, Inc. (Gabelli & Company) or other broker-dealer affiliates of the Investment Adviser and (ii) pay commissions to brokers other than Gabelli & Company that are higher than might be charged by another qualified broker to obtain brokerage and/or research services considered by the Investment Adviser to be useful or desirable for its investment management of the Fund and/or its other advisory accounts or those of any investment adviser affiliated with it. The SAI contains further information about the Advisory Agreement, including a more complete description of the advisory and expense arrangements, exculpatory and brokerage provisions, as well as information on the brokerage practices of the Fund.

Portfolio Managers

Mario J. Gabelli is currently and has been primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund since its inception. Mr. Gabelli has served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of GAMCO Investors, Inc. and its predecessors since 1976. Mr. Gabelli is the Chief Investment Officer Value Portfolios for the Investment Adviser and GAMCO Asset Management Inc. Mr. Gabelli serves as portfolio manager for several funds in the Gabelli fund family and is a director of several funds in the Gabelli fund family. Because of the diverse nature of Mr. Gabelli's responsibilities, he will devote less than all of his time to the day-to-day management of the Fund. Mr. Gabelli is also Chief Executive Officer of GGCP, as well as Chairman of the Board of Lynch Interactive Corporation, a multimedia and communication services company.

Lawrence J. Haverty, Jr., CFA, has been an associate portfolio manager of the Fund since 2005. Prior to 2005, Mr. Haverty was a managing director for consumer discretionary research at State Street Research & Management Company, the Boston based subsidiary of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Christopher J. Marangi has been an associate portfolio manager of the Fund since 2010. Mr. Marangi joined the Investment Adviser as a research analyst in 2003 and currently leads the digital research team covering the global media and telecommunications industries. In addition to currently serving as the associate portfolio manager for the Fund, Mr. Marangi also currently serves as the associate portfolio manager of the Gabelli Value Fund and the Gabelli Asset Fund, each a registered open-end management investment company. Prior to joining the Investment Adviser, Mr. Marangi was an investment banking analyst at J.P. Morgan & Co., after which he was associated with Wellspring Capital Management, a private equity firm.

The SAI provides additional information about the portfolio managers' compensation, other accounts managed by the portfolio managers and the portfolio managers' ownership of securities in the Fund.

Sub-Administrator

BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc. (BNY Mellon or the Sub-Administrator), with its principal office located at 760 Moore Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406, serves as

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sub-administrator for the Fund. The Sub-Administrator provides certain administrative services necessary for the Fund's operations which do not include the investment advisory and portfolio management services provided by the Investment Adviser. For these services and the related expenses borne by BNY Mellon, the Investment Adviser pays a prorated monthly fee at the annual rate of 0.0275% of the first \$10 billion of the aggregate average net assets of the Fund and all other funds advised by the Investment Adviser or its affiliate Teton Advisors, Inc., and administered by BNY Mellon, 0.0125% of the aggregate average net assets exceeding \$10 billion, and 0.01% of the aggregate average net assets in excess of \$15 billion.

Regulatory Matters

On April 24, 2008, the Adviser entered into a settlement with the SEC to resolve an inquiry regarding prior frequent trading activity in shares of the GAMCO Global Growth Fund (the "Global Growth Fund") by one investor who was banned from the Global Growth Fund in August 2002. In the administrative settlement order, the SEC found that the Adviser had willfully violated Section 206(2) of the 1940 Act, Section 17(d) of the 1940 Act and Rule 17d-1 thereunder, and had willfully aided and abetted and caused violations of Section 12(d)(1)(B)(i) of the 1940 Act. Under the terms of the settlement, the Adviser, while neither admitting nor denying the SEC's findings and allegations, paid \$16 million (which included a \$5 million civil monetary penalty), approximately \$12.8 million of which is in the process of being paid to shareholders of the Global Growth Fund in accordance with a plan developed by an independent distribution consultant and approved by the independent directors of the Global Growth Fund and acceptable to the staff of the SEC, and agreed to cease and desist from future violations of the above referenced federal securities laws and rule. The SEC order also noted the cooperation that the Adviser had given the staff of the SEC during its inquiry. The settlement did not have a material adverse impact on the Adviser. On the same day, the SEC filed a civil action against the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Adviser, alleging violations of certain federal securities laws arising from the same matter. The officer is also an officer of the Fund, the Global Growth Fund, and other funds in the Gabelli/GAMCO Funds Complex. The officer denied the allegations and is continuing in his positions with the Adviser and the Fund. The court dismissed certain claims and found that the SEC was not entitled to pursue various remedies against the officer while leaving one remedy in the event the SEC were able to prove violations of law. The court subsequently dismissed without prejudice the remaining remedy against the officer, which allowed the SEC to appeal the court's rulings. On October 29, 2010, the SEC filed its appeal with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit regarding the lower court's orders. The Adviser currently expects that any resolution of the action against the officer will not have a material adverse impact on the Adviser or its ability to fulfill its obligations under the Advisory Agreement.

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

Principal transactions are not entered into with affiliates of the Fund. However, Gabelli & Company, Inc. an affiliate of the Investment Adviser, may execute portfolio transactions on stock exchanges and in the over-the-counter markets on an agency basis and receive a stated commission therefrom. For a more detailed discussion of the Fund's brokerage allocation practices, see "Portfolio Transactions" in the SAI.

DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

The Fund may retain for reinvestment, and pay the resulting federal income taxes on, its net capital gain, if any, although the Fund reserves the authority to distribute its net capital gain in any year. Under the Fund's current distribution policy, which may be modified at any time by its Board of Directors, the Fund intends to pay to holders of the Fund's common stock, a minimum annual distribution of 10% of the average net asset value of the Fund within a calendar year or an amount sufficient to satisfy the minimum distribution requirements of the Code, whichever is greater. The average net asset value of the Fund is based on the average net asset values as of the last day of the four preceding calendar quarters during the year. Distributions of net investment income generally are taxable to shareholders as ordinary income dividends. If, for any calendar year, the total distributions exceed net investment income and net capital gain, the excess will generally be treated as a tax free return of capital up to the amount of a shareholder's tax basis in the stock. The amount treated as a tax free return of capital will reduce a shareholder's tax

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basis in the stock, thereby increasing such shareholder's potential taxable gain or reducing his or her potential taxable loss on the sale of the stock. The return of capital is not a dividend or capital gain and may reduce your investment in the Fund. Any amounts distributed to a shareholder in excess of the basis of the stock will be taxable to the shareholder as capital gain. The percentage of distributions paid by the Fund in 2010 that was a return of capital is 90.55%. See Taxation.

In the event the Fund distributes amounts in excess of its net investment income and net capital gain, such distributions will decrease the Fund's total assets and, therefore, have the likely effect of increasing the Fund's expense ratio. In addition, in order to make distributions, the Fund might have to sell a portion of its investment portfolio at a time when independent investment judgment might not dictate such action.

The Fund, along with other registered investment companies advised by the Investment Adviser, has obtained an exemption from Section 19(b) of the 1940 Act and Rule 19b-1 thereunder permitting the Fund to make periodic distributions of long-term capital gains provided that any distribution policy of the Fund with respect to its common stock calls for periodic (*e.g.*, quarterly or semi-annually, but in no event more frequently than monthly) distributions in an amount equal to a fixed percentage of the Fund's average net asset value over a specified period of time or market price per share of common stock at or about the time of distribution or payment of a fixed dollar amount. The exemption also permits the Fund to make distributions with respect to its preferred stock in accordance with such stock's terms.

If the total distributions required by a periodic payment policy exceed the Fund's net investment income and net capital gain, the excess will be treated as a return of capital. Shareholders may periodically receive the payment of cash distributions from the Fund, which may consist of either a distribution of net profits or a return of capital or a combination of the two. Shareholders should not assume that the source of a distribution from the Fund is net profit. Distributions sourced from paid-in-capital should not be considered the current yield or the total return from an investment in the Fund. If the Fund's net investment income (including net short-term capital gains) and net long-term capital gains for any year exceed the amount required to be distributed under a periodic payment policy, the Fund generally intends to pay such excess once a year, but may, in its discretion, retain and not distribute net long-term capital gains to the extent of such excess. The Fund reserves the right, but does not currently intend, to retain for reinvestment and pay the resulting U.S. federal income taxes on the excess of its net realized long-term capital gains over its net short-term capital losses, if any. See Automatic Dividend Reinvestment and Voluntary Cash Purchase Plans.

AUTOMATIC DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND VOLUNTARY CASH PURCHASE PLANS

Enrollment in the Plan

It is the policy of the Fund to automatically reinvest dividends payable to common shareholders. As a registered shareholder you automatically become a participant in the Fund's Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the Plan). The Plan authorizes the Fund to credit shares of common stock to participants upon an income dividend or a capital gains distribution regardless of whether the shares are trading at a discount or a premium to net asset value. All distributions to shareholders whose shares are registered in their own names will be automatically reinvested pursuant to the Plan in additional shares of the Fund. Plan participants may send their stock certificates to Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (Computershare) to be held in their dividend reinvestment account. Registered shareholders wishing to receive their distributions in cash must submit this request in writing to:

The Gabelli Global Multimedia Trust Inc.
c/o Computershare
P.O. Box 43010
Providence, RI 02940-3010

Shareholders requesting this cash election must include the shareholder's name and address as they appear on the share certificate. Shareholders with additional questions regarding the Plan or requesting a copy of the terms of the Plan, may contact Computershare at (800) 336-6983.

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If your shares are held in the name of a broker, bank, or nominee, you should contact such institution. If such institution is not participating in the Plan, your account will be credited with a cash dividend. In order to participate in the Plan through such institution, it may be necessary for you to have your shares taken out of street name and re-registered in your own name. Once registered in your own name your distributions will be automatically reinvested. Certain brokers participate in the Plan. Shareholders holding shares in street name at participating institutions will have dividends automatically reinvested. Shareholders wishing a cash dividend at such institution must contact their broker to make this change.

The number of shares of common stock distributed to participants in the Plan in lieu of cash dividends is determined in the following manner. Under the Plan, whenever the market price of the Fund's common stock is equal to or exceeds net asset value at the time shares are valued for purposes of determining the number of shares equivalent to the cash dividends or capital gains distribution, participants are issued shares of common stock valued at the greater of (i) the net asset value as most recently determined or (ii) 95% of the then current market price of the Fund's common stock. The valuation date is the dividend or distribution payment date or, if that date is not a NYSE trading day, the next trading day. If the net asset value of the common stock at the time of valuation exceeds the market price of the common stock, participants will receive shares from the Fund valued at market price. If the Fund should declare a dividend or capital gains distribution payable only in cash, Computershare will buy shares of common stock in the open market, or on the NYSE or elsewhere, for the participants' accounts, except that Computershare will endeavor to terminate purchases in the open market and cause the Fund to issue shares at net asset value if, following the commencement of such purchases, the market value of the common stock exceeds the then current net asset value.

The automatic reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions will not relieve participants of any income tax which may be payable on such distributions. A participant in the Plan will be treated for federal income tax purposes as having received, on a dividend payment date, a dividend or distribution in an amount equal to the cash the participant could have received instead of shares.

Voluntary Cash Purchase Plan

The Voluntary Cash Purchase Plan is yet another vehicle for our shareholders to increase their investment in the Fund. In order to participate in the Voluntary Cash Purchase Plan, shareholders must have their shares registered in their own name.

Participants in the Voluntary Cash Purchase Plan have the option of making additional cash payments to Computershare for investments in the Fund's common stock at the then current market price. Shareholders may send an amount from \$250 to \$10,000. Computershare will use these funds to purchase shares in the open market on or about the 1st and 15th of each month. Computershare will charge each shareholder who participates \$0.75, plus a *pro rata* share of the brokerage commissions, per transaction. Brokerage charges for such purchases are expected to be less than the usual brokerage charge for such transactions. It is suggested that any voluntary cash payments be sent to Computershare, P.O. Box 43010, Providence, RI 02940-3010 such that Computershare receives such payments approximately 10 days before the 1st and 15th of the month. Funds not received at least five days before the investment date shall be held for investment until the next purchase date. A payment may be withdrawn without charge if notice is received by Computershare at least 48 hours before such payment is to be invested.

Shareholders wishing to liquidate shares held at Computershare must do so in writing or by telephone. Please submit your request to the above mentioned address or telephone number. Include in your request your name, address, and account number. The cost to liquidate shares is \$2.50, plus a *pro rata* share of the brokerage commissions, per transaction. Brokerage charges are expected to be less than the usual brokerage charge for such transactions.

For more information regarding the Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan and Voluntary Cash Purchase Plan, brochures are available by calling (914) 921-5070 or by writing directly to the Fund.

The Fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan as applied to any voluntary cash payments made and any dividend or distribution paid subsequent to written notice of the change sent to the members

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of the Plan at least 90 days before the record date for such dividend or distribution. The Plan also may be amended or terminated by Computershare on at least 90 days written notice to participants in the Plan.

DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

The following is a brief description of the terms of the Fund's common stock and preferred stock. This description does not purport to be complete and is qualified by reference to the Fund's Governing Documents. For complete terms of the common stock and preferred stock, please refer to the actual terms of such series, which are set forth in the Governing Documents.

Common Stock

The Fund is currently authorized to issue two hundred million (200,000,000) shares, all of which were initially classified and designated as common stock, par value \$0.001 per share. The Board has the authority to classify and reclassify any authorized but unissued shares of stock from time to time. Of the Fund's two hundred million (200,000,000) shares initially classified and designated as common stock, three million one thousand (3,001,000) have been reclassified as preferred stock. Each share within a particular class or series thereof has equal voting, dividend, distribution and liquidation rights. There are no conversion or preemptive rights in connection with any outstanding stock of the Fund. The common stock of the Fund is not redeemable and has no preemptive, conversion or cumulative voting rights. In addition, shares of the Fund's common stock are fully paid and non-assessable. In the event of liquidation, each share of Fund common stock is entitled to its proportion of the Fund's assets after payment of debts and expenses and the amounts payable to holders of the Fund's preferred stock ranking senior to the shares of common stock of the Fund as described below.

Under Maryland law, a Maryland corporation generally cannot dissolve, amend its charter, merge, sell all or substantially all of its assets, engage in a share exchange or engage in similar transactions outside the ordinary course of business unless approved by the affirmative vote of stockholders entitled to cast at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter unless a lesser percentage (but not less than a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast on the matter) is set forth in the corporation's charter. Subject to certain exceptions summarized below, the charter generally provides for approval of charter amendments and extraordinary transactions by the stockholders entitled to cast at least a majority of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter.

The common stock of the Fund is listed on the NYSE under the symbol "GGT" and began trading November 14, 1994. The average weekly trading volume of the common stock on the NYSE during the period from January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010, was 24,508 shares. Shares of closed-end investment companies often trade on an exchange at prices lower than net asset value. The Fund's shares of common stock have traded in the market at both premiums to and discounts from net asset value.

The following table sets forth for the quarters indicated and as of March 31, 2011, the high and low closing prices on the NYSE per share of the Fund's common stock and the net asset value and the premium or discount from net asset value at which the common stock was trading, expressed as a percentage of net asset value, at each of the high and low NYSE closing prices provided.

| Period | Market Price | | Net Asset Value | | Premium (Discount) as % of NAV | |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low |
| Fiscal Year 2008 | | | | | | |
| Q1 | \$ 12.64 | \$ 9.82 | \$ 14.19 | \$ 11.19 | (10.92) | (12.24) |
| Q2 | \$ 11.21 | \$ 9.21 | \$ 12.87 | \$ 9.21 | (12.90) | (13.85) |
| Q3 | \$ 9.56 | \$ 7.25 | \$ 10.54 | \$ 8.70 | (9.30) | (16.67) |
| Q4 | \$ 6.97 | \$ 3.08 | \$ 8.73 | \$ 4.14 | (20.16) | (25.60) |
| Fiscal Year 2009 | | | | | | |
| Q1 | \$ 4.74 | \$ 2.51 | \$ 5.83 | \$ 3.50 | (18.70) | (28.29) |
| Q2 | \$ 4.76 | \$ 3.43 | \$ 6.16 | \$ 4.58 | (22.73) | (25.11) |
| Q3 | \$ 6.27 | \$ 4.23 | \$ 7.42 | \$ 5.41 | (15.50) | (21.89) |
| Q4 | \$ 6.63 | \$ 5.73 | \$ 7.74 | \$ 6.99 | (14.34) | (18.03) |

Fiscal Year 2010

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|----|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Q1 | \$ 7.52 | \$ 6.20 | \$ 8.39 | \$ 7.14 | (10.37) | (13.17) |
| Q2 | \$ 8.25 | \$ 6.62 | \$ 9.07 | \$ 7.23 | (9.04) | (8.44) |
| Q3 | \$ 7.70 | \$ 6.39 | \$ 8.39 | \$ 7.26 | (8.22) | (11.98) |
| Q4 | \$ 8.43 | \$ 7.59 | \$ 9.28 | \$ 8.33 | (9.16) | (8.88) |

Fiscal Year 2011

| | | | | | | |
|----|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| Q1 | \$ 8.60 | \$ 7.70 | \$ 9.54 | \$ 9.45 | (9.85) | (18.52) |
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Preferred Stock

Currently, three million one-thousand (3,001,000) shares of the Fund's capital stock have been classified by the Board as preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share. The Fund's Board may reclassify authorized and unissued common stock of the Fund, as preferred stock prior to the completion of any offering. The terms of each series of preferred stock may be fixed by the Board and may materially limit and/or qualify the rights of the holders of the Fund's common stock. As of March 31, 2011, the Fund had outstanding 791,014 shares of preferred stock, designated as Series B Preferred and 600 shares of preferred stock, designated as Series C Auction Rate Preferred.

Dividends on the Series B Preferred accumulate at an annual rate of 6.00% of the liquidation preference of \$25 per share, are cumulative from the date of original issuance thereof, and are payable quarterly on March 26, June 26, September 26, and December 26 of each year. The Fund's outstanding Series B Preferred is redeemable at the liquidation preference plus accumulated but unpaid dividends (whether or not earned or declared) at the option of the Fund. Under limited circumstances, redemption by the Fund of Series B Preferred is mandatory. The Series B Preferred is listed and traded on the NYSE under the symbol GGT PrB.

Dividends on the Series C Auction Rate Preferred accumulate at a variable rate, usually set at a weekly auction. The liquidation preference of the Series C Auction Rate Preferred is \$25,000 per share. The Fund generally may redeem the outstanding Series C Auction Rate Preferred, in whole or in part, at any time other than during a non-call period. Under limited circumstances, redemption of the Series C Auction Rate Preferred is mandatory. The Series C Auction Rate Preferred is not traded on any stock exchange.

If the Fund issues any additional series of preferred stock, it will pay dividends to the holders at either a fixed rate or a rate that will be reset frequently based on short-term interest rates, as described in the Prospectus Supplement accompanying each preferred stock offering. The Board may by resolution classify or reclassify any authorized but unissued shares of stock of the Fund from time to time by setting or changing the preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to distributions, or terms or conditions of redemption. The Fund will not issue any class of stock senior to the existing preferred stock.

Upon a liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the affairs of the Fund (whether voluntary or involuntary), holders of the Fund's preferred stock will be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Fund available for distribution to shareholders (after payment of claims of the Fund's creditors but before any distributions with respect to the Fund's common stock or any other class of capital stock of the Fund ranking junior to the preferred stock as to liquidation payments) an amount per share equal to such share's liquidation preference plus any accumulated but unpaid distributions (whether or not earned or declared, excluding interest thereon) to the date of distribution, and such shareholders shall be entitled to no further participation in any distribution or payment in connection with such liquidation. Each series of preferred stock ranks on a parity with any other series of preferred stock of the Fund as to the payment of distributions and the distribution of assets upon liquidation, and is junior to the Fund's obligations with respect to any outstanding senior securities representing debt. The preferred stock carries one vote per share on all matters on which the common stock is entitled to vote and have additional voting rights pursuant to the 1940 Act and the Charter. The preferred shares are fully paid, non-assessable and have no preemptive, exchange, or conversion rights. The following table shows: (i) the classes of stock authorized,

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(ii) the number of shares authorized in each class, and (iii) the number of shares outstanding in each class as of March 31, 2011.

| Title Of Class | Amount Authorized | Amount Outstanding |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Common Stock | 196,750,000 | 13,575,660 |
| Series A Preferred | 2,000,000 | 0 |
| Series B Preferred | 1,000,000 | 791,014 |
| Series C Auction Rate Preferred | 1,000 | 600 |

As of March 31, 2011, the Fund does not hold any shares of stock for its account.

Restrictions on Dividends and Other Distributions for the Preferred Stock

So long as any preferred stock is outstanding, the Fund may not pay any dividend or distribution (other than a dividend or distribution paid in common stock or in options, warrants, or rights to subscribe for or purchase common stock) in respect of the common stock or call for redemption, redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration any common stock (except by conversion into or exchange for shares of the Fund ranking junior to the preferred stock as to the payment of dividends or distributions and the distribution of assets upon liquidation), unless:

the Fund has declared and paid (or provided to the relevant dividend paying agent) all cumulative distributions on the Fund's outstanding preferred stock due on or prior to the date of such common stock dividend or distribution;

the Fund has redeemed the full number of shares of preferred stock to be redeemed pursuant to any mandatory redemption provision in the Fund's Governing Documents; and

after making the distribution, the Fund meets applicable asset coverage requirements.

No full distribution will be declared or made on any series of preferred stock for any dividend period, or part thereof, unless full cumulative distributions due through the most recent dividend payment dates therefor for all outstanding series of preferred stock of the Fund ranking on a parity with such series as to distributions have been or contemporaneously are declared and made. If full cumulative distributions due have not been made on all outstanding preferred stock of the Fund ranking on a parity with such series of preferred stock as to the payment of distributions, any distributions being paid on the preferred stock will be paid as nearly *pro rata* as possible in proportion to the respective amounts of distributions accumulated but unmade on each such series of preferred stock on the relevant dividend payment date. The Fund's obligation to make distributions on the preferred stock will be subordinate to its obligations to pay interest and principal, when due, on any senior securities representing debt.

Voting Rights

Except as otherwise stated in this Prospectus, specified in the Fund's Charter or resolved by the Board or as otherwise required by applicable law, holders of preferred stock shall be entitled to one vote per share held on each matter submitted to a vote of the shareholders of the Fund and will vote together with holders of common stock and of any other preferred stock then outstanding as a single class.

In connection with the election of the Fund's Directors, holders of the outstanding shares of preferred stock, voting together as a single class, will be entitled at all times to elect two of the Fund's Directors, and the remaining Directors will be elected by holders of common stock and holders of preferred stock, voting together as a single class. In addition, if: (i) at any time dividends and distributions on outstanding shares of preferred stock are unpaid in an amount equal to at least two full years' dividends and distributions thereon and sufficient cash or specified securities have not been deposited with the applicable paying agent for the payment of such accumulated dividends and distributions, or (ii) at any time holders of any other series of preferred stock are entitled to elect a majority of the Directors of the Fund under the 1940 Act, or

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the applicable Articles Supplementary creating such shares, then the number of Directors constituting the Board automatically will be increased by the smallest number that, when added to the two Directors elected exclusively by the holders of preferred stock as described above, would then constitute a simple majority of the Board as so increased by such smallest number. Such additional Directors will be elected by the holders of the outstanding shares of preferred stock, voting together as a single class, at a special meeting of shareholders which will be called as soon as practicable and will be held not less than ten nor more than twenty days after the mailing date of the meeting notice. If the Fund fails to send such meeting notice or to call such a special meeting, the meeting may be called by any preferred shareholder on like notice. The terms of office of the persons who are Directors at the time of that election will continue. If the Fund thereafter pays, or declares and sets apart for payment in full, all dividends and distributions payable on all outstanding shares of preferred stock for all past dividend periods, or the holders of other series of preferred stock are no longer entitled to elect such additional Directors, the additional voting rights of the holders of the preferred stock as described above will cease, and the terms of office of all of the additional Directors elected by the holders of the preferred stock (but not of the Directors with respect to whose election the holders of common stock were entitled to vote or the two Directors the holders of preferred stock have the right to elect as a separate class in any event) will terminate at the earliest time permitted by law.

So long as shares of preferred stock are outstanding, the Fund will not, without the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the shares of preferred stock outstanding at the time, voting separately as one class, amend, alter or repeal the provisions of the Fund's Charter whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise, so as to materially adversely affect any of the rights, preferences or powers expressly set forth in the Charter with respect to such shares of preferred stock. Also, to the extent permitted under the 1940 Act, in the event shares of more than one series of preferred stock are outstanding, the Fund will not effect any of the actions set forth in the preceding sentence which materially adversely affect the rights, preferences, or powers expressly set forth in the Charter with respect to such shares of a series of preferred stock differently than those of a holder of shares of any other series of preferred stock without the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the shares of preferred stock of each series materially adversely affected and outstanding at such time (each such materially adversely affected series voting separately as a class to the extent its rights are affected differently).

Unless a higher percentage is provided under the Charter or Maryland law, the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the outstanding shares of preferred stock, voting as a separate class, will be required to approve any plan of reorganization adversely affecting the preferred stock. The affirmative vote of the holders of 66 2/3% of each class of the outstanding voting shares of the Fund, voting as separate classes, and the vote of a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the holders of preferred shares, voting as a single class, is required to authorize the conversion of the Fund from a closed-end to an open-end investment company. Further, unless a higher percentage is provided for under the Charter, the affirmative vote of a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of outstanding shares of the Fund's preferred stock, voting together as a single class, will be required to approve any action requiring a vote of security holders under Section 13(a) of the 1940 Act (other than a conversion of the Fund from a closed-end to an open-end investment company), including, among other things, changes in the Fund's investment objectives or changes in the investment restrictions described as fundamental policies under Investment Objectives and Policies in this Prospectus and the SAI, How the Fund Manages Risk Investment Restrictions in this Prospectus and Investment Restrictions in the SAI.

For purposes of this section, except as otherwise required under the 1940 Act, the vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of preferred stock means, in accordance with Section 2(a)(42) of the 1940 Act, the vote, at the annual or a special meeting of the shareholders of the Fund duly called (i) of 67% or more of the shares of preferred stock present at such meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding shares of preferred stock are present or represented by proxy, or (ii) more than 50% of the outstanding shares of preferred stock, whichever is less. The class vote of holders of preferred stock described above in each case will be in addition to a separate vote of the requisite percentage of common stock, and any other preferred stock, voting together as a single class, that may be necessary to authorize the action in question.

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The calculation of the elements and definitions of certain terms of the rating agency guidelines may be modified by action of the Board without further action by the shareholders if the Board determines that such modification is necessary to prevent a reduction in rating of the shares of preferred stock by Moody's and/or S&P (or such other rating agency then rating the preferred stock at the request of the Fund), as the case may be, or is in the best interest of the holders of common stock and is not adverse to the holders of preferred stock in view of advice to the Fund by the relevant rating agencies that such modification would not adversely affect its then-current rating of the preferred stock.

The foregoing voting provisions will not apply to any series of preferred stock if, at or prior to the time when the act with respect to which such vote otherwise would be required will be effected, such stock will have been redeemed or called for redemption and sufficient cash or cash equivalents provided to the applicable paying agent to effect such redemption. The holders of preferred stock will have no preemptive rights or rights to cumulative voting.

ANTI-TAKEOVER PROVISIONS OF THE FUND'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

The Fund presently has provisions in its Governing Documents that could have the effect of limiting:
the ability of other entities or persons to acquire control of the Fund's Board;

the Fund's freedom to engage in certain transactions; or

the ability of the Fund's Directors or shareholders to amend the Governing Documents or effectuate changes in the Fund's management.

These provisions of the Governing Documents of the Fund may be regarded as anti-takeover provisions. The Board is divided into three classes, each having a term of three years. Each year the term of one class of Directors will expire. Each Director serves for a three year term and until his or her successor is elected and qualified. Accordingly, only those Directors in one class may be changed in any one year, and it would require two years to change a majority of the Board. The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present at a meeting of shareholders duly called and at which a quorum is present is required to elect a Director. A classified Board may have the effect of maintaining the continuity of management and, thus, make it more difficult for the shareholders of the Fund to change the majority of Directors. See Management of the Fund in the SAI. A Director of the Fund may be removed only for cause by a vote of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast for the election of Directors of the Fund. In addition, the affirmative vote of the holders of 66 2/3% of each class of the outstanding voting shares of the Fund, voting as separate classes, is generally required to authorize any of the following transactions:

merger or consolidation of the Fund with or into any other entity;

issuance of any securities of the Fund to any person or entity for cash;

sale, lease or exchange of all or any substantial part of the assets of the Fund to any entity or person (except assets generally having an aggregate fair market value of less than \$1,000,000); or

sale, lease, or exchange to the Fund, in exchange for securities of the Fund, of any assets of any entity or person (except assets generally having an aggregate fair market value of less than \$1,000,000);

if such corporation, person or entity is directly, or indirectly through affiliates, the beneficial owner of more than 5% of the outstanding shares of the Fund. However, such vote would not be required when, under certain circumstances, the Board approves the transaction or when each class of voting securities of the corporation that is the other party to any of the above listed transactions is (directly or indirectly) majority owned by the Fund.

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In addition to the foregoing, the Charter provides that the affirmative vote of the holders of 66 2/3% of each class of the outstanding voting shares of the Fund, voting as separate classes, is required to authorize the conversion of the Fund from a closed-end to an open-end investment company.

The Fund's Bylaws provide that the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire Board of Directors shall be required to approve or declare advisable:

(1) Any amendment to the Charter to make the Fund's common stock a redeemable security or to convert the Fund, whether by merger or otherwise, from a closed-end company to an open-end company (as defined in the 1940 Act);

(2) The liquidation or dissolution of the Fund and any amendment to the Charter to effect any such liquidation or dissolution; or

(3) Any merger, consolidation, share exchange, or sale or exchange of all or substantially all of the assets of the Fund that Maryland law requires be approved by the shareholders of the Fund.

Further, unless a higher percentage is provided for under the Charter, the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the outstanding shares of the Fund's preferred stock, voting as a separate class, will be required to approve any plan of reorganization adversely affecting such stock or any action requiring a vote of security holders under Section 13(a) of the 1940 Act, including, among other things, open-ending the Fund and changing the Fund's investment objectives or changing the investment restrictions described as fundamental policies under Investment Restrictions in the SAI.

Maryland corporations that are subject to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the 1934 Act) and have at least three outside directors, such as the Fund, may by board resolution elect to become subject to certain corporate governance provisions set forth in the Maryland General Corporation Law, even if such provisions are inconsistent with the corporation's charter and bylaws. Accordingly, notwithstanding its Governing Documents, under Maryland law, the Fund's Board may elect by resolution to, among other things:

require that special meetings of shareholders be called only at the request of shareholders entitled to cast at least a majority of the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting;

provide that the number of Directors shall be fixed by only the Board;

provide that Directors are subject to removal only by the vote of the shareholders entitled to cast two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast generally in the election of Directors; and

vest in the Board the sole power to fill any vacancies on the Board, with any Director so elected to serve for the balance of the unexpired term rather than only until the next annual meeting of shareholders.

The Governing Documents of the Fund presently: (i) require holders of not less than a majority of the votes entitled to be cast to call a special meeting of shareholders; and (ii) provide that the Board shall fix the number of Fund Directors. On November 22, 2010, in accordance with Maryland law, the Fund's Board elected by resolution and approved Articles Supplementary to vest in the Board the sole power to fill any vacancies on the Board, with any Director so elected to serve for the full term of the directorship in which the vacancy occurred and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualifies.

Under the Maryland General Corporation Law, if the directors have been divided into classes, unless the charter provides otherwise (which the Charter does not), a director may be removed only for cause by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast generally for the election of directors. The Board could elect in the future to be subject to the provision of Maryland law that would increase the vote required to remove a Director to two-thirds of all the votes entitled to be cast.

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The Fund's Bylaws provide that, with respect to an annual meeting of shareholders, nominations or persons for election to the Board of Directors and the proposal of business to be considered by shareholders may be made only (1) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or (2) by a shareholder who is entitled to vote at the meeting and who has complied with the advance notice procedures of the Bylaws. With respect to special meetings of shareholders, only the business specified in the Fund's notice of the meeting may be brought before the meeting. Nominations of persons for election to the Board of Directors at a special meeting may be made only (1) by or at the direction of the Board of Directors or (2) provided that a special meeting has been called for the purpose of electing directors, by a shareholder who is entitled to vote at the meeting and who has complied with the advance notice provisions of the Bylaws.

The Fund's Bylaws provide that special meetings of shareholders may be called by the Board of Directors and certain of the Fund's officers. Additionally, the Fund's Bylaws provide that, subject to the satisfaction of certain procedural and informational requirements by the shareholders requesting the meeting, a special meeting of shareholders will be called by the secretary of the Fund upon the written request of shareholders entitled to cast not less than a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast at such meeting.

The provisions of the Governing Documents and Maryland law described above could have the effect of depriving the owners of stock in the Fund of opportunities to sell their shares at a premium over prevailing market prices by discouraging a third party from seeking to obtain control of the Fund in a tender offer or similar transaction. The overall effect of these provisions is to render more difficult the accomplishment of a merger or the assumption of control by a principal shareholder.

The Governing Documents of the Fund are on file with the SEC.

CLOSED-END FUND STRUCTURE

The Fund is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company (commonly referred to as a closed-end fund). Closed-end funds differ from open-end funds (which are generally referred to as mutual funds) in that closed-end funds generally list their shares for trading on a stock exchange and do not redeem their shares at the request of the shareholder. This means that if you wish to sell your shares of a closed-end fund you must trade them on the market like any other stock at the prevailing market price at that time. In a mutual fund, if the shareholder wishes to sell shares of the Fund, the mutual fund will redeem or buy back the shares at net asset value. Also, mutual funds generally offer new shares on a continuous basis to new and existing investors, and closed-end funds generally do not. The continuous inflows and outflows of assets in a mutual fund can make it difficult to manage the Fund's investments. By comparison, closed-end funds are generally able to stay more fully invested in securities that are consistent with their investment objective, to have greater flexibility to make certain types of investments and to use certain investment strategies such as financial leverage and investments in illiquid securities.

Shares of closed-end funds often trade at a discount to their net asset value. Because of this possibility and the recognition that any such discount may not be in the interest of shareholders, the Fund's Board might consider from time to time engaging in open-market repurchases, tender offers for shares, or other programs intended to reduce a discount. In accordance with determinations made by the Board, the Fund may repurchase its common stock from time to time when it deems such a repurchase advisable. No guarantee or assurance can be made that any of these actions will be undertaken. Nor is there any guarantee or assurance that such actions, if undertaken, would result in the shares trading at a price equal or close to net asset value per share. The Board might also consider converting the Fund to an open-end mutual fund, which would also require a supermajority vote of the shareholders of the Fund and a separate vote of any outstanding preferred shares. We cannot assure you that the Fund's common stock will not trade at a discount.

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REPURCHASE OF COMMON STOCK

The Fund is a closed-end, non-diversified, management investment company and, as such, its shareholders do not, and will not, have the right to redeem their stock. The Fund, however, may repurchase its common stock from time to time as and when it deems such a repurchase advisable. The Fund's Board has determined that the repurchase of shares of common stock in the open market may be made, from time to time, when such shares are trading at a discount of 5% (or such other percentage as the Board may determine from time to time) or more from net asset value. Pursuant to this authorization the Fund has repurchased and retired in the open market 1,497,033 shares through March 31, 2011.

Pursuant to the 1940 Act, the Fund may repurchase its stock on a securities exchange (provided that the Fund has informed its shareholders within the preceding six months of its intention to repurchase such stock), or as otherwise permitted in accordance with Rule 23c-1 under the 1940 Act. Under Rule 23c-1, certain conditions must be met for such repurchases of its stock regarding, among other things, distribution of net income for the preceding fiscal year, asset coverage with respect to the Fund's senior debt and equity securities, identity of the sellers, price paid, brokerage commissions, prior notice to shareholders of an intention to purchase stock and repurchasings in a manner and on a basis which does not discriminate unfairly against the other shareholders through their interest in the Fund. In addition, Rule 23c-1 requires the Fund to file notices of such purchase with the SEC. Any repurchase of common stock by the Fund will also be subject to Maryland corporate law, which generally requires that immediately following such repurchase, the total assets of the Fund must be equal to or greater than the sum of the Fund's total liabilities plus the aggregate liquidation preference of its outstanding preferred stock.

When the Fund repurchases its common stock for a price below its net asset value, the net asset value of the common stock that remains outstanding will be enhanced. This does not, however, necessarily mean that the market price of the Fund's remaining outstanding common stock will be affected, either positively or negatively. Further, interest on any borrowings made to finance the repurchase of common stock will reduce the net income of the Fund.

RIGHTS OFFERING

The Fund may in the future, and at its discretion, choose to make offerings of subscription rights to purchase its common stock or preferred stock. Any such future rights offering will be made in accordance with the 1940 Act. Under the laws of Maryland, the Board is authorized to approve rights offerings without obtaining shareholder approval. The staff of the SEC has interpreted the 1940 Act as not requiring shareholder approval of a transferable rights offering at a price below the then current net asset value so long as certain conditions are met, including: (i) a good faith determination by a fund's Board that such offering would result in a net benefit to existing shareholders; (ii) the offering fully protects shareholders' preemptive rights and does not discriminate among shareholders (except for the possible effect of not offering fractional rights); (iii) management uses its best efforts to ensure an adequate trading market in the rights for use by shareholders who do not exercise such rights; and (iv) the ratio of a transferable rights offering does not exceed one new share for each three rights held.

NET ASSET VALUE

For purposes of determining the Fund's net asset value per share, portfolio securities listed or traded on a nationally recognized securities exchange or traded in the U.S. over-the-counter market for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the last quoted sale price or a market's official closing price as of the close of business on the day the securities are being valued. If there were no sales such day, the security is valued at the average of the closing bid and asked prices or, if there were no asked prices quoted on that day, then the security is valued at the closing bid price on that day. If no bid or asked prices are quoted on such day, the security is valued at the most recently available price or, if the Board so determines, by such other method as the Board shall determine in good faith to reflect its fair market value. Portfolio securities traded on more than one national securities exchange or market are valued according to the broadest and most representative market, as determined by the Investment Adviser.

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Portfolio securities primarily traded on a foreign market are generally valued at the preceding closing values of such securities on the relevant market, but may be fair valued pursuant to procedures established by the Board if market conditions change significantly after the close of the foreign market but prior to the close of business on the day the securities are being valued. Debt instruments with remaining maturities of 60 days or less that are not credit impaired are valued at amortized cost, unless the Board determines such amount does not reflect the securities' fair value, in which case these securities will be fair valued as determined by the Board. Debt instruments having a maturity greater than sixty days for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the average of the latest bid and asked prices. If there were no asked prices quoted on such day, the security is valued using the closing bid price. U.S. government obligations with maturities greater than sixty days are normally valued using a model that incorporates market observable data such as reported sales of similar securities, broker quotes, yields, bids, offers, and reference data. Certain securities are valued principally using dealer quotations. Futures contracts are valued at the closing settlement price of the exchange or board of trade on which the applicable contract is traded.

Securities and assets for which market quotations are not readily available are fair valued as determined by the Board. Fair valuation methodologies and procedures may include, but are not limited to: analysis and review of available financial and non-financial information about the company; comparisons with the valuation and changes in valuation of similar securities, including a comparison of foreign securities with the equivalent U.S. dollar value ADR securities at the close of the U.S. exchange; and evaluation of any other information that could be indicative of the value of the security.

TAXATION

The following discussion is a brief summary of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations affecting the Fund and its shareholders. This discussion reflects applicable tax laws of the United States as of the date of this Prospectus, which tax laws may be changed or subject to new interpretations by the courts or the Internal Revenue Service (the IRS) retroactively or prospectively. No attempt is made to present a detailed explanation of all U.S. federal, state, local and foreign tax concerns affecting the Fund and its shareholders (including shareholders owning a large position in the Fund), and the discussions set forth herein do not constitute tax advice. Investors are urged to consult their own tax advisers to determine the tax consequences to them of investing in the Fund.

Taxation of the Fund

The Fund has elected to be treated and has qualified, and intends to continue to qualify, as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code. Accordingly, the Fund must, among other things, meet the following requirements regarding the source of its income and the diversification of its assets:

- (i) The Fund must derive in each taxable year at least 90% of its gross income from the following sources, which are referred to herein as **Qualifying Income**: (a) dividends, interest (including tax exempt interest), payments with respect to certain securities loans, and gains from the sale or other disposition of stock, securities, or foreign currencies, or other income (including but not limited to gain from options, futures, and forward contracts) derived with respect to its business of investing in such stock, securities, or foreign currencies; and (b) interests in publicly traded partnerships that are treated as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes and that derive less than 90% of their gross income from the items described in (a) above (each a **Qualified Publicly Traded Partnership**).
- (ii) The Fund must diversify its holdings so that, at the end of each quarter of each taxable year (a) at least 50% of the market value of the Fund's total assets is represented by cash and cash items, U.S. government securities, the securities of other regulated investment companies, and other securities, with such other securities limited, in respect of any one issuer, to an amount not greater than 5% of the value of the Fund's total assets and not more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer and (b) not more than 25% of the market value of the Fund's total assets is invested in the securities (other than U.S. government securities and the securities of other regulated

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investment companies) of (I) any one issuer, (II) any two or more issuers of which the Fund holds 20% or more of the voting stock and that are determined to be engaged in the same business or similar or related trades or businesses, or (III) any one or more Qualified Publicly Traded Partnerships.

As a regulated investment company, the Fund generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax on income and gains that the Fund distributes to its shareholders, provided that it distributes each taxable year at least the sum of (i) 90% of the Fund's investment company taxable income (which includes, among other items, dividends, interest, and the excess of any net short-term capital gain over net long-term capital loss and other taxable income, other than any net long-term capital gain, reduced by deductible expenses) determined without regard to the deduction for dividends paid and (ii) 90% of the Fund's net tax exempt interest (the excess of its gross tax exempt interest over certain disallowed deductions). The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of such income at least annually. The Fund will be subject to income tax at regular corporation rates on any taxable income or gains that it does not distribute to its shareholders.

The Code imposes a 4% nondeductible excise tax on the Fund to the extent the Fund does not distribute by the end of any calendar year an amount at least equal to the sum of (i) 98% of its ordinary income (not taking into account any capital gain or loss) for the calendar year and (ii) 98.2% of its capital gain in excess of its capital loss (adjusted for certain ordinary losses) for a one year period generally ending on October 31 of the calendar year (unless an election is made to use the Fund's fiscal year). In addition, the minimum amounts that must be distributed in any year to avoid the excise tax will be increased or decreased to reflect any under-distribution or over-distribution, as the case may be, from the previous year. While the Fund intends to distribute any income and capital gain in the manner necessary to minimize imposition of the 4% excise tax, there can be no assurance that sufficient amounts of the Fund's taxable income and capital gain will be distributed to entirely avoid the imposition of the excise tax. In that event, the Fund will be liable for the excise tax only on the amount by which it does not meet the foregoing distribution requirement.

If for any taxable year the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company, all of its taxable income (including its net capital gain) will be subject to tax at regular corporate rates without any deduction for distributions to shareholders.

Taxation of Shareholders

Distributions paid to you by the Fund from its net realized long-term capital gains, if any, that the Fund reports as capital gains dividends (capital gain dividends) are taxable as long-term capital gains, regardless of how long you have held your shares. All other dividends paid to you by the Fund (including dividends from short-term capital gains) from its current or accumulated earnings and profits (ordinary income dividends) are generally subject to tax as ordinary income.

Special rules apply, however, to ordinary income dividends paid to individuals with respect to taxable years beginning on or before December 31, 2012. If you are an individual, any such ordinary income dividend that you receive from the Fund generally will be eligible for taxation at the Federal rates applicable to long-term capital gains (currently at a maximum rate of 15%) to the extent that (i) the ordinary income dividend is attributable to qualified dividend income (i.e., generally dividends paid by U.S. corporations and certain foreign corporations) received by the Fund, (ii) the Fund satisfies certain holding period and other requirements with respect to the stock on which such qualified dividend income was paid, and (iii) you satisfy certain holding period and other requirements with respect to your shares. There can be no assurance as to what portion of the Fund's ordinary income dividends will constitute qualified dividend income.

Any distributions you receive that are in excess of the Fund's current or accumulated earnings and profits will be treated as a tax free return of capital to the extent of your adjusted tax basis in your shares, and thereafter as capital gain from the sale of shares. The amount of any Fund distribution that is treated as a tax free return of capital will reduce your adjusted tax basis in your shares, thereby increasing your potential gain or reducing your potential loss on any subsequent sale or other disposition of your shares.

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Dividends and other taxable distributions are taxable to you even if they are reinvested in additional common stock of the Fund. Dividends and other distributions paid by the Fund are generally treated under the Code as received by you at the time the dividend or distribution is made. If, however, the Fund pays you a dividend in January that was declared in the previous October, November, or December and you were the shareholder of record on a specified date in one of such months, then such dividend will be treated for tax purposes as being paid by the Fund and received by you on December 31 of the year in which the dividend was declared.

The Fund will send you information after the end of each year setting forth the amount and tax status of any distributions paid to you by the Fund.

The sale or other disposition of shares of the Fund will generally result in capital gain or loss to you, and will be long-term capital gain or loss if you have held such shares for more than one year at the time of sale. Any loss upon the sale or exchange of shares held for six months or less will be treated as long-term capital loss to the extent of any capital gain dividends received (including amounts credited as an undistributed capital gain dividend) by you with respect to such shares. Any loss you realize on a sale or exchange of shares will be disallowed if you acquire other shares (whether through the automatic reinvestment of dividends or otherwise) within a sixty-one day period beginning thirty days before and ending 30 days after your sale or exchange of the shares. In such case, your tax basis in the shares acquired will be adjusted to reflect the disallowed loss.

The Fund may be required to withhold, for U.S. federal backup withholding tax purposes, a portion of the dividends, distributions, and redemption proceeds payable to shareholders who fail to provide the Fund (or its agent) with their correct taxpayer identification number (in the case of individuals, generally, their social security number) or to make required certifications, or who have been notified by the IRS that they are subject to backup withholding. Certain shareholders are exempt from backup withholding. Backup withholding is not an additional tax and any amount withheld may be refunded or credited against your U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, provided that you furnish the required information to the IRS.

Distributions from the Fund may also be subject to state and local taxation, in addition to federal taxation.

CUSTODIAN, TRANSFER AGENT, AUCTION AGENT, AND DIVIDEND DISBURSING AGENT

State Street Bank and Trust Company, located at 150 Royall Street, Canton, MA 02021, serves as the custodian of the Fund's assets pursuant to a custody agreement. Under the custody agreement, the Custodian holds the Fund's assets in compliance with the 1940 Act. For its services, the Custodian receives a monthly fee based upon the average weekly value of the total assets of the Fund, plus certain charges for securities transactions.

Computershare Trust Company, N.A., located at 250 Royall Street, Canton, Massachusetts 02021, serves as the Fund's dividend disbursing agent, as agent under the Fund's automatic dividend reinvestment and voluntary cash purchase plan and as transfer agent and registrar for shares of common stock of the Fund.

Computershare Trust Company, N.A. also serves as the transfer agent, registrar, dividend paying agent and redemption agent with respect to the Series B Preferred.

The Bank of New York, located at 5 Penn Plaza, 13th Floor, New York, NY 10001, serves as the Fund's auction agent, transfer agent, registrar, dividend paying agent and redemption agent with respect to the Series C Auction Rate Preferred.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell shares through underwriters or dealers, directly to one or more purchasers, through agents, to or through underwriters or dealers, or through a combination of any such methods of sale. The

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applicable Prospectus Supplement will identify any underwriter or agent involved in the offer and sale of our shares, any sales loads, discounts, commissions, fees, or other compensation paid to any underwriter, dealer or agent, the offering price, net proceeds, and use of proceeds and the terms of any sale.

The distribution of our shares may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed, at prevailing market prices at the time of sale, at prices related to such prevailing market prices, or at negotiated prices, provided, however, that the offering price per share in the case of common stock, must equal or exceed the net asset value per share, plus any underwriting commissions or discounts, on our common stock.

We may sell our shares directly to, and solicit offers from, institutional investors or others who may be deemed to be underwriters as defined in the Securities Act of 1933 (the 1933 Act) for any resales of the securities. In this case, no underwriters or agents would be involved. We may use electronic media, including the Internet, to sell offered securities directly.

In connection with the sale of our shares, underwriters or agents may receive compensation from us in the form of discounts, concessions, or commissions. Underwriters may sell our shares to or through dealers, and such dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions, or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agents. Underwriters, dealers, and agents that participate in the distribution of our shares may be deemed to be underwriters under the 1933 Act, and any discounts and commissions they receive from us and any profit realized by them on the resale of our shares may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the 1933 Act. Any such underwriter or agent will be identified and any such compensation received from us will be described in the applicable Prospectus Supplement. The maximum commission or discount to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker-dealer will not exceed eight percent. We will not pay any compensation to any underwriter or agent in the form of warrants, options, consulting, or structuring fees or similar arrangements.

If a Prospectus Supplement so indicates, we may grant the underwriters an option to purchase additional shares at the public offering price, less the underwriting discounts and commissions, within forty-five days from the date of the Prospectus Supplement, to cover any overallotments.

Under agreements into which we may enter, underwriters, dealers, and agents who participate in the distribution of our shares may be entitled to indemnification by us against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the 1933 Act. Underwriters, dealers, and agents may engage in transactions with us, or perform services for us, in the ordinary course of business.

If so indicated in the applicable Prospectus Supplement, we will ourselves, or will authorize underwriters or other persons acting as our agents to solicit offers by certain institutions to purchase our shares from us pursuant to contracts providing for payment and delivery on a future date. Institutions with which such contacts may be made include commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies, educational and charitable institutions, and others, but in all cases such institutions must be approved by us. The obligation of any purchaser under any such contract will be subject to the condition that the purchase of the shares shall not at the time of delivery be prohibited under the laws of the jurisdiction to which such purchaser is subject. The underwriters and such other agents will not have any responsibility in respect of the validity or performance of such contracts. Such contracts will be subject only to those conditions set forth in the Prospectus Supplement, and the Prospectus Supplement will set forth the commission payable for solicitation of such contracts.

To the extent permitted under the 1940 Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, the underwriters may from time to time act as brokers or dealers and receive fees in connection with the execution of our portfolio transactions after the underwriters have ceased to be underwriters and, subject to certain restrictions, each may act as a broker while it is an underwriter.

A Prospectus and accompanying Prospectus Supplement in electronic form may be made available on the websites maintained by underwriters. The underwriters may agree to allocate a number of securities for sale to their online brokerage account holders. Such allocations of securities for Internet distributions will

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be made on the same basis as other allocations. In addition, securities may be sold by the underwriters to securities dealers who resell securities to online brokerage account holders.

In order to comply with the securities laws of certain states, if applicable, our shares offered hereby will be sold in such jurisdictions only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers.

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters will be passed on by Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, 75 E. 55th Street, New York, New York 10022 in connection with the offering of the shares of common and preferred stock.

Certain legal matters will be passed on by Venable LLP, 750 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, in connection with the offering of the shares of common and preferred stock as special Maryland counsel to the Fund.

INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP serves as the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm of the Fund and audits the financial statements of the Fund. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is located at 300 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Fund is subject to the informational requirements of the 1934 Act and the 1940 Act and in accordance therewith files, or will file, reports and other information with the SEC. Reports, proxy statements, and other information filed by the Fund with the SEC pursuant to the informational requirements of the 1934 Act and the 1940 Act can be inspected and copied at the public reference facilities maintained by the SEC, 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, DC 20549. The SEC maintains a web site at <http://www.sec.gov> containing reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants, including the Fund, that file electronically with the SEC.

The Fund's shares of common stock are listed on the NYSE. Reports, proxy statements, and other information concerning the Fund and filed with the SEC by the Fund will be available for inspection at the NYSE, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005.

This Prospectus constitutes part of a Registration Statement filed by the Fund with the SEC under the 1933 Act and the 1940 Act. This Prospectus omits certain of the information contained in the Registration Statement, and reference is hereby made to the Registration Statement and related exhibits for further information with respect to the Fund and the shares offered hereby. Any statements contained herein concerning the provisions of any document are not necessarily complete, and, in each instance, reference is made to the copy of such document filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement or otherwise filed with the SEC. Each such statement is qualified in its entirety by such reference.

PRIVACY PRINCIPLES OF THE FUND

The Fund is committed to maintaining the privacy of its shareholders and to safeguarding their non-public personal information. The following information is provided to help you understand what personal information the Fund collects, how the Fund protects that information and why, in certain cases, the Fund may share information with select other parties.

Generally, the Fund does not receive any non-public personal information relating to its shareholders, although certain non-public personal information of its shareholders may become available to the Fund. The Fund does not disclose any non-public personal information about its shareholders or former

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shareholders to anyone, except as permitted by law or as is necessary in order to service shareholder accounts (for example, to a transfer agent or third party administrator).

The Fund restricts access to non-public personal information about its shareholders to employees of the Fund's Investment Adviser and its affiliates with a legitimate business need for the information. The Fund maintains physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards designed to protect the non-public personal information of its shareholders.

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An SAI dated as of June 23, 2011, has been filed with the SEC and is incorporated by reference in this Prospectus. An SAI may be obtained without charge by writing to the Fund at its address at One Corporate Center, Rye, New York 10580-1422 or by calling the Fund toll-free at (800) GABELLI (422-3554). The Table of Contents of the SAI is as follows:

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No dealer, salesperson, or other person has been authorized to give any information or to make any representations not contained in this Prospectus. If given or made, such information or representation must not be relief upon as having been authorized by the Fund or the Fund's Investment Adviser. This Prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any security other than the shares of common and preferred stock offered by this Prospectus, nor does it constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy shares of common stock by anyone in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation would be unlawful.

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\$400,000,000
The Gabelli Global Multimedia Trust Inc.
Common Stock
Preferred Stock

PROSPECTUS
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The information in this Prospectus is not complete and may be changed. The Fund may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This Prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting offers to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT
(To Prospectus dated June 23, 2011)

**The Gabelli Global Multimedia Trust Inc.
Common Stock**

We are offering for sale [] shares of our common stock. Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) under the symbol GGT. Our 6.00% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock (Series B Preferred) is traded on the NYSE under the symbol GGT PrB. Our Series C Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Stock (Series C Auction Rate Preferred Stock, and together with Series B Preferred, the Preferred Stock) is not traded on a stock exchange. The last reported sale price for our common stock on [], 2011 was \$[] per share. The net asset value of the Fund's common stock at the close of business on [], 2011 was \$[] per share.

You should review the information set forth under Risk Factors and Special Considerations on page 29 of the accompanying Prospectus before investing in our common stock or preferred stock.

| | Per Common Share | Total⁽¹⁾ |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Public Offering Price | \$[] | \$[] |
| Underwriting discounts and commissions | \$[] | \$[] |
| Proceeds, before expenses, to us | \$[] | \$[] |

⁽¹⁾ The aggregate expenses of the offering are estimated to be \$[], which represents approximately \$[] per share.

The underwriters may also purchase up to an additional [] common stock from us at the public offering price, less underwriting discounts and commissions, to cover over-allotments, if any, within thirty days after the date of this Prospectus Supplement. If the over-allotment option is exercised in full, the total proceeds, before expenses, to the Fund would be \$[] and the total underwriting discounts and commissions would be \$[]. The common stock will be ready for delivery on or about [_____, ____].

You should read this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus before deciding whether to invest in our common stock and retain it for future reference. The Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus contain important information about us. Material that has been incorporated by reference and other information about us can be obtained from us by calling 800-GABELLI (422-3554) or from the SEC website (<http://www.sec.gov>).

Neither the SEC nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved these securities or determined if this Prospectus Supplement is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction in which the offer or sale is not permitted.

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The following tables are intended to assist you in understanding the various costs and expenses directly or indirectly associated with investing in our common stock as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stock. Amounts are for the current fiscal year after giving effect to anticipated net proceeds of the offering, assuming that we incur the estimated offering expenses, including preferred stock offering expenses.

Shareholder Transaction Expenses

| | | | |
|---|----|---|--------|
| Sales Load (as a percentage of offering price) | [|] | %] |
| Offering Expenses Borne by the Fund (as a percentage of offering price) | [|] | %] |
| Voluntary Cash Purchase Plan Purchase Fees | \$ | [|] |
| Automatic Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan Sales Fees | \$ | [|] |
| Annual Expenses (as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stock) | | | |
| Management Fees | | | 1.00% |
| Interest Payments on Borrowed Funds | | | [None] |
| Other Expenses | [|] | %] |
| Total Annual Expenses | [|] | %] |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | [|] | %] |
| Total Annual Expenses and Dividends on Preferred Stock | [|] | %] |

The purpose of the table above and the example below is to help you understand all fees and expenses that you, as a holder of common stock, would bear directly or indirectly.

The following example illustrates the expenses (including the maximum estimated sales load of \$[] and estimated offering expenses of \$[] from the issuance of \$[] million in common stock) you would pay on a \$1,000 investment in common stock, assuming a 5% annual portfolio total return.* The actual amounts in connection with any offering will be set forth in the Prospectus Supplement if applicable.

| | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Total Expenses Incurred | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ |

* The example should not be considered a representation of future expenses. The example assumes that the amounts set forth in the Annual Expenses table are accurate and that all distributions are reinvested at net asset value. Actual expenses may be greater or less than those assumed. Moreover, the Fund's actual rate of return may be greater or less than the hypothetical 5% return shown in the example.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate the net proceeds of the offering to be \$[] (\$[] if the over-allotment options is exercised in full) based on the public offering price of \$[] per share and after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, the Fund will invest the net proceeds of any offering in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies, and may use a portion of such proceeds, depending on market conditions, for other general corporate purposes, including the continuation of the Fund's managed distribution policy. The Investment Adviser anticipates that the investment of the proceeds will be made in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies as appropriate investment opportunities are identified, which is expected to

substantially be completed within three

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months; however, changes in market conditions could result in the Fund's anticipated investment period extending to as long as six months. Pending such investment, the proceeds of the offering will be held in high quality short-term debt securities and instruments.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following financial highlights tables are intended to help you understand the Fund's financial performance. The selected data below sets forth the per share operating performance and ratios for the periods presented. The financial information was derived from and should be read in conjunction with the Financial Statements of the Fund and Notes thereto, which are incorporated by reference into this Prospectus and the SAI. The financial information for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, and 2006, has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, whose unqualified report on such Financial Statements is incorporated by reference into the SAI.

Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period:

| | Year Ended December 31, | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 |
| Operating Performance: | | | | | |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$ 7.70 | \$ 5.40 | \$ 14.39 | \$ 14.09 | \$ 11.77 |
| Net investment income/(loss) | (0.07) | 0.05 | 0.14 | 0.10 | 0.29 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments, swap contracts, and foreign currency transactions | 2.22 | 2.33 | (8.41) | 1.15 | 2.85 |
| Total from investment operations | 2.15 | 2.38 | (8.27) | 1.25 | 3.14 |
| Distributions to Preferred Shareholders: (a) | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.09) | (0.02) | (0.13) | (0.02) | (0.07) |
| Net realized gain | | | | (0.18) | (0.12) |
| Return of capital | | (0.07) | (0.03) | | |
| Total distributions to preferred shareholders | (0.09) | (0.09) | (0.16) | (0.20) | (0.19) |
| Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders Resulting from Operations | | | | | |
| | 2.06 | 2.29 | (8.43) | 1.05 | 2.95 |
| Distributions to Common Shareholders: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.07) | | | (0.08) | (0.23) |
| Net realized gain | | | | (0.67) | (0.40) |
| Return of capital | (0.53) | | (0.57) | (0.00)(f) | |

| | | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| Total distributions to common shareholders | (0.60) | | (0.57) | (0.75) | (0.63) |
| Fund Share Transactions: | | | | | |
| Increase in net asset value from repurchase of common shares | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00(f) | 0.00(f) | 0.00(f) |
| Increase in net asset value from repurchase of preferred shares | 0.00(f) | 0.00(f) | 0.01 | | |
| Offering expenses charged to paid-in capital | | | | | |
| Total fund share transactions | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00(f) | 0.00(f) |
| Net Asset Value Attributable to Common Shareholders, End of Period | | | | | |
| | \$ 9.17 | \$ 7.70 | \$ 5.40 | \$ 14.39 | \$ 14.09 |
| Net Asset Value total return | 28.76% | 42.59% | (59.40)% | 8.03% | 26.65% |
| Market value, end of period | \$ 8.21 | \$ 6.63 | \$ 4.45 | \$ 12.89 | \$ 12.27 |
| Investment total return | 33.88% | 48.99% | (62.65)% | 11.13% | 27.89% |

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| | Year Ended December 31, | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
| Operating Performance: | | | | | |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$ 12.27 | \$ 10.56 | \$ 7.67 | \$ 10.52 | \$ 12.21 |
| Net investment income | 0.16 | 0.04 | (0.03) | (0.00)(f) | (0.02) |
| Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments, swap contracts, and foreign currency transactions | 0.09 | 1.79 | 3.14 | (2.68) | (1.44) |
| Total from investment operations | 0.25 | 1.83 | 3.11 | (2.68) | (1.46) |
| Distributions to Preferred Shareholders: (a) | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.03) | (0.04) | | | |
| Net realized gain | (0.13) | (0.09) | (0.13) | (0.17) | (0.17) |
| Total distributions to preferred shareholders | (0.16) | (0.13) | (0.13) | (0.17) | (0.17) |
| Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders Resulting from Operations | | | | | |
| | 0.09 | 1.70 | 2.98 | (2.85) | (1.63) |
| Distributions to Common Shareholders: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.12) | | | | (0.00)(f) |
| Net realized gain | (0.48) | | | | (0.06) |
| Total distributions to common shareholders | (0.60) | | | | (0.06) |
| Fund Share Transactions: | | | | | |
| Increase in net asset value from repurchase of common shares | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00(f) | |
| Increase in net asset value from repurchase of preferred shares | | 0.00(f) | | | |
| Offering expenses charged to paid-in capital | (0.00)(f) | | (0.10) | | |

| | | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| Total fund share transactions | 0.01 | 0.01 | (0.09) | 0.00(f) | |
| Net Asset Value Attributable to Common Shareholders, End of Period | \$ 11.77 | \$ 12.27 | \$ 10.56 | \$ 7.67 | \$ 10.52 |
| Net Asset Value total return | 1.6% | 16.2% | 37.7% | (27.1)% | (13.3)% |
| Market value, end of period | \$ 10.15 | \$ 10.68 | \$ 9.07 | \$ 6.40 | \$ 9.01 |
| Investment total return | 0.7% | 17.8% | 41.7% | (29.0)% | (12.1)% |

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**THE GABELLI GLOBAL MULTIMEDIA TRUST INC.
FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)**

Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period:

| | Year Ended December 31, | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 |
| Ratios and Supplemental Data: | | | | | |
| Net assets including liquidation value of preferred shares, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 159,232 | \$ 141,164 | \$ 122,401 | \$ 251,334 | \$ 247,412 |
| Net assets attributable to common shares, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 124,457 | \$ 106,386 | \$ 75,619 | \$ 201,506 | \$ 197,584 |
| Ratio of net investment income/(loss) to average net assets attributable to common shares before preferred share distributions | (0.89)% | 0.88% | 1.40% | 0.46% | 2.17% |
| Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets attributable to common shares before fees waived | 3.19% | 2.46%% | 1.89%% | | |
| Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets attributable to common shares net of advisory fee reduction, if any (b) | 3.19% | 2.43% | 1.54% | 1.62% | 1.79% |
| Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets including liquidation value of preferred shares before fees waived | 2.44% | 1.70% | 1.40% | | |
| Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets including liquidation value of preferred shares net of advisory fee reduction, if any (b) | 2.44% | 1.68% | 1.14% | 1.32% | 1.39% |
| Portfolio turnover rate | 9.4% | 9.6% | 14.5% | 14.5% | 9.8% |
| Preferred Stock: | | | | | |
| 6.00% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock | | | | | |
| Liquidation value, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 19,775 | \$ 19,778 | \$ 24,281 | \$ 24,828 | \$ 24,828 |
| Total shares outstanding (in 000 s) | 791 | 791 | 971 | 993 | 993 |
| Liquidation preference per share | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 |
| Average market value (c) | \$ 25.07 | \$ 23.53 | \$ 22.59 | \$ 24.14 | \$ 24.12 |
| Asset coverage per share | \$ 114.47 | \$ 101.48 | \$ 65.41 | \$ 126.10 | \$ 124.13 |
| Series C Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Stock | | | | | |
| Liquidation value, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 15,000 | \$ 15,000 | \$ 22,500 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 |
| Total shares outstanding (in 000 s) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Liquidation preference per share | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 |
| Average market value (d) | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 |

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|---------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Asset coverage per share | \$ 114,472 | \$ 101,475 | \$ 65,411 | \$ 126,101 | \$ 124,134 |
| Asset Coverage (e) | 458% | 406% | 262% | 504% | 497% |
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| | Year Ended December 31, | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
| Ratios and Supplemental Data: | | | | | |
| Net assets including liquidation value of preferred shares, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 214,907 | \$ 223,739 | \$ 200,195 | \$ 132,683 | \$ 181,539 |
| Net assets attributable to common shares, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 165,079 | \$ 173,912 | \$ 150,195 | \$ 109,533 | \$ 150,672 |
| Ratio of net investment income to average net assets attributable to common shares before preferred share distributions | 1.44% | 0.71% | (0.36)% | (0.04)% | (0.18)% |
| Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets attributable to common shares net of advisory fee reduction, if any (b) | 1.55% | 1.87% | 1.81% | 1.46% | 1.34% |
| Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets including liquidation value of preferred shares net of advisory fee reduction, if any (b) | 1.20% | 1.41% | 1.35% | 1.18% | 1.13% |
| Portfolio turnover rate | 12.4% | 7.5% | 10.9% | 16.6% | 25.4% |
| Preferred Stock: | | | | | |
| 7.92% Cumulative Preferred Stock | | | | | |
| Liquidation value, end of period (in 000 s) | | | | \$ 23,150 | \$ 30,867 |
| Total shares outstanding (in 000 s) | | | | 926 | 1,235 |
| Liquidation preference per share | | | | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 |
| Average market value (c) | | | | \$ 25.75 | \$ 25.50 |
| Asset coverage per share | | | | \$ 143.29 | \$ 147.00 |
| 6.00% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock | | | | | |
| Liquidation value, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 24,828 | \$ 24,828 | \$ 25,000 | | |
| Total shares outstanding (in 000 s) | 993 | 993 | 1,000 | | |
| Liquidation preference per share | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | | |
| Average market value (c) | \$ 25.00 | \$ 24.84 | \$ 25.28 | | |
| Asset coverage per share | \$ 107.83 | \$ 112.26 | \$ 100.10 | | |
| Series C Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Stock | | | | | |
| Liquidation value, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | | |
| Total shares outstanding (in 000 s) | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Liquidation preference per share | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | | |
| Average market value (d) | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | | |
| Asset coverage per share | \$ 107,825 | \$ 112,257 | \$ 100,097 | | |
| Asset Coverage (e) | 431% | 449% | 400% | 573% | 588% |

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Based on net asset value per share, adjusted for reinvestment of distributions at prices determined under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.

Based on market value per share, adjusted for reinvestment of distributions at prices determined under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.

Effective in 2008, a change in accounting policy was adopted with regard to the calculation of the portfolio turnover rate to include cash proceeds due to mergers. Had this policy been adopted retroactively, the portfolio turnover rate for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006, 2005, and 2004 would have been 14.8%, 16.5%, 14.5%, and 8.9%, respectively.

- (a) Calculated based upon average common shares outstanding on the record dates throughout the year.
- (b) For the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007, 2006, and 2005, the effect of the custodian fee credits was minimal.
- (c) Based on weekly prices.
- (d) Based on weekly auction prices. Since February 2008, the weekly auctions have failed. Holders that have submitted orders have not been able to sell any or all of their stock in the auctions.
- (e) Asset coverage is calculated by combining all series of preferred stock.
- (f) Amount represents less than \$0.005 per share.

PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK

The following table sets forth for the quarters indicated, the high and low sale prices on the NYSE per share of our common stock and the net asset value and the premium or discount from net asset value per share at which the common stock were trading, expressed as a percentage of net asset value, at each of the high and low sale prices provided.

| Period | Market Price | | Net Asset Value | | Premium (Discount) as % of NAV | |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------|-----------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| | High | Low | High | Low | High | Low |
| Fiscal Year 2008 | | | | | | |
| Q1 | \$ 12.64 | \$ 9.82 | \$ 14.19 | \$ 11.19 | (10.92) | (12.24) |
| Q2 | \$ 11.21 | \$ 9.21 | \$ 12.87 | \$ 9.21 | (12.90) | (13.85) |
| Q3 | \$ 9.56 | \$ 7.25 | \$ 10.54 | \$ 8.70 | (9.30) | (16.67) |
| Q4 | \$ 6.97 | \$ 3.08 | \$ 8.73 | \$ 4.14 | (20.16) | (25.60) |
| Fiscal Year 2009 | | | | | | |
| Q1 | \$ 4.74 | \$ 2.51 | \$ 5.83 | \$ 3.50 | (18.70) | (28.29) |
| Q2 | \$ 4.76 | \$ 3.43 | \$ 6.16 | \$ 4.58 | (22.73) | (25.11) |
| Q3 | \$ 6.27 | \$ 4.23 | \$ 7.42 | \$ 5.41 | (15.50) | (21.89) |
| Q4 | \$ 6.63 | \$ 5.73 | \$ 7.74 | \$ 6.99 | (14.34) | (18.03) |
| Fiscal Year 2010 | | | | | | |
| Q1 | \$ 7.52 | \$ 6.20 | \$ 8.39 | \$ 7.14 | (10.37) | (13.17) |
| Q2 | \$ 8.25 | \$ 6.62 | \$ 9.07 | \$ 7.23 | (9.04) | (8.44) |
| Q3 | \$ 7.70 | \$ 6.39 | \$ 8.39 | \$ 7.26 | (8.22) | (11.98) |
| Q4 | \$ 8.43 | \$ 7.59 | \$ 9.28 | \$ 8.33 | (9.16) | (8.88) |

Fiscal Year 2011

| | | | | | | |
|----|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|
| Q1 | \$ 8.60 | \$ 7.70 | \$ 9.54 | \$ 9.45 | (9.85) | (18.52) |
|----|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

[To be provided.]

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters will be passed on by Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, 75 E. 55th Street, New York, New York 10022 in connection with the offering of the shares of common stock.

Certain legal matters will be passed on by [] in connection with the offering of the shares of common stock as local counsel to the Fund.

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT
(To Prospectus dated June 23, 2011)

**The Gabelli Global Multimedia Trust Inc.
Preferred Stock**

We are offering for sale [] shares of our preferred stock. Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) under the symbol GGT. Our 6.00% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock (Series B Preferred) is traded on the NYSE under the symbol GGT PrB. Our Series C Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Stock (Series C Auction Rate Preferred Stock, and together with Series B Preferred, the Preferred Stock) is not traded on a stock exchange. The last reported sale price for our common stock on [], 2011 was \$[] per share. The net asset value of the Fund's common stock at the close of business on [], 2011 was \$[] per share.

You should review the information set forth under Risk Factors and Special Considerations on page 29 of the accompanying Prospectus before investing in our common stock or preferred stock.

| | Per Preferred Stock | Total ⁽¹⁾ |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|
| Public Offering Price | \$ [] | \$ [] |
| Underwriting discounts and commissions | \$ [] | \$ [] |
| Proceeds, before expenses, to us | \$ [] | \$ [] |

⁽¹⁾ The aggregate expenses of the offering are estimated to be \$[], which represents approximately \$[] per share.

The underwriters may also purchase up to an additional [] common stock from us at the public offering price, less underwriting discounts and commissions, to cover over-allotments, if any, within thirty days after the date of this Prospectus Supplement. If the over-allotment option is exercised in full, the total proceeds, before expenses, to the Fund would be \$[] and the total underwriting discounts and commissions would be \$[]. The preferred stock should be ready for delivery on or about [_____, ____].

You should read this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus before deciding whether to invest in our preferred stock and retain it for future reference. The Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus contain important information about us. Material that has been incorporated by reference and other information about us can be obtained from us by calling 800-GABELLI (422-3554) or from the SEC website (<http://www.sec.gov>).

Neither the SEC nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved these securities or determined if this Prospectus Supplement is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction in which the offer or sale is not permitted.

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This Prospectus Supplement, the accompanying Prospectus and the Statement of Additional Information contain forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the words may, will, intend, expect, estimate, continue, plan, anticipate, and similar terms and the negative of such terms. By their nature, all forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, and actual results could differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. Several factors that could materially affect the Fund's actual results are the performance of the portfolio of securities the Fund holds, the conditions in the U.S. and international financial and other markets, the price at which the Fund's shares will trade in the public markets and other factors discussed in the Fund's periodic filings with the SEC.

Although we believe that the expectations expressed in our forward-looking statements are reasonable, actual results could differ materially from those projected or assumed in our forward-looking statements. The Fund's future financial condition and results of operations, as well as any forward-looking statements, are subject to change and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties, such as those disclosed in the Risk Factors and Special Considerations section of the accompanying Prospectus and Risks of the Series [] Preferred Stock in this Prospectus Supplement. All forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus Supplement or the accompanying Prospectus are made as of the date of this Prospectus Supplement or the accompanying Prospectus, as the case may be. Except for the Fund's ongoing obligations under the federal securities laws, the Fund does not intend, and it undertakes no obligation, to update any forward-looking statement.

Currently known risk factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the Fund's expectations include, but are not limited to, the factors described in the Risk Factors and Special Considerations section of the accompanying Prospectus as well as in the Risks of the Series [] Preferred Stock section of this Prospectus Supplement. You are urged to review carefully those sections for a more complete discussion of the risks of an investment in the Fund's Series [] Preferred Stock.

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TERMS OF THE Series [] PREFERRED Stock

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| Dividend Rate | The dividend rate [for the initial dividend period] will be []%. |
| Dividend Payment Rate | [Dividends will be paid when, as and if declared on [___], [___], [___] and [___], commencing __.] The payment date for the initial dividend period will be [___].] |
| [Regular Dividend Period | Regular dividend periods will be [] days. |
| Liquidation Preference | \$_[___] per share. |
| [Non-Call Period] | The shares may not be called for redemption at the option of the Fund prior to [___]. |
| [Stock Exchange Listing] | [___]. |
| [Rating] | It is a condition of issuance that the preferred stock be rated [AAA] by S&P and [Aaa] by Moody s. |

USE OF PROCEEDS

We estimate the net proceeds of the offering to be \$[] based on the public offering price of \$[] per share and after deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

[The Investment Adviser anticipates that the investment of the proceeds will be made in accordance with the Fund s investment objectives and policies as appropriate investment opportunities are identified, which is expected to substantially be completed within three months; however, changes in market conditions could result in the Fund s anticipated investment period extending to as long as six months. Pending such investment, the proceeds of the offering will be held in high quality short-term debt securities and instruments.]

CAPITALIZATION

[To be provided]

ASSET COVERAGE RATIO

[To be provided]

RISKS OF THE SERIES [] PREFERRED STOCK

[To be provided]

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DESCRIPTION OF THE SERIES [] PREFERRED STOCK

[To be provided]

TAXATION

[To be provided]

UNDERWRITING

[To be provided]

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters will be passed on by Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, 75 E. 55th Street, New York, New York 10022 in connection with the offering of the shares of preferred stock.

Certain legal matters will be passed on by [] in connection with the offering of the shares of preferred stock as local counsel to the Fund.

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT
(To Prospectus dated , 2011)

_____ Rights for _____ Shares
Subscription Rights for Common Stock

The Gabelli Global Multimedia Trust Inc. (the Fund , we , us or our) is issuing subscription rights (the Rights) common stockholders to purchase additional shares of common stock.

The Fund is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). The Fund s primary investment objective is to achieve long-term growth of capital, primarily through investment in a portfolio of common stock and other securities of foreign and domestic companies involved in the telecommunications, media, publishing, and entertainment industries. Income is a secondary objective of the Fund. The Fund s investment adviser is Gabelli Funds, LLC (the Investment Adviser).

Shares of our common stock are traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol GGT. On _____, 2011 (the last trading date prior to the Common Stock trading ex-Rights), the last reported net asset value per share of the Common Stock was \$_____ and the last reported sales price per share of Common Stock on the NYSE was \$_____.

An investment in the Fund is not appropriate for all investors. We cannot assure you that the Fund s investment objective will be achieved. You should read this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus before deciding whether to invest in common shares and retain it for future reference. The Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus contain important information about us. Material that has been incorporated by reference and other information about us can be obtained from us by calling 800-GABELLI (422-3554) or from the Securities and Exchange Commission s (SEC) website (<http://www.sec.gov>). For additional information all holders of rights should contact the Information Agent, [], toll-free at [] or please send written request to: [].

Investing in common stock through Rights involves certain risks that are described in the Special Characteristics and Risks of the Rights Offering section beginning on page 12 of the Prospectus Supplement.

STOCKHOLDERS WHO DO NOT EXERCISE THEIR RIGHTS MAY, AT THE COMPLETION OF THE OFFERING, OWN A SMALLER PROPORTIONAL INTEREST IN THE FUND THAN IF THEY EXERCISED THEIR RIGHTS. AS A RESULT OF THE OFFERING YOU MAY EXPERIENCE DILUTION OR ACCRETION OF THE AGGREGATE NET ASSET VALUE OF YOUR SHARES OF COMMON STOCK DEPENDING UPON WHETHER THE FUND S NET ASSET VALUE PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK IS ABOVE OR BELOW THE SUBSCRIPTION PRICE ON THE EXPIRATION DATE.

NEITHER THE SEC NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED THESE SECURITIES OR DETERMINED IF THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT IS TRUTHFUL OR COMPLETE. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

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| | Per Share | Total |
|--|------------------|--------------|
| Subscription price of Common Stock to shareholders exercising Rights | \$ | \$ |
| Underwriting discounts and commissions | [] | [] |
| Proceeds, before expenses, to the Fund (1) | \$ | \$ |

(1) The aggregate expenses of the offering are estimated to be \$[].

The common stock is expected to be ready for delivery in book-entry form through the Depository Trust Company on or about _____, 2011. If the offer is extended, the common stock is expected to be ready for delivery in book-entry form through the Depository Trust Company on or about _____, 2011.

The date of this Prospectus Supplement is _____, 2011

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus. The Fund has not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. The Fund is not making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained in this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date of this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus, respectively. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates. In this Prospectus Supplement and in the accompanying Prospectus, unless otherwise indicated, Fund, us, our and we refer to The Gabelli Global Multimedia Trust Inc. This Prospectus Supplement also includes trademarks owned by other persons.

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Although we believe that the expectations expressed in our forward-looking statements are reasonable, actual results could differ materially from those projected or assumed in our forward-looking statements. Our future financial condition and results of operations, as well as any forward-looking statements, are subject to change and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties, such as those disclosed in the Risk Factors and Special Considerations section of the accompanying Prospectus and Special Characteristics and Risks of the Rights Offering in this Prospectus Supplement. All forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus Supplement or the accompanying Prospectus are made as of the date of this Prospectus Supplement or the accompanying Prospectus, as the case may be. Except for our ongoing obligations under the federal securities laws, we do not intend, and we undertake no obligation, to update any forward-looking statement. The forward-looking statements contained in this Prospectus Supplement, any accompanying Prospectus and the Statement of Additional Information are excluded from the safe harbor protection provided by Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act).

Currently known risk factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations include, but are not limited to, the factors described in the Risk Factors and Special Considerations section of the accompanying Prospectus as well as in the Special Characteristics and Risks of the Rights Offering section of this Prospectus Supplement. We urge you to review carefully those sections for a more detailed discussion of the risks of an investment in the common stock.

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SUMMARY OF THE TERMS OF THE RIGHTS OFFERING

| | |
|---|---|
| Terms of the Offer | [To be provided.] |
| Amount Available for Primary Subscription | [\$] |
| Title | Subscription Rights for Common Stock |
| Subscription Price | Rights may be exercised at a price of \$_____ per share of Common Stock (the Subscription Price). <i>See Terms of the Offer.</i> |
| Record Date | Rights will be issued to holders of record of the Fund's Common Stock on _____, 2011 (the Record Date). <i>See Terms of the Offer.</i> |
| Number of Rights Issued | _____ Right will be issued in respect of each share of Common Stock of the Fund outstanding on the Record Date. <i>See Terms of the Offer.</i> |
| Number of Rights Required to Purchase One Common Share | A holder of Rights may purchase _____ share of Common Stock of the Fund for every _____ Rights exercised. The number of Rights to be issued to a stockholder on the Record Date will be rounded up to the nearest number of Rights evenly divisible by _____. <i>See Terms of the Offer.</i> |
| Over-Subscription Privilege | [To be provided.] |
| Transfer of Rights | [To be provided.] |
| Subscription Period | The Rights may be exercised at any time after issuance and prior to expiration of the Rights, which will be 5:00 PM Eastern Time on _____, 2011 (the Expiration Date) (the Subscription Period). <i>See Terms of the Offer and Method of Exercise of Rights.</i> |
| Offer Expenses | The expenses of the Offer are expected to be approximately \$[]. <i>See Use of Proceeds.</i> |
| Sale of Rights | [To be provided.] |
| Use of Proceeds | The Fund estimates the net proceeds of the Offer to be approximately \$[]. This figure is based on the Subscription Price per share of \$_____ and assumes all new shares of Common Stock offered are sold and that the expenses related to the Offer estimated at approximately \$[] are paid. The Investment Adviser anticipates that investment of the proceeds will be made in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies as appropriate investment opportunities are identified, which is expected to be substantially completed in approximately three months; however, the identification of appropriate investment opportunities pursuant to the Fund's investment style or changes in market conditions may cause the investment period to extend as long as six months. Pending such investment, the proceeds will be held in high quality short-term debt securities and instruments. <i>See Use of Proceeds.</i> |

Taxation/ERISA *See Employee Plan Considerations.*

Rights Agent [To be provided.]

DESCRIPTION OF THE RIGHTS OFFERING

[To be provided.]

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The following tables are intended to assist you in understanding the various costs and expenses directly or indirectly associated with investing in our common stock as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stock. Amounts are for the current fiscal year after giving effect to anticipated net proceeds of the offering, assuming that we incur the estimated offering expenses, including preferred stock offering expenses.

Shareholder Transaction Expenses

| | | |
|--|-----|--------|
| Sales Load (as a percentage of offering price) | [| %] |
| Offering Expenses Borne by the Fund (as a percentage of offering price) | [| %] |
| Voluntary Cash Purchase Plan Purchase Fees | [\$ |] |
| Automatic Dividend Reinvestment and Cash Purchase Plan Sales Fees | [\$ |] |
| Annual Expenses (as a percentage of net assets attributable to common stock) | | |
| Management Fees | | 1.00% |
| Interest Payments on Borrowed Funds | | [None] |
| Other Expenses | [| %] |
| Total Annual Expenses | [| %] |
| Dividends on Preferred Stock | [| %] |

| | | |
|---|---|----|
| Total Annual Expenses and Dividends on Preferred Stock | [| %] |
|---|---|----|

Example

The following example illustrates the expenses (including the maximum estimated sales load of \$[] and estimated offering expenses of \$[] from the issuance of \$[] million in common stock) you would pay on a \$1,000 investment in common stock, assuming a 5% annual portfolio total return.* The actual amounts in connection with any offering will be set forth in the Prospectus Supplement if applicable.

| | 1 Year | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years |
|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Total Expenses Incurred | | | | |

* **The example should not be considered a representation of future expenses.** The example assumes that the amounts set forth in the Annual Expenses table are accurate and that all distributions are reinvested at net asset value. Actual expenses may be greater or less than those assumed. Moreover, the Fund's actual rate of return may be greater or less than the hypothetical 5% return shown in the example.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The Fund estimates the net proceeds of the Offer to be \$[], based on the Subscription Price per share of \$[], assuming all new shares of Common Stock offered are sold and that the expenses related to the Offer estimated at approximately \$[] are paid and after deduction of the underwriting discounts and commissions.

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, the Fund will invest the net proceeds of any offering in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies, and may use a portion of such proceeds, depending on market conditions, for other general corporate purposes, including the continuation of the Fund's managed distribution policy. The Investment Adviser anticipates that the investment of the proceeds will be made in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies as appropriate investment opportunities are identified, which is expected to substantially be completed within three months; however, changes in market conditions could result in the Fund's anticipated investment period

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extending to as long as six months. Pending such investment, the proceeds of the offering will be held in high quality short-term debt securities and instruments.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following financial highlights tables are intended to help you under the Fund's financial performance. The selected data below sets forth the per share operating performance and ratios for the periods presented. The financial information was derived from and should be read in conjunction with the Financial Statements of the Fund and Notes thereto, which are incorporated by reference into this Prospectus and the SAI. The financial information for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, and 2006, has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, whose unqualified report on such Financial Statements is incorporated by reference into the SAI.

Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period:

| | Year Ended December 31, | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 |
| Operating Performance: | | | | | |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$ 7.70 | \$ 5.40 | \$ 14.39 | \$ 14.09 | \$ 11.77 |
| Net investment income/(loss) | (0.07) | 0.05 | 0.14 | 0.10 | 0.29 |
| Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments, swap contracts, and foreign currency transactions | 2.22 | 2.33 | (8.41) | 1.15 | 2.85 |
| Total from investment operations | 2.15 | 2.38 | (8.27) | 1.25 | 3.14 |
| Distributions to Preferred Shareholders: (a) | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.09) | (0.02) | (0.13) | (0.02) | (0.07) |
| Net realized gain | | | | (0.18) | (0.12) |
| Return of capital | | (0.07) | (0.03) | | |
| Total distributions to preferred shareholders | (0.09) | (0.09) | (0.16) | (0.20) | (0.19) |
| Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders Resulting from Operations | | | | | |
| | 2.06 | 2.29 | (8.43) | 1.05 | 2.95 |
| Distributions to Common Shareholders: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.07) | | | (0.08) | (0.23) |
| Net realized gain | | | | (0.67) | (0.40) |
| Return of capital | (0.53) | | (0.57) | (0.00)(f) | |

| | | | | | |
|---|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| Total distributions to common shareholders | (0.60) | | (0.57) | (0.75) | (0.63) |
| Fund Share Transactions: | | | | | |
| Increase in net asset value from repurchase of common shares | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00(f) | 0.00(f) | 0.00(f) |
| Increase in net asset value from repurchase of preferred shares | 0.00(f) | 0.00(f) | 0.01 | | |
| Offering expenses charged to paid-in capital | | | | | |
| Total fund share transactions | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00(f) | 0.00(f) |
| Net Asset Value Attributable to Common Shareholders, End of Period | | | | | |
| | \$ 9.17 | \$ 7.70 | \$ 5.40 | \$ 14.39 | \$ 14.09 |
| Net Asset Value total return | 28.76% | 42.59% | (59.40)% | 8.03% | 26.65% |
| Market value, end of period | \$ 8.21 | \$ 6.63 | \$ 4.45 | \$ 12.89 | \$ 12.27 |
| Investment total return | 33.88% | 48.99% | (62.65)% | 11.13% | 27.89% |

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| | Year Ended December 31, | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
| Operating Performance: | | | | | |
| Net asset value, beginning of period | \$ 12.27 | \$ 10.56 | \$ 7.67 | \$ 10.52 | \$ 12.21 |
| Net investment income | 0.16 | 0.04 | (0.03) | (0.00)(f) | (0.02) |
| Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments, swap contracts, and foreign currency transactions | 0.09 | 1.79 | 3.14 | (2.68) | (1.44) |
| Total from investment operations | 0.25 | 1.83 | 3.11 | (2.68) | (1.46) |
| Distributions to Preferred Shareholders: (a) | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.03) | (0.04) | | | |
| Net realized gain | (0.13) | (0.09) | (0.13) | (0.17) | (0.17) |
| Total distributions to preferred shareholders | (0.16) | (0.13) | (0.13) | (0.17) | (0.17) |
| Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders Resulting from Operations | | | | | |
| | 0.09 | 1.70 | 2.98 | (2.85) | (1.63) |
| Distributions to Common Shareholders: | | | | | |
| Net investment income | (0.12) | | | | (0.00)(f) |
| Net realized gain | (0.48) | | | | (0.06) |
| Total distributions to common shareholders | (0.60) | | | | (0.06) |
| Fund Share Transactions: | | | | | |
| Increase in net asset value from repurchase of common shares | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.00(f) | |
| Increase in net asset value from repurchase of preferred shares | | 0.00(f) | | | |
| Offering expenses charged to paid-in capital | (0.00)(f) | | (0.10) | | |

| | | | | | |
|---|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------|
| Total fund share transactions | 0.01 | 0.01 | (0.09) | 0.00(f) | |
| Net Asset Value Attributable to Common Shareholders, End of Period | \$ 11.77 | \$ 12.27 | \$ 10.56 | \$ 7.67 | \$ 10.52 |
| Net Asset Value total return | 1.6% | 16.2% | 37.7% | (27.1)% | (13.3)% |
| Market value, end of period | \$ 10.15 | \$ 10.68 | \$ 9.07 | \$ 6.40 | \$ 9.01 |
| Investment total return | 0.7% | 17.8% | 41.7% | (29.0)% | (12.1)% |

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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)**

Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period:

| | Year Ended December 31, | | | | |
|---|-------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| | 2010 | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 |
| Ratios and Supplemental Data: | | | | | |
| Net assets including liquidation value of preferred shares, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 159,232 | \$ 141,164 | \$ 122,401 | \$ 251,334 | \$ 247,412 |
| Net assets attributable to common shares, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 124,457 | \$ 106,386 | \$ 75,619 | \$ 201,506 | \$ 197,584 |
| Ratio of net investment income/(loss) to average net assets attributable to common shares before preferred share distributions | (0.89)% | 0.88% | 1.40% | 0.46% | 2.17% |
| Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets attributable to common shares before fees waived | 3.19% | 2.46%% | 1.89%% | | |
| Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets attributable to common shares net of advisory fee reduction, if any (b) | 3.19% | 2.43% | 1.54% | 1.62% | 1.79% |
| Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets including liquidation value of preferred shares before fees waived | 2.44% | 1.70% | 1.40% | | |
| Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets including liquidation value of preferred shares net of advisory fee reduction, if any (b) | 2.44% | 1.68% | 1.14% | 1.32% | 1.39% |
| Portfolio turnover rate | 9.4% | 9.6% | 14.5% | 14.5% | 9.8% |
| Preferred Stock: | | | | | |
| 6.00% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock | | | | | |
| Liquidation value, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 19,775 | \$ 19,778 | \$ 24,281 | \$ 24,828 | \$ 24,828 |
| Total shares outstanding (in 000 s) | 791 | 791 | 971 | 993 | 993 |
| Liquidation preference per share | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 |
| Average market value (c) | \$ 25.07 | \$ 23.53 | \$ 22.59 | \$ 24.14 | \$ 24.12 |
| Asset coverage per share | \$ 114.47 | \$ 101.48 | \$ 65.41 | \$ 126.10 | \$ 124.13 |
| Series C Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Stock | | | | | |
| Liquidation value, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 15,000 | \$ 15,000 | \$ 22,500 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 |
| Total shares outstanding (in 000 s) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Liquidation preference per share | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 |
| Average market value (d) | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 |

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| | | | | | |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Asset coverage per share | \$ 114,472 | \$ 101,475 | \$ 65,411 | \$ 126,101 | \$ 124,134 |
| Asset Coverage (e) | 458% | 406% | 262% | 504% | 497% |

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| | Year Ended December 31, | | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2005 | 2004 | 2003 | 2002 | 2001 |
| Ratios and Supplemental Data: | | | | | |
| Net assets including liquidation value of preferred shares, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 214,907 | \$ 223,739 | \$ 200,195 | \$ 132,683 | \$ 181,539 |
| Net assets attributable to common shares, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 165,079 | \$ 173,912 | \$ 150,195 | \$ 109,533 | \$ 150,672 |
| Ratio of net investment income to average net assets attributable to common shares before preferred share distributions | 1.44% | 0.71% | (0.36)% | (0.04)% | (0.18)% |
| Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets attributable to common shares net of advisory fee reduction, if any (b) | 1.55% | 1.87% | 1.81% | 1.46% | 1.34% |
| Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets including liquidation value of preferred shares net of advisory fee reduction, if any (b) | 1.20% | 1.41% | 1.35% | 1.18% | 1.13% |
| Portfolio turnover rate | 12.4% | 7.5% | 10.9% | 16.6% | 25.4% |
| Preferred Stock: | | | | | |
| 7.92% Cumulative Preferred Stock | | | | | |
| Liquidation value, end of period (in 000 s) | | | | \$ 23,150 | \$ 30,867 |
| Total shares outstanding (in 000 s) | | | | 926 | 1,235 |
| Liquidation preference per share | | | | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 |
| Average market value (c) | | | | \$ 25.75 | \$ 25.50 |
| Asset coverage per share | | | | \$ 143.29 | \$ 147.00 |
| 6.00% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock | | | | | |
| Liquidation value, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 24,828 | \$ 24,828 | \$ 25,000 | | |
| Total shares outstanding (in 000 s) | 993 | 993 | 1,000 | | |
| Liquidation preference per share | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | \$ 25.00 | | |
| Average market value (c) | \$ 25.00 | \$ 24.84 | \$ 25.28 | | |
| Asset coverage per share | \$ 107.83 | \$ 112.26 | \$ 100.10 | | |
| Series C Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Stock | | | | | |
| Liquidation value, end of period (in 000 s) | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | | |
| Total shares outstanding (in 000 s) | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| Liquidation preference per share | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | | |
| Average market value (d) | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | \$ 25,000 | | |
| Asset coverage per share | \$ 107,825 | \$ 112,257 | \$ 100,097 | | |
| Asset Coverage (e) | 431% | 449% | 400% | 573% | 588% |

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Based on net asset value per share, adjusted for reinvestment of distributions at prices determined under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.

Based on market value per share, adjusted for reinvestment of distributions at prices determined under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan.

Effective in 2008, a change in accounting policy was adopted with regard to the calculation of the portfolio turnover rate to include cash proceeds due to mergers. Had this policy been adopted retroactively, the portfolio turnover rate for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006, 2005, and 2004 would have been 14.8%, 16.5%, 14.5%, and 8.9%, respectively.

- (a) Calculated based upon average common shares outstanding on the record dates throughout the year.
- (b) For the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007, 2006, and 2005, the effect of the custodian fee credits was minimal.
- (c) Based on weekly prices.
- (d) Based on weekly auction prices. Since February 2008, the weekly auctions have failed. Holders that have submitted orders have not been able to sell any or all of their stock in the auctions.
- (e) Asset coverage is calculated by combining all series of preferred stock.
- (f) Amount represents less than \$0.005 per share.

CAPITALIZATION

[To be provided.]

PRICE RANGE OF COMMON STOCK

The following table sets forth for the quarters indicated, the high and low sale prices on the NYSE per share of our common stock and the net asset value and the premium or discount from net asset value per share at which the common stock were trading, expressed as a percentage of net asset value, at each of the high and low sale prices provided.

[To be provided.]

On _____, 2011, the last reported net asset value per share of the Common Stock was \$_____ and the last reported sales price per share of Common Stock on the NYSE was \$_____.

SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS AND RISKS OF THE RIGHTS

[To be provided.]

TAXATION

[To be provided.]

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LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters will be passed on by Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP, 75 E. 55th Street, New York, New York 10022 in connection with the offering of the shares of common stock.

Certain legal matters will be passed on by [] in connection with the offering of the shares of common stock as local counsel to the Fund.

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The Gabelli Global Multimedia Trust Inc.

_____ **Shares of Common Stock**

**Issuable Upon Exercise of Rights to
Subscribe to Such Shares of Common Stock**

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

, 2011

Until _____, 2011 (25 days after the date of this prospectus), all dealers that buy, sell or trade these securities, whether or not participating in this offering, may be required to deliver a Prospectus. This is in addition to each dealer's obligation to deliver a prospectus when acting as an underwriter and with respect to its unsold allotments or subscriptions.

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The information in this Prospectus Supplement is not complete and may be changed. The Fund may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This Prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting offers to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT
(To Prospectus dated ____, 2011)

_____ Rights for _____ Shares
Subscription Rights for _____% Series [] [] Preferred Stock

The Gabelli Global Multimedia Trust Inc. (the Fund, we, us or our) is issuing subscription rights (the Rights) to common stockholders to purchase shares of _____% Series [] [] Preferred Stock (the Series [] Preferred Stock).

The Fund is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). The Fund's primary investment objective is to achieve long-term growth of capital, primarily through investment in a portfolio of common stock and other securities of foreign and domestic companies involved in the telecommunications, media, publishing, and entertainment industries. Income is a secondary investment objective of the Fund. The Fund's investment adviser is Gabelli Funds, LLC (the Investment Adviser).

Shares of our common stock are traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol GGT. On ____, 2011 (the last trading date prior to the Common Stock trading ex-Rights), the last reported net asset value per share of the Common Stock was \$____ and the last reported sales price per share of Common Stock on the NYSE was \$____.

An investment in the Fund is not appropriate for all investors. We cannot assure you that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved. You should read this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus before deciding whether to invest in common shares and retain it for future reference. The Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus contain important information about us. Material that has been incorporated by reference and other information about us can be obtained from us by calling 800-GABELLI (422-3554) or from the Securities and Exchange Commission's (SEC) website (<http://www.sec.gov>). For additional information all holders of rights should contact the Information Agent, [], toll-free at [] or please send written request to: [].

Investing in preferred stock through Rights involves certain risks that are described in the Special Characteristics and Risks of the Rights Offering section beginning on page 7 of the Prospectus Supplement.

NEITHER THE SEC NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED THESE SECURITIES OR DETERMINED IF THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT IS TRUTHFUL OR COMPLETE. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

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| | Per Share | Total |
|--|------------------|--------------|
| Subscription price of Common Stock to shareholders exercising Rights | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |
| Underwriting discounts and commissions | [] | [] |
| Proceeds, before expenses, to the Fund (1) | \$ _____ | \$ _____ |

(1) The aggregate expenses of the offering are estimated to be \$[].

The preferred stock is expected to be ready for delivery in book-entry form through the Depository Trust Company on or about _____, 2011. If the offer is extended, the preferred stock is expected to be ready for delivery in book-entry form through the Depository Trust Company on or about _____, 2011.

The date of this Prospectus Supplement is _____, 2011

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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus. The Fund has not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. The Fund is not making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained in this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date of this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying Prospectus, respectively. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates. In this Prospectus Supplement and in the accompanying Prospectus, unless otherwise indicated, Fund, us, our and we refer to The Gabelli Global Multimedia Trust Inc. This Prospectus Supplement also includes trademarks owned by other persons.

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CAUTIONARY NOTICE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Prospectus Supplement, the accompanying Prospectus and the Statement of Additional Information contain forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the words may, will, intend, expect, estimate, continue, plan, anticipate, and similar terms and the negative of such terms. Such forward-looking statements may be contained in this Prospectus Supplement as well as in the accompanying Prospectus. By their nature, all forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties, and actual results could differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. Several factors that could materially affect our actual results are the performance of the portfolio of securities we hold, the price at which our shares will trade in the public markets and other factors discussed in our periodic filings with the SEC.

Although we believe that the expectations expressed in our forward-looking statements are reasonable, actual results could differ materially from those projected or assumed in our forward-looking statements. Our future financial condition and results of operations, as well as any forward-looking statements, are subject to change and are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties, such as those disclosed in the Risk Factors and Special Considerations section of the accompanying Prospectus and Special Characteristics and Risks of the Rights Offering in this Prospectus Supplement. All forward-looking statements contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus Supplement or the accompanying Prospectus are made as of the date of this Prospectus Supplement or the accompanying Prospectus, as the case may be. Except for our ongoing obligations under the federal securities laws, we do not intend, and we undertake no obligation, to update any forward-looking statement. The forward-looking statements contained in this Prospectus Supplement, any accompanying Prospectus and the Statement of Additional Information are excluded from the safe harbor protection provided by Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act).

Currently known risk factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations include, but are not limited to, the factors described in the Risk Factors and Special Considerations section of the accompanying Prospectus as well as in the Special Characteristics and Risks of the Rights Offering section of this Prospectus Supplement. We urge you to review carefully those sections for a more detailed discussion of the risks of an investment in the preferred stock.

Table of Contents**SUMMARY OF THE TERMS OF THE RIGHTS OFFERING**

| | |
|--|---|
| Terms of the Offer | [To be provided.] |
| Amount Available for Primary Subscription | [\$] |
| Title | Subscription Rights for Series [] Preferred Stock |
| Exercise Price | Rights may be exercised at a price of \$_____ per share of Preferred Stock (the Subscription Price). <i>See Terms of the Offer.</i> |
| Record Date | Rights will be issued to holders of record of the Fund's Common Stock on _____, 2011 (the Record Date). <i>See Terms of the Offer.</i> |
| Number of Rights Issued | _____ Right will be issued in respect of each share of Common Stock of the Fund outstanding on the Record Date. <i>See Terms of the Offer.</i> |
| Number of Rights Required to Purchase One Preferred Share | A holder of Rights may purchase _____ share of Preferred Stock of the Fund for every _____ Rights exercised. The number of Rights to be issued to a stockholder on the Record Date will be rounded up to the nearest number of Rights evenly divisible by _____. <i>See Terms of the Offer.</i> |
| Over-Subscription Privilege | [To be provided.] |
| Transfer of Rights | [To be provided.] |
| Exercise Period | The Rights may be exercised at any time after issuance and prior to expiration of the Rights, which will be 5:00 PM Eastern Time on _____, 2011 (the Expiration Date) (the Subscription Period). <i>See Terms of the Offer and Method of Exercise of Rights.</i> |
| Offer Expenses | The expenses of the Offer are expected to be approximately \$[]. <i>See Use of Proceeds.</i> |
| Sale of Rights | [To be provided.] |
| Use of Proceeds | The Fund estimates the net proceeds of the Offer to be approximately \$[]. This figure is based on the Exercise Price per share of \$_____ and assumes all new shares of Series [] Preferred Stock offered are sold and that the expenses related to the Offer estimated at approximately \$[] are paid. |

The Investment Adviser anticipates that investment of the proceeds will be made in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies as appropriate investment opportunities are identified, which is expected to be substantially completed in approximately three months; however, the identification of appropriate investment opportunities pursuant to the Fund's investment style or changes in market conditions may cause the investment period to extend as long as six months. Pending such investment, the proceeds will be held in high

quality short-term debt securities and instruments. *See Use of Proceeds.*

Taxation/ERISA *See Employee Plan Considerations.*

Rights Agent [To be provided.]

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TERMS OF THE SERIES ___ PREFERRED STOCK

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Dividend Rate | The dividend rate [for the initial dividend period] ¹ will be ___%. |
| Dividend Payment Rate | [Dividends will be paid when, as and if declared on _____, _____, _____, and _____, commencing _____.] ² The payment date for the initial dividend period will be _____.] ¹ |
| [Regular Dividend Period | Regular dividend periods will be ___days.] ¹ |
| Liquidation Preference | \$ ___ per share |
| [Non-Call Period | The shares may not be called for redemption at the option of the Fund prior to _____.] ² |
| [Stock Exchange Listing] ² | |

- 1 Applicable only if the preferred shares being offered are auction rate shares.
- 2 Applicable only if the preferred shares being offered are fixed rate shares.

DESCRIPTION OF THE RIGHTS OFFERING

[To be provided.]

USE OF PROCEEDS

The Fund estimates the net proceeds of the Offer to be \$[], based on the Subscription Price per share of \$[], assuming all new shares of Series [] Preferred Stock offered are sold and that the expenses related to the Offer estimated at approximately \$[] are paid and after deduction of the underwriting discounts and commissions.

Unless otherwise specified in a prospectus supplement, the Fund will invest the net proceeds of any offering in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies, and may use a portion of such proceeds, depending on market conditions, for other general corporate purposes, including the continuation of the Fund's managed distribution policy. The Investment Adviser anticipates that the investment of the proceeds will be made in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies as appropriate investment opportunities are identified, which is expected to substantially be completed within three months; however, changes in market conditions could result in the Fund's anticipated investment period extending to as long as six months. Pending such investment, the proceeds of the offering will be held in high quality short-term debt securities and instruments.

CAPITALIZATION

[To be provided.]

ASSET COVERAGE RATIO

[To be provided.]

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SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS AND RISKS OF THE RIGHTS OFFERING

[To be provided.]

TAXATION

[To be provided.]

UNDERWRITING

[To be provided.]

LEGAL MATTERS

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Certain legal matters will be passed on by [] in connection with the offering of the shares of common stock as local counsel to the Fund.

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The Gabelli Global Multimedia Trust Inc.

_____ Shares

_____ % Series [] [] Preferred Stock
(Liquidation Preference \$____ per share)

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

, 2011

Until _____, 2011 (25 days after the date of this prospectus), all dealers that buy, sell or trade the Preferred Stock, whether or not participating in this offering, may be required to deliver a Prospectus. This is in addition to each dealer's obligation to deliver a prospectus when acting as an underwriter and with respect to its unsold allotments or subscription

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SUBJECT TO COMPLETION

Dated June 23, 2011

THE GABELLI GLOBAL MULTIMEDIA TRUST INC.

STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

THE INFORMATION IN THIS STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS NOT COMPLETE AND MAY BE CHANGED. THE FUND MAY NOT SELL THESE SECURITIES UNTIL THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT FILED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION IS EFFECTIVE. THIS STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS NOT AN OFFER TO SELL THESE SECURITIES AND IT IS NOT SOLICITING AN OFFER TO BUY THESE SECURITIES IN ANY STATE WHERE THE OFFER OR SALE IS NOT PERMITTED.

The Gabelli Global Multimedia Trust Inc. (the Fund) is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). The Fund s primary investment objective is long-term growth of capital, primarily through investment in a portfolio of common stock and other securities of foreign and domestic companies involved in the telecommunications, media, publishing and entertainment industries. Income is a secondary objective of the Fund. The Fund commenced investment operations on November 15, 1994. Gabelli Funds, LLC (the Investment Adviser) serves as investment adviser to the Fund.

This Statement of Additional Information (the SAI) does not constitute a prospectus, but should be read in conjunction with the Fund s Prospectus relating thereto dated June 23, 2011, and as it may be supplemented. This SAI does not include all information that a prospective investor should consider before investing in the Fund s shares, and investors should obtain and read the Fund s Prospectus prior to purchasing such shares. A copy of the Fund s Registration Statement, including the prospectus and any supplement, may be obtained from the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) upon payment of the fee prescribed, or inspected at the SEC s office or via its website (www.sec.gov) at no charge.

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The Prospectus and this SAI omit certain information contained in the registration statement filed with the SEC. The registration statement may be obtained from the SEC upon payment of the fee prescribed, or inspected at the SEC's office at no charge.

THE FUND

The Fund was incorporated in Maryland on May 31, 1994, and is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the 1940 Act. The common stock of the Fund is listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) under the symbol GGT. The Fund's 6.00% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock (the Series B Preferred) is listed and traded on the NYSE under the symbol GGT PrB. The Fund's Series C Auction Rate Preferred Stock (the Series C Auction Rate Preferred, and together with Series B Preferred, the Preferred Stock) is not traded on a stock exchange.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Investment Objectives

The Fund's primary investment objective is long-term growth of capital. Income is a secondary objective. Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of the value of its assets in common stock and other securities, including convertible securities, preferred stock, options, and warrants of companies in the telecommunications, media, publishing, and entertainment industries. See Investment Objectives and Policies in the Prospectus.

Recent Regulatory Events

The U.S. Government, the Federal Reserve, the Treasury, the SEC, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and other governmental and regulatory bodies have recently taken or are considering taking actions to address the financial crisis. These actions include, but are not limited to, the enactment by the United States Congress of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act, which was signed into law on July 21, 2010 and imposed a new regulatory framework over the U.S. financial services industry and the consumer credit markets in general, and proposed regulations by the SEC. Given the broad scope, sweeping nature, and relatively recent enactment of some of these regulatory measures, the potential impact they could have on securities held by the Funds is unknown. There can be no assurance that these measures will not have an adverse effect on the value or marketability of securities held by the Funds. Furthermore, no assurance can be made that the U.S. Government or any U.S. regulatory body (or other authority or regulatory body) will not continue to take further legislative or regulatory action in response to the economic crisis or otherwise, and the effect of such actions, if taken, cannot be known.

Investment Practices

Special Situations. Subject to the Fund's policy of investing at least 80% of the value of its assets in companies involved in the telecommunications, media, publishing, and entertainment industries, the Fund from time to time may, as a non-principal investment strategy, invest in companies that are determined by the Investment Adviser to possess special situation characteristics. In general, a special situation company is a company whose securities are expected to increase in value solely by reason of a development particularly or uniquely applicable to the company. Developments that may create special situations include, among others, a liquidation, reorganization, recapitalization or merger, material litigation, technological breakthrough, or new management or management policies. The principal risk associated with investments in special situation companies is that the anticipated development thought to create the special situation may not occur and the investment therefore may not appreciate in value or may decline in value.

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Temporary Defensive Investments. Subject to the Fund's investment restrictions, when a temporary defensive period is believed by the Investment Adviser to be warranted (temporary defensive periods), the Fund may, without limitation, hold cash or invest its assets in securities of United States government sponsored instrumentalities, in repurchase agreements in respect of those instruments, and in certain high grade commercial paper instruments. During temporary defensive periods, the Fund may also invest up to 10% of the market value of its total assets in money market mutual funds that invest primarily in securities of United States government sponsored instrumentalities and repurchase agreements in respect of those instruments. Obligations of certain agencies and instrumentalities of the United States government, such as the Government National Mortgage Association, are supported by the full faith and credit of the United States government; others, such as those of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, are supported by the right of the issuer to borrow from the United States Treasury; others, such as those of the Federal National Mortgage Association, are supported by the discretionary authority of the United States government to purchase the agency's obligations; and still others, such as those of the Student Loan Marketing Association, are supported only by the credit of the instrumentality. No assurance can be given that the United States government would provide financial support to United States government sponsored instrumentalities if it is not obligated to do so by law. During temporary defensive periods, the Fund may be less likely to achieve its secondary investment objective of income.

Lower Rated Securities. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its total assets in fixed income securities rated in the lower rating categories of recognized statistical rating agencies, such as securities rated CCC or lower by S&P or Caa or lower by Moody's, or non-rated securities of comparable quality. These debt securities are predominantly speculative and involve major risk exposure to adverse conditions and are often referred to in the financial press as junk bonds.

Generally, such lower rated securities and unrated securities of comparable quality offer a higher current yield than is offered by higher rated securities, but also (i) will likely have some quality and protective characteristics that, in the judgment of the rating organizations, are outweighed by large uncertainties or major risk exposures to adverse conditions and (ii) are predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of the obligation. The market values of certain of these securities also tend to be more sensitive to individual corporate developments and changes in economic conditions than higher quality bonds. In addition, such lower rated securities and comparable unrated securities generally present a higher degree of credit risk. The risk of loss due to default by these issuers is significantly greater because such lower rated securities and unrated securities of comparable quality generally are unsecured and frequently are subordinated to the prior payment of senior indebtedness. In light of these risks, the Investment Adviser, in evaluating the creditworthiness of an issue, whether rated or unrated, will take various factors into consideration, which may include, as applicable, the issuer's operating history, financial resources and its sensitivity to economic conditions and trends, the market support for the facility financed by the issue, the perceived ability and integrity of the issuer's management and regulatory matters.

In addition, the market value of securities in lower rated categories is more volatile than that of higher quality securities, and the markets in which such lower rated or unrated securities are traded are more limited than those in which higher rated securities are traded. The existence of limited markets may make it more difficult for the Fund to obtain accurate market quotations for purposes of valuing its portfolio and calculating its net asset value. Moreover, the lack of a liquid trading market may restrict the availability of securities for the Fund to purchase and may also have the effect of limiting the ability of the Fund to sell securities at their fair market value to respond to changes in the economy or the financial markets.

Lower rated debt obligations also present risks based on payment expectations. If an issuer calls the obligation for redemption (often a feature of fixed income securities), the Fund may have to replace the security with a lower yielding security, resulting in a decreased return for investors. Also, as the principal value of bonds moves inversely with movements in interest rates, in the event of rising interest rates the value of the securities held by the Fund may decline proportionately more than a portfolio consisting of higher rated securities. Investments in zero coupon bonds may be more speculative and subject to greater fluctuations in value due to changes in interest rates than bonds that pay interest currently.

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The Fund may invest in securities of issuers in default. The Fund will invest in securities of issuers in default only when the Investment Adviser believes that such issuers will honor their obligations or emerge from bankruptcy protection and the value of these securities will appreciate. By investing in securities of issuers in default, the Fund bears the risk that these issuers will not continue to honor their obligations or emerge from bankruptcy protection or that the value of the securities will not appreciate.

In addition to using recognized rating agencies and other sources, the Investment Adviser also performs its own analysis in seeking investments that it believes to be underrated (and thus higher-yielding) in light of the financial condition of the issuer. Its analysis of issuers may include, among other things, current and anticipated cash flow and borrowing requirements, value of assets in relation to historical cost, strength of management, responsiveness to business conditions, credit standing and current anticipated results of operations. In selecting investments for the Fund, the Investment Adviser may also consider general business conditions, anticipated changes in interest rates and the outlook for specific industries.

Subsequent to its purchase by the Fund, an issue of securities may cease to be rated or its rating may be reduced. In addition, it is possible that statistical rating agencies might not change their ratings of a particular issue or reflect subsequent events on a timely basis. Moreover, such ratings do not assess the risk of a decline in market value. None of these events will require the sale of the securities by the Fund, although the Investment Adviser will consider these events in determining whether the Fund should continue to hold the securities.

The market for certain lower rated and comparable unrated securities has in the past experienced a major economic recession. The recession adversely affected the value of such securities as well as the ability of certain issuers of such securities to repay principal and pay interest thereon. The market for those securities could react in a similar fashion in the event of any future economic recession.

Options. The Fund may, subject to guidelines of the Board of Directors (the Board), purchase or sell, (i.e., write) options on securities, securities indices, and foreign currencies which are listed on a national securities exchange or in the United States over-the-counter (OTC) markets as a means of achieving additional return or of hedging the value of the Fund's portfolio.

A call option is a contract that gives the holder of the option the right to buy from the writer (seller) of the call option, in return for a premium paid, the security or currency underlying the option at a specified exercise price at any time during the term of the option. The writer of the call option has the obligation, upon exercise of the option, to deliver the underlying security or currency upon payment of the exercise price during the option period.

A put option is the reverse of a call option, giving the holder the right, in return for a premium, to sell the underlying security or currency to the writer, at a specified price, and obligating the writer to purchase the underlying security or currency from the holder at that price. The writer of the put, who receives the premium, has the obligation to buy the underlying security or currency upon exercise, at the exercise price during the option period.

If the Fund has written an option, it may terminate its obligation by effecting a closing purchase transaction. This is accomplished by purchasing an option of the same series as the option previously written. There can be no assurance that a closing purchase transaction can be effected when the Fund so desires.

An exchange traded option may be closed out only on an exchange that provides a secondary market for an option of the same series. Although the Fund will generally purchase or write only those options for which there appears to be an active secondary market, there is no assurance that a liquid secondary market on an exchange will exist for any particular option.

A call option is covered if the Fund owns the underlying instrument covered by the call or has an absolute and immediate right to acquire that instrument without additional cash consideration upon conversion or exchange of another instrument held in its portfolio (or for additional cash consideration held

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in a segregated account by its custodian). A call option is also covered if the Fund holds a call on the same instrument as the call written where the exercise price of the call held is (i) equal to or less than the exercise price of the call written or (ii) greater than the exercise price of the call written if the difference is maintained by the Fund in cash, direct obligations of the United States or by its agencies or instrumentalities that are entitled to the full faith and credit of the United States and that, other than United States Treasury Bills, provide for the periodic payment of interest and the full payment of principal at maturity or call for redemption or other high grade short-term obligations in a segregated account with its custodian. A put option is covered if the Fund maintains cash or other high grade short-term obligations with a value equal to the exercise price in a segregated account with its custodian, or else holds a put on the same instrument as the put written where the exercise price of the put held is equal to or greater than the exercise price of the put written. If the Fund has written an option, it may terminate its obligation by effecting a closing purchase transaction. This is accomplished by purchasing an option of the same series as the option previously written. However, once the Fund has been assigned an exercise notice, the Fund will be unable to effect a closing purchase transaction. Similarly, if the Fund is the holder of an option it may liquidate its position by effecting a closing sale transaction. This is accomplished by selling an option of the same series as the option previously purchased. There can be no assurance that either a closing purchase or sale transaction can be effected when the Fund so desires.

The Fund will realize a profit from a closing transaction if the price of the transaction is less than the premium received from writing the option or is more than the premium paid to purchase the option; the Fund will realize a loss from a closing transaction if the price of the transaction is more than the premium received from writing the option or is less than the premium paid to purchase the option. Since call option prices generally reflect increases in the price of the underlying security, any loss resulting from the repurchase of a call option may also be wholly or partially offset by unrealized appreciation of the underlying security. Other principal factors affecting the market value of a put or call option include supply and demand, interest rates, the current market price and price volatility of the underlying security and the time remaining until the expiration date. Gains and losses on investments in options depend, in part, on the ability of the Investment Adviser to predict correctly the effect of these factors. The use of options cannot serve as a complete hedge since the price movement of securities underlying the options will not necessarily follow the price movements of the portfolio securities subject to the hedge.

An option position may be closed out on an exchange that provides a secondary market for an option of the same series or in a private transaction. Although the Fund will generally purchase or write only those options for which there appears to be an active secondary market, there is no assurance that a liquid secondary market on an exchange will exist for any particular option. In such event, it might not be possible to effect closing transactions in particular options, so the Fund would have to exercise its options in order to realize any profit and would incur brokerage commissions upon the exercise of call options and upon the subsequent disposition of underlying securities for the exercise of put options. If the Fund, as a covered call option writer, is unable to effect a closing purchase transaction in a secondary market, it will not be able to sell the underlying security until the option expires or until the Fund delivers the underlying security upon exercise or otherwise covers the position.

In addition to options on securities, the Fund may also purchase and sell call and put options on securities indices. A stock index reflects in a single number the market value of many different stocks.

Relative values are assigned to the stocks included in an index and the index fluctuates with changes in the market values of the stocks. The options give the holder the right to receive a cash settlement during the term of the option based on the difference between the exercise price and the value of the index. By writing a put or call option on a securities index, the Fund is obligated, in return for the premium received, to make delivery of this amount. The Fund may offset its position in the stock index options prior to expiration by entering into a closing transaction on an exchange, or it may let the option expire unexercised.

Use of options on securities indices entails the risk that trading in the options may be interrupted if trading in certain securities included in the index is interrupted. The Fund will not purchase these options unless the Investment Adviser is satisfied with the development, depth and liquidity of the market and the Investment Adviser believes the options can be closed out.

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Price movements in the portfolio of the Fund may not correlate precisely with the movements in the level of an index and, therefore, the use of options on indices cannot serve as a complete hedge and will depend, in part, on the ability of the Investment Adviser to predict correctly movements in the direction of the stock market generally or of a particular industry. Because options on securities indices require settlement in cash, the Fund may be forced to liquidate portfolio securities to meet settlement obligations.

The Fund may also buy or sell put and call options on foreign currencies. A put option on a foreign currency gives the purchaser of the option the right to sell a foreign currency at the exercise price until the option expires. A call option on a foreign currency gives the purchaser of the option the right to purchase the currency at the exercise price until the option expires. Currency options traded on U.S. or other exchanges may be subject to position limits which may limit the ability of the Fund to reduce foreign currency risk using such options. Over-the-counter options differ from exchange traded options in that they are two party contracts with price and other terms negotiated between buyer and seller and generally do not have as much market liquidity as exchange traded options. Over-the-counter options are considered illiquid securities.

Although the Investment Adviser will attempt to take appropriate measures to minimize the risks relating to the Fund's writing of put and call options, there can be no assurance that the Fund will succeed in any option writing program it undertakes.

Futures Contracts and Options on Futures. A sale of a futures contract (or a short futures position) means the assumption of a contractual obligation to deliver the assets underlying the contract at a specified price at a specified future time. A purchase of a futures contract (or a long futures position) means the assumption of a contractual obligation to acquire the assets underlying the contract at a specified price at a specified future time. Certain futures contracts, including stock and bond index futures, are settled on a net cash payment basis rather than by the sale and delivery of the assets underlying the futures contracts. No consideration will be paid or received by the Fund upon the purchase or sale of a futures contract. Initially, the Fund will be required to deposit with the broker an amount of cash or cash equivalents equal to approximately 1% to 10% of the contract amount (this amount is subject to change by the exchange or board of trade on which the contract is traded and brokers or members of such board of trade may charge a higher amount). This amount is known as initial margin and is in the nature of a performance bond or good faith deposit on the contract. Subsequent payments, known as variation margin, to and from the broker will be made daily as the price of the index or security underlying the futures contracts fluctuates. At any time prior to the expiration of a futures contract, the Fund may close the position by taking an opposite position, which will operate to terminate its existing position in the contract.

An option on a futures contract gives the purchaser the right, in return for the premium paid, to assume a position in a futures contract at a specified exercise price at any time prior to the expiration of the option. Upon exercise of an option, the delivery of the futures positions by the writer of the option to the holder of the option will be accompanied by delivery of the accumulated balance in the writer's futures margin account attributable to that contract, which represents the amount by which the market price of the futures contract exceeds, in the case of a call, or is less than, in the case of a put, the exercise price of the option on the futures contract. The potential loss related to the purchase of an option on futures contracts is limited to the premium paid for the option (plus transaction costs). Because the value of the option purchased is fixed at the point of sale, there are no daily cash payments by the purchaser to reflect changes in the value of the underlying contract; however, the value of the option does change daily and that change would be reflected in the net assets of the Fund.

Futures and options on futures entail certain risks, including but not limited to the following: no assurance that futures contracts or options on futures can be offset at favorable prices, possible reduction of the yield of the Fund due to the use of hedging, possible reduction in value of both the securities hedged and the hedging instrument, possible lack of liquidity due to daily limits on price fluctuations, imperfect correlation between the contracts and the securities being hedged, losses from investing in futures transactions that are potentially unlimited and the segregation requirements described below.

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In the event the Fund sells a put option or enters into long futures contracts, under current interpretations of the 1940 Act, an amount of cash, obligations of the U.S. government and its agencies and instrumentalities, or other liquid securities equal to the market value of the contract must be deposited and maintained in a segregated account with the custodian of the Fund to collateralize the positions, thereby ensuring that the use of the contract is unleveraged. For short positions in futures contracts and sales of call options, the Fund may establish a segregated custodial account (not with a futures commission merchant or broker) with cash or liquid securities that, when added to amounts deposited with a futures commission merchant or a broker as margin, equal the market value of the instruments or currency underlying the futures contract or call option or the market price at which the short positions were established.

Interest Rate Futures Contracts and Options Thereon. The Fund may purchase or sell interest rate futures contracts to take advantage of, or to protect the Fund against fluctuations in interest rates affecting the value of debt securities which the Fund holds or intends to acquire. For example, if interest rates are expected to increase, the Fund might sell futures contracts on debt securities the values of which historically have a high degree of positive correlation to the values of the Fund's portfolio securities. Such a sale would have an effect similar to selling an equivalent value of the Fund's portfolio securities. If interest rates increase, the value of the Fund's portfolio securities will decline, but the value of the futures contracts to the Fund will increase at approximately an equivalent rate, thereby keeping the net asset value of the Fund from declining as much as it otherwise would have. The Fund could accomplish similar results by selling debt securities with longer maturities and investing in debt securities with shorter maturities when interest rates are expected to increase. However, since the futures market may be more liquid than the cash market, the use of futures contracts as a risk management technique allows the Fund to maintain a defensive position without having to sell its portfolio securities.

Similarly, the Fund may purchase interest rate futures contracts when it is expected that interest rates may decline. The purchase of futures contracts for this purpose constitutes a hedge against increases in the price of debt securities (caused by declining interest rates) which the Fund intends to acquire. Since fluctuations in the value of appropriately selected futures contracts should approximate that of the debt securities that will be purchased, the Fund can take advantage of the anticipated rise in the cost of the debt securities without actually buying them. Subsequently, the Fund can make its intended purchase of the debt securities in the cash market and concurrently liquidate its futures position. To the extent the Fund enters into futures contracts for this purpose, it will maintain, in a segregated asset account with the Fund's custodian, assets sufficient to cover the Fund's obligations with respect to such futures contracts, which will consist of cash or other liquid securities from its portfolio in an amount equal to the difference between the fluctuating market value of such futures contracts and the aggregate value of the initial margin deposited by the Fund with its custodian with respect to such futures contracts.

The purchase of a call option on a futures contract is similar in some respects to the purchase of a call option on an individual security. Depending on the pricing of the option compared to either the price of the futures contract upon which it is based or the price of the underlying debt securities, it may or may not be less risky than ownership of the futures contract or underlying debt securities. As with the purchase of futures contracts, when the Fund is not fully invested it may purchase a call option on a futures contract to hedge against a market advance due to declining interest rates.

The purchase of a put option on a futures contract is similar to the purchase of protective put options on portfolio securities. The Fund will purchase a put option on a futures contract to hedge its portfolio against the risk of rising interest rates and consequent reduction in the value of portfolio securities.

The writing of a call option on a futures contract constitutes a partial hedge against declining prices of the securities that are deliverable upon exercise of the futures contract. If the futures price at expiration of the option is below the exercise price, the Fund will retain the full amount of the option premium, which provides a partial hedge against any decline that may have occurred in the its portfolio holdings. The writing of a put option on a futures contract constitutes a partial hedge against increasing prices of the securities that are deliverable upon exercise of the futures contract. If the futures price at expiration of the option is higher than the exercise price, the Fund will retain the full amount of the option premium, which provides a partial hedge against any increase in the price of debt securities that it intends to purchase. If a put or call option the Fund has written is exercised, the Fund will incur a loss

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amount of the premium it received. Depending on the degree of correlation between changes in the value of its portfolio securities and changes in the value of its futures positions, the Fund's losses from options on futures it has written may to some extent be reduced or increased by changes in the value of its portfolio securities.

Currency Futures and Options Thereon. Generally, foreign currency futures contracts and options thereon are similar to the interest rate futures contracts and options thereon discussed previously. By entering into currency futures and options thereon, the Fund will seek to establish the rate at which it will be entitled to exchange U.S. dollars for another currency at a future time. By selling currency futures, the Fund will seek to establish the number of dollars it will receive at delivery for a certain amount of a foreign currency. In this way, whenever the Fund anticipates a decline in the value of a foreign currency against the U.S. dollar, the Fund can attempt to lock in the U.S. dollar value of some or all of the securities held in its portfolio that are denominated in that currency. By purchasing currency futures, the Fund can establish the number of dollars it will be required to pay for a specified amount of a foreign currency in a future month. Thus, if the Fund intends to buy securities in the future and expects the U.S. dollar to decline against the relevant foreign currency during the period before the purchase is effected, the Fund can attempt to lock in the price in U.S. dollars of the securities it intends to acquire.

The purchase of options on currency futures will allow the Fund, for the price of the premium and related transaction costs it must pay for the option, to decide whether or not to buy (in the case of a call option) or to sell (in the case of a put option) a futures contract at a specified price at any time during the period before the option expires. If the Investment Adviser, in purchasing an option, has been correct in its judgment concerning the direction in which the price of a foreign currency would move as against the U.S. dollar, the Fund may exercise the option and thereby take a futures position to hedge against the risk it had correctly anticipated or close out the option position at a gain that will offset, to some extent, currency exchange losses otherwise suffered by the Fund. If exchange rates move in a way the Fund did not anticipate, however, the Fund will have incurred the expense of the option without obtaining the expected benefit; any such movement in exchange rates may also thereby reduce, rather than enhance, the Fund's profits on its underlying securities transactions.

Securities Index Futures Contracts and Options Thereon. Purchases or sales of securities index futures contracts are used for hedging purposes to attempt to protect the Fund's current or intended investments from broad fluctuations in stock or bond prices. For example, the Fund may sell securities index futures contracts in anticipation of or during a market decline to attempt to offset the decrease in market value of the its securities portfolio that might otherwise result. If such decline occurs, the loss in value of portfolio securities may be offset, in whole or part, by gains on the futures position. When the Fund is not fully invested in the securities market and anticipates a significant market advance, it may purchase securities index futures contracts in order to gain rapid market exposure that may, in part or entirely, offset increases in the cost of securities that it intends to purchase. As such purchases are made, the corresponding positions in securities index futures contracts will be closed out. The Fund may write put and call options on securities index futures contracts for hedging purposes.

Limitations on the Purchase and Sale of Futures Contracts and Options on Futures Contracts. The Investment Adviser has claimed an exclusion from the definition of the term "commodity pool operator" under the Commodity Exchange Act and therefore is not subject to registration under the Commodity Exchange Act. Accordingly, the Fund's investments in derivative instruments described in the Prospectus and this SAI are not limited by or subject to regulation under the Commodity Exchange Act or otherwise regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Nevertheless, the Fund's investment restrictions place certain limitations and prohibitions on the Fund's ability to purchase or sell commodities or commodity contracts. See "Investment Restrictions." Under these restrictions, the Fund may not enter into futures contracts or options on futures contracts unless (i) the aggregate initial margins and premiums do not exceed 5% of the fair market value of the Fund's total assets and (ii) the aggregate market value of the Fund's outstanding futures contracts and the market value of the currencies and futures contracts subject to outstanding options written by the Fund, as the case may be, do not exceed 50% of the market value of the Fund's total assets. In addition, investment in futures contracts and related options generally will be limited by the rating agency guidelines applicable to any of the Fund's preferred stock.

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Forward Currency Exchange Contracts. The Fund may engage in currency transactions other than on futures exchanges to protect against future changes in the level of future currency exchange rates. The Fund will conduct such currency exchange transactions either on a spot (i.e., cash) basis at the rate then prevailing in the currency exchange market or on a forward basis, by entering into forward contracts to purchase or sell currency. A forward contract on foreign currency involves an obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency at a future date, which may be any fixed number of days agreed upon by the parties from the date of the contract, at a price set on the date of the contract. Dealing in forward currency exchange will be limited to hedging involving either specific transactions or portfolio positions. Transaction hedging is the purchase or sale of forward currency with respect to specific receivables or payables of the Fund generally arising in connection with the purchase or sale of its portfolio securities and accruals of interest receivable and Fund expenses. Position hedging is the forward sale of currency with respect to portfolio security positions denominated or quoted in that currency or in a currency bearing a high degree of positive correlation to the value of that currency.

The Fund may not position hedge with respect to a particular currency for an amount greater than the aggregate market value (determined at the time of making any sale of forward currency) of the securities held in its portfolio denominated or quoted in, or currently convertible into, such currency. If the Fund enters into a position hedging transaction, the Fund's custodian or subcustodian will place cash or other liquid securities in a segregated account of the Fund in an amount equal to the value of the Fund's total assets committed to the consummation of the given forward contract. If the value of the securities placed in the segregated account declines, additional cash or securities will be placed in the account so that the value of the account will, at all times, equal the amount of the Fund's commitment with respect to the forward contract.

At or before the maturity of a forward sale contract, the Fund may either sell a portfolio security and make delivery of the currency, or retain the security and offset its contractual obligations to deliver the currency by purchasing a second contract pursuant to which the Fund will obtain, on the same maturity date, the same amount of the currency which it is obligated to deliver. If the Fund retains the portfolio security and engages in an offsetting transaction, the Fund, at the time of execution of the offsetting transaction, will incur a gain or a loss to the extent that movement has occurred in forward contract prices. Should forward prices decline during the period between the Fund's entering into a forward contract for the sale of a currency and the date it enters into an offsetting contract for the purchase of the currency, the Fund will realize a gain to the extent the price of the currency it has agreed to purchase is less than the price of the currency it has agreed to sell. Should forward prices increase, the Fund will suffer a loss to the extent the price of the currency it has agreed to purchase exceeds the price of the currency it has agreed to sell. Closing out forward purchase contracts involves similar offsetting transactions.

The cost to the Fund of engaging in currency transactions varies with factors such as the currency involved, the length of the contract period, and the market conditions then prevailing. Because forward transactions in currency exchange are usually conducted on a principal basis, no fees or commissions are involved. The use of foreign currency contracts does not eliminate fluctuations in the underlying prices of the securities, but it does establish a rate of exchange that can be achieved in the future. In addition, although forward currency contracts limit the risk of loss due to a decline in the value of the hedged currency, they also limit any potential gain that might result if the value of the currency increases.

If a decline in any currency is generally anticipated by the Investment Adviser, the Fund may not be able to contract to sell the currency at a price above the level to which the currency is anticipated to decline.

Special Risk Considerations Relating to Futures and Options Thereon. The ability to establish and close out positions in futures contracts and options thereon will be subject to the development and maintenance of liquid markets. Although the Fund generally will purchase or sell only those futures contracts and options thereon for which there appears to be a liquid market, there is no assurance that a liquid market on an exchange will exist for any particular futures contract or option thereon at any particular time.

In the event no liquid market exists for a particular futures contract or option thereon in which the Fund maintains a position, it will not be possible to effect a closing transaction in that contract or to do so

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at a satisfactory price and the Fund would have to either make or take delivery under the futures contract or, in the case of a written option, wait to sell the underlying securities until the option expires or is exercised or, in the case of a purchased option, exercise the option. In the case of a futures contract or an option thereon which the Fund has written and which the Fund is unable to close, the Fund would be required to maintain margin deposits on the futures contract or option thereon and to make variation margin payments until the contract is closed.

Successful use of futures contracts and options thereon and forward contracts by the Fund is subject to the ability of the Investment Adviser to predict correctly movements in the direction of interest and foreign currency rates. If the Investment Adviser's expectations are not met, the Fund will be in a worse position than if a hedging strategy had not been pursued. For example, if the Fund has hedged against the possibility of an increase in interest rates that would adversely affect the price of securities in its portfolio and the price of such securities increases instead, the Fund will lose part or all of the benefit of the increased value of its securities because it will have offsetting losses in its futures positions. In addition, in such situations, if the Fund has insufficient cash to meet daily variation margin requirements, it may have to sell securities to meet the requirements. These sales may be, but will not necessarily be, at increased prices which reflect the rising market. The Fund may have to sell securities at a time when it is disadvantageous to do so.

Additional Risks of Foreign Options, Futures Contracts, Options on Futures Contracts and Forward Contracts. Options, futures contracts and options thereon and forward contracts on securities and currencies may be traded on foreign exchanges. Such transactions may not be regulated as effectively as similar transactions in the U.S., may not involve a clearing mechanism and related guarantees, and are subject to the risk of governmental actions affecting trading in, or the prices of, foreign securities. The value of such positions also could be adversely affected by (i) other complex foreign political, legal and economic factors, (ii) lesser availability than in the U.S. of data on which to make trading decisions, (iii) delays in the Fund's ability to act upon economic events occurring in the foreign markets during non-business hours in the U.S., (iv) the imposition of different exercise and settlement terms and procedures and margin requirements than in the U.S. and (v) lesser trading volume.

Exchanges on which options, futures and options on futures are traded may impose limits on the positions that the Fund may take in certain circumstances.

Risks of Currency Transactions. Currency transactions are also subject to risks different from those of other portfolio transactions. Because currency control is of great importance to the issuing governments and influences economic planning and policy, purchases and sales of currency and related instruments can be adversely affected by government exchange controls, limitations or restrictions on repatriation of currency, and manipulation, or exchange restrictions imposed by governments. These forms of governmental action can result in losses to the Fund if it is unable to deliver or receive currency or monies in settlement of obligations and could also cause hedges it has entered into to be rendered useless, resulting in full currency exposure as well as incurring transaction costs.

Repurchase Agreements. The Fund may engage in repurchase agreements as set forth in the Prospectus. A repurchase agreement is an instrument under which the purchaser, i.e., the Fund, acquires a debt security and the seller agrees, at the time of the sale, to repurchase the obligation at a mutually agreed upon time and price, thereby determining the yield during the purchaser's holding period. This results in a fixed rate of return insulated from market fluctuations during such period. The underlying securities are ordinarily U.S. Treasury or other government obligations or high quality money market instruments. The Fund will require that the value of such underlying securities, together with any other collateral held by the Fund, always equals or exceeds the amount of the repurchase obligations of the counter party. The Fund's risk is primarily that, if the seller defaults, the proceeds from the disposition of the underlying securities and other collateral for the seller's obligation are less than the repurchase price. If the seller becomes insolvent, the Fund might be delayed in or prevented from selling the collateral. In the event of a default or bankruptcy by a seller, the Fund will promptly seek to liquidate the collateral. To the extent that the proceeds from any sale of such collateral upon a default in the obligation to repurchase are less than the repurchase price, the Fund will experience a loss.

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If the financial institution which is a party to the repurchase agreement petitions for bankruptcy or becomes subject to the United States Bankruptcy Code, the law regarding the rights of the Fund is unsettled. As a result, under extreme circumstances, there may be a restriction on the Fund's ability to sell the collateral and the Fund would suffer a loss.

Loans of Portfolio Securities. Consistent with applicable regulatory requirements and the Fund's investment restrictions, the Fund may lend its portfolio securities to securities broker-dealers or financial institutions, *provided* that such loans are callable at any time by the Fund (subject to notice provisions described below), and are at all times secured by cash or cash equivalents, which are maintained in a segregated account pursuant to applicable regulations and that are at least equal to the market value, determined daily, of the loaned securities. The advantage of such loans is that the Fund continues to receive the income on the loaned securities while at the same time earns interest on the cash amounts deposited as collateral, which will be invested in short-term obligations. The Fund will not lend its portfolio securities if such loans are not permitted by the laws or regulations of any state in which its stock is qualified for sale. The Fund's loans of portfolio securities will be collateralized in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements and no loan will cause the value of all loaned securities to exceed 20% of the value of the Fund's total assets. The Fund's ability to lend portfolio securities will be limited by the rating agency guidelines applicable to any of the Fund's outstanding preferred stock.

A loan may generally be terminated by the borrower on one business day notice, or by the Fund on five business days notice. If the borrower fails to deliver the loaned securities within five days after receipt of notice, the Fund could use the collateral to replace the securities while holding the borrower liable for any excess of replacement cost over collateral. As with any extensions of credit, there are risks of delay in recovery and in some cases even loss of rights in the collateral should the borrower of the securities fail financially. However, these loans of portfolio securities will only be made to firms deemed by the Fund's management to be creditworthy and when the income which can be earned from such loans justifies the attendant risks. The Board will oversee the creditworthiness of the contracting parties on an ongoing basis. Upon termination of the loan, the borrower is required to return the securities to the Fund. Any gain or loss in the market price during the loan period would inure to the Fund. The risks associated with loans of portfolio securities are substantially similar to those associated with repurchase agreements. Thus, if the counter party to the loan petitions for bankruptcy or becomes subject to the United States Bankruptcy Code, the law regarding the rights of the Fund is unsettled. As a result, under extreme circumstances, there may be a restriction on the Fund's ability to sell the collateral and the Fund would suffer a loss. When voting or consent rights which accompany loaned securities pass to the borrower, the Fund will follow the policy of calling the loaned securities, to be delivered within one day after notice, to permit the exercise of such rights if the matters involved would have a material effect on the Fund's investment in such loaned securities. The Fund will pay reasonable finder's, administrative and custodial fees in connection with a loan of its securities.

When Issued, Delayed Delivery Securities, and Forward Commitments. The Fund may enter into forward commitments for the purchase or sale of securities, including on a *when issued* or *delayed delivery* basis, in excess of customary settlement periods for the type of security involved. In some cases, a forward commitment may be conditioned upon the occurrence of a subsequent event, such as approval and consummation of a merger, corporate reorganization, or debt restructuring, i.e., a *when, as and if issued* security. When such transactions are negotiated, the price is fixed at the time of the commitment, with payment and delivery taking place in the future, generally a month or more after the date of the commitment. While it will only enter into a forward commitment with the intention of actually acquiring the security, the Fund may sell the security before the settlement date if it is deemed advisable.

Securities purchased under a forward commitment are subject to market fluctuation, and no interest (or dividends) accrues to the Fund prior to the settlement date. The Fund will segregate with its custodian cash or liquid securities in an aggregate amount at least equal to the amount of its outstanding forward commitments.

Short Sales. The Fund may make short sales of securities, including short sales *against the box*. A short sale is a transaction in which the Fund sells a security it does not own in anticipation that the market price of that security will decline. A short sale *against the box* occurs when, at the time of the sale, the

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Fund owns, or has the immediate and unconditional right to acquire at no additional cost, the identical security.

The Fund expects to make short sales both to obtain capital gains from anticipated declines in securities and as a form of hedging to offset potential declines in long positions in the same or similar securities. The short sale of a security is considered a speculative investment technique. Short sales against the box may be subject to special tax rules, one of the effects of which may be to accelerate income to the Fund.

For short sales, the market value of the securities sold short of any one issuer will not exceed either 5% of the Fund's total assets or 5% of such issuer's voting securities. The Fund will not make a short sale, if, after giving effect to such sale, the market value of all securities sold short exceeds 25% of the value of its assets or the Fund's aggregate short sales of a particular class of securities exceeds 25% of the outstanding securities of that class. The Fund may make short sales against the box without respect to such limitations.

When the Fund makes a short sale, it must borrow the security sold short and deliver it to the broker-dealer through which it made the short sale in order to satisfy its obligation to deliver the security upon conclusion of the sale. The Fund may have to pay a fee to borrow particular securities and is often obligated to pay over any payments received on such borrowed securities. The Fund may close out a short position by purchasing and delivering an equal amount of securities sold short, rather than by delivering securities already held by the Fund, because the Fund may want to continue to receive interest and dividend payments on securities in its portfolio that are convertible into the securities sold short.

To the extent that the Fund engages in short sales, it will provide collateral to the broker-dealer and (except in the case of short sales against the box) will maintain additional asset coverage in the form of segregated or earmarked assets on the records of the Investment Adviser or with the Fund's Custodian, consisting of cash, U.S. government securities or other liquid securities that are equal to the current market value of the securities sold short, or (in the case of short sales against the box) will ensure that such positions are covered by offsetting positions, until the Fund replaces the borrowed security. Depending on arrangements made with the broker-dealer from which it borrowed the security regarding payment over of any payments received by the Fund on such security, the Fund may not receive any payments (including interest) on its collateral deposited with such broker-dealer. If the price of the security sold short increases between the time of the short sale and the time the Fund replaces the borrowed security, the Fund will incur a loss; conversely, if the price declines, the Fund will realize a capital gain. Any gain will be decreased, any loss increased, by the transaction costs described above. Although the Fund's gain is limited to the price at which it sold the security short, its potential loss is theoretically unlimited.

Restricted and Illiquid Securities. The Fund may invest up to a total of 15% of its net assets in securities that are subject to restrictions on resale and securities the markets for which are illiquid, including repurchase agreements with more than seven days to maturity. Illiquid securities include securities the disposition of which is subject to substantial legal or contractual restrictions. The sale of illiquid securities often requires more time and results in higher brokerage charges or dealer discounts and other selling expenses than does the sale of securities eligible for trading on national securities exchanges or in the over-the-counter markets. Restricted securities may sell at a price lower than similar securities that are not subject to restrictions on resale. Unseasoned issuers are companies (including predecessors) that have operated less than three years. The continued liquidity of such securities may not be as well assured as that of publicly traded securities, and accordingly the Board will monitor their liquidity. The Board will review pertinent factors such as trading activity, reliability of price information and trading patterns of comparable securities in determining whether to treat any such security as liquid for purposes of the foregoing 15% test. To the extent the Board treats such securities as liquid, temporary impairments to trading patterns of such securities may adversely affect the Fund's liquidity.

In accordance with pronouncements of the SEC, the Fund may invest in restricted securities that can be traded among qualified institutional buyers under Rule 144A under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), without registration and may treat them as liquid for purposes of the foregoing 15% test if such securities are found to be liquid. The Board has adopted guidelines and delegated to the

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Investment Adviser, subject to the supervision of the Board, the function of determining and monitoring the liquidity of particular Rule 144A securities.

INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

The Fund operates under the following restrictions that constitute fundamental policies that cannot be changed without the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of the Fund (as defined in the 1940 Act). Such a majority is defined as the lesser of (i) 67% or more of the shares present at a meeting of shareholders, if the holders of 50% of the outstanding shares of the Fund are present or represented by proxy or (ii) more than 50% of the outstanding shares of the Fund. All percentage limitations set forth below apply immediately after a purchase or initial investment and any subsequent change in any applicable percentage resulting from market fluctuations does not require elimination of any security from the portfolio. The Fund may not:

1. Invest 25% or more of its total assets, taken at market value at the time of each investment, in the securities of issuers in any particular industry other than the telecommunications, media, publishing, and entertainment industries. This restriction does not apply to investments in U.S. government securities.

2. Purchase securities of other investment companies, except in connection with a merger, consolidation, acquisition, or reorganization, if more than 10% of the market value of the total assets of the Fund would be invested in securities of other investment companies, more than 5% of the market value of the total assets of the Fund would be invested in the securities of any one investment company or the Fund would own more than 3% of any other investment company's securities; provided, however, this restriction will not apply to securities of any investment company organized by the Fund that are to be distributed pro rata as a dividend to its shareholders.

3. Purchase or sell commodities or commodity contracts except that the Fund may purchase or sell futures contracts and related options thereon if immediately thereafter (i) no more than 5% of its total assets are invested in margins and premiums and (ii) the aggregate market value of its outstanding futures contracts and market value of the currencies and futures contracts subject to outstanding options written by the Fund do not exceed 50% of the market value of its total assets. The Fund may not purchase or sell real estate, provided that the Fund may invest in securities secured by real estate or interests therein or issued by companies which invest in real estate or interests therein.

4. Purchase any securities on margin, except that the Fund may obtain such short-term credit as may be necessary for the clearance of purchases and sales of portfolio securities.

5. Make loans of money, except by the purchase of a portion of publicly distributed debt obligations in which the Fund may invest, and repurchase agreements with respect to those obligations, consistent with its investment objectives and policies. The Fund reserves the authority to make loans of its portfolio securities to financial intermediaries in an aggregate amount not exceeding 20% of its total assets. Any such loans will only be made upon approval of, and subject to any conditions imposed by, the Board. Because these loans would at all times be fully collateralized, the risk of loss in the event of default of the borrower should be slight.

6. Borrow money, except that the Fund may borrow from banks and other financial institutions on an unsecured basis, in an amount not exceeding 10% of its total assets, to finance the repurchase of its shares. The Fund also may borrow money on a secured basis from banks as a temporary measure for extraordinary or emergency purposes. Temporary borrowings may not exceed 5% of the value of the total assets of the Fund at the time the loan is made. The Fund may pledge up to 10% of the lesser of the cost or value of its total assets to secure temporary borrowings. The Fund will not borrow for investment purposes. Immediately after any borrowing, the Fund will maintain asset coverage of not less than 300% with respect to all borrowings. While the borrowing of the Fund exceeds 5% of its respective total assets, the Fund will make no further purchases of securities, although this limitation will not apply to repurchase transactions as described above.

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7. Underwrite securities of other issuers except insofar as the Fund may be deemed an underwriter under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in selling portfolio securities; provided, however, this restriction will not apply to securities of any investment company organized by the Fund that are to be distributed pro rata as a dividend to its shareholders.

8. Invest more than 15% of its total assets in illiquid securities, such as repurchase agreements with maturities in excess of seven days, or securities that at the time of purchase have legal or contractual restrictions on resale.

9. Issue senior securities, except to the extent permitted by applicable law.

With respect to (1) above, the Fund invests 25% or more of its total assets in the securities of issuers in the telecommunications, media, publishing and entertainment industries.

MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND**Directors and Officers**

The business and affairs of the Fund are managed under the direction of its Board, and the day-to-day operations are conducted through or under the direction of its officers.

The Board approves all significant agreements between the Fund and the companies that furnish the Fund with services, including agreements with the Investment Adviser, State Street Bank and Trust Company, 150 Royall Street, Canton, MA 02021, the Fund's custodian (the Custodian), Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (Computershare), located at 250 Royall Street, Canton, Massachusetts 02021, which serves as the Fund's dividend disbursing agent, as agent under the Fund's automatic dividend reinvestment and voluntary cash purchase plan (the Plan), and as transfer agent and registrar with respect to the common stock of the Fund. Computershare also serves as the transfer agent, registrar, dividend paying agent and redemption agent with respect to the Series B Preferred, and The Bank of New York, located at 100 Church Street, New York, New York 10286, the Fund's auction agent, transfer agent, registrar, dividend paying agent and redemption agent with respect to the Series C Auction Rate Preferred.

The names and business addresses of the Directors and principal officers of the Fund are set forth in the following table, together with their positions and their principal occupations during the past five years and, in the case of the Directors, their positions with certain other organizations and companies. Directors who are interested persons of the Fund, as defined by the 1940 Act, are listed under the caption Interested Director.

Directors

| Name, Position with the Fund, Age and Business Address¹ | Term of Office and Length of Time Served² | Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years | Other Directorships Held by Director During Past Five Years | Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director³ |
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| INTERESTED DIRECTOR:⁴ | | | | |
| Mario J. Gabelli Chairman and Chief Investment Officer Age: 68 | Since 1994* | Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer Value Portfolios of GAMCO Investors, Inc. and Chief Investment Officer Value Portfolios of Gabelli Funds, LLC and GAMCO Asset Management Inc.; Director/Trustee or Chief Investment Officer of other registered investment | Director of Morgan Group Holdings, Inc. (holding company); Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of LICT Corp. (multimedia and communication services company); Director of CIBL, Inc. (broadcasting and wireless | 26 |

companies in the
Gabelli/GAMCO Funds
Complex; Chairman and
Chief Executive Officer of
GGCP, Inc.

communications);
Director of RLJ
Acquisition, Inc.
(blank check
company).

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| Name, Position with the Fund, Age and Business Address¹ | Term of Office and Length of Time Served² | Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years | Other Directorships Held by Director During Past Five Years | Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Director³ |
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| INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS⁵: | | | | |
| Anthony J. Colavita ⁶ Director Age: 75 | Since 2001* | President of the law firm of Anthony J. Colavita, P.C. | | 34 |
| James P. Conn ⁶ Director Age: 73 | Since 1994** | Former Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer of Financial Security Assurance Holdings Ltd. (insurance holding company) (1992-1998). | Director of First Republic Bank (banking) through January 2008; Director of La Quinta Corp. (hotels) through January 2006. | 18 |
| Gregory R. Dube Director Age: 56 | Since 2010* | Managing Member and Chairman of Roseheart Associates | | 1 |
| Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr. Director Age: 71 | Since 1999*** | President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Gaming Association; Co-Chairman of the Commission on Presidential Debates; Former Chairman of the Republican National Committee (1983-1989). | Director of First Republic Bank (banking). | 6 |
| Anthony R. Pustorino Director Age: 85 | Since 1994** | Certified Public Accountant; Professor Emeritus, Pace University. | Director of The LGL Group, Inc. (diversified manufacturing) (2002-2010). | 13 |
| Werner J. Roeder, MD Director Age: 70 | Since 1999*** | Medical Director of Lawrence Hospital and practicing private physician. | | 22 |
| Salvatore J. Zizza Director | Since 1994*** | Chairman of Zizza & Co., Ltd. (financial consulting) | Non-Executive Chairman and | 28 |

Age: 65

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| since 1998; Chairman of Metropolitan Paper Recycling Inc. (recycling) since 2006; Chairman of BAM Inc., (manufacturing); Chairman of E-Corp English (global English instruction for corporate personnel) since 2009. | Director of Harbor BioSciences, Inc. (biotechnology); Vice-Chairman and Director of Trans-Lux Corporation (business services); Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Director of General Employment Enterprises, Inc. (staffing); Director of Bion Environmental Technologies (technology) (2005-2008); Director of Earl Scheib Inc. (automotive painting) through April 2009. |
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| DIRECTOR EMERITUS⁸: | | | | |
| Thomas E. Bratter Director Emeritus Age: 71 | Since 2011 ⁽⁹⁾ | Director, President, and Founder of The John Dewey Academy (residential college preparatory therapeutic high school) | | 3 |

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| Name, Position with the Fund, Age and Business Address⁽¹⁾ | Length of Time Served | Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years |
|---|------------------------------|---|
| Bruce N. Alpert President Age: 59 | Since 2003 | Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Gabelli Funds, LLC since 1998; Officer of all of the registered investment companies in the Gabelli/GAMCO Funds Complex; Director of Teton Advisors, Inc. since 1998; Chairman of Teton Advisors, Inc. from July 2008 to 2010; President of Teton Advisors, Inc. 1998 to 2008; Senior Vice President of GAMCO Investors, Inc. since 2008. |
| Carter W. Austin Vice President and Ombudsman Age: 44 | Since March 2010 | Vice President and Ombudsman of the Fund since 2010; Vice President of other closed-end funds within the Gabelli/GAMCO Funds Complex; Vice President of Gabelli Funds, LLC since 1996. |
| Peter D. Goldstein Chief Compliance Officer Age: 58 | Since 2004 | Director of Regulatory Affairs for GAMCO Investors, Inc. since 2004; Chief Compliance Officer of all of the registered investment companies in the Gabelli/GAMCO Funds Complex. |
| Laurissa M. Martire Vice President Age: 34 | Since 2004 | Vice President of the Fund since 2004; Vice President or Ombudsman of other closed-end funds in the Gabelli/GAMCO Funds Complex; Assistant Vice President of GAMCO Investors, Inc. since 2003. |
| Agnes Mullady Treasurer and Secretary Age: 52 | Since 2006 | President and Chief Operating Officer of the Open-End Fund Division of Gabelli Funds, LLC since September 2010; Senior Vice President of GAMCO Investors, Inc. since 2009; Vice President of Gabelli Funds, LLC since 2007; Officer of all of the registered investment companies in the Gabelli/GAMCO Funds Complex. |

¹ Address: One Corporate Center, Rye, NY 10580-1422.

² The Fund's Board is divided into three classes, each class having a term of three years. Each year the term of office of one class expires and the successor or successors elected to such class serve for a three year term. The three year term for each class expires as follows:

* Term continues until the Fund's 2013 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

** Term continues until the Fund's 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until his successor is duly elected and qualified.

- *** Term continues until the Fund's 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and until his successor is duly elected and qualified.
- ³ The Fund Complex or the Gabelli/GAMCO Funds Complex includes all the registered funds that are considered part of the same fund complex as the Fund because they have common or affiliated investment advisers.
- ⁴ Interested person of the Fund as defined in the 1940 Act. Mr. Gabelli is considered an interested person of the Fund because of his affiliation with the Investment Adviser and Gabelli & Company, Inc., which executes portfolio transactions for the Fund, and as a controlling shareholder because of the level of his ownership of common stock of the Fund.
- ⁵ Directors who are not considered to be interested persons of the Fund, as defined in the 1940 Act, are considered to be Independent Directors.
- ⁶ As a Director, elected solely by holders of the Fund's Preferred Stock.

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7 Each officer will hold office for an indefinite term until the date her or she resigns or retires or until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

8 As a Director Emeritus, Dr. Bratter does not vote on Fund matters.

9 Dr. Bratter was named a Director Emeritus of the Fund in May 2011.

Leadership Structure and Oversight Responsibilities

Overall responsibility for general oversight of the Fund rests with the Board. The Board has appointed Mr. Conn as the lead Independent Director. The lead Independent Director presides over executive sessions of the Directors and also serves between meetings of the Board as a liaison with service providers, officers, counsel, and other Directors on a wide variety of matters including scheduling agenda items for Board meetings. Designation as such does not impose on the lead independent Director any obligations or standards greater than or different from other Directors. The Board has established a Nominating Committee and an Audit Committee to assist the Board in the oversight of the management and affairs of the Fund. The Board also has a Proxy Voting Committee that exercises beneficial ownership responsibilities on behalf of the Fund in selected situations. From time to time the Board establishes additional committees or informal working groups, such as pricing committees related to securities offerings by the Fund, to address specific matters or assigns one of its members to work with directors or trustees of other funds in the Gabelli/GAMCO Funds Complex on special committees or working groups that address complex-wide matters, such as the multi-fund *ad hoc* Compensation Committee relating to compensation of the Chief Compliance Officer for all the funds in the Fund Complex and a separate multi fund *ad hoc* Compensation Committee relating to certain officers of the closed-end funds in the Fund Complex.

All of the Fund's Directors other than Mr. Gabelli are Independent Directors, and the Board believes they are able to provide effective oversight of the Fund's service providers. In addition to providing feedback and direction during Board meetings, the Directors meet regularly in executive session and chair all committees of the Board.

The Fund's operations entail a variety of risks including investment, administration, valuation and a range of compliance matters. Although the Investment Adviser, the sub-administrator and the officers of the Fund are responsible for managing these risks on a day-to-day basis within the framework of their established risk management functions, the Board also addresses risk management of the Fund through its meetings and those of the committees and working groups. In particular, as part of its oversight, the Board reviews with the Investment Adviser at Board meetings the levels and types of risks, including options risk, being undertaken by the Fund, and the Audit Committee discusses the Fund's risk management and controls with the independent registered public accounting firm engaged by the Fund. The Board reviews valuation policies and procedures and the valuations of specific illiquid securities. The Board also receives periodic reports from the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer regarding compliance matters relating to the Fund and its major service providers, including results of the implementation and testing of the Fund's and such providers' compliance programs. The Board's oversight function is facilitated by management reporting processes that are designed to provide visibility to the Board about the identification, assessment and management of critical risks and controls and policies and procedures use, to mitigate those risks. The Board reviews its role in supervising the Fund's risk management from time to time and may make changes in its discretion at any time.

The Board has determined that its leadership structure is appropriate for the Fund because it enables the Board to exercise informed and independent judgment over matters under its purview, allocates responsibility among committees in a manner that fosters effective oversight, and allows the Board to devote appropriate resources to specific issues in a flexible manner as they arise. The Board periodically reviews its leadership structure as well as its overall structure, composition, and functioning and may make changes in its discretion at any time.

Table of Contents**Standing Committees of the Board of Directors**

Audit Committee. The Audit Committee is composed of three of the Fund's Independent Directors, namely Messrs. Pustorino (Chairman), Roeder, and Zizza. The Audit Committee is generally responsible for reviewing and evaluating issues related to the accounting and financial reporting policies and internal controls of the Fund and, as appropriate, the internal controls of certain service providers, overseeing the quality and objectivity of the Fund's financial statements and the audit thereof and to act as a liaison between the Board and the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm. The Audit Committee met three times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010.

Nominating Committee. The Board of Directors has a Nominating Committee composed of three Independent Directors, namely Messrs. Colavita (Chairman), Roeder, and Zizza. The Nominating Committee is responsible for recommending qualified candidates to the Board in the event that a position is vacated or created. The Nominating Committee will consider recommendations by shareholders if a vacancy were to exist. Such recommendations should be forwarded to the Secretary of the Fund. The Nominating Committee met once during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010.

The Fund does not have a standing compensation committee. For a discussion of experiences, qualifications, attributes, or skills supporting the appropriateness of each Director's service on the Fund's Board, see the biographical information of the Directors below in the section entitled "Qualification of Board of Directors."

Qualification of Board of Directors

The Board believes that each Director's experience, qualifications, attributes or skills on an individual basis and in combination with those of other Directors lead to the conclusion that each Director should serve in such capacity. Among the attributes or skills common to all Directors are their ability to review critically and to evaluate, question and discuss information provided to them, to interact effectively with the other Directors, the Adviser, the sub-administrator, other service providers, counsel and the Fund's independent registered public accounting firm, and to exercise effective and independent business judgment in the performance of their duties as Directors. Each Director's ability to perform his duties effectively has been attained in large part through the Director's business, consulting or public service positions and through experience from service as a member of the Board and one or more of the other funds in the Gabelli/GAMCO Funds Complex, public companies, or non-profit entities or other organizations as set forth above and below. Each Director's ability to perform his duties effectively also has been enhanced by his education, professional training and other life experiences.

Anthony J. Colavita, Esq. Mr. Colavita is a practicing attorney with over forty-nine years of experience, including the field of business law. He is the Chair of the Fund's Nominating Committee and is a member of the Fund's Proxy Voting Committee. Mr. Colavita also serves on comparable or other board committees with respect to other funds in the Fund Complex on whose boards he sits. Mr. Colavita also serves as a Trustee of a charitable remainder unitrust. He formerly served as a Commissioner of the New York State Thruway Authority and as a Commissioner of the New York State Bridge Authority. He served for ten years as the elected Supervisor of the Town of Eastchester, New York, responsible for ten annual municipal budgets of approximately eight million dollars per year. Mr. Colavita formerly served as Special Counsel to the New York State Assembly for five years and as a Senior Attorney with the New York State Insurance Department. He is the former Chairman of the Westchester County Republican Party and the New York State Republican Party. Mr. Colavita received his Bachelor of Arts from Fairfield University and his Juris Doctor from Fordham University School of Law. Mr. Colavita's education, professional training and experience, and other life experiences, including but not limited to his experience as an attorney, service on the boards of other funds within the Fund Complex, public service background in state and local government, including several senior legal and other managerial positions, make him highly qualified to serve as a Director of the Fund.

James P. Conn. Mr. Conn, the lead independent Director of the Fund, a member of the Fund's Proxy Voting Committee, a member of the Fund's *ad hoc* Pricing Committee (as described above under "Leadership Structure and Oversight Responsibilities"). Mr. Conn also serves on comparable or other board committees with respect to other funds in the Fund Complex on whose boards he sits. He was a senior business executive of an insurance holding company for much of his career, including service as

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Chief Investment Officer. Mr. Conn has been a director of several public companies in banking and other industries, and was lead Director and/or Chair of various committees. He received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Santa Clara University. Mr. Conn's education, professional training and experience, and other life experiences, including but not limited to his experience as a senior business executive in the banking industry, experience as a Chief Investment Officer, and service on the boards of other funds and committees within the Fund Complex, make him highly qualified to serve as a Director of the Fund.

Gregory R. Dube. Mr. Dube is the founder of Roseheart Associates, a private company that invests in securities and real estate, and has served as managing member and Chairman since its inception in 1997. From 1998 to 2002, Mr. Dube was at Alliance Capital, where he served as the head of the Global High Yield Group from 1999 to 2002. Before joining Alliance Capital, Mr. Dube was a partner at Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, responsible for the Tax-Exempt Capital Markets Division. Mr. Dube has an extensive background in the credit securities markets, including experience with trading and selling credit instruments, including corporate, high-yield, private placement, mortgage, Euro and distressed debt and derivatives. Mr. Dube currently serves on the Advisory Committee of New England Realty Associates Limited Partnership, a partnership engaged in the business of acquiring, developing, holding for investment, operating and selling real estate, and as a member of the executive committee of Navigare Partners, LLC. Mr. Dube received his A.B. from Harvard College and was a Rhodes Scholar Nominee. Mr. Dube's extensive investment experience, background in the credit securities markets and public board experience makes him qualified to serve as Director of the Fund

Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr. Mr. Fahrenkopf is the President and Chief Executive Officer of the American Gaming Association (AGA), the trade group for the hotel-casino industry. He serves on board committees with respect to other funds in the Fund Complex on whose boards he sits. He presently is Co-Chairman of the Commission on Presidential Debates, which is responsible for the widely-viewed Presidential debates during the quadrennial election cycle. Additionally, he serves as a board member of the International Republican Institute (IRI), which he founded in 1984. He served for many years as Chairman of the Pacific Democrat Union and Vice Chairman of the International Democrat Union, a worldwide association of political parties from the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, Canada, Japan, Australia and twenty other nations. Prior to becoming the AGA's first chief executive in 1995, Mr. Fahrenkopf was a partner in the law firm of Hogan & Hartson, where he chaired the International Trade Practice Group and specialized in regulatory, legislative, and corporate matters for multinational, foreign and domestic clients. He also served as Chairman of the Republican National Committee for six years during Ronald Reagan's presidency. Mr. Fahrenkopf is the former Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Culinary Institute of America and remains a member of the Board. Additionally, he has over twenty years of experience as a member of the board of directors of First Republic Bank. Mr. Fahrenkopf received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of Nevada, Reno and his Juris Doctor from Boalt Hall School of Law, U.C. Berkeley. Mr. Fahrenkopf's education, professional training and experience, and other life experiences, including but not limited to his experience as an executive officer of various national and international political and industry committees, partnership in a law firm, experience as a board member of a bank, and service on the boards of other funds and committees within the Fund Complex, make him highly qualified to serve as a Director of the Fund.

Mario J. Gabelli. Mr. Gabelli is Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Investment Officer of the Fund. Mr. Gabelli is a member of the Fund's *ad hoc* Pricing Committee. He also currently serves as Chairman of the boards of other funds in the Fund Complex. Mr. Gabelli is Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Investment Officer Value Portfolios of GAMCO Investors, Inc. (GAMCO), a NYSE-listed investment advisory firm. He is also the Chief Investment Officer of Value Portfolios of Gabelli Funds, LLC, and GAMCO Asset Management, Inc., which are each asset management subsidiaries of GAMCO. In addition, Mr. Gabelli is Chief Executive Officer and a director and the controlling shareholder of GGCP, Inc., an investment holding company that holds a majority interest in GAMCO. Mr. Gabelli also sits on the boards of other publicly traded companies and private firms, and various charitable foundations and educational institutions, including the Board of Trustees of Boston College and Roger Williams University and Board of Overseers of Columbia University School of Business. Mr. Gabelli received his Bachelors degree from Fordham University and his Masters of Business

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Administration from Columbia University School of Business. Mr. Gabelli's education, professional training and experience, and other life experiences, including, but not limited to, his experience on the boards of many publicly traded companies and private firms, and various charitable foundations and educational institutions, his service as Chairman of other funds within the Fund Complex, and his position as Chief Investment Officer of various funds, make him highly qualified to serve as a Director of the Fund.

Anthony R. Pustorino. Mr. Pustorino is a Certified Public Accountant and Professor Emeritus of Pace University with over fifty years of experience in public accounting. Mr. Pustorino is the Chair of the Fund's Audit and Proxy Voting Committees, has been designated the Fund's Audit Committee Financial Expert, and is a member of both multi-fund *ad hoc* Compensation Committees. Mr. Pustorino also serves on comparable or other board committees with respect to other funds in the Fund Complex on whose boards he sits. Mr. Pustorino is also Chair of the Audit Committee and a Director of LGL Group, Inc., a diversified manufacturing company. He was previously the President and Shareholder of an accounting firm and a Professor of accounting, at both Fordham University and Pace University. He served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of both the New York State Board for Public Accountancy and of the Certified Public Accountants Examination Review Board of the National Association of State Board of Accountancy. He was Vice President and member of the Executive Committee of the New York State Society of CPAs and was a member of the Council of the American Institute of CPAs. Mr. Pustorino is the recipient of numerous professional and teaching awards. He received a Bachelor of Science in Business from Fordham University and a Masters in Business Administration from New York University. Mr. Pustorino's education, professional training and experience, and other life experiences, including but not limited to his experience in public accounting, during which he has served as a principal of an accounting firm, professor of accounting, and held executive committee positions with state and national accounting agencies, and service on the boards of other funds and committees within the Fund Complex, make him highly qualified to serve as a Director of the Fund.

Werner J. Roeder. Dr. Roeder is Vice President of Medical Affairs/Medical Director of Lawrence Hospital Center in Bronxville, New York. He has been a practicing surgeon for over forty-five years. As Vice President of Medical Affairs at Lawrence Hospital, he is actively involved in quality, personnel, and financial matters concerning the hospital's \$140 million budget. He is a member of the Fund's Audit and Nominating Committees, is a member of the Fund's *ad hoc* Pricing Committee, and is a member of both multi-fund *ad hoc* Compensation Committees, and also serves on comparable or other board committees with respect to other funds in the Fund Complex on whose boards he sits. Dr. Roeder is board certified as a surgeon by The American Board of Surgery and presently serves in a consulting capacity to Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield. He obtained his Doctor in Medicine from New York Medical College. Dr. Roeder's education, professional training and experience, and other life experiences, including but not limited to his experience as a practicing surgeon, service as an officer of a hospital, consulting services to a national agency and service on the boards of other funds and committees within the Fund Complex, make him highly qualified to serve as a Director of the Fund.

Salvatore J. Zizza. Mr. Zizza is the Chairman of a financial consulting firm. He also serves as Chairman to other companies involved in manufacturing, recycling, and real estate. He is a member of the Fund's Audit and Nominating Committees, is a member of the Fund's *ad hoc* Pricing Committee, and is a member of both multi-fund *ad hoc* Compensation Committees. Mr. Zizza also serves on comparable or other board committees, including as lead independent director, with respect to other funds in the Fund Complex on whose boards he sits. Besides serving on the boards of many funds within the Fund Complex, he is currently a director of three other public companies and has previously served on the boards of several other public companies. He also previously served as the Chief Executive of a large NYSE listed construction company. Mr. Zizza received his Bachelor of Arts and his Master of Business Administration in Finance from St. John's University, which has awarded him an Honorary Doctorate in Commercial Sciences. Mr. Zizza's education, professional training and experience, and other life experience, including but not limited to his service as director and executive officer of other public companies and his service on the boards of other funds and committees within the Fund Complex, make him highly qualified to serve as a Director of the Fund.

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Thomas E. Bratter. Dr. Bratter was an independent Director of the Fund from 1994 until 2010. Dr. Bratter is the Director, Founder, and President of The John Dewey Academy, a residential college preparatory therapeutic high school in Massachusetts. He is director of the International Center for Study of Psychiatry and Psychology, was the Vice President of the Small Boarding Schools Association, and the Trustee of the Majorie Polikoff Estate. In addition to serving on the boards of other funds in the Fund Complex, Dr. Bratter has been an active investor in publicly traded equities for forty years. Dr. Bratter also serves on the Advisory Board of the American Academy of Health Providers in the Addictive Disorders and sits on the editorial boards of six professional journals. Prior to establishing and managing The John Dewey Academy, Dr. Bratter was in private practice as a counseling psychologist and taught psychology at Columbia University as an adjunct faculty member for more than twenty years. Dr. Bratter also founded and sat on the boards of six community based treatment programs for adolescents. He has authored one hundred and fifty articles and four books concerning the treatment and education of gifted and self destructive adolescents and their families. Dr. Bratter received his Bachelor of Arts, Masters, and Doctorate in Education from Columbia College and University.

Beneficial Ownership of Shares Held in the Fund and the Fund Complex for Each Director

Set forth in the table below is the dollar range of equity securities in the Fund beneficially owned by each Director and the aggregate dollar range of equity securities in the Fund Complex beneficially owned by each Director as of December 31, 2010.

| Name of Director | Dollar Range of Equity Securities Held in the Fund⁽¹⁾ | Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities Held in all Registered Investment Companies in the Gabelli Fund Complex⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ |
|--------------------------------|---|---|
| Interested Director | | |
| Mario J. Gabelli | E | E |
| Disinterested Directors | | |
| Anthony J. Colavita | C | E |
| James P. Conn | E | E |
| Gregory R. Dube | A | A |
| Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr. | A | B |
| Anthony R. Pustorino | C | E |
| Werner J. Roeder, MD | A | E |
| Salvatore J. Zizza | C | E |

* Key to Dollar Ranges

- A. None
- B. \$1-\$10,000
- C. \$10,001-\$50,000
- D. \$50,001-\$100,000
- E. Over \$100,000

- (1) This information has been furnished by each Director as of December 31, 2010. Beneficial Ownership is determined in accordance with Rule 16a-1(a)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (2) The term Family of Investment Companies includes two or more, registered funds that share the same investment adviser or principal underwriter and hold themselves out to investors as

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related companies for purposes of investment and investor services. Currently the registered funds that comprise the Fund Complex are identical to those that comprise the Family of Investment Companies.

Remuneration of Directors and Officers

The Fund pays each Director who is not affiliated with the Adviser or its affiliates a fee of \$6,000 per year plus \$500 per Board meeting attended, \$500 per standing Committee meeting attended, and \$500 per telephonic meeting attended, together with the Director's actual out-of-pocket expenses relating to his attendance at such meetings. In addition, the lead independent Director receives an annual fee of \$1,000, the Audit Committee Chairman receives an annual fee of \$3,000 and the Nominating Committee Chairman receives an annual fee of \$2,000. A Director may receive a single meeting fee, allocated among the participating funds, for participation in certain meetings on behalf of multiple funds. The aggregate remuneration (excluding out-of-pocket expenses) paid by the Fund to such Directors during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 amounted to \$105,409. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010, the Directors of the Fund met fifteen times, eleven of which were special meetings of Directors. Each Director then serving in such capacity attended at least 75% of the meetings of Directors and of any Committee of which he is a member.

Directors who are directors or employees of the Adviser or an affiliated company receive no compensation or expense reimbursement from the Fund.

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the compensation of the Directors by the Fund and executive officers, if any, who were compensated by the Fund rather than the Investment Adviser, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010.

Compensation Table for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2010

| Name of Person and Position | Aggregate Compensation From the Fund | Aggregate Compensation From the Fund and Fund Complex Paid to Directors* |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Interested Director: | | |
| Mario J. Gabelli | | |
| Director and Chief Investment Officer | \$ 0 | \$ 0(26) |
| Disinterested Directors: | | |
| Anthony J. Colavita | | |
| Director | \$ 16,111 | \$ 254,500(33) |
| James P. Conn | | |
| Director | \$ 15,875 | \$ 144,500(17) |
| Gregory R. Dube ⁽¹⁾ | | |
| Director | \$ 4,000 | \$ 4,000(1) |
| Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr. | | |
| Director | \$ 14,600 | \$ 73,500(5) |
| Anthony R. Pustorino | | |
| Director | \$ 17,462 | \$ 164,500(13) |
| Werner J. Roeder, MD | | |
| Director | \$ 13,000 | \$ 120,500(22) |
| Salvatore J. Zizza | | |
| Director | \$ 15,611 | \$ 212,000(27) |
| Director Emeritus: | | |
| Thomas E. Bratter ⁽²⁾ | | |
| Director Emeritus | \$ 8,750 | \$ 43,500(4) |

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* Represents the total compensation paid to such persons during the year ended December 31, 2010 by investment companies (including the Fund) or portfolios that are considered part of the same fund complex as the Fund because they have common or affiliated investment advisers.

¹ Mr. Dube was elected to the Board of Directors on June 23, 2010.

² Mr. Bratter served on the Board of Directors as an Independent Director until June 23, 2010. Mr. Bratter has served as Director Emeritus since May 2011.

Investment Management

Gabelli Funds, LLC, serves as the Fund's Investment Adviser pursuant to an investment advisory agreement (the Investment Advisory Agreement) with the Fund. The Investment Adviser is a New York limited liability company with principal offices located at One Corporate Center, Rye, New York 10580-1422 and is registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. The Investment Adviser was organized in 1999 and is the successor to Gabelli Funds, Inc., which was organized in 1980. As of March 31, 2011, the Investment Adviser acts as a registered investment adviser to 26 management investment companies with aggregate net assets of \$20.1 billion. The Investment Adviser, together with the other affiliated investment advisers noted below, had assets under management totaling approximately \$35.4 billion as of March 31, 2011. GAMCO Asset Management Inc., an affiliate of the Investment Adviser, acts as investment adviser for individuals, pension trusts, profit sharing trusts and endowments, and as a sub-adviser to management investment companies having aggregate assets of \$14.7 billion under management as of March 31, 2011. Gabelli Securities, Inc., an affiliate of the Investment Adviser, acts as investment adviser for investment partnerships and entities having aggregate assets of approximately \$547 million under management as of March 31, 2011. Teton Advisors, Inc., an affiliate of the Investment Adviser, acts as investment manager to The GAMCO Westwood Funds and separately managed accounts having aggregate assets of approximately \$983.1 million under management as of March 31, 2011.

The Investment Adviser is a wholly-owned subsidiary of GAMCO Investors, Inc., a New York corporation. Shares of Class A common stock of GAMCO Investors, Inc. are traded on the NYSE under the symbol GBL. Mr. Mario J. Gabelli may be deemed a controlling person of the Investment Adviser on the basis of his indirect ownership of a majority of GGCP, Inc. (GGCP), a private company, which owns a majority of the capital stock of GAMCO Investors, Inc.

The Investment Adviser will provide a continuous investment program for the portfolios of the Fund and oversee the administration of all aspects of the Fund's business and affairs. The Investment Adviser has sole investment discretion for the assets of the Fund under the supervision of the Fund's Board and in accordance with the Fund's stated policies. The Investment Adviser will select investments for the Fund and will place purchase and sale orders on behalf of the Fund.

Investment Advisory Agreement

Affiliates of the Investment Adviser may, in the ordinary course of their business, acquire for their own account or for the accounts of their advisory clients, significant (and possibly controlling) positions in the securities of companies that may also be suitable for investment by the Fund. The securities in which the Fund might invest may thereby be limited to some extent. For instance, many companies in the past several years have adopted so-called "poison pill" or other defensive measures designed to discourage or prevent the completion of non-negotiated offers for control of the company. Such defensive measures may have the effect of limiting the shares of the company that might otherwise be acquired by the Fund if the

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affiliates of the Investment Adviser or their advisory accounts have or acquire a significant position in the same securities. However, the Investment Adviser does not believe that the investment activities of its affiliates will have a material adverse effect upon each the Fund in seeking to achieve its investment objectives. Securities purchased or sold pursuant to contemporaneous orders entered on behalf of the investment company accounts of the Investment Adviser or the advisory accounts managed by its affiliates for their unaffiliated clients are allocated pursuant to principles believed to be fair and not disadvantageous to any such accounts. In addition, all such orders are accorded priority of execution over orders entered on behalf of accounts in which the Investment Adviser or its affiliates have a substantial pecuniary interest. The Investment Adviser may on occasion give advice or take action with respect to other clients that differs from the actions taken with respect to the Fund. The Fund may invest in the securities of companies that are investment management clients of GAMCO Asset Management Inc. In addition, portfolio companies or their officers or directors may be minority shareholders of the Investment Adviser or its affiliates.

Under the terms of the Advisory Agreement, the Investment Adviser manages the portfolio of the Fund in accordance with its stated investment objectives and policies, makes investment decisions for the Fund, places orders to purchase and sell securities on behalf of the Fund and manages its other business and affairs, all subject to the supervision and direction of the Fund's Board. In addition, under the Advisory Agreement, the Investment Adviser oversees the administration of all aspects of the Fund's business and affairs and provides, or arranges for others to provide, at the Investment Adviser's expense, certain enumerated services, including maintaining the Fund's books and records, preparing reports to the Fund's shareholders and supervising the calculation of the net asset value of its shares. All expenses of computing the net asset value of the Fund, including any equipment or services obtained solely for the purpose of pricing shares or valuing its investment portfolio, will be an expense of the Fund under its Advisory Agreement unless the Investment Adviser voluntarily assumes responsibility for such expense. During fiscal year 2010, the Fund paid or accrued \$45,000 to the Investment Adviser in connection with the cost of computing the Fund's net asset value.

The Advisory Agreement combines investment advisory and administrative responsibilities in one agreement. For services rendered by the Investment Adviser on behalf of the Fund under the Advisory Agreement, the Fund pays the Investment Adviser a fee computed weekly and paid monthly, equal on an annual basis to 1.00% of the Fund's average weekly net assets including the liquidation value of preferred stock. The fee paid by the Fund may be higher when leverage in the form of preferred stock is utilized, giving the Investment Adviser an incentive to utilize such leverage. However, the Investment Adviser has agreed to reduce the management fee on the incremental assets attributable to the preferred stock during the fiscal year if the total return of the net asset value of the common stock of the Fund, including distributions and advisory fees subject to reduction for that year, does not exceed the stated dividend rate or corresponding swap rate of each particular series of preferred stock for the period. In other words, if the effective cost of the leverage for any series of preferred stock exceeds the total return (based on net asset value) on the Fund's common stock, the Investment Adviser will reduce that portion of its management fee on the incremental assets attributable to the leverage for that series of preferred stock to mitigate the negative impact of the leverage on the common shareholder's total return. The Investment Adviser currently intends that the voluntary advisory fee waiver will remain in effect for as long as the 6.00% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock and Series C Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Stock are outstanding. The Investment Adviser, however, reserves the right to modify or terminate the voluntary advisory fee waiver at any time. The Fund's total return on the net asset value of the common stock is monitored on a monthly basis to assess whether the total return on the net asset value of the common stock exceeds the stated dividend rate or corresponding swap rate of each particular series of preferred stock for the period. The test to confirm the accrual of the management fee on the assets attributable to each particular series of preferred stock is annual. The Fund will accrue for the management fee on these assets during the fiscal year if it appears probable that the Fund will incur the management fee on those additional assets.

The Advisory Agreement provides that in the absence of willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence, or reckless disregard for its obligations and duties thereunder, the Investment Adviser is not liable for any error or judgment or mistake of law or for any loss suffered by the Fund. As part of the Advisory Agreement, the Fund has agreed that the name Gabelli is the Investment Adviser's property,

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and that in the event the Investment Adviser ceases to act as an investment adviser to the Fund, the Fund will change its name to one not including Gabelli.

Pursuant to its terms, the Advisory Agreement will remain in effect with respect to the Fund until the second anniversary of shareholder approval of such Agreement, and from year to year thereafter if approved annually (i) by the Fund's Board or by the holders of a majority of its outstanding voting securities and (ii) by a majority of the directors who are not interested persons (as defined in the 1940 Act) of any party to the Advisory Agreement, by vote cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. The Advisory Agreement was initially approved by the Board at a meeting held on April 6, 1994, and was approved most recently by the Board on May 25, 2011. The Advisory Agreement terminates automatically on its assignment and may be terminated without penalty on sixty days' written notice at the option of either party thereto or by a vote of a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund's outstanding shares.

A discussion regarding the basis of the Board's approval of the Advisory Agreement for the Fund is available in the semi-annual report to shareholders for the six months ended June 30, 2010.

For each of the fiscal years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008, the Fund paid for advisory and administrative services rendered to the Fund, and the Investment Adviser waived fees and/or reimbursed expenses of the Fund under the Advisory Agreement as follows:

| | Fees Paid (After Waivers) | Reductions | Reimbursements |
|-------------------|------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| December 31, 2010 | \$ 1,470,029 | None | None |
| December 31, 2009 | \$ 1,195,020 | \$ 27,302 | None |
| December 31, 2008 | \$ 1,404,226 | \$ 494,429 | None |

Portfolio Managers Information***Other Accounts Managed***

The information below lists other accounts for which each portfolio manager was primarily responsible for the day-to-day management during the year ended December 31, 2010, for Messrs. Gabelli, Haverty and Marangi.

| Name of Portfolio | Type of Accounts | Total # of Accounts Managed | Total Assets | # of Accounts Managed with Advisory Fee Based on Performance | Total Assets with Advisory Fee Based on Performance |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--|---|
| Mario J. Gabelli | Registered Investment Companies: | 26 | \$ 17.0B | 6 | \$ 4.1B |
| | Other Pooled Investment Vehicles: | 16 | \$ 478.4M | 14 | \$ 470.6M |
| | Other Accounts: | 1,713 | \$ 14.7B | 9 | \$ 1.9B |
| Lawrence J. Haverty, Jr. | Registered Investment Companies: | 0 | \$ 0 | 0 | \$ 0 |

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| Name of Portfolio | Type of Accounts | Total # of Accounts | Total Assets | # of Accounts Managed with Advisory Fee Based on Performance | Total Assets with Advisory Fee Based on Performance |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--|---|
| | | Managed | \$ | | \$ |
| Managers | Other Pooled Investment Vehicles: | 0 | \$ 0 | 0 | \$ 0 |
| | Other Accounts: | 5 | \$ 5.8M | 0 | \$ 0 |
| | Registered Investment Companies: | 2 | \$ 3.3B | 0 | \$ 0 |
| Christopher J. Marangi | Other Pooled Investment Vehicles: | 0 | \$ 0 | 0 | \$ 0 |
| | Other Accounts: | 3 | \$ 698.7K | 0 | \$ 0 |

Potential Conflicts of Interest

Actual or apparent conflicts of interest may arise when the portfolio managers also have day-to-day management responsibilities with respect to one or more other accounts. These potential conflicts include:

Allocation of Limited Time and Attention. Because the portfolio managers may manage more than one account, they may not be able to formulate as complete a strategy or identify equally attractive investment opportunities for each of those accounts as if they were to devote substantially more attention to the management of only one account.

Allocation of Limited Investment Opportunities. If the portfolio managers identify an investment opportunity that may be suitable for multiple accounts, the Fund may not be able to take full advantage of that opportunity because the opportunity may need to be allocated among these accounts or other accounts managed primarily by other portfolio managers of the Investment Adviser and its affiliates.

Pursuit of Differing Strategies. At times, the portfolio managers may determine that an investment opportunity may be appropriate for only some of the accounts for which they exercise investment responsibility, or may decide that certain of these accounts should take differing positions with respect to a particular security. In these cases, the portfolio managers may execute differing or opposite transactions for one or more accounts which may affect the market price of the security or the execution of the transactions, or both, to the detriment of one or more other accounts.

Selection of Broker/Dealers. A portfolio manager may be able to select or influence the selection of the brokers and dealers that are used to execute securities transactions for the Fund or accounts that they supervise. In addition to providing execution of trades, some brokers and dealers provide portfolio managers with brokerage and research services which may result in the payment of higher brokerage fees than might otherwise be available. These services may be more beneficial to certain funds or accounts of the Adviser and its affiliates than to others. Although the payment of brokerage commissions is subject to the requirement that the Investment Adviser determine in good faith that the commissions are reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services provided to the Fund, a portfolio manager's decision as to the selection of brokers and dealers could yield disproportionate costs and benefits among the Fund or other accounts that the Investment Adviser and its affiliates manage. In addition, with respect to certain types of accounts (such as pooled investment vehicles and other accounts managed for organizations and individuals), the Investment Adviser may be limited by the client concerning the selection of brokers or may be instructed to direct trades to particular brokers. In these cases, the Investment Adviser or its affiliates may place separate, non-simultaneous transactions in the same security

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for the Fund and another account that may temporarily affect the market price of the security or the execution of the transaction, or both, to the detriment of the Fund or the other accounts.

Variation in Compensation. A conflict of interest may arise where the financial or other benefits available to a portfolio manager differ among the accounts that they manage. If the structure of the Investment Adviser's management fee or the portfolio manager's compensation differs among accounts (such as where certain accounts pay higher management fees or performance based management fees), the portfolio managers may be motivated to favor certain accounts over others. The portfolio managers also may be motivated to favor accounts in which they have investment interests or in which the Investment Adviser or its affiliates have investment interests. Similarly, the desire to maintain assets under management or to enhance a portfolio manager's performance record or to derive other rewards, financial or otherwise, could influence the portfolio managers in affording preferential treatment to those accounts that could most significantly benefit the portfolio managers.

The Investment Adviser and the Fund have adopted compliance policies and procedures that are designed to address the various conflicts of interest that may arise for the Investment Adviser and its staff members. However, there is no guarantee that such policies and procedures will be able to detect and address every situation in which an actual or potential conflict may arise.

Portfolio Manager Compensation

Mr. Gabelli receives incentive based variable compensation based on a percentage of net revenues received by the Investment Adviser for managing the Fund. Net revenues are determined by deducting from gross investment management fees the firm's expenses (other than Mr. Gabelli's compensation) allocable to the Fund. Five closed-end registered investment companies (including the Fund) managed by Mr. Gabelli have arrangements whereby the Investment Adviser will only receive its investment advisory fee attributable to the liquidation value of outstanding preferred stock (and Mr. Gabelli would only receive his percentage of such advisory fee) if certain performance levels are met. Additionally, he receives similar incentive based variable compensation for managing other accounts within the firm and its affiliates. This method of compensation is based on the premise that superior long-term performance in managing a portfolio should be rewarded with higher compensation as a result of growth of assets through appreciation and net investment activity. The level of compensation is not determined with specific reference to the performance of any account against any specific benchmark. One of the other registered investment companies managed by Mr. Gabelli has a performance (fulcrum) fee arrangement for which his compensation is adjusted up or down based on the performance of the investment company relative to an index. Mr. Gabelli manages other accounts with performance fees. Compensation for managing these accounts has two components. One component is based on a percentage of net revenues to the investment adviser for managing the account. The second component is based on absolute performance of the account, with respect to which a percentage of such performance fee is paid to Mr. Gabelli. As an executive officer of the Investment Adviser's parent company, GBL, Mr. Gabelli also receives ten percent (10%) of the net operating profits of the parent company. He receives no base salary, no annual bonus, and no stock options.

The compensation of the other portfolio managers for the Fund is reviewed annually and structured to enable the Investment Adviser to attract and retain highly qualified professionals in a competitive environment. The portfolio managers receive a compensation package that includes a minimum draw or base salary, equity based incentive compensation via awards of stock options or restricted stock awards, and incentive based variable compensation based on a percentage of net revenue received by the Investment Adviser for managing a fund to the extent that the amount exceeds a minimum level of compensation. Net revenues are determined by deducting from gross investment management fees certain of the firm's expenses (other than the respective portfolio manager's compensation) allocable to the respective fund (the incentive based variable compensation for managing other accounts is also based on a percentage of net revenues to the Investment Adviser for managing the account). This method of compensation is based on the premise that superior long-term performance in managing a portfolio should be rewarded with higher compensation as a result of growth of assets through appreciation and net investment activity. The level of equity based incentive and incentive based variable compensation is based on an evaluation by the Investment Adviser's parent, GBL, of quantitative and qualitative

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performance evaluation criteria. This evaluation takes into account, in a broad sense, the performance of the accounts managed by the portfolio manager, but the level of compensation is not determined with specific reference to the performance of any account against any specific benchmark. Generally, greater consideration is given to the performance of larger accounts and to longer term performance over smaller accounts and short-term performance.

Ownership of Shares in the Fund

As reported to the Fund, the information in the following table reflects beneficial ownership by the portfolio managers of shares as of December 31, 2010:

| Name of Portfolio Manager | Dollar Range of Equity Securities in the Fund ⁽¹⁾ |
|---------------------------|--|
| Mario J. Gabelli | G |
| Lawrence J. Haverty | E |
| Christopher J. Marangi | A |

* Key to Dollar Ranges

- A. None
- B. \$1 \$10,000
- C. \$10,001 \$50,000
- D. \$50,001 \$100,000
- E. \$100,001 \$500,000
- F. \$500,001 \$1,000,000
- G. over \$1,000,000

(1) Beneficial Ownership is determined in accordance with Rule 16a-1(a)(2) promulgated under the 1934 Act.

Portfolio Holdings Information

Employees of the Investment Adviser and its affiliates will often have access to information concerning the portfolio holdings of the Fund. The Fund and the Investment Adviser have adopted policies and procedures that require all employees to safeguard proprietary information of the Fund, which includes information relating to the Fund's portfolio holdings as well as portfolio trading activity of the Investment Adviser with respect to the Fund (collectively, Portfolio Holdings Information). In addition, the Fund and the Investment Adviser have adopted policies and procedures providing that Portfolio Holdings Information may not be disclosed except to the extent that it is (a) made available to the general public by posting on the Fund's website or filed as a part of a required filing on Form N-Q or N-CSR or (b) provided to a third party for legitimate business purposes or regulatory purposes, that has agreed to keep such data confidential under forms approved by the Investment Adviser's legal department or outside counsel, as described below. The Investment Adviser will examine each situation under (b) with a view to determine that release of the information is in the best interest of the Fund and its shareholders and, if a potential conflict between the Investment Adviser's interests and the Fund's interests arises, to have such conflict resolved by the Chief Compliance Officer or the independent Board. These policies further provide that no officer of the Fund or employee of the Investment Adviser shall communicate with the media about the Fund without obtaining the advance consent of the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, or General Counsel of the Investment Adviser.

Under the foregoing policies, the Fund currently may disclose Portfolio Holdings Information in the circumstances outlined below. Disclosure generally may be either on a monthly or quarterly basis with no time lag in some cases and with a time lag of up to sixty days in other cases (with the exception of proxy voting services which require a regular download of data):

- (1) To regulatory authorities in response to requests for such information and with the approval of the Chief Compliance Officer of the Fund;

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- (2) To mutual fund rating and statistical agencies and to persons performing similar functions where there is a legitimate business purpose for such disclosure and such entity has agreed to keep such data confidential at least until it has been made public by the Investment Adviser;
- (3) To service providers of the Fund, as necessary for the performance of their services to the Fund and to the Board; the Fund's anticipated service providers are its administrator, transfer agent, custodian, independent registered public accounting firm, and legal counsel;
- (4) To firms providing proxy voting and other proxy services, provided such entity has agreed to keep such data confidential until at least it has been made public by the Investment Adviser;
- (5) To certain broker-dealers, investment advisers, and other financial intermediaries for purposes of their performing due diligence on the Fund and not for dissemination of this information to their clients or use of this information to conduct trading for their clients. Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings Information in these circumstances requires the broker, dealer, investment adviser, or financial intermediary to agree to keep such information confidential and is further subject to prior approval of the Chief Compliance Officer of the Fund and to reporting to the Board at the next quarterly meeting; and
- (6) To consultants for purposes of performing analysis of the Fund, which analysis (but not the Portfolio Holdings Information) may be used by the consultant with its clients or disseminated to the public, provided that such entity shall have agreed to keep such information confidential until at least it has been made public by the Investment Adviser.

Disclosures made pursuant to a confidentiality agreement are subject to periodic confirmation by the Chief Compliance Officer of the Fund that the recipient has utilized such information solely in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Neither the Fund nor the Investment Adviser, nor any of the Investment Adviser's affiliates will accept on behalf of itself, its affiliates, or the Fund any compensation or other consideration in connection with the disclosure of portfolio holdings of the Fund. The Board will review such arrangements annually with the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer.

AUCTIONS FOR AUCTION RATE PREFERRED STOCK

The Fund's Series C Auction Rate Preferred are a type of preferred stock that pays dividends that vary over time. Prior to February 2008, the dividend rates were set through auctions run by an independent auction agent. Since February 2008, the auctions have failed and have continued to fail. Failure means that more shares of the preferred stock are offered for sale in the auction than there are bids to buy shares. During this period while auctions have continued to fail, holders of the Fund's Series C Auction Rate Preferred have received dividends at a maximum rate determined by reference to short term rates, rather than at a price set by auction. If auctions were to resume functioning, they would operate in accordance with the procedures described below.

Summary of Auction Procedures

The following is a brief summary of the auction procedures for preferred shares that are auction rate preferred stock. These auction procedures are complicated, and there are exceptions to these procedures. Many of the terms in this section have a special meaning. Accordingly, this description does not purport to be complete and is qualified, in its entirety, by reference to the Fund's Charter, including the provisions of the Articles Supplementary establishing any series of auction rate preferred stock.

The auctions determine the dividend rate for auction rate preferred stock, but each dividend rate will not be higher than the maximum rate. If you own auction rate preferred stock, you may instruct your broker-dealer to enter one of three kinds of orders in the auction with respect to your stock: sell, bid, and hold.

If you enter a sell order, you indicate that you want to sell auction rate preferred stock at their liquidation preference per share, no matter what the next dividend period's rate will be.

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If you enter a bid (or hold at a rate) order, which must specify a dividend rate, you indicate that you want to sell auction rate preferred stock only if the next dividend period's rate is less than the rate you specify.

If you enter a hold order you indicate that you want to continue to own auction rate preferred stock, no matter what the next dividend period's rate will be.

You may enter different types of orders for different portions of your auction rate preferred stock. You may also enter an order to buy additional auction rate preferred stock. All orders must be for whole shares of stock. All orders you submit are irrevocable. There is a fixed number of auction rate preferred stock, and the dividend rate likely will vary from auction to auction depending on the number of bidders, the number of shares the bidders seek to buy, the rating of the auction rate preferred stock and general economic conditions including current interest rates. If you own auction rate preferred stock and submit a bid for them higher than the then-maximum rate, your bid will be treated as a sell order. If you do not enter an order, the broker-dealer will assume that you want to continue to hold auction rate preferred stock, but if you fail to submit an order and the dividend period is longer than 28 days, the broker-dealer will treat your failure to submit a bid as a sell order.

If you do not then own auction rate preferred stock, or want to buy more shares, you may instruct a broker-dealer to enter a bid order to buy shares in an auction at the liquidation preference per share at or above the dividend rate you specify. If your bid for shares you do not own specifies a rate higher than the then-maximum rate, your bid will not be considered.

Broker-dealers will submit orders from existing and potential holders of auction rate preferred stock to the auction agent. Neither the Fund nor the auction agent will be responsible for a broker-dealer's failure to submit orders from existing or potential holders of auction rate preferred stock. A broker-dealer's failure to submit orders for auction rate preferred stock held by it or its customers will be treated in the same manner as a holder's failure to submit an order to the broker-dealer. A broker-dealer may submit orders to the auction agent for its own account. The Fund may not submit an order in any auction.

After each auction for the auction rate preferred stock, the auction agent will pay to each broker-dealer, from funds provided by the Fund, a service charge equal to, in the case shares of any auction immediately preceding a dividend period of less than 365 days, the product of (i) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days in such dividend period and the denominator of which is 365, times (ii) 1/4 of 1%, times (iii) the liquidation preference per share, times (iv) the aggregate number of auction rate preferred shares placed by such broker-dealer at such auction or, in the case of any auction immediately preceding a dividend period of one year or longer, a percentage of the purchase price of the auction rate preferred shares placed by the broker-dealer at the auction agreed to by the Fund and the broker-dealers.

If the number of shares of auction rate preferred stock subject to bid orders by potential holders with a dividend rate equal to or lower than the then-maximum rate is at least equal to the number of shares of auction rate preferred stock subject to sell orders, then the dividend rate for the next dividend period will be the lowest rate submitted which, taking into account that rate and all lower rates submitted in order from existing and potential holders, would result in existing and potential holders owning all the auction rate preferred stock available for purchase in the auction.

If the number of auction rate preferred stock subject to bid orders by potential holders with a dividend rate equal to or lower than the then-maximum rate is less than the number of auction rate preferred stock subject to sell orders, then the auction is considered to be a failed auction, and the dividend rate will be the maximum rate. In that event, existing holders that have submitted sell orders (or are treated as having submitted sell orders) may not be able to sell any or all of the auction rate preferred stock offered for sale than there are buyers for those shares.

If broker-dealers submit or are deemed to submit hold orders for all outstanding auction rate preferred stock, the auction is considered an all hold auction and the dividend rate for the next dividend period will be the all hold rate, which is 80% of the AA Financial Composite Commercial Paper Rate, as

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determined in accordance with procedures set forth in the Articles Supplementary establishing the auction rate preferred stock.

The auction procedures include a pro rata allocation of auction rate preferred stock for purchase and sale. This allocation process may result in an existing holder continuing to hold or selling, or a potential holder buying, fewer shares than the number of shares of auction rate preferred stock in its order. If this happens, broker-dealers will be required to make appropriate pro rata allocations among their respective customers.

Settlement of purchases and sales will be made on the next business day (which also is a dividend payment date) after the auction date through DTC. Purchasers will pay for their auction rate preferred stock through broker-dealers in same-day funds to DTC against delivery to the broker-dealers. DTC will make payment to the sellers' broker-dealers in accordance with its normal procedures, which require broker-dealers to make payment against delivery in same-day funds. As used in this SAI, a business day is a day on which the NYSE is open for trading, and which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or any other day on which banks in New York City are authorized or obligated by law to close.

The first auction for a series of auction rate preferred stock will be held on the date specified in the Prospectus Supplement for such series, which will be the business day preceding the dividend payment date for the initial dividend period. Thereafter, except during special dividend periods, auctions for such series auction rate preferred stock normally will be held within the frequency specified in the Prospectus Supplement for such series, and each subsequent dividend period for such series auction rate preferred stock normally will begin on the following day.

If an auction is not held because an unforeseen event or unforeseen events cause a day that otherwise would have been an auction date not to be a business day, then the length of the then-current dividend period will be extended by seven days (or a multiple thereof if necessary because of such unforeseen event or events), the applicable rate for such period will be the applicable rate for the then-current dividend period so extended and the dividend payment date for such dividend period will be the first business day immediately succeeding the end of such period.

The following is a simplified example of how a typical auction works. Assume that the Fund has 1,000 outstanding shares of auction rate preferred stock and three current holders. The three current holders and three potential holders submit orders through broker-dealers at the auction.

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| Current Holder A | Owens 500 shares, wants to sell all 500 shares if auction rate is less than 4.6% | Bid order at 4.6% rate for all 500 shares |
| Current Holder B | Owens 300 shares, wants to hold | Hold order will take the auction rate |
| Current Holder C | Owens 200 shares, wants to sell all 200 shares if auction rate is less than 4.4% | Bid order at 4.4% rate for all 200 shares |
| Potential Holder D | Wants to buy 200 shares | Places order to buy at or above 4.5% |
| Potential Holder E | Wants to buy 300 shares | Places order to buy at or above 4.4% |
| Potential Holder F | Wants to buy 200 shares | Places order to buy at or above 4.6% |

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The lowest dividend rate that will result in all 1,000 shares of auction rate preferred stock continuing to be held is 4.5% (the offer by D). Therefore, the dividend rate will be 4.5%. Current holders B and C will continue to own their shares. Current holder A will sell its shares because A's dividend rate bid was higher than the dividend rate: Potential holder D will buy 200 shares and potential holder E will buy 300 shares because their bid rates were at or below the dividend rate. Potential holder F will not buy any shares because its bid rate was above the dividend rate.

Secondary Market Trading and Transfer of Auction Rate Preferred Stock

The underwriters shall not be required to make a market in the auction rate preferred stock. The broker-dealers (including the underwriters) may maintain a secondary trading market for outside of auctions, but they are not required to do so. There can be no assurance that a secondary trading market for the auction rate preferred stock will develop or, if it does develop, that it will provide owners with liquidity of investment. The auction rate preferred stock will not be registered on any stock exchange. Investors who purchase auction rate preferred stock in an auction for a special dividend period should note that because the dividend rate on such shares will be fixed for the length of that dividend period, the value of such shares may fluctuate in response to the changes in interest rates and may be more or less than their original cost if sold on the open market in advance of the next auction thereof, depending on market conditions.

You may sell, transfer, or otherwise dispose of the auction rate preferred stock in the auction process only in whole shares and only pursuant to a bid or sell order placed with the auction agent in accordance with the auction procedures, to the Fund or its affiliates or to or through a broker-dealer that has been selected by the Fund or to such other persons as may be permitted by the Fund. However, if you hold your auction rate preferred stock in the name of a broker-dealer, a sale or transfer of your auction rate preferred stock to that broker dealer, or to another customer of that broker-dealer, will not be considered a sale or transfer for purposes of the foregoing if the shares remain in the name of the broker-dealer immediately after your transaction. In addition, in the case of all transfers other than through an auction, the broker-dealer (or other person, if the Fund permits) receiving the transfer must advise the auction agent of the transfer. These procedures would not limit a holder's ability to sell its auction rate preferred stock in a secondary market transaction.

Due to recent market turmoil most auction rate preferred stock, including our Series C Auction Rate Preferred, has been unable to hold successful auctions and holders of such stock have suffered reduced liquidity. If the number of Series C Auction Rate Preferred subject to bid orders by potential holders is less than the number of Series C Auction Rate Preferred subject to sell orders, then the auction is considered to be a failed auction, and the dividend rate will be the maximum rate. In that event, holders that have submitted sell orders may not be able to sell any or all of Series C Auction Rate Preferred for which they have submitted sell orders. The current maximum rate is 150% of the AA Financial Composite Commercial Paper Rate on the date of such auction. These failed auctions have been an industry wide problem and may continue to occur in the future. Any current or potential holder of auction rate preferred stock faces the risk that auctions will continue to fail, or will fail again at some point in the future, and that he or she may not be able to sell his or her stock through the auction process.

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS

Subject to policies established by the Board, the Investment Adviser is responsible for placing purchase and sale orders and the allocation of brokerage on behalf of the Fund. Transactions in equity securities are in most cases effected on U.S. stock exchanges and involve the payment of negotiated brokerage commissions. In general, there may be no stated commission in the case of securities traded in over-the-counter markets, but the prices of those securities may include undisclosed commissions or mark-ups. Principal transactions are not entered into with affiliates of the Fund. However, Gabelli & Company may execute transactions in the over-the-counter markets on an agency basis and receive a stated commission therefrom. To the extent consistent with applicable provisions of the 1940 Act and the rules and exemptions adopted by the SEC thereunder, as well as other regulatory requirements, the Fund's Board

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has determined that portfolio transactions may be executed through Gabelli & Company and its broker-dealer affiliates if, in the judgment of the Investment Adviser, the use of those broker-dealers is likely to result in price and execution at least as favorable as those of other qualified broker-dealers, and if, in particular transactions, the affiliated broker-dealers charge the Fund a rate consistent with that charged to comparable unaffiliated customers in similar transactions. The Fund has no obligations to deal with any broker or group of brokers in executing transactions in portfolio securities. In executing transactions, the Investment Adviser seeks to obtain the best price and execution for the Fund, taking into account such factors as price, size of order, difficulty of execution, and operational facilities of the firm involved and the firm's risk in positioning a block of securities. While the Investment Adviser generally seeks reasonably competitive commission rates, the Fund does not necessarily pay the lowest commission available.

Subject to obtaining the best price and execution, brokers who provide supplemental research, market, and statistical information, or other services (*e.g.*, wire services) to the Investment Adviser or its affiliates may receive orders for transactions by the Fund. The term "research, market, and statistical information" includes advice as to the value of securities, and advisability of investing in, purchasing or selling securities, and the availability of securities or purchasers or sellers of securities, and furnishing analyses and reports concerning issues, industries, securities, economic factors and trends, portfolio strategy, and the performance of accounts. Information so received will be in addition to and not in lieu of the services required to be performed by the Investment Adviser under the Advisory Agreement, and the expenses of the Investment Adviser will not necessarily be reduced as a result of the receipt of such supplemental information. Such information may be useful to the Investment Adviser and its affiliates in providing services to clients other than the Fund, and not all such information is used by the Investment Adviser in connection with the Fund. Conversely, such information provided to the Investment Adviser and its affiliates by brokers and dealers through whom other clients of the Investment Adviser and its affiliates effect securities transactions may be useful to the Investment Adviser in providing services to the Fund.

Although investment decisions for the Fund are made independently from those of the other accounts managed by the Investment Adviser and its affiliates, investments of the kind made by the Fund may also be made for those other accounts. When the same securities are purchased for or sold by the Fund and any of such other accounts, it is the policy of the Investment Adviser and its affiliates to allocate such purchases and sales in a manner deemed fair and equitable over time to all of the accounts, including the Fund.

For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2008, 2009, and 2010, the Fund paid a total of \$116,669, \$49,813 and \$47,477, respectively, in brokerage commissions, of which Gabelli & Company and its affiliates received, \$61,722, \$29,661 and \$28,929, respectively. The amount received by Gabelli & Company and its affiliates from the Fund in respect of brokerage commissions for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 represented approximately 61% of the aggregate dollar amount of brokerage commissions paid by the Fund for such period and approximately 36% of the aggregate dollar amount of transactions by the Fund for such period.

REPURCHASE OF COMMON STOCK

The Fund is a closed-end, non-diversified, management investment company and as such its shareholders do not, and will not, have the right to redeem their stock. The Fund, however, may repurchase its common stock from time to time as and when it deems such a repurchase advisable. Such repurchases will be made when the Fund's common stock is trading at a discount of 5% (or such other percentage as the Board may determine from time to time) or more from net asset value. Pursuant to the 1940 Act, the Fund may repurchase its common stock on a securities exchange (provided that the Fund has informed its shareholders within the preceding six months of its intention to repurchase such stock) or as otherwise permitted in accordance with Rule 23c-1 under the 1940 Act. Under that Rule, certain conditions must be met regarding, among other things, distribution of net income for the preceding fiscal year, status of the seller, price paid, brokerage commissions, prior notice to shareholders of an intention to purchase stock and purchasing in a manner and on a basis that does not discriminate unfairly against the other shareholders through their interest in the Fund.

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When the Fund repurchases its common stock for a price below net asset value, the net asset value of the common stock that remains outstanding will be enhanced, but this does not necessarily mean that the market price of the outstanding common stock will be affected, either positively or negatively.

Shares repurchased are retired.

PORTFOLIO TURNOVER

The portfolio turnover rates of the Fund for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 were 9.4% and 9.6%, respectively. The portfolio turnover rate is calculated by dividing the lesser of an investment company's annual sales or purchases of portfolio securities by the monthly average value of securities in its portfolio during the year, excluding portfolio securities the maturities of which at the time of acquisition were one year or less. A high rate of portfolio turnover involves correspondingly greater brokerage commission expense than a lower rate, which expense must be borne by the Fund and its shareholders, as applicable. A higher rate of portfolio turnover may also result in taxable gains being passed to shareholders.

TAXATION

The following discussion is a brief summary of certain U.S. federal income tax considerations affecting the Fund and its shareholders. This discussion reflects applicable tax laws of the United States as of the date of this SAI, which tax laws may be changed or subject to new interpretations by the courts or the Internal Revenue Service (the IRS) retroactively or prospectively. No attempt is made to present a detailed explanation of all U.S. federal, state, local and foreign tax concerns affecting the Fund and its shareholders (including shareholders owning a large position in the Fund), and the discussions set forth herein do not constitute tax advice. Investors are urged to consult their own tax advisers to determine the tax consequences to them of investing in the Fund.

Taxation of the Fund

The Fund has qualified and intends to continue to qualify, as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code) (a RIC). Accordingly, the Fund will, among other things, (i) derive in each taxable year at least 90% of its gross income from (a) dividends, interest (including tax-exempt interest), payments with respect to certain securities loans, and gains from the sale or other disposition of stock, securities or foreign currencies, or other income (including but not limited to gain from options, futures and forward contracts) derived with respect to its business of investing in such stock, securities or currencies and (b) net income derived from interests in certain publicly traded partnerships that are treated as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes and that derive less than 90% of their gross income from the items described in (a) above (each a Qualified Publicly Traded Partnership); and (ii) diversify its holdings so that, at the end of each quarter of each taxable year (a) at least 50% of the value of its total assets is represented by cash and cash items, U.S. government securities, the securities of other regulated investment companies and other securities, with such other securities limited, in respect of any one issuer, to an amount not greater than 5% of the value of the Fund's total assets and not more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of such issuer and (b) not more than 25% of the value of the Fund's total assets is invested in the securities of (I) any one issuer (other than U.S. government securities and the securities of other RICs), (II) any two or more issuers in which the Fund owns more than 20% or more of the voting stock and that are determined to be engaged in the same business or similar or related trades or businesses or (III) any one or more Qualified Publicly Traded Partnerships.

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The investments of the Fund in partnerships, including Qualified Publicly Traded Partnerships, may result in the Fund being subject to state, local, or foreign income, and franchise or withholding tax liabilities.

As a RIC, the Fund generally is not or will not be, as the case may be, subject to U.S. federal income tax on income and gains that it distributes each taxable year to shareholders, if it distributes at least 90% of the sum of the Fund's (i) investment company taxable income (which includes, among other items, dividends, interest and the excess of any net short-term capital gain over net long-term capital loss and other taxable income, other than any net long-term capital gain, reduced by deductible expenses) determined without regard to the deduction for dividends paid and (ii) its net tax-exempt interest (the excess of its gross tax-exempt interest over certain disallowed deductions). The Fund intends to distribute at least annually substantially all of such income.

Amounts not distributed on a timely basis in accordance with a calendar year distribution requirement are subject to a nondeductible 4% excise tax at the Fund level. To avoid the tax, the Fund must distribute during each calendar year an amount at least equal to the sum of (i) 98% of its ordinary income (not taking into account any capital gain or loss) for the calendar year, (ii) 98.2% of its capital gain in excess of its capital loss (adjusted for certain ordinary losses) for a one-year period generally ending on October 31 of the calendar year (unless an election is made to use the fund's fiscal year), and (iii) certain undistributed amounts from previous years on which a fund paid no federal income tax. While the Fund intends to distribute any income and capital gain in the manner necessary to minimize imposition of the 4% excise tax, there can be no assurance that sufficient amounts of the Fund's taxable income and capital gain will be distributed to avoid entirely the imposition of the tax. In that event, the Fund will be liable for the tax only on the amount by which it does not meet the foregoing distribution requirement.

A distribution will be treated as paid during the calendar year if it is paid during the calendar year or declared by the Fund in October, November or December of the year, payable to shareholders of record on a date during such a month and paid by the Fund during January of the following year. Any such distributions paid during January of the following year will be deemed to be received no later than December 31 of the year the distributions are declared, rather than when the distributions are received.

If the Fund were unable to satisfy the 90% distribution requirement or otherwise were to fail to qualify as a RIC in any year, it would be taxed in the same manner as an ordinary corporation and distributions to the Fund's shareholders would not be deductible by the Fund in computing its taxable income. To qualify again to be taxed as a RIC in a subsequent year, the Fund would be required to distribute to its shareholders its earnings and profits attributable to non-RIC years. In addition, if the Fund failed to qualify as a RIC for a period greater than two taxable years, then the Fund would be required to elect to recognize and pay tax on any net built-in gain (the excess of aggregate gain, including items of income, over aggregate loss that would have been realized if the Fund had been liquidated) or, alternatively, be subject to taxation on such built-in gain recognized for a period of ten years, in order to qualify as a RIC in a subsequent year.

Gain or loss on the sales of securities by the Fund will generally be long-term capital gain or loss if the securities have been held by the Fund for more than one year. Gain or loss on the sale of securities held for one year or less will be short-term capital gain or loss.

Foreign currency gain or loss on non-U.S. dollar-denominated securities and on any non-U.S. dollar-denominated futures contracts, options and forward contracts that are not section 1256 contracts (as defined below) generally will be treated as ordinary income and loss.

Investments by the Fund in certain passive foreign investment companies (PFICs), as defined in the Code, could subject the Fund to federal income tax (including interest charges) on certain distributions or dispositions with respect to those investments which cannot be eliminated by making distributions to shareholders. Elections may be available to the Fund to mitigate the effect of this tax provided that the PFIC complies with certain reporting requirements, but such elections generally accelerate the recognition of income without the receipt of cash. Dividends paid by PFICs will not qualify for the reduced tax rates discussed below under Taxation of Shareholders.

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The Fund may invest in debt obligations purchased at a discount with the result that the Fund may be required to accrue income for U.S. federal income tax purposes before amounts due under the obligations are paid. The Fund may also invest in securities rated in the medium to lower rating categories of nationally recognized rating organizations, and in unrated securities (high yield securities). A portion of the interest payments on such high yield securities may be treated as dividends for certain U.S. federal income tax purposes.

As a result of investing in stock of PFICs or securities purchased at a discount or any other investment that produces income that is not matched by a corresponding cash distribution to the Fund, the Fund could be required to include in current income, income it has not yet received. Any such income would be treated as income earned by the Fund and therefore would be subject to the distribution requirements of the Code. This might prevent the Fund from distributing 90% of its investment company taxable income as is required in order to avoid Fund-level federal income taxation on all of its income, or might prevent the Fund from distributing enough ordinary income and capital gain net income to avoid completely the imposition of the excise tax. To avoid this result, the Fund may be required to borrow money or dispose of securities to be able to make distributions to its shareholders.

If the Fund does not meet the asset coverage requirements of the 1940 Act and the Articles Supplementary, the Fund will be required to suspend distributions to the holders of common stock until the asset coverage is restored. Such a suspension of distributions might prevent the Fund from distributing 90% of its investment company taxable income as is required in order to avoid fund-level federal income taxation on all of its income, or might prevent the fund from distributing enough income and capital gain net income to avoid completely imposition of the excise tax.

Certain of the Fund's investment practices are subject to special and complex U.S. federal income tax provisions that may, among other things, (i) disallow, suspend or otherwise limit the allowance of certain losses or deductions, (ii) convert lower taxed long-term capital gains into higher taxed short-term capital gains or ordinary income, (iii) convert ordinary loss or a deduction into capital loss (the deductibility of which is more limited), (iv) cause a fund to recognize income or gain without a corresponding receipt of cash, (v) adversely affect the time as to when a purchase or sale of stock or securities is deemed to occur, (vi) adversely alter the characterization of certain complex financial transactions and (vii) produce income that will not qualify as good income for purposes of the 90% annual gross income requirement described above. The Fund will monitor its transactions and may make certain tax elections to mitigate the effect of these rules and prevent disqualification of the fund as a regulated investment company.

Foreign Taxes

Since the Fund may invest in foreign securities, income from such securities may be subject to non-U.S. taxes. The Fund expects to invest less than 35% of its total assets in foreign securities. As long as the Fund continues to invest less than 35% of its assets in foreign securities it will not be eligible to elect to pass-through to shareholders of a fund the ability to use the foreign tax deduction or foreign tax credit for foreign taxes paid with respect to qualifying taxes.

Taxation of Shareholders

The Fund will determine either to distribute or to retain for reinvestment all or part of its net capital gain. If any such gain is retained, the Fund will be subject to a tax of 35% of such amount. In that event, the Fund expects to designate the retained amount as undistributed capital gain in a notice to its shareholders, each of whom (i) will be required to include in income for tax purposes as long-term capital gain its share of such undistributed amounts, (ii) will be entitled to credit its proportionate share of the tax paid by the Fund against its federal income tax liability and to claim refunds to the extent that the credit exceeds such liability and (iii) will increase its basis in its shares of the Fund by an amount equal to 65% of the amount of undistributed capital gain included in such shareholder's gross income.

Distributions paid by the Fund from its investment company taxable income, which includes net short-term capital gain, generally are taxable as ordinary income to the extent of the Fund's earnings and profits.

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Such distributions, if reported by the Fund, may, however, qualify (provided holding period and other requirements are met by the Fund and its shareholders) (i) for the dividends received deduction available to corporations, but only to the extent that the Fund's income consists of dividend income from U.S. corporations and (ii) for taxable years beginning on or before December 31, 2012, as qualified dividend income eligible for the reduced maximum federal tax rate to individuals of generally 15% (currently 0% for individuals in lower tax brackets) to the extent that the Fund receives qualified dividend income. Qualified dividend income is, in general, dividend income from taxable domestic corporations and certain qualified foreign corporations (*e.g.*, generally, foreign corporations incorporated in a possession of the United States or in certain countries with a qualifying comprehensive tax treaty with the United States, or whose shares with respect to which such dividend is paid is readily tradable on an established securities market in the United States). A qualified foreign corporation does not include a foreign corporation which for the taxable year of the corporation in which the dividend was paid, or the preceding taxable year, is a PFIC. If the Fund engages in certain securities lending transactions, the amount received by the Fund that is the equivalent of the dividends paid by the issuer on the securities loaned will not be eligible for qualified dividend income treatment. Distributions of net capital gain reported as capital gain distributions, if any, are taxable to shareholders at rates applicable to long-term capital gain, whether paid in cash or in shares, and regardless of how long the shareholder has held the Fund's shares. Capital gain distributions are not eligible for the dividends received deduction. The maximum federal tax rate on net long-term capital gain of individuals is currently 15% (0% for individuals in lower brackets). The maximum rate on long-term capital gain is scheduled to rise to 20% for gains realized in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2012. Unrecaptured Section 1250 gain distributions, if any, will be subject to a 25% tax. Distributions in excess of the Fund's earnings and profits will first reduce the adjusted tax basis of a holder's shares and, after such adjusted tax basis is reduced to zero, will constitute capital gain to such holder (assuming the shares are held as a capital asset). Investment company taxable income (other than qualified dividend income) will currently be taxed at a maximum rate of 35%. For corporate taxpayers, both investment company taxable income and net capital gain are taxed at a maximum rate of 35%.

If an individual receives a dividend that is eligible for qualified dividend income treatment, and such dividend constitutes an extraordinary dividend, any loss on the sale or exchange of shares in respect of which the extraordinary dividend was paid, then the loss will be long-term capital loss to the extent of such extraordinary dividend. An extraordinary dividend for this purpose is generally a dividend (i) in an amount greater than or equal to 5% of the taxpayer's tax basis (or trading value) in a share of stock, aggregating dividends with ex-dividend dates within an 85-day period or (ii) in an amount greater than 20% of the taxpayer's tax basis (or trading value) in a share of stock, aggregating dividends with ex-dividend dates within a 365-day period.

The IRS currently requires that a registered investment company that has two or more classes of stock allocate to each such class proportionate amounts of each type of its income (such as ordinary income, capital gains, dividends qualifying for the dividends received deduction (DRD) and qualified dividend income) based upon the percentage of total dividends paid out of current or accumulated earnings and profits to each class for the tax year. Accordingly, the Fund intends each year to allocate capital gain dividends, dividends qualifying for the DRD and dividends that constitute qualified dividend income, if any, between its common stock and preferred stock in proportion to the total dividends paid out of current or accumulated earnings and profits to each class with respect to such tax year. Distributions in excess of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits, if any, however, will not be allocated proportionately among the common stock and preferred stock. Since the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits will first be used to pay dividends on its preferred stock, distributions in excess of such earnings and profits, if any, will be made disproportionately to holders of common stock.

Shareholders may be entitled to offset their capital gain distributions (but not distributions eligible for qualified dividend income treatment) with capital loss. There are a number of statutory provisions affecting when capital loss may be offset against capital gain, and limiting the use of loss from certain investments and activities. Accordingly, shareholders with capital loss are urged to consult their tax advisers.

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The price of stock purchased at any time may reflect the amount of a forthcoming distribution. Those purchasing stock just prior to a distribution will receive a distribution which will be taxable to them even though it represents in part a return of invested capital.

Certain types of income received by the Fund from real estate investment trusts (REITs), real estate mortgage investment conduits (REMICs), taxable mortgage pools or other investments may cause the Fund to designate some or all of its distributions as excess inclusion income. To Fund shareholders such excess inclusion income may (1) constitute taxable income, as unrelated business taxable income (UBTI) for those shareholders who would otherwise be tax-exempt such as individual retirement accounts, 401(k) accounts, Keogh plans, pension plans and certain charitable entities; (2) not be offset by other taxable deductions for tax purposes; (3) not be eligible for reduced U.S. withholding for non-U.S. shareholders even from tax treaty countries; and (4) cause the Fund to be subject to tax if certain disqualified organizations as defined by the Code are fund shareholders.

Upon a sale, exchange, redemption or other disposition of stock, a shareholder will generally realize a taxable gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount of cash and the fair market value of other property received and the shareholder's adjusted tax basis in the stock. Such gain or loss will be treated as long-term capital gain or loss if the shares have been held for more than one year. Any loss realized on a sale or exchange will be disallowed to the extent the shares disposed of are replaced by substantially identical shares within a 61-day period beginning 30 days before and ending 30 days after the date that the shares are disposed of. In such a case, the basis of the shares acquired will be adjusted to reflect the disallowed loss.

Any loss realized by a shareholder on the sale of Fund shares held by the shareholder for six months or less will be treated for tax purposes as a long-term capital loss to the extent of any capital gain distributions received by the shareholder (or amounts credited to the shareholder as an undistributed capital gain) with respect to such shares.

Ordinary income distributions and capital gain distributions also may be subject to state and local taxes. Shareholders are urged to consult their own tax advisers regarding specific questions about federal (including the application of the alternative minimum tax rules), state, local or foreign tax consequences to them of investing in the Fund.

Shareholders will receive, if appropriate, various written notices after the close of each of the Fund's taxable years regarding the U.S. federal income tax status of certain dividends, distributions and deemed distributions that were paid (or that are treated as having been paid) by the Fund to its shareholders during the preceding taxable year.

If a shareholder recognizes a loss with respect to the Fund's shares of \$2 million or more for an individual shareholder or \$10 million or more for a corporate shareholder, the shareholder must file with the IRS a disclosure statement on Form 8886. Direct shareholders of portfolio securities are in many cases exempted from this reporting requirement, but under current guidance, shareholders of a regulated investment company are not exempted. The fact that a loss is reportable under these regulations does not affect the legal determination of whether the taxpayer's treatment of the loss is proper. Shareholders should consult their tax advisers to determine the applicability of these regulations in light of their individual circumstances.

Dividends paid or distributions made by the Fund to shareholders who are non-resident aliens or foreign entities (foreign investors) are generally subject to withholding tax at a 30% rate or a reduced rate specified by an applicable income tax treaty to the extent derived from investment income and short-term capital gains. In order to obtain a reduced rate of withholding, a foreign investor will be required to provide an IRS Form W-8BEN certifying its entitlement to benefits under a treaty. The withholding tax does not apply to regular dividends paid or distributions made to a foreign investor who provides a Form W-8ECI, certifying that the dividends or distributions are effectively connected with the foreign investor's conduct of a trade or business within the United States. Instead, the effectively connected dividends or distributions will be subject to regular U.S. income tax as if the foreign investor were a U.S. shareholder. A non-U.S. corporation receiving effectively connected dividends or distributions may also be subject to

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additional branch profits tax imposed at a rate of 30% (or lower treaty rate). A foreign investor who fails to provide an IRS Form W-8BEN or other applicable form may be subject to backup withholding at the appropriate rate.

In general, United States federal withholding tax will not apply to any gain or income realized by a foreign investor in respect of any distributions of net long-term capital gains over net short-term capital losses, exempt-interest dividends, or upon the sale or other disposition of shares of the Fund.

Recent Legislation

Recently enacted legislation will require, after December 31, 2012, certain increased certification requirements and information reporting related to U.S. accounts or U.S. ownership of our shares through certain foreign financial institutions and other non-U.S. entities. In the event of noncompliance with the revised requirements, withholding at a rate of 30% on dividends in respect of, and gross proceeds from the sale of, our common stock held by or through such foreign entities would be imposed. Non-U.S. persons that are otherwise eligible for an exemption from, or a reduction of, U.S. withholding tax with respect to such dividends and sale proceeds would be required to seek a refund from the Internal Revenue Service to obtain the benefit of such exemption or reduction. Prospective investors should consult with their tax advisers regarding the possible implications of these rules on their investment in our common stock.

Backup Withholding

The Fund may be required to withhold U.S. federal income tax on all taxable distributions and redemption proceeds payable to non-corporate shareholders who fail to provide the Fund with their correct taxpayer identification number or to make required certifications, or who have been notified by the IRS that they are subject to backup withholding. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld may be refunded or credited against such shareholder's U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, provided that the required information is furnished to the IRS.

The foregoing is a general and abbreviated summary of the applicable provisions of the Code and Treasury regulations presently in effect. For the complete provisions, reference should be made to the pertinent Code sections and the Treasury regulations promulgated thereunder. The Code and the Treasury regulations are subject to change by legislative, judicial, or administrative action, either prospectively or retroactively. Persons considering an investment in shares of the Fund should consult their own tax advisers regarding the purchase, ownership and disposition of shares of the Fund.

BENEFICIAL OWNERS

The following table sets forth the beneficial ownership of each person (including any group) known to the Fund to be deemed the beneficial owner of more than 5% of the outstanding shares of common stock of the Fund as of March 31, 2011:

| Name and Address of Beneficial Owner(s) | Amount of Shares and Nature of Ownership | Percent of Class |
|--|---|-------------------------|
| Lazard Asset Management LLC 30 Rockefeller Plaza New York, NY 10112 | 2,526,602 (beneficial) | 18.6% |
| Arthur D. Lipson Western Investment LLC 7050 S. Union Park Center, Ste. 590 Midvale, UT 84047 | 746,213 (beneficial) | 5.5% |
| Mario J. Gabelli and affiliates One Corporate Center Rye, NY 10580-1422 | 707,906 (beneficial)* | 5.2% |

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* Comprised of 287,725 shares of common stock owned directly by Mr. Gabelli, 11,082 shares of common stock owned by a family partnership for which Mr. Gabelli serves as general partner, 16,361 shares of common stock owned by GPJ Retirement Partners, LLC in which Mr. Gabelli has less than 100% interest and disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by this entity which are in excess of this indirect, pecuniary interest, and 392,738 shares of common stock owned by GAMCO Investors, Inc. or its affiliates. Mr. Gabelli disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by the discretionary accounts and by the entities named except to the extent of his interest in such entities.

As of March 21, 2011, there were no persons known to the Fund to be beneficial owners of more than 5% of the Fund's outstanding shares of Preferred Stock.

As of December 31, 2010, the Directors and Officers of the Fund as a group beneficially owned approximately 4.9% of the outstanding shares of the Fund's common stock and less than 1% of the outstanding shares of the Fund's Preferred Stock.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Book-Entry-Only Issuance

The Depository Trust Company (DTC) will act as securities depository for the securities offered pursuant to the Prospectus. The information in this section concerning DTC and DTC's book entry system is based upon information obtained from DTC. The securities offered hereby initially will be issued only as fully registered securities registered in the name of Cede & Co. (as nominee for DTC). One or more fully registered global security certificates initially will be issued, representing in the aggregate the total number of securities, and deposited with DTC.

DTC is a limited purpose trust company organized under the New York Banking Law, a banking organization within the meaning of the New York Banking Law, a member of the Federal Reserve System, a clearing corporation within the meaning of the New York Uniform Commercial Code, and a clearing agency registered pursuant to the provisions of Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. DTC holds securities that its participants deposit with DTC. DTC also facilitates the settlement among participants of securities transactions, such as transfers and pledges, in deposited securities through electronic computerized book entry changes in participants' accounts, thereby eliminating the need for physical movement of securities certificates. Direct DTC participants include securities brokers and dealers, banks, trust companies, clearing corporations and certain other organizations. Access to the DTC system is also available to others such as securities brokers and dealers, banks, and trust companies that clear through or maintain a custodial relationship with a direct participant, either directly or indirectly through other entities.

Purchases of securities within the DTC system must be made by or through direct participants, which will receive a credit for the securities on DTC's records. The ownership interest of each actual purchaser of a security, a beneficial owner, is in turn to be recorded on the direct or indirect participants' records. Beneficial owners will not receive written confirmation from DTC of their purchases, but beneficial owners are expected to receive written confirmations providing details of the transactions, as well as periodic statements of their holdings, from the direct or indirect participants through which the beneficial owners purchased securities. Transfers of ownership interests in securities are to be accomplished by entries made on the books of participants acting on behalf of beneficial owners. Beneficial owners will not receive certificates representing their ownership interests in securities, except as provided herein.

DTC has no knowledge of the actual beneficial owners of the securities being offered pursuant to the prospectus; DTC's records reflect only the identity of the direct participants to whose accounts such securities are credited, which may or may not be the beneficial owners. The participants will remain responsible for keeping account of their holdings on behalf of their customers.

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Conveyance of notices and other communications by DTC to direct participants, by direct participants to indirect participants, and by direct participants and indirect participants to beneficial owners will be governed by arrangements among them, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time.

Payments on the securities will be made to DTC. DTC's practice is to credit direct participants' accounts on the relevant payment date in accordance with their respective holdings shown on DTC's records unless DTC has reason to believe that it will not receive payments on such payment date. Payments by participants to beneficial owners will be governed by standing instructions and customary practices and will be the responsibility of such participant and not of DTC or the Fund, subject to any statutory or regulatory requirements as may be in effect from time to time. Payment of distributions to DTC is the responsibility of the Fund, disbursement of such payments to direct participants is the responsibility of DTC, and disbursement of such payments to the beneficial owners is the responsibility of direct and indirect participants. Furthermore each beneficial owner must rely on the procedures of DTC to exercise any rights under the securities.

DTC may discontinue providing its services as securities depository with respect to the securities at any time by giving reasonable notice to the Fund. Under such circumstances, in the event that a successor securities depository is not obtained, certificates representing the securities will be printed and delivered.

Proxy Voting Procedures

The Fund has adopted the proxy voting procedures of the Investment Adviser and has directed the Investment Adviser to vote all proxies relating to the Fund's voting securities in accordance with such procedures. A copy of the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures is attached as Appendix A.

Information regarding how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent twelve-month period ended June 30 is available without charge, upon request, by calling (800) 422-3554 or on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.

Code of Ethics

The Fund and the Investment Adviser have adopted a code of ethics (the Code of Ethics) under Rule 17j-1 under the 1940 Act. The Code of Ethics permits personnel, subject to the Code of Ethics and its restrictive provisions, to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by the Fund. The Code of Ethics can be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Information on the operations of the Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at 202-551-8090. The Code of Ethics is also available on the EDGAR database on the SEC's Internet web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of the Code of Ethics may also be obtained, after paying a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following e-mail address: publicinfo@sec.gov, or by writing the SEC's Public Reference Room, Washington, D.C. 20549-0102.

Financial Statements

The audited financial statements included in the annual report to the Fund's shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2010, together with the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP are incorporated herein by reference to the Fund's annual report. All other portions of the annual report are not incorporated herein by reference and are not part of the registration statement.

Custodian, Transfer Agent, Auction Agent, and Dividend Disbursing Agent

State Street Bank and Trust Company, located at 150 Royall Street, Canton, MA 02021, serves as the custodian of the Fund's assets pursuant to a custody agreement. Under the custody agreement, the Custodian holds the Fund's assets in compliance with the 1940 Act. For its services, the Custodian receives a monthly fee based upon the average weekly value of the total assets of the Fund, plus certain charges for securities transactions.

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Computershare Trust Company, N.A., located at 250 Royall Street, Canton, Massachusetts 02021, serves as the Fund's dividend disbursing agent, as agent under the Fund's automatic dividend reinvestment and voluntary cash purchase plans and as transfer agent and registrar for shares of common stock of the Fund.

Computershare Trust Company, N.A. also serves as the transfer agent, registrar, dividend paying agent, and redemption agent with respect to the Series B Preferred.

The Bank of New York, located at 5 Penn Plaza, 13th Floor, New York, NY 10001, serves as the Fund's auction agent, transfer agent, registrar, dividend paying agent and redemption agent with respect to the Series C Auction Rate Preferred.

Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP serves as the Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm of the Fund and audits the financial statements of the Fund. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is located at 300 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

Table of Contents**APPENDIX A****THE VOTING OF PROXIES ON BEHALF OF CLIENTS**

Rules 204(4)-2 and 204-2 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and Rule 30b1-4 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 require investment advisers to adopt written policies and procedures governing the voting of proxies on behalf of their clients.

These procedures will be used by GAMCO Asset Management Inc., Gabelli Funds, LLC, Gabelli Securities, Inc., and Teton Advisors, Inc. (collectively, the Advisers) to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities held by their clients, including the procedures that the Advisers use when a vote presents a conflict between the interests of the shareholders of an investment company managed by one of the Advisers, on the one hand, and those of the Advisers; the principal underwriter; or any affiliated person of the investment company, the Advisers, or the principal underwriter. These procedures will not apply where the Advisers do not have voting discretion or where the Advisers have agreed to with a client to vote the client's proxies in accordance with specific guidelines or procedures supplied by the client (to the extent permitted by ERISA).

I. Proxy Voting Committee

The Proxy Voting Committee was originally formed in April 1989 for the purpose of formulating guidelines and reviewing proxy statements within the parameters set by the substantive proxy voting guidelines originally published in 1988 and updated periodically, a copy of which are appended as Exhibit A. The Committee will include representatives of Research, Administration, Legal, and the Advisers. Additional or replacement members of the Committee will be nominated by the Chairman and voted upon by the entire Committee.

Meetings are held as needed basis to form views on the manner in which the Advisers should vote proxies on behalf of their clients.

In general, the Director of Proxy Voting Services, using the Proxy Guidelines, recommendations of Institutional Shareholder Corporate Governance Service (ISS), other third-party services and the analysts of Gabelli & Company, Inc., will determine how to vote on each issue. For non-controversial matters, the Director of Proxy Voting Services may vote the proxy if the vote is (1) consistent with the recommendations of the issuer's Board of Directors and not contrary to the Proxy Guidelines; (2) consistent with the recommendations of the issuer's Board of Directors and is a non-controversial issue not covered by the Proxy Guidelines; or (3) the vote is contrary to the recommendations of the Board of Directors but is consistent with the Proxy Guidelines. In those instances, the Director of Proxy Voting Services or the Chairman of the Committee may sign and date the proxy statement indicating how each issue will be voted.

All matters identified by the Chairman of the Committee, the Director of Proxy Voting Services or the Legal Department as controversial, taking into account the recommendations of ISS or other third party services and the analysts of Gabelli & Company, Inc., will be presented to the Proxy Voting Committee. If the Chairman of the Committee, the Director of Proxy Voting Services or the Legal Department has identified the matter as one that (1) is controversial; (2) would benefit from deliberation by the Proxy Voting Committee; or (3) may give rise to a conflict of interest between the Advisers and their clients, the Chairman of the Committee will initially determine what vote to recommend that the Advisers should cast and the matter will go before the Committee.

A. Conflicts of Interest.

The Advisers have implemented these proxy voting procedures in order to prevent conflicts of interest from influencing their proxy voting decisions. By following the Proxy Guidelines, as well as the recommendations of ISS, other third-party services and the analysts of Gabelli & Company, the Advisers are able to avoid, wherever possible, the influence of potential conflicts of interest. Nevertheless,

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circumstances may arise in which one or more of the Advisers are faced with a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest in connection with its vote. In general, a conflict of interest may arise when an Adviser knowingly does business with an issuer, and may appear to have a material conflict between its own interests and the interests of the shareholders of an investment company managed by one of the Advisers regarding how the proxy is to be voted. A conflict also may exist when an Adviser has actual knowledge of a material business arrangement between an issuer and an affiliate of the Adviser.

In practical terms, a conflict of interest may arise, for example, when a proxy is voted for a company that is a client of one of the Advisers, such as GAMCO Asset Management Inc. A conflict also may arise when a client of one of the Advisers has made a shareholder proposal in a proxy to be voted upon by one or more of the Advisers. The Director of Proxy Voting Services, together with the Legal Department, will scrutinize all proxies for these or other situations that may give rise to a conflict of interest with respect to the voting of proxies.

B. Operation of Proxy Voting Committee

For matters submitted to the Committee, each member of the Committee will receive, prior to the meeting, a copy of the proxy statement, any relevant third party research, a summary of any views provided by the Chief Investment Officer and any recommendations by Gabelli & Company, Inc. analysts. The Chief Investment Officer or the Gabelli & Company, Inc. analysts may be invited to present their viewpoints. If the Director of Proxy Voting Services or the Legal Department believe that the matter before the committee is one with respect to which a conflict of interest may exist between the Advisers and their clients, counsel will provide an opinion to the Committee concerning the conflict. If the matter is one in which the interests of the clients of one or more of Advisers may diverge, counsel will so advise and the Committee may make different recommendations as to different clients. For any matters where the recommendation may trigger appraisal rights, counsel will provide an opinion concerning the likely risks and merits of such an appraisal action.

Each matter submitted to the Committee will be determined by the vote of a majority of the members present at the meeting. Should the vote concerning one or more recommendations be tied in a vote of the Committee, the Chairman of the Committee will cast the deciding vote. The Committee will notify the proxy department of its decisions and the proxies will be voted accordingly.

Although the Proxy Guidelines express the normal preferences for the voting of any shares not covered by a contrary investment guideline provided by the client, the Committee is not bound by the preferences set forth in the Proxy Guidelines and will review each matter on its own merits. Written minutes of all Proxy Voting Committee meetings will be maintained. The Advisers subscribe to ISS, which supplies current information on companies, matters being voted on, regulations, trends in proxy voting and information on corporate governance issues.

If the vote cast either by the analyst or as a result of the deliberations of the Proxy Voting Committee runs contrary to the recommendation of the Board of Directors of the issuer, the matter will be referred to legal counsel to determine whether an amendment to the most recently filed Schedule 13D is appropriate.

II. Social Issues and Other Client Guidelines

If a client has provided special instructions relating to the voting of proxies, they should be noted in the client's account file and forwarded to the proxy department. This is the responsibility of the investment professional or sales assistant for the client. In accordance with Department of Labor guidelines, the Advisers' policy is to vote on behalf of ERISA accounts in the best interest of the plan participants with regard to social issues that carry an economic impact. Where an account is not governed by ERISA, the Advisers will vote shares held on behalf of the client in a manner consistent with any individual investment/voting guidelines provided by the client. Otherwise the Advisers will abstain with respect to those shares.

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III. Client Retention of Voting Rights

If a client chooses to retain the right to vote proxies or if there is any change in voting authority, the following should be notified by the investment professional or sales assistant for the client.

Operations

Proxy Department

Investment professional assigned to the account

In the event that the Board of Directors (or a Committee thereof) of one or more of the investment companies managed by one of the Advisers has retained direct voting control over any security, the Proxy Voting Department will provide each Board Member (or Committee member) with a copy of the proxy statement together with any other relevant information including recommendations of ISS or other third-party services.

IV. Proxies of Certain Non-U.S. Issuers

Proxy voting in certain countries requires share-blocking. Shareholders wishing to vote their proxies must deposit their shares shortly before the date of the meeting with a designated depository. During the period in which the shares are held with a depository, shares that will be voted at the meeting cannot be sold until the meeting had taken place and the shares are returned to the clients' custodian. Absent a compelling reason to the contrary, the Advisers believe that the benefit to the client of exercising the vote is outweighed by the cost of voting and therefore, the Advisers will not typically vote the securities of non-U.S. issuers that require share-blocking.

In addition, voting proxies of issuers in non-US markets may also give rise to a number of administrative issues to prevent the Advisers from voting such proxies. For example, the Advisers may receive the notices for shareholder meetings without adequate time to consider the proposals in the proxy or after the cut-off date for voting. Other markets require the Advisers to provide local agents with power of attorney prior to implementing their respective voting instructions on the proxy. Although it is the Advisers' policies to vote the proxies for its clients for which they have proxy voting authority, in the case of issuers in non-US markets, we vote client proxies on a best efforts basis.

V. Voting Records

The Proxy Voting Department will retain a record of matters voted upon by the Advisers for their clients. The Advisers will supply information on how they voted a client's proxy upon request from the client.

The complete voting records for each registered investment company (the Fund) that is managed by the Advisers will be filed on Form N-PX for the twelve months ended June 30th, no later than August 31st of each year. A description of the Fund's proxy voting policies, procedures, and how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities is available without charge, upon request, by (i) calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554); (ii) writing to Gabelli Funds, LLC at One Corporate Center, Rye, NY 10580-1422; or (iii) visiting the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. Question should we post the proxy voting records for the funds on the website.

The Advisers' proxy voting records will be retained in compliance with Rule 204-2 under the Investment Advisers Act.

VI. Voting Procedures

1. Custodian banks, outside brokerage firms and clearing firms are responsible for forwarding proxies directly to the Advisers.

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Proxies are received in one of two forms:

Shareholder Vote Instruction Forms (VIFs) Issued by Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. (Broadridge). Broadridge is an outside service contracted by the various institutions to issue proxy materials.

Proxy cards which may be voted directly.

2. Upon receipt of the proxy, the number of shares each form represents is logged into the proxy system, electronically or manually, according to security.

3. Upon receipt of instructions from the proxy committee (see Administrative), the votes are cast and recorded for each account on an individual basis.

Records have been maintained on the Proxy Edge system.

Proxy Edge records include:

Security Name and Cusip Number

Date and Type of Meeting (Annual, Special, Contest)

Client Name

Adviser or Fund Account Number

Directors Recommendation

How the Adviser voted for the client on item

4. VIFs are kept alphabetically by security. Records for the current proxy season are located in the Proxy Voting Department office. In preparation for the upcoming season, files are transferred to an offsite storage facility during January/February.

5. If a proxy card or VIF is received too late to be voted in the conventional matter, every attempt is made to vote including:

When a solicitor has been retained, the solicitor is called. At the solicitor s direction, the proxy is faxed.

In some circumstances VIFs can be faxed to Broadridge up until the time of the meeting.

6. In the case of a proxy contest, records are maintained for each opposing entity.

7. Voting in Person

a) At times it may be necessary to vote the shares in person. In this case, a legal proxy is obtained in the following manner:

Banks and brokerage firms using the services at Broadridge:

Broadridge is notified that we wish to vote in person. Broadridge issues individual legal proxies and sends them back via email or overnight (or the Adviser can pay messenger charges). A lead-time of at least two weeks prior to the meeting is needed to do this. Alternatively, the procedures detailed below for banks not using Broadridge may be implemented.

Banks and brokerage firms issuing proxies directly:

The bank is called and/or faxed and a legal proxy is requested.

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All legal proxies should appoint:

Representative of [Adviser name] with full power of substitution.

b) The legal proxies are given to the person attending the meeting along with the limited power of attorney.

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**EXHIBIT A
PROXY GUIDELINES
PROXY VOTING GUIDELINES
GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT**

It is the policy of GAMCO Investors, Inc, and its affiliated advisers (collectively the Advisers) to vote in the best economic interests of our clients. As we state in our Magna Carta of Shareholders Rights, established in May 1988, we are neither *for* nor *against* management. We are for shareholders.

At our first proxy committee meeting in 1989, it was decided that each proxy statement should be evaluated on its own merits within the framework first established by our Magna Carta of Shareholders Rights. The attached guidelines serve to enhance that broad framework.

We do not consider any issue routine. We take into consideration all of our research on the company, its directors, and their short and long-term goals for the company. In cases where issues that we generally do not approve of are combined with other issues, the negative aspects of the issues will be factored into the evaluation of the overall proposals but will not necessitate a vote in opposition to the overall proposals.

Board of Directors

We do not consider the election of the Board of Directors a routine issue. Each slate of directors is evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Factors taken into consideration include:

Historical responsiveness to shareholders

This may include such areas as:

Paying greenmail

Failure to adopt shareholder resolutions receiving a majority of shareholder votes

Qualifications

Nominating committee in place

Number of outside directors on the board

Attendance at meetings

Overall performance

Selection of Auditors

In general, we support the Board of Directors' recommendation for auditors.

Blank Check Preferred Stock

We oppose the issuance of blank check preferred stock.

Blank check preferred stock allows the company to issue stock and establish dividends, voting rights, etc. without further shareholder approval.

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Classified Board

A classified board is one where the directors are divided into classes with overlapping terms. A different class is elected at each annual meeting.

While a classified board promotes continuity of directors facilitating long range planning, we feel directors should be accountable to shareholders on an annual basis. We will look at this proposal on a case-by-case basis taking into consideration the board's historical responsiveness to the rights of shareholders.

Where a classified board is in place we will generally not support attempts to change to an annually elected board. When an annually elected board is in place, we generally will not support attempts to classify the board.

Increase Authorized Common Stock

The request to increase the amount of outstanding shares is considered on a case-by-case basis.

Factors taken into consideration include:

Future use of additional shares

Stock split

Stock option or other executive compensation plan

Finance growth of company/strengthen balance sheet

Aid in restructuring

Improve credit rating

Implement a poison pill or other takeover defense

Amount of stock currently authorized but not yet issued or reserved for stock option plans

Amount of additional stock to be authorized and its dilutive effect

We will support this proposal if a detailed and verifiable plan for the use of the additional shares is contained in the proxy statement.

Confidential Ballot

We support the idea that a shareholder's identity and vote should be treated with confidentiality.

However, we look at this issue on a case-by-case basis.

In order to promote confidentiality in the voting process, we endorse the use of independent Inspectors of Election.

Cumulative Voting

In general, we support cumulative voting.

Cumulative voting is a process by which a shareholder may multiply the number of directors being elected by the number of shares held on record date and cast the total number for one candidate or allocate the voting among two or more candidates.

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Where cumulative voting is in place, we will vote against any proposal to rescind this shareholder right. Cumulative voting may result in a minority block of stock gaining representation on the board. When a proposal is made to institute cumulative voting, the proposal will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. While we feel that each board member should represent all shareholders, cumulative voting provides minority shareholders an opportunity to have their views represented.

Director Liability and Indemnification

We support efforts to attract the best possible directors by limiting the liability and increasing the indemnification of directors, except in the case of insider dealing.

Equal Access to the Proxy

The SEC's rules provide for shareholder resolutions. However, the resolutions are limited in scope and there is a 500 word limit on proponents' written arguments. Management has no such limitations. While we support equal access to the proxy, we would look at such variables as length of time required to respond, percentage of ownership, etc.

Fair Price Provisions

Charter provisions requiring a bidder to pay all shareholders a fair price are intended to prevent two-tier tender offers that may be abusive. Typically, these provisions do not apply to board-approved transactions.

We support fair price provisions because we feel all shareholders should be entitled to receive the same benefits. Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Golden Parachutes

Golden parachutes are severance payments to top executives who are terminated or demoted after a takeover. We support any proposal that would assure management of its own welfare so that they may continue to make decisions in the best interest of the company and shareholders even if the decision results in them losing their job. We do not, however, support excessive golden parachutes. Therefore, each proposal will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Note: Congress has imposed a tax on any parachute that is more than three times the executive's average annual compensation

Anti-Greenmail Proposals

We do not support greenmail. An offer extended to one shareholder should be extended to all shareholders equally across the board.

Limit Shareholders' Rights to Call Special Meetings

We support the right of shareholders to call a special meeting.

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Consideration of Nonfinancial Effects of a Merger

This proposal releases the directors from only looking at the financial effects of a merger and allows them the opportunity to consider the merger's effects on employees, the community, and consumers.

As a fiduciary, we are obligated to vote in the best economic interests of our clients. In general, this proposal does not allow us to do that. Therefore, we generally cannot support this proposal.

Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Mergers, Buyouts, Spin-Offs, Restructurings

Each of the above is considered on a case-by-case basis. According to the Department of Labor, we are not required to vote for a proposal simply because the offering price is at a premium to the current market price. We may take into consideration the long term interests of the shareholders.

Military Issues

Shareholder proposals regarding military production must be evaluated on a purely economic set of criteria for our ERISA clients. As such, decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

In voting on this proposal for our non-ERISA clients, we will vote according to the client's direction when applicable.

Where no direction has been given, we will vote in the best economic interests of our clients. It is not our duty to impose our social judgment on others.

Northern Ireland

Shareholder proposals requesting the signing of the MacBride principles for the purpose of countering the discrimination of Catholics in hiring practices must be evaluated on a purely economic set of criteria for our ERISA clients. As such, decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

In voting on this proposal for our non-ERISA clients, we will vote according to client direction when applicable.

Where no direction has been given, we will vote in the best economic interests of our clients. It is not our duty to impose our social judgment on others.

Opt Out of State Anti-Takeover Law

This shareholder proposal requests that a company opt out of the coverage of the state's takeover statutes. Example: Delaware law requires that a buyer must acquire at least 85% of the company's stock before the buyer can exercise control unless the board approves.

We consider this on a case-by-case basis. Our decision will be based on the following:

State of Incorporation

Management history of responsiveness to shareholders

Other mitigating factors

Poison Pill

In general, we do not endorse poison pills.

In certain cases where management has a history of being responsive to the needs of shareholders and the stock is very liquid, we will reconsider this position.

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Reincorporation

Generally, we support reincorporation for well-defined business reasons. We oppose reincorporation if proposed solely for the purpose of reincorporating in a state with more stringent anti-takeover statutes that may negatively impact the value of the stock.

Stock Incentive Plans

Director and Employee Stock incentive plans are an excellent way to attract, hold and motivate directors and employees. However, each incentive plan must be evaluated on its own merits, taking into consideration the following:

Dilution of voting power or earnings per share by more than 10%.

Kind of stock to be awarded, to whom, when and how much.

Method of payment.

Amount of stock already authorized but not yet issued under existing stock plans.

The successful steps taken by management to maximize shareholder value.

Supermajority Vote Requirements

Supermajority vote requirements in a company's charter or bylaws require a level of voting approval in excess of a simple majority of the outstanding shares. In general, we oppose supermajority-voting requirements.

Supermajority requirements often exceed the average level of shareholder participation. We support proposals approved by a simple majority of the shares voting.

Limit Shareholders Right to Act by Written Consent

Written consent allows shareholders to initiate and carry on a shareholder action without having to wait until the next annual meeting or to call a special meeting. It permits action to be taken by the written consent of the same percentage of the shares that would be required to effect proposed action at a shareholder meeting.

Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Say on Pay and Say When on Pay

We will generally abstain from advisory votes on executive compensation (Say on Pay) and will also abstain from votes on the frequency of voting on executive compensation (Say When on Pay). In those instances when we believe that it is in our clients' best interest, we may cast a vote for or against executive compensation and/or the frequency of votes on executive compensation.

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 - (o) Not applicable
 - (p) Not applicable
 - (q) Not Applicable
 - (r) Codes of Ethics of the Fund and the Adviser(5)
 - (s) Powers of Attorney(6)(13)
- (1) Incorporated by reference to the Registrant's annual report filed March 9, 2011 on Form N-CSR (File No. 811-8476).
- (2) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2, File Nos. 333-60407 and 811-8476, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 20, 1995.
- (3) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2, File No. 333-60407 and 811-8476, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 23, 1997.
- (4) Incorporated by reference from Amendment No. 1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2, File Nos. 33-60407 and 811-8476, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 7, 1995.
- (5) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2, File No. 333-33514 and 811-8476, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 2, 2000.
- (6) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2, File No. 333-172191 and 811-8476, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 21, 2011.

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- (7) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2, File No. 333-102755 and 811-8476, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 21, 2003.
- (8) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2, File No. 333-173800 and 811-8476, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 29, 2011.
- (9) Filed herewith.
- (10) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2, File No. 333-172191 and 811-8476, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 11, 2011.
- (11) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K, File. No. 811- 8476, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 29, 2010.
- (12) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2, File No. 333-25487 and 811-8476, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 18, 1997.
- (13) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form N-2, File No. 333-102755 and 811-8476, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 18, 2003.
- (14) To be filed by amendment.

ITEM 26. Marketing Arrangements

The information contained under the heading "Plan of Distribution" on page 56 of the Prospectus is incorporated by reference, and any information concerning any underwriters will be contained in the accompanying Prospectus Supplement, if any.

ITEM 27. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution

The following table sets forth the estimated expenses to be incurred in connection with the offering described in this Registration Statement:

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| SEC registration fees | \$ 38,580 |
| New York Stock Exchange listing fee | \$ 60,000 |
| Rating Agency fees | \$ 30,000 |
| Printing expenses | \$ 250,000 |
| Accounting fees | \$ 45,000 |
| Legal fees | \$ 250,000 |
| Blue Sky fees | \$ 0 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 101,420 |
| Total | \$ 775,000 |

ITEM 28. Persons Controlled by or Under Common Control with Registrant

None.

ITEM 29. Number of Holders of Securities as of March 31, 2011

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| Title of Class | Number of Record Holders |
|--|---|
| Common Stock | 5,025 |
| 6.00% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock | 3 |
| Series C Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Stock | 1 |

ITEM 30. Indemnification

Subject to limitations imposed by the 1940 Act, the Registrant's charter limits the liability of the Registrant's directors and officers to the Registrant and its shareholders to the fullest extent permitted by Maryland law. Under Maryland law, Maryland corporations may limit their directors' and officers' liability for money damages to the corporation and its shareholders except to the extent (i) that it is proved that a director or officer actually received an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services, in which case such director or officer may be liable for the amount of the benefit or profit actually received or (ii) that a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to a director or officer is entered in a proceeding based on a finding that such director's or officer's action, or failure to act, was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty and was material to the cause of action adjudicated in the proceeding.

The Registrant's Bylaws require the indemnification of, and expenses to be advanced on behalf of, directors and officers, among others, to the fullest extent permitted by Maryland law, subject to the limitations imposed by the 1940 Act. Under Maryland law, a corporation may indemnify a present or former director or officer or any person, who while a director or officer of the corporation, serves or has served another entity as a director, officer, partner or trustee of such entity, against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses actually incurred by them in connection with any proceedings to which they may be made, or threatened to be made, a party by reason of their service in such capacity, unless it is proved that (i) the act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and (a) was committed in bad faith or (b) was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty, (ii) the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property, or services or (iii) in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful. However, under Maryland law, a Maryland corporation may not indemnify for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in the right of the corporation or for a judgment of liability on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received, unless in either case a court orders indemnification and then only for expenses. Maryland law requires a corporation (unless its charter provides otherwise, which the Registrant's charter does not) to indemnify present and past directors and officers who are successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, against reasonable expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred in connection with such proceeding. In addition, Maryland law permits a corporation to advance reasonable expenses to a director or officer upon the corporation's receipt of (a) a written affirmation by the director or officer of his or her good faith belief that he or she has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the corporation and (b) a written undertaking by him or her on his or her behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the corporation if it shall ultimately be determined that the standard of conduct was not met. The Registrant's Bylaws also permit the indemnification and advance of expenses to the Registrant's employees and agents to the extent approved by the Board of Directors and permitted by Maryland law and the 1940 Act.

Insofar as indemnification for liability arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended ("Securities Act"), may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, Registrant has been advised that, in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act, and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as

expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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ITEM 31. Business and Other Connections of Investment Adviser

The Investment Adviser, a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of New York, acts as investment adviser to the Registrant. The Registrant is fulfilling the requirement of this Item 31 to provide a list of the officers and directors of the Investment Adviser, together with information as to any other business, profession, vocation or employment of a substantial nature engaged in by the Investment Adviser or those officers and directors during the past two years, by incorporating by reference the information contained in the Form ADV of the Investment Adviser filed with the commission pursuant to the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 (Commission File No. 801-26202).

ITEM 32. Location of Accounts and Records

The accounts and records of the Registrant are maintained in part at the office of the Investment Adviser at One Corporate Center, Rye, New York 10580-1422, in part at the offices of the Custodian, State Street Bank and Trust Company, 150 Royall Street, Canton, Massachusetts 02021, at the offices of the Fund's sub-administrator, BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc., 760 Moore Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406, and in part at the offices of Computershare Trust Company, N.A., 250 Royall Street, Canton, Massachusetts 02021.

ITEM 33. Management Services

Not applicable.

ITEM 34. Undertakings

1. Registrant undertakes to suspend the offering of shares until the prospectus is amended, if subsequent to the effective date of this registration statement, its net asset value declines more than ten percent from its net asset value as of the effective date of the registration statement or its net asset value increases to an amount greater than its net proceeds as stated in the prospectus.

2. Not applicable.

3. Not applicable.

4. Registrant undertakes:

(a) to file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(1) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(2) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement; and

(3) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement.

(b) that for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof;

(c) to remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering; and

(d) that, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act to any purchaser, if the Registrant is subject to Rule 430C: Each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 497(b), (c), (d) or

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(e) under the Securities Act as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness.

Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.

- (e) that for the purpose of determining liability of the Registrant under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of securities:

The undersigned Registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned Registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned Registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to the purchaser:

- (1) any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned Registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 497 under the Securities Act.
- (2) the portion of any advertisement pursuant to Rule 482 under the Securities Act relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned Registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant; and
- (3) any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned Registrant to the purchaser.

5. Registrant undertakes:

- (a) that, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of the Registration Statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in the form of prospectus filed by the Registrant pursuant to Rule 497(h) will be deemed to be a part of the Registration Statement as of the time it was declared effective.
- (b) that, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus will be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time will be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

6. Registrant undertakes to send by first class mail or other means designed to ensure equally prompt delivery, within two business days of receipt of a written or oral request, any Statement of Additional Information constituting Part B of this Registration Statement.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, in the City of Rye, State of New York, on the 23rd day of June, 2011.

THE GABELLI GLOBAL MULTIMEDIA
TRUST INC.

By: /s/ Bruce N. Alpert
Bruce N. Alpert
President

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities set forth below on the 23rd day of June, 2011.

| Signature | Capacity | Date |
|--|--|---------------|
| * Mario J. Gabelli | Chairman, Director and Chief Investment Officer | June 23, 2011 |
| /s/ Bruce N. Alpert Bruce N. Alpert | President | June 23, 2011 |
| /s/ Agnes Mullady Agnes Mullady | Treasurer and Secretary | June 23, 2011 |
| * Anthony J. Colavita | Director | June 23, 2011 |
| * James P. Conn | Director | June 23, 2011 |
| * Gregory R. Dube | Director | June 23, 2011 |
| * Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr. | Director | June 23, 2011 |
| * Anthony R. Pustorino | Director | June 23, 2011 |
| * Werner J. Roeder | Director | June 23, 2011 |
| * Salvatore J. Zissa | Director | June 23, 2011 |
| /s/ Bruce N. Alpert | President | June 23, 2011 |

Bruce N. Alpert
Attorney-in-Fact

* Pursuant to Powers of Attorney

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