

BANCROFT FUND LTD
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number: 811-02151

Bancroft Fund Ltd.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

65 Madison Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960-7308

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Date of fiscal year end: October 31, 2011

Date of reporting period: January 31, 2011

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

**Bancroft Fund Ltd. - Schedule of Investments - unaudited
January 31, 2011**

	Principal Amount	Value
Convertible Bonds and Notes - 67.8%		
Aerospace and Defense - 1.7%		
Alliant Techsystems, Inc., 2.75%, Due 9/15/11, (BB)	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,015,000
Kaman Corp., 3.25%, Due 11/15/17, (BBB) (1)	750,000	807,188
		1,822,188
Automotive - 1.5%		
Titan International, Inc., 5.625%, Due 1/15/17, (B)	750,000	1,590,938
Computer Hardware - 3.3%		

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EMC Corp., 1.75%, Due 12/1/13, (A)	1,900,000	3,087,500
Netapp, Inc., 1.75%, Due 6/1/13, (A)	250,000	444,062
		3,531,562
Computer Software - 6.8%		
Digital River, Inc., 2.00%, Due 11/1/30, (BBB) (1)	1,000,000	972,500
GSI Commerce, Inc., 2.50%, Due 6/1/27, (BBB)	500,000	545,000
Microsoft Corp., 0.00%, Due 6/15/13, (AAA) (1,2)	500,000	539,375
Nuance Communications, Inc., 2.75%, Due 8/15/27, (BB)	2,000,000	2,495,000
RightNow Technologies, Inc., 2.50%, Due 11/15/30, (NR) (1)	500,000	540,625
Rovi Corp., 2.625%, Due 2/15/40, (BBB)	750,000	1,095,000
WebMD Health Corp., 2.50%, Due 1/31/18, (NR) (1)	1,000,000	1,011,250
		7,198,750
Construction Material - 1.0%		
CEMEX, S.A.B. de C.V., 4.875%, Due 3/15/15, (NR)	1,000,000	1,050,000
Consumer Goods - 0.3%		
Regis Corp., 5.00%, Due 7/15/14, (BB)	250,000	325,312
Containers - 0.5%		
Owens-Brockway Glass Container, 3.00%, Due 6/1/15, (BB)	500,000	512,500
Data Processing - 0.5%		
CSG Systems International, Inc., 3.00%, Due 3/1/17, (BBB)	500,000	515,625
Energy - 6.8%		
Goodrich Petroleum Corp., 5.00%, Due 10/1/29, (CCC)	1,000,000	1,015,000
McMoRan Exploration Co., 5.25%, Due 10/6/11, (B)	587,000	681,654
Oil States International, Inc., 2.375%, Due 7/1/25, (A)	500,000	1,080,625
SunPower Corp., 1.25%, Due 2/15/27, (BBB)	1,500,000	1,458,750
SunPower Corp., 4.50%, Due 3/15/15, (BBB)	750,000	720,600
Transocean, Inc., 1.50%, Due 12/15/37, (BBB)	1,000,000	981,250
Trina Solar Ltd., 4.00%, Due 7/15/13, (NR)	750,000	1,262,812
		7,200,691
Financial Services - 5.5%		
Ares Capital Corp., 5.75%, Due 2/1/16, (BBB) (1)	250,000	258,125
Euronet Worldwide, Inc., 3.50%, Due 10/15/25, (B) (3)	1,000,000	1,000,000
Knight Capital Group, Inc., 3.50%, Due 3/15/15, (NR)	1,000,000	972,500
National Financial Partners Corp., 4.00%, Due 6/15/17, (NR)	750,000	900,000
Old Republic International Corp., 8.00%, Due 5/15/12, (BBB)	1,500,000	1,779,375
Tower Group, Inc., 5.00%, Due 9/15/14, (BBB) (1)	765,000	878,794
		5,788,794

See accompanying notes

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Convertible Bonds and Notes - continued		
Foods - 0.9%		
Central European Distribution Corp., 3.00%, Due 3/15/13, (B)	\$ 500,000	\$ 474,375
Chiquita Brands International, Inc., 4.25%, Due 8/15/16, (B)	500,000	520,625
		995,000
Healthcare - 7.7%		
Chemed Corp., 1.875%, Due 5/15/14, (AA)	890,000	903,350
China Medical Technologies, Inc., 4.00%, Due 8/15/13, (NR)	1,000,000	877,500
Integra Lifesciences Holdings Corp., 2.375%, Due 6/1/12, (BBB)	1,067,000	1,072,335

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Kinetic Concepts, Inc., 3.25%, Due 4/15/15, (BB)	1,250,000	1,406,250
Lifepoint Hospitals, Inc., 3.50%, Due 5/15/14, (B)	1,000,000	1,012,500
Mylan, Inc., 1.25%, Due 3/15/12, (BB)	1,500,000	1,708,125
Sonosite, Inc., 3.75%, Due 7/15/14, (BBB)	1,000,000	1,136,250
		8,116,310
Metals and Mining - 3.6%		
Jaguar Mining, Inc., 4.50%, Due 11/1/14, (B)	1,050,000	933,188
Kaiser Aluminum Corp., 4.50%, Due 4/1/15, (BBB)	1,000,000	1,191,200
Northgate Minerals Corp., 3.50%, Due 10/1/16, (BB)	500,000	493,750
RTI International Metals, Inc., 3.00%, Due 12/1/15, (BB)	375,000	406,875
United States Steel Corp., 4.00%, Due 5/15/14, (BB)	375,000	726,094
		3,751,107
Multi-Industry - 0.8%		
LSB Industrials, Inc., 5.50%, Due 7/1/12, (A)	750,000	854,062
Pharmaceuticals - 8.1%		
Amgen, Inc., 0.375%, Due 2/1/13, (A)	1,000,000	1,008,750
Amylin Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 3.00%, Due 6/15/14, (CCC)	500,000	451,875
Cephalon, Inc., 2.50%, Due 5/1/14, (A)	1,000,000	1,116,250
Cubist Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 2.25%, Due 6/15/13, (A)	750,000	774,375
Endo Pharmaceuticals Holdings, 1.75%, Due 4/15/15, (A)	750,000	955,312
Gilead Sciences, Inc., 0.50%, Due 5/1/11, (A)	750,000	779,062
Gilead Sciences, Inc., 1.00%, Due 5/1/14, (A) (1)	500,000	534,375
Gilead Sciences, Inc., 1.625%, Due 5/1/16, (A) (1)	375,000	405,000
Millipore Corp. (Merck KGaA), 3.75%, Due 6/1/26, (BB) (3,5)	750,000	926,700
Onyx Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 4.00%, Due 8/15/16, (BBB)	750,000	877,500
Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Co. B.V., 1.75%, Due 2/1/26, (A)	625,000	675,000
		8,504,199
Real Estate - 3.1%		
Annaly Capital Management, Inc., 4.00%, Due 2/15/15, (NR)	1,250,000	1,467,188
Corporate Office Properties L.P., 4.25%, Due 4/15/30, (NR)	500,000	518,750
Lexington Realty Trust, 6.00%, Due 1/15/30, (NR)	1,000,000	1,277,500
		3,263,438
Semiconductors - 4.3%		
Intel Corp., 2.95%, Due 12/15/35, (A) (3)	1,000,000	1,026,250
Intel Corp., 3.25%, Due 8/1/39, (A)	900,000	1,096,875
Micron Technology, Inc., 1.875%, Due 6/1/14, (B)	1,000,000	1,036,250
Sandisk Corp., 1.50%, Due 8/15/17, (BB)	1,000,000	1,093,750
Xilinx, Inc., 2.625%, Due 6/15/17, (BBB)	250,000	312,812
		4,565,937

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Convertible Bonds and Notes - continued		
Telecommunications - 7.4%		
Anixter International, Inc., 1.00%, Due 2/15/13, (B)	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 1,462,500
Clearwire Communications Llc, 8.25%, Due 12/1/40, (CCC) (1)	500,000	536,875
Comtech Telecommunications Corp., 3.00%, Due 5/1/29, (BBB)	500,000	528,125
Equinix, Inc., 3.00%, Due 10/15/14, (B)	1,500,000	1,584,375
Equinix, Inc., 4.75%, Due 6/15/16, (B)	500,000	656,875
Finisar Corp., 5.00%, Due 10/15/29, (NR)	125,000	400,000
NII Holdings, Inc., 3.125%, Due 6/15/12, (B)	1,000,000	990,000

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SBA Communications Corp., 1.875%, Due 5/1/13, (BBB)	1,000,000	1,136,250
Telecommunication Systems, Inc., 4.50%, Due 11/1/14, (B) (1)	500,000	476,875
		7,771,875
Transportation - 1.9%		
DryShips, Inc., 5.00%, Due 12/1/14, (NR)	750,000	734,062
United Continental Holdings, 4.50%, Due 6/30/21, (CCC)	1,000,000	1,043,000
Ultrapetrol (Bahamas) Ltd., 7.25%, Due 1/15/17, (NR) (1)	250,000	251,250
		2,028,312
Travel and Leisure - 2.1%		
Home Inns & Motels Management, 2.00%, Due 12/15/15, (NR) (1)	500,000	473,750
MGM Resorts International, 4.25%, Due 4/15/15, (CCC)	750,000	833,438
Morgans Hotel Group Co., 2.375%, Due 10/15/14, (BBB)	1,000,000	867,500
		2,174,688
		71,561,288
Total Convertible Bonds and Notes		
Corporate Bonds - 0.4%		
Financial Services - 0.4%		
Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc., 1.00%, Due 3/23/09, (NR) (4)	1,500,000	236,250
Lehman Brothers Holdings, Inc., 6.00%, Due 10/12/10, (NR) (4)	50,000	196,500
		432,750
Total Corporate Bonds		
		432,750
	Shares	
Convertible Preferred Stocks - 14.4%		
Automotive - 2.2%		
Ford Motor Co. Capital Trust II, 6.50%, (B)	45,000	2,352,600
Banking/Savings and Loan - 6.0%		
Bank of America Corp., 7.25%, (BB)	1,600	1,584,800
Fifth Third Bancorp., 8.50%, (BB)	9,750	1,475,370
New York Community Capital Trust V, 6.00%, (BBB)	24,000	1,209,120
Wells Fargo & Co., 7.50%, (BBB)	2,000	2,085,000
		6,354,290
Energy - 2.3%		
ATP Oil & Gas Corp., 8.00%, (NR)	5,000	483,750
Chesapeake Energy Corp., 5.00%, (B)	20,000	1,990,000
Whiting Petroleum Corp., 6.25%, (B)	131	39,333
		2,513,083

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	Shares	Value
Convertible Preferred Stocks - continued		
Financial Services - 0.5%		
The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., 7.25%, (BB)	20,000	\$ 527,000
Foods - 0.7%		
Bunge Ltd., 4.875%, (BB)	7,500	738,750
Retail - 0.7%		
Amerivon Holdings LLC Series A, 4.00%, (NR) (Acquired 4/1/10; Cost \$1,500,000) (1,5,6)	567,810	756,793
Telecommunications - 0.9%		
Crown Castle International Corp., 6.25%, (NR)	16,000	967,360
Tools - 0.9%		
Stanley Black & Decker, Inc., 4.75%, (BBB)	8,000	933,840

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Total Convertible Preferred Stocks		15,143,716
Mandatory Convertible Securities - 13.1% (7)		
Automotive - 1.0%		
General Motors Co., 4.75%, Due 12/1/13, (B)	20,000	1,086,200
Energy - 4.3%		
Apache Corp., 6.00%, Due 8/1/13, (A)	23,000	1,505,120
Great Plains Energy, Inc., 12.00%, Due 6/15/12, (NR) (3)	20,000	1,296,000
UBS AG Exchangeable Note (GT Solar International, Inc.), 6.75%, Due 9/15/13, (NR)	40,000	1,400,000
UBS AG Exchangeable Note (Stillwater Mining Co.), 9.375%, Due 6/15/12, (NR)	12,000	333,360
		4,534,480
Financial Services - 1.5%		
Citigroup, Inc. T-DECS, 7.50%, Due 7/15/12, (NR)	11,500	1,582,630
Foods - 1.5%		
2009 Dole Food ACES Trust, 7.00%, Due 11/1/12, (CCC)	120,000	