

GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM N-Q**

**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED**

**MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

**Investment Company Act file number 811-04700**

**The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**One Corporate Center**

**Rye, New York 10580-1422**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

**Bruce N. Alpert**

**Gabelli Funds, LLC**

**One Corporate Center**

**Rye, New York 10580-1422**

(Name and address of agent for service)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 1-800-422-3554**

Date of fiscal year end: **December 31**

Date of reporting period: **March 31, 2012**

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**Item 1. Schedule of Investments.**

The Schedule(s) of Investments is attached herewith.

# The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.

## First Quarter Report March 31, 2012

### To Our Shareholders,

For the quarter ended March 31, 2012, the net asset value ( NAV ) total return of The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc. (the Fund ) was 12.1%, compared with total returns of 12.6% and 8.9% for the Standard & Poor's ( S&P ) 500 Index and the Dow Jones Industrial Average, respectively. The total return for the Fund's publicly traded shares was 18.1%. On March 31, 2012, the Fund's NAV per share was \$5.69, while the price of the publicly traded shares closed at \$5.75 on the New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE ).

Enclosed is the schedule of investments as of March 31, 2012.

### Comparative Results

#### Average Annual Returns through March 31, 2012 (a) (Unaudited)

Since

Inception

|                                    | Quarter | 1 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 20 Year | 25 Year | (08/21/86) |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| <b>Gabelli Equity Trust</b>        |         |        |        |         |         |         |            |
| <b>NAV Total Return (b)</b>        | 12.14%  | 1.84%  | 2.53%  | 7.55%   | 9.80%   | 10.06%  | 10.49%     |
| <b>Investment Total Return (c)</b> | 18.10   | 3.80   | 1.96   | 5.23    | 9.66    | 10.44   | 10.18      |
| S&P 500 Index                      | 12.59   | 8.54   | 2.01   | 4.12    | 8.59    | 8.95    | 9.43(d)    |
| Dow Jones Industrial Average       | 8.85    | 10.09  | 4.16   | 5.02    | 9.83    | 10.06   | 10.74(d)   |
| Nasdaq Composite Index             | 18.96   | 12.37  | 6.02   | 6.12    | 8.50    | 8.20    | 8.50(d)    |

- (a) **Returns represent past performance and do not guarantee future results.** Investment returns and the principal value of an investment will fluctuate. When shares are sold, they may be worth more or less than their original cost. Performance returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data presented. Visit [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com) for performance information as of the most recent month end. **Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the Fund before investing.** The Dow Jones Industrial Average is an unmanaged index of 30 large capitalization stocks. The S&P 500 and the Nasdaq Composite Indices are unmanaged indicators of stock market performance. Dividends are considered reinvested except for the Nasdaq Composite Index. You cannot invest directly in an index.
- (b) Total returns and average annual returns reflect changes in the NAV per share, reinvestment of distributions at NAV on the ex-dividend date, adjustments for rights offerings, spin-offs, and taxes paid on undistributed long-term capital gains and are net of expenses. Since inception return is based on an initial NAV of \$9.34.
- (c) Total returns and average annual returns reflect changes in closing market values on the NYSE, reinvestment of distributions, and adjustments for rights offerings, spin-offs, and taxes paid on undistributed long-term capital gains. Since inception return is based on an initial offering price of \$10.00.
- (d) From August 31, 1986, the date closest to the Fund's inception for which data is available.

**The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.****Portfolio Changes Quarter Ended March 31, 2012 (Unaudited)**

|   | Shares        | Ownership at<br>March 31,<br>2012 |
|---|---------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>NET PURCHASES</b>                          |               |                                   |
| <b>Common Stocks</b>                          |               |                                   |
| Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.                       | 12,000        | 30,000                            |
| Alcoa Inc.                                    | 80,000        | 130,000                           |
| Becton, Dickinson and Co.                     | 1,000         | 15,000                            |
| Cablevision Systems Corp., Cl. A              | 30,000        | 1,160,000                         |
| Cisco Systems Inc.                            | 30,000        | 70,000                            |
| Citigroup Inc.                                | 17,000        | 40,000                            |
| Collective Brands Inc.                        | 90,000        | 90,000                            |
| Contax Participacoes SA, Preference(a)        | 33,000        | 33,000                            |
| Corning Inc.                                  | 15,000        | 460,000                           |
| Diamond Foods Inc.                            | 20,000        | 20,000                            |
| Donaldson Co. Inc.(b)                         | 186,000       | 376,000                           |
| Emerson Electric Co.                          | 5,000         | 5,000                             |
| Exelon Corp.(c)                               | 9,000         | 9,000                             |
| Gaylord Entertainment Co.                     | 5,000         | 186,000                           |
| Griffon Corp.                                 | 17,932        | 17,932                            |
| Huntsman Corp.                                | 25,000        | 75,000                            |
| Janus Capital Group Inc.                      | 93,000        | 273,000                           |
| Jardine Strategic Holdings Ltd.               | 1,000         | 11,000                            |
| Kaman Corp.                                   | 20,000        | 47,800                            |
| Liberty Interactive Corp., Cl. A              | 30,000        | 200,000                           |
| Loews Corp.                                   | 1,000         | 6,000                             |
| MGM Resorts International                     | 20,000        | 30,000                            |
| Monster Worldwide Inc.                        | 53,000        | 77,000                            |
| NII Holdings Inc.                             | 30,000        | 60,000                            |
| Niko Resources Ltd., Toronto                  | 500           | 500                               |
| Nobility Homes Inc.                           | 1,000         | 10,000                            |
| Oi SA, ADR(d)                                 | 38,000        | 38,000                            |
| Oi SA, Cl. C, ADR(e)                          | 11,000        | 11,000                            |
| Post Holdings Inc.(f)                         | 32,750        | 32,750                            |
| RPC Inc.(g)                                   | 25,000        | 75,000                            |
| Superior Industries International Inc.        | 9,300         | 58,300                            |
| Telefonos de Mexico SAB de CV, Cl. L(h)       | 80,000        | 80,000                            |
| Telephone & Data Systems Inc.(i)              | 610,740       | 610,740                           |
| Terex Corp.                                   | 10,000        | 10,000                            |
| The Bank of New York Mellon Corp.             | 20,000        | 200,000                           |
| The Central Europe and Russia Fund<br>Inc.(j) | 5,000         | 102,000                           |
| The Cheesecake Factory Inc.                   | 3,000         | 13,000                            |
| The Estee Lauder Companies Inc.,<br>Cl. A(k)  | 1,000         | 2,000                             |
| The New Germany Fund Inc.(l)                  | 2,756         | 72,756                            |
| The St. Joe Co.                               | 5,000         | 190,000                           |
| Tokyo Broadcasting System Holdings Inc.       | 3,000         | 68,000                            |
| Tootsie Roll Industries Inc.(m)               | 3,930         | 134,930                           |
| Tutor Perini Corp.                            | 10,000        | 10,000                            |
| Tyco International Ltd.                       | 12,000        | 200,000                           |
|   | <b>Shares</b> | <b>Ownership at<br/>March 31,</b> |

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|  |           | 2012      |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| United States Cellular Corp.               | 2,600     | 118,000   |
| Viterra Inc.                               | 100,000   | 100,000   |
| WR Berkley Corp.                           | 10,000    | 10,000    |
| Yahoo! Inc.                                | 50,000    | 430,000   |
| <b>NET SALES</b>                           |           |           |
| <b>Common Stocks</b>                       |           |           |
| AMC Networks Inc., Cl. A                   | (7,000)   | 285,000   |
| America Movil SAB de CV, Cl. L, ADR        | (15,000)  | 130,000   |
| American Express Co.                       | (30,000)  | 465,000   |
| AMETEK Inc.                                | (15,000)  | 315,000   |
| Amgen Inc.                                 | (1,000)   | 36,000    |
| Ampco-Pittsburgh Corp.                     | (5,000)   | 152,000   |
| Amphenol Corp., Cl. A                      | (500)     | 3,500     |
| Anadarko Petroleum Corp.                   | (2,000)   | 32,000    |
| AOL Inc.                                   | (4,000)   | 15,000    |
| Apache Corp.                               | (3,000)   | 60,000    |
| Archer-Daniels-Midland Co.                 | (3,000)   | 254,000   |
| Argo Group International Holdings Ltd.     | (3,000)   | 15,000    |
| Artio Global Investors Inc.                | (7,000)   | 38,000    |
| Ashland Inc.                               | (2,000)   | 9,000     |
| AutoNation Inc.                            | (6,000)   | 71,000    |
| Avon Products Inc.                         | (15,000)  | 45,000    |
| Banco Santander SA, ADR                    | (50,000)  | 72,000    |
| BBA Aviation plc                           | (10,447)  | 612,015   |
| Bel Fuse Inc., Cl. A                       | (500)     | 19,000    |
| Biogen Idec Inc.                           | (500)     | 31,500    |
| BorgWarner Inc.                            | (9,000)   | 69,000    |
| Boston Scientific Corp.                    | (10,000)  | 320,000   |
| BP plc, ADR                                | (11,000)  | 90,000    |
| Brasil Telecom SA, ADR                     | (41,500)  | -         |
| Brasil Telecom SA, Cl. C, ADR              | (14,000)  | -         |
| BT Group plc                               | (50,000)  | 1,032,000 |
| CBS Corp., Cl. A, Voting                   | (20,000)  | 265,000   |
| CH Energy Group Inc.                       | (3,000)   | 57,000    |
| Check Point Software Technologies Ltd.     | (1,000)   | 7,000     |
| Christian Dior SA                          | (500)     | 16,500    |
| Cincinnati Bell Inc.                       | (40,000)  | 620,000   |
| CLARCOR Inc.                               | (7,000)   | 143,000   |
| Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings Inc., Cl. A | (31,000)  | 159,000   |
| ConocoPhillips                             | (3,000)   | 208,000   |
| Constellation Brands Inc., Cl. A           | (1,000)   | 58,000    |
| Constellation Energy Group Inc.            | (15,000)  | -         |
| Contax Participacoes SA, ADR               | (168,500) | -         |
| Cooper Industries plc                      | (4,000)   | 183,000   |
| Corn Products International Inc.           | (3,000)   | 27,000    |

**The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.****Portfolio Changes (Continued) Quarter Ended March 31, 2012 (Unaudited)**

|   | Shares        | Ownership at<br>March 31,<br>2012          |
|---|---------------|--|
| Crane Co.                                   | (5,000)       | 207,000                                    |
| Danone                                      | (2,000)       | 222,000                                    |
| Dean Foods Co.                              | (10,000)      | 70,000                                     |
| Deere & Co.                                 | (5,500)       | 376,000                                    |
| Deutsche Bank AG                            | (23,000)      | 23,000                                     |
| Devon Energy Corp.                          | (10,000)      | -  |
| Diageo plc, ADR                             | (3,000)       | 199,000                                    |
| Diebold Inc.                                | (6,000)       | 84,000                                     |
| DIRECTV, Cl. A                              | (20,000)      | 485,000                                    |
| Discovery Communications Inc., Cl. A        | (2,000)       | 82,000                                     |
| Discovery Communications Inc., Cl. C        | (2,000)       | 82,000                                     |
| Duke Energy Corp.                           | (35,000)      | 70,000                                     |
| El Paso Electric Co.                        | (6,000)       | 236,000                                    |
| Expedia Inc.                                | (25,000)      | 45,000                                     |
| Ferro Corp.                                 | (10,000)      | 415,000                                    |
| Flowserve Corp.                             | (1,000)       | 98,000                                     |
| GATX Corp.                                  | (17,000)      | 146,000                                    |
| General Electric Co.                        | (5,000)       | 165,000                                    |
| Genuine Parts Co.                           | (8,000)       | 256,000                                    |
| Gilead Sciences Inc.                        | (1,000)       | 3,500                                      |
| Greif Inc., Cl. A                           | (8,000)       | 157,000                                    |
| Grupo Bimbo SAB de CV, Cl. A.               | (250,000)     | 2,050,000                                  |
| H&R Block Inc.                              | (2,000)       | 20,000                                     |
| H.B. Fuller Co.                             | (21,000)      | 51,000                                     |
| H.J. Heinz Co.                              | (12,000)      | 63,000                                     |
| Harley-Davidson Inc.                        | (1,000)       | 28,000                                     |
| Heineken NV                                 | (2,000)       | 44,000                                     |
| Hellenic Telecommunications Organization SA | (4,000)       | 36,000                                     |
| Henry Schein Inc.                           | (1,000)       | 28,000                                     |
| Honeywell International Inc.                | (16,000)      | 389,000                                    |
| IAC/InterActiveCorp.                        | (1,000)       | 71,000                                     |
| IDEX Corp.                                  | (7,000)       | 288,000                                    |
| Il Sole 24 Ore SpA                          | (20,000)      | 180,000                                    |
| Intel Corp.                                 | (4,000)       | 90,000                                     |
| Interactive Brokers Group Inc., Cl. A       | (1,000)       | 12,000                                     |
| International Flavors & Fragrances Inc.     | (3,000)       | 67,000                                     |
| InterXion Holding NV                        | (10,000)      | 40,000                                     |
| ITT Corp.                                   | (6,000)       | 129,000                                    |
| Johnson Controls Inc.                       | (1,000)       | 147,000                                    |
| Kerry Group plc, Cl. A                      | (2,000)       | 64,000                                     |
| Ladbrokes plc                               | (20,000)      | 1,380,000                                  |
| Landauer Inc.                               | (1,000)       | 89,000                                     |
| Las Vegas Sands Corp.                       | (6,000)       | 59,000                                     |
| Leucadia National Corp.                     | (2,000)       | 121,000                                    |
| Liberty Global Inc., Cl. A                  | (4,000)       | 84,000                                     |
|   | <b>Shares</b> | <b>Ownership at<br/>March 31,<br/>2012</b> |
| Liberty Global Inc., Cl. C                  | (4,000)       | 84,000                                     |
| Life Technologies Corp.                     | (1,500)       | 66,000                                     |
| LSI Corp.                                   | (10,000)      | 60,000                                     |
| Lufkin Industries Inc.                      | (12,000)      | 178,000                                    |

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| Macy's Inc.                                  | (5,000)      | 377,000   |
| Marsh & McLennan Companies Inc.              | (5,000)      | 135,000   |
| MasterCard Inc., Cl. A                       | (1,700)      | 36,500    |
| Mead Johnson Nutrition Co.                   | (3,000)      | 40,000    |
| Meredith Corp.                               | (1,000)      | 110,000   |
| Midas Inc.                                   | (4,000)      | 131,000   |
| Modine Manufacturing Co.                     | (20,000)     | 240,000   |
| National Fuel Gas Co.                        | (3,000)      | 12,000    |
| National Presto Industries Inc.              | (800)        | 6,000     |
| Navistar International Corp.                 | (5,000)      | 133,000   |
| Newmont Mining Corp.                         | (8,000)      | 156,000   |
| News Corp., Cl. A.                           | (40,000)     | 670,000   |
| Noble Corp.                                  | (6,000)      | 10,000    |
| Northeast Utilities                          | (25,000)     | 65,000    |
| Northrop Grumman Corp.                       | (4,000)      | 25,000    |
| Onyx Pharmaceuticals Inc.                    | (20,000)     | -         |
| O'Reilly Automotive Inc.                     | (6,000)      | 85,000    |
| Progress Energy Inc., CVO(n)                 | (100,000)    | -         |
| Rockwell Automation Inc.                     | (500)        | 26,000    |
| Rollins Inc.                                 | (13,000)     | 1,337,000 |
| Rolls-Royce Holdings plc, Cl. C(o)           | (82,800,000) | -         |
| Rowan Companies Inc.                         | (6,000)      | 175,000   |
| Sally Beauty Holdings Inc.                   | (3,000)      | 47,000    |
| Sensient Technologies Corp.                  | (17,000)     | 208,000   |
| Skyline Corp.                                | (3,000)      | 27,000    |
| Smiths Group plc                             | (15,000)     | 55,000    |
| Sprint Nextel Corp.                          | (160,000)    | 750,000   |
| Standard Motor Products Inc.                 | (15,000)     | 152,000   |
| Swedish Match AB                             | (10,000)     | 845,000   |
| Tele Norte Leste Participacoes SA, ADR       | (8,000)      | 146,000   |
| Telecom Italia SpA                           | (15,000)     | 565,000   |
| Telefonos de Mexico SAB de CV,<br>Cl. L, ADR | (4,000)      | -         |
| Telephone & Data Systems Inc                 | (270,000)    | -         |
| Telephone & Data Systems Inc., Special       | (318,000)    | -         |
| The Boeing Co.                               | (12,000)     | 156,000   |
| The Greenbrier Companies Inc.                | (30,000)     | 20,000    |
| The Madison Square Garden Co.,<br>Cl. A      | (5,000)      | 376,000   |
| Thomas & Betts Corp.                         | (14,000)     | 245,000   |
| Time Warner Inc.                             | (5,000)      | 220,000   |
| Transocean Ltd.                              | (2,000)      | 19,000    |
| TripAdvisor Inc.                             | (5,000)      | 100,000   |
| Universal Entertainment Corp.                | (8,000)      | 100,000   |



**The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.****Portfolio Changes (Continued) Quarter Ended March 31, 2012 (Unaudited)**

|                                      | Shares   | Ownership at<br>March 31,<br>2012 |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| Verizon Communications Inc.          | (5,000)  | 150,000                           |
| Viacom Inc., Cl. A                   | (4,000)  | 290,000                           |
| Vivendi SA                           | (50,000) | 320,000                           |
| Vodafone Group plc, ADR              | (6,000)  | 65,000                            |
| Waddell & Reed Financial Inc., Cl. A | (3,000)  | 62,000                            |
| Walter Energy Inc.                   | (10,000) | -                                 |
| Waste Management Inc.                | (5,000)  | 170,000                           |
| Watts Water Technologies Inc., Cl. A | (5,000)  | 150,000                           |
| Westar Energy Inc.                   | (12,000) | 205,000                           |
| Whole Foods Market Inc.              | (1,000)  | 21,000                            |
| William Demant Holding A/S           | (2,000)  | 60,000                            |
| WPX Energy Inc.                      | (20,000) | -                                 |
| Xerox Corp.                          | (50,000) | 30,000                            |
| Yakult Honsha Co. Ltd.               | (5,000)  | 360,000                           |

- (a) Voluntary ADR conversion - 1 share of Contax Participacoes SA Preference (2817220) for every 5 shares of Contax Participacoes SA, ADR (21076X102) held. 700 shares were sold after the conversion.
- (b) Stock Split - 2 shares for every 1 share held. 2,000 shares were sold prior to the stock split.
- (c) Merger - 0.93 shares of Exelon Corp. for every 1 share of Constellation Energy Group Inc. held. 4,950 shares were sold after the merger.
- (d) Name and identifier change from Brasil Telecom SA, ADR (10553M101) to Oi SA, ADR (670851203). 3,500 shares were sold after the name and identifier change.
- (e) Name and identifier change from Brasil Telecom SA, Cl. C, ADR (10553M200) to Oi SA, Cl. C, ADR (670851104). 3,000 shares were sold after the name and identifier change.
- (f) Spin-off - 0.5 shares of Post Holdings Inc. for every 1 share of Ralcorp Holdings Inc. held.
- (g) Stock Split - 3 shares for every 2 shares held.
- (h) Exchange - 20 shares of Telefonos de Mexico SAB de CV, Cl. L (2881689) for every 1 share of Telefonos de Mexico SAB de CV, Cl. L, ADR (879403780) held.
- (i) Merger - 1.087 shares of Telephone & Data Systems Inc. (879433829) for every 1 share of Telephone & Data Systems Inc. (879433100) held and 1 share of Telephone & Data Systems Inc. (879433829) for every 1 share of Telephone & Data Systems Inc., Special (879433860) held. 750 shares were sold after the merger.
- (j) Dividend Reinvestment - Based on 98,000 shares held on ex-date 12/28/11. \$2.486 cash per share held and reinvested at \$32.61 per share. 2,471 shares were sold after the dividend reinvestment.
- (k) Stock Split - 2 shares for every 1 share held.
- (l) Dividend Reinvestment - \$0.5454 cash per share held and reinvested at \$13.85 per share.
- (m) Stock Dividend - 0.03 share for every 1 share held.
- (n) Tender Offer - \$0.75 for every 1 share held.
- (o) Tender Offer - £0.001 for every 1 share held.

## The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.

## Schedule of Investments March 31, 2012 (Unaudited)

| Shares    |   | Market<br>Value |
|-----------|---|-----------------|
|           | <b>COMMON STOCKS 99.6%</b>                |                 |
|           | <b>Food and Beverage 12.1%</b>            |                 |
| 130,000   | Beam Inc.                                 | \$ 7,614,100    |
| 35,000    | Brown-Forman Corp., Cl. A                 | 2,851,100       |
| 6,250     | Brown-Forman Corp., Cl. B                 | 521,188         |
| 75,000    | Campbell Soup Co.                         | 2,538,750       |
| 15,000    | Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc.                | 429,000         |
| 58,000    | Constellation Brands Inc., Cl. A          | 1,368,220       |
| 27,000    | Corn Products International Inc.          | 1,556,550       |
| 222,000   | Danone                                    | 15,485,136      |
| 599,000   | Davide Campari - Milano SpA               | 4,078,335       |
| 70,000    | Dean Foods Co.                            | 847,700         |
| 199,000   | Diageo plc, ADR                           | 19,203,500      |
| 20,000    | Diamond Foods Inc.                        | 456,400         |
| 100,000   | Dr Pepper Snapple Group Inc.              | 4,021,000       |
| 72,000    | Flowers Foods Inc.                        | 1,466,640       |
| 83,000    | Fomento Economico Mexicano SAB de CV, ADR | 6,828,410       |
| 40,000    | General Mills Inc.                        | 1,578,000       |
| 2,050,000 | Grupo Bimbo SAB de CV, Cl. A              | 4,784,583       |
| 63,000    | H.J. Heinz Co.                            | 3,373,650       |
| 44,000    | Heineken NV                               | 2,445,618       |
| 110,000   | ITO EN Ltd.                               | 1,973,541       |
| 14,000    | Kellogg Co.                               | 750,820         |
| 64,000    | Kerry Group plc, Cl. A                    | 2,960,189       |
| 160,000   | Kraft Foods Inc., Cl. A                   | 6,081,600       |
| 11,500    | LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SA       | 1,976,253       |
| 70,000    | Morinaga Milk Industry Co. Ltd.           | 274,858         |
| 25,000    | Nestlé SA                                 | 1,573,059       |
| 210,000   | PepsiCo Inc.                              | 13,933,500      |
| 46,000    | Pernod-Ricard SA                          | 4,809,880       |
| 32,750    | Post Holdings Inc.                        | 1,078,458       |
| 65,500    | Ralcorp Holdings Inc.                     | 4,852,895       |
| 40,673    | Remy Cointreau SA                         | 4,133,534       |
| 680,000   | Sara Lee Corp.                            | 14,640,400      |
| 65,000    | The Coca-Cola Co.                         | 4,810,650       |
| 20,000    | The Hain Celestial Group Inc.             | 876,200         |
| 2,000     | The J.M. Smucker Co.                      | 162,720         |
| 134,930   | Tootsie Roll Industries Inc.              | 3,091,246       |
| 67,000    | Tyson Foods Inc., Cl. A                   | 1,283,050       |
| 100,000   | Viterra Inc.                              | 1,595,067       |
| 360,000   | Yakult Honsha Co. Ltd.                    | 12,374,048      |
|           |   | 164,679,848     |
|           | <b>Cable and Satellite 7.6%</b>           |                 |
| 285,000   | AMC Networks Inc., Cl. A                  | 12,719,550      |
| 1,160,000 | Cablevision Systems Corp., Cl. A(a)       | 17,028,800      |
| 90,000    | Comcast Corp., Cl. A, Special             | 2,655,900       |
| 485,000   | DIRECTV, Cl. A                            | 23,929,900      |
| 100,000   | DISH Network Corp., Cl. A                 | 3,293,000       |

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|        |                            |           |
|--------|----------------------------|-----------|
| 30,740 | EchoStar Corp., Cl. A      | 865,024   |
| 84,000 | Liberty Global Inc., Cl. A | 4,206,720 |
| 84,000 | Liberty Global Inc., Cl. C | 4,022,760 |

**Market**

| Shares  |  | Value         |
|---------|--|---------------|
| 481,690 | Rogers Communications Inc., Cl. B, New York          | \$ 19,123,093 |
| 19,310  | Rogers Communications Inc., Cl. B, Toronto           | 766,631       |
| 118,000 | Scripps Networks Interactive Inc., Cl. A             | 5,745,420     |
| 154,000 | Shaw Communications Inc., Cl. B, New York            | 3,257,100     |
| 40,000  | Shaw Communications Inc., Cl. B, Non-Voting, Toronto | 846,559       |
| 67,000  | Time Warner Cable Inc.                               | 5,460,500     |
|         |  | 103,920,957   |

**Financial Services 7.2%**

|         |  |            |
|---------|--|------------|
| 465,000 | American Express Co.(a)                      | 26,904,900 |
| 15,000  | Argo Group International Holdings Ltd.       | 448,050    |
| 38,000  | Artio Global Investors Inc.                  | 181,260    |
| 72,000  | Banco Santander SA, ADR                      | 552,240    |
| 128     | Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Cl. A               | 15,603,200 |
| 10,000  | Calamos Asset Management Inc., Cl. A         | 131,100    |
| 40,000  | Citigroup Inc.                               | 1,462,000  |
| 23,000  | Deutsche Bank AG                             | 1,145,170  |
| 10,000  | Fortress Investment Group LLC, Cl. A         | 35,600     |
| 20,000  | H&R Block Inc.                               | 329,400    |
| 12,000  | Interactive Brokers Group Inc., Cl. A        | 204,000    |
| 273,000 | Janus Capital Group Inc.                     | 2,432,430  |
| 49,088  | JPMorgan Chase & Co.                         | 2,257,066  |
| 30,000  | Kinnevik Investment AB, Cl. A                | 698,328    |
| 121,000 | Legg Mason Inc.                              | 3,379,530  |
| 121,000 | Leucadia National Corp.                      | 3,158,100  |
| 6,000   | Loews Corp.                                  | 239,220    |
| 135,000 | Marsh & McLennan Companies Inc.              | 4,426,650  |
| 11,000  | Moody's Corp.                                | 463,100    |
| 22,000  | Och-Ziff Capital Management Group LLC, Cl. A | 204,160    |
| 120,000 | State Street Corp.                           | 5,460,000  |
| 20,000  | SunTrust Banks Inc.                          | 483,400    |
| 140,000 | T. Rowe Price Group Inc.                     | 9,142,000  |
| 200,000 | The Bank of New York Mellon Corp.            | 4,826,000  |
| 40,000  | The Charles Schwab Corp.                     | 574,800    |
| 14,500  | The Dun & Bradstreet Corp.                   | 1,228,585  |
| 62,000  | Waddell & Reed Financial Inc., Cl. A         | 2,009,420  |
| 270,000 | Wells Fargo & Co.                            | 9,217,800  |
| 10,000  | WR Berkley Corp.                             | 361,200    |
|         |  | 97,558,709 |

**Energy and Utilities 6.6%**

|         |                          |            |
|---------|--------------------------|------------|
| 32,000  | Anadarko Petroleum Corp. | 2,506,880  |
| 60,000  | Apache Corp.             | 6,026,400  |
| 90,000  | BP plc, ADR              | 4,050,000  |
| 57,000  | CH Energy Group Inc.     | 3,803,610  |
| 29,000  | CMS Energy Corp.         | 638,000    |
| 208,000 | ConocoPhillips           | 15,810,080 |
| 35,000  | CONSOL Energy Inc.       | 1,193,500  |
| 70,000  | Duke Energy Corp.        | 1,470,700  |
| 220,000 | El Paso Corp.            | 6,501,000  |
| 236,000 | El Paso Electric Co.     | 7,667,640  |
| 9,000   | Exelon Corp.             | 352,890    |

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**The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.****Schedule of Investments (Continued) March 31, 2012 (Unaudited)**

| Shares  |   | Market<br>Value |
|---------|---|-----------------|
|         | <b>COMMON STOCKS (Continued)</b>        |                 |
|         | <b>Energy and Utilities (Continued)</b> |                 |
| 75,000  | Exxon Mobil Corp.                       | \$ 6,504,750    |
| 15,000  | GenOn Energy Inc.                       | 31,200          |
| 140,000 | GenOn Energy Inc., Escrow (b)           | 0               |
| 198,000 | Halliburton Co.                         | 6,571,620       |
| 12,000  | Marathon Oil Corp.                      | 380,400         |
| 6,000   | Marathon Petroleum Corp.                | 260,160         |
| 12,000  | National Fuel Gas Co.                   | 577,440         |
| 22,000  | NextEra Energy Inc.                     | 1,343,760       |
| 2,000   | Niko Resources Ltd., OTC                | 69,820          |
| 500     | Niko Resources Ltd., Toronto            | 17,590          |
| 5,000   | NiSource Inc.                           | 121,750         |
| 10,000  | Noble Corp.                             | 374,700         |
| 65,000  | Northeast Utilities                     | 2,412,800       |
| 38,000  | Oceaneering International Inc.          | 2,047,820       |
| 175,000 | Rowan Companies Inc.                    | 5,762,750       |
| 75,000  | RPC Inc.                                | 795,750         |
| 5,000   | SJW Corp.                               | 120,600         |
| 20,000  | Southwest Gas Corp.                     | 854,800         |
| 127,000 | Spectra Energy Corp.                    | 4,006,850       |
| 60,000  | The AES Corp.                           | 784,200         |
| 19,000  | Transocean Ltd.                         | 1,039,300       |
| 205,000 | Westar Energy Inc.                      | 5,725,650       |
|         |   | 89,824,410      |
|         | <b>Equipment and Supplies 6.3%</b>      |                 |
| 315,000 | AMETEK Inc.                             | 15,280,650      |
| 3,500   | Amphenol Corp., Cl. A                   | 209,195         |
| 94,000  | CIRCOR International Inc.               | 3,127,380       |
| 376,000 | Donaldson Co. Inc.                      | 13,434,480      |
| 98,000  | Flowserve Corp.                         | 11,319,980      |
| 22,000  | Franklin Electric Co. Inc.              | 1,079,540       |
| 60,000  | Gerber Scientific Inc., Escrow (b)      | 600             |
| 76,484  | GrafTech International Ltd.             | 913,219         |
| 288,000 | IDEX Corp.                              | 12,133,440      |
| 40,000  | Ingersoll-Rand plc                      | 1,654,000       |
| 178,000 | Lufkin Industries Inc.                  | 14,355,700      |
| 11,000  | Mueller Industries Inc.                 | 499,950         |
| 2,000   | Sealed Air Corp.                        | 38,620          |
| 68,000  | Tenaris SA, ADR                         | 2,599,640       |
| 20,000  | The Greenbrier Companies Inc.           | 395,800         |
| 4,000   | The Manitowoc Co. Inc.                  | 55,440          |
| 70,000  | The Weir Group plc                      | 1,975,048       |
| 150,000 | Watts Water Technologies Inc., Cl. A    | 6,112,500       |
|         |   | 85,185,182      |

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| <b>Diversified Industrial 6.2%</b> |                        |            |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| 3,000                              | Acuity Brands Inc.     | 188,490    |
| 152,000                            | Ampco-Pittsburgh Corp. | 3,059,760  |
| 30,000                             | Brunswick Corp.        | 772,500    |
| 183,000                            | Cooper Industries plc  | 11,702,850 |
| 207,000                            | Crane Co.              | 10,039,500 |

**Market**

| <b>Shares</b> |                                 | <b>Value</b> |
|---------------|---------------------------------|--------------|
| 165,000       | General Electric Co.            | \$ 3,311,550 |
| 157,000       | Greif Inc., Cl. A               | 8,779,440    |
| 15,000        | Greif Inc., Cl. B               | 851,550      |
| 17,932        | Griffon Corp.                   | 191,872      |
| 389,000       | Honeywell International Inc.    | 23,748,450   |
| 129,000       | ITT Corp.                       | 2,959,260    |
| 11,000        | Jardine Strategic Holdings Ltd. | 335,610      |
| 1,000         | Kennametal Inc.                 | 44,530       |
| 30,000        | Material Sciences Corp.         | 247,500      |
| 95,000        | Park-Ohio Holdings Corp.        | 1,904,750    |
| 1,000         | Pentair Inc.                    | 47,610       |
| 55,000        | Smiths Group plc                | 925,464      |
| 15,400        | Sulzer AG.                      | 2,188,789    |
| 10,000        | Terex Corp.                     | 225,000      |
| 30,000        | Trinity Industries Inc.         | 988,500      |
| 200,000       | Tyco International Ltd.         | 11,236,000   |
|               |                                 | 83,748,975   |

| <b>Entertainment 5.0%</b> |   |            |
|---------------------------|---|------------|
| 2,002                     | Chestnut Hill Ventures (b)              | 171,246    |
| 82,000                    | Discovery Communications Inc., Cl. A    | 4,149,200  |
| 82,000                    | Discovery Communications Inc., Cl. C    | 3,844,160  |
| 500                       | DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc., Cl. A    | 9,225      |
| 645,000                   | Grupo Televisa SA, ADR                  | 13,596,600 |
| 7,000                     | Regal Entertainment Group, Cl. A        | 95,200     |
| 32,000                    | Societe d Edition de Canal +            | 202,723    |
| 376,000                   | The Madison Square Garden Co., Cl. A    | 12,859,200 |
| 220,000                   | Time Warner Inc.                        | 8,305,000  |
| 68,000                    | Tokyo Broadcasting System Holdings Inc. | 1,013,797  |
| 100,000                   | Universal Entertainment Corp.           | 2,242,358  |
| 290,000                   | Viacom Inc., Cl. A                      | 15,071,300 |
| 320,000                   | Vivendi SA                              | 5,872,578  |
|                           |   | 67,432,587 |

| <b>Consumer Products 4.1%</b> |  |            |
|-------------------------------|--|------------|
| 45,000                        | Avon Products Inc.                     | 871,200    |
| 16,500                        | Christian Dior SA                      | 2,531,809  |
| 24,000                        | Church & Dwight Co. Inc.               | 1,180,560  |
| 94,000                        | Energizer Holdings Inc.                | 6,972,920  |
| 2,100                         | Givaudan SA                            | 2,023,928  |
| 60,000                        | Hanesbrands Inc.                       | 1,772,400  |
| 28,000                        | Harley-Davidson Inc.                   | 1,374,240  |
| 4,000                         | Jarden Corp.                           | 160,920    |
| 7,000                         | Mattel Inc.                            | 235,620    |
| 6,000                         | National Presto Industries Inc.        | 455,160    |
| 10,000                        | Oil-Dri Corp. of America               | 212,900    |
| 55,000                        | Reckitt Benckiser Group plc            | 3,108,045  |
| 32,400                        | Svenska Cellulosa AB, Cl. B            | 561,238    |
| 845,000                       | Swedish Match AB                       | 33,642,643 |
| 9,000                         | The Clorox Co.                         | 618,750    |
| 2,000                         | The Estee Lauder Companies Inc., Cl. A | 123,880    |

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| Shares  |  | Market<br>Value |
|---|--|-----------------|
| <b>COMMON STOCKS (Continued)</b>              |  |                 |
| <b>Health Care 3.9%</b>                       |  |                 |
| 10,000  | Abbott Laboratories                              | \$ 612,900      |
| 13,000  | Allergan Inc.                                    | 1,240,590       |
| 36,000  | Amgen Inc.                                       | 2,447,640       |
| 25,000  | Baxter International Inc.                        | 1,494,500       |
| 15,000  | Becton, Dickinson and Co.                        | 1,164,750       |
| 31,500  | Biogen Idec Inc.                                 | 3,968,055       |
| 320,000                                       | Boston Scientific Corp.                          | 1,913,600       |
| 85,000  | Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.                         | 2,868,750       |
| 49,000  | Covidien plc                                     | 2,679,320       |
| 3,500   | Gilead Sciences Inc.                             | 170,975         |
| 28,000  | Henry Schein Inc.                                | 2,119,040       |
| 22,000  | Hospira Inc.                                     | 822,580         |
| 40,000  | Johnson & Johnson                                | 2,638,400       |
| 66,000  | Life Technologies Corp.                          | 3,222,120       |
| 40,000  | Mead Johnson Nutrition Co.                       | 3,299,200       |
| 100,000                                       | Merck & Co. Inc.                                 | 3,840,000       |
| 9,600   | Nobel Biocare Holding AG                         | 120,066         |
| 97,000  | Novartis AG, ADR                                 | 5,374,770       |
| 94,000  | UnitedHealth Group Inc.                          | 5,540,360       |
| 4,000   | Waters Corp.                                     | 370,640         |
| 12,000  | Watson Pharmaceuticals Inc.                      | 804,720         |
| 60,000  | William Demant Holding A/S                       | 5,591,899       |
| 7,000   | Zimmer Holdings Inc.                             | 449,960         |
|   |  | 52,754,835      |
| <b>Automotive: Parts and Accessories 3.8%</b> |  |                 |
| 69,000  | BorgWarner Inc.                                  | 5,819,460       |
| 143,000                                       | CLARCOR Inc.                                     | 7,019,870       |
| 215,000                                       | Dana Holding Corp.                               | 3,332,500       |
| 256,000                                       | Genuine Parts Co.                                | 16,064,000      |
| 147,000                                       | Johnson Controls Inc.                            | 4,774,560       |
| 131,000                                       | Midas Inc.                                       | 1,503,880       |
| 240,000                                       | Modine Manufacturing Co.                         | 2,119,200       |
| 85,000  | O Reilly Automotive Inc.                         | 7,764,750       |
| 152,000                                       | Standard Motor Products Inc.                     | 2,696,480       |
| 58,300  | Superior Industries International Inc.           | 1,139,182       |
|   |  | 52,233,882      |
| <b>Telecommunications 3.8%</b>                |  |                 |
| 65,000  | BCE Inc.   | 2,603,900       |
| 1,032,000                                     | BT Group plc                                     | 3,737,121       |
| 7,040,836                                     | Cable & Wireless Jamaica Ltd.(c)                 | 12,982          |
| 620,000                                       | Cincinnati Bell Inc.                             | 2,492,400       |
| 130,000                                       | Deutsche Telekom AG, ADR                         | 1,566,500       |
| 36,000  | Hellenic Telecommunications Organization SA      | 153,163         |
| 15,000  | Hellenic Telecommunications Organization SA, ADR | 32,250          |
| 95,000  | Koninklijke KPN NV                               | 1,045,039       |



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|               |  |                     |
|---------------|--|---------------------|
| 60,000        | NII Holdings Inc.                      | 1,098,600           |
| 38,000        | Oi SA, ADR                             | 604,200             |
| 11,000        | Oi SA, Cl. C, ADR                      | 69,630              |
|               |  | <b>Market Value</b> |
| <b>Shares</b> |  |                     |
| 750,000       | Sprint Nextel Corp.                    | \$ 2,137,500        |
| 146,000       | Tele Norte Leste Participacoes SA, ADR | 1,657,100           |
| 25,000        | Telecom Argentina SA, ADR              | 443,000             |
| 565,000       | Telecom Italia SpA                     | 671,785             |
| 88,253        | Telefonica Brasil SA, ADR              | 2,703,189           |
| 582,000       | Telefonica SA, ADR                     | 9,550,620           |
| 80,000        | Telefonos de Mexico SAB de CV, Cl. L   | 63,531              |
| 610,740       | Telephone & Data Systems Inc.          | 14,138,631          |
| 15,000        | TELUS Corp.                            | 870,420             |
| 150,000       | Verizon Communications Inc.            | 5,734,500           |
|               |  | 51,386,061          |
|               | <b>Consumer Services 3.0%</b>          |                     |
| 45,000        | Expedia Inc.                           | 1,504,800           |
| 71,000        | IAC/InterActiveCorp.                   | 3,485,390           |
| 200,000       | Liberty Interactive Corp., Cl. A       | 3,818,000           |
| 1,337,000     | Rollins Inc.                           | 28,451,360          |
| 100,000       | TripAdvisor Inc.                       | 3,567,000           |
|               |  | 40,826,550          |
|               | <b>Machinery 2.9%</b>                  |                     |
| 15,000        | Caterpillar Inc.                       | 1,597,800           |
| 12,000        | CNH Global NV                          | 476,400             |
| 376,000       | Deere & Co.(a)                         | 30,418,400          |
| 270,000       | Xylem Inc.                             | 7,492,500           |
|               |  | 39,985,100          |
|               | <b>Retail 2.8%</b>                     |                     |
| 71,000        | AutoNation Inc.                        | 2,436,010           |
| 100           | AutoZone Inc.                          | 37,180              |
| 27,000        | Coldwater Creek Inc.                   | 31,320              |
| 90,000        | Collective Brands Inc.                 | 1,769,400           |
| 40,000        | Costco Wholesale Corp.                 | 3,632,000           |
| 120,000       | CVS Caremark Corp.                     | 5,376,000           |
| 43,000        | HSN Inc.                               | 1,635,290           |
| 377,000       | Macy's Inc.                            | 14,978,210          |
| 47,000        | Sally Beauty Holdings Inc.             | 1,165,600           |
| 13,000        | The Cheesecake Factory Inc.            | 382,070             |
| 59,000        | Walgreen Co.                           | 1,975,910           |
| 39,000        | Wal-Mart Stores Inc.                   | 2,386,800           |
| 21,000        | Whole Foods Market Inc.                | 1,747,200           |
|               |  | 37,552,990          |
|               | <b>Aerospace and Defense 2.6%</b>      |                     |
| 612,015       | BBA Aviation plc                       | 2,094,869           |
| 240,000       | Exelis Inc.                            | 3,004,800           |
| 4,000         | Huntington Ingalls Industries Inc.     | 160,960             |
| 47,800        | Kaman Corp.                            | 1,622,810           |
| 3,000         | Lockheed Martin Corp.                  | 269,580             |
| 25,000        | Northrop Grumman Corp.                 | 1,527,000           |
| 1,200,000     | Rolls-Royce Holdings plc               | 15,585,411          |
| 156,000       | The Boeing Co.(a)                      | 11,601,720          |
|               |  | 35,867,150          |

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| Shares                                   |  | <u>Market Value</u> |
|--|--|---------------------|
| <b>COMMON STOCKS (Continued)</b>         |  |                     |
| <b>Business Services 2.3%</b>            |  |                     |
| 3,500                                    | Ascent Capital Group Inc., Cl. A           | \$ 165,515          |
| 159,000                                  | Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings Inc., Cl. A | 1,268,820           |
| 33,000                                   | Contax Participacoes SA, Preference        | 377,644             |
| 84,000                                   | Diebold Inc.                               | 3,235,680           |
| 5,230                                    | Edenred                                    | 157,363             |
| 200,000                                  | G4S plc                                    | 871,721             |
| 18,000                                   | Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd.             | 900,000             |
| 89,000                                   | Landauer Inc.                              | 4,718,780           |
| 36,500                                   | MasterCard Inc., Cl. A                     | 15,349,710          |
| 77,000                                   | Monster Worldwide Inc.                     | 750,750             |
| 315,000                                  | The Interpublic Group of Companies Inc.    | 3,594,150           |
| 4,000                                    | Visa Inc., Cl. A                           | 472,000             |
|  |  | 31,862,133          |
| <b>Publishing 2.3%</b>                   |  |                     |
| 180,000                                  | Il Sole 24 Ore SpA                         | 182,811             |
| 135,000                                  | Media General Inc., Cl. A                  | 693,900             |
| 110,000                                  | Meredith Corp.                             | 3,570,600           |
| 670,000                                  | News Corp., Cl. A                          | 13,192,300          |
| 355,000                                  | News Corp., Cl. B                          | 7,092,900           |
| 27,000                                   | The E.W. Scripps Co., Cl. A                | 266,490             |
| 116,000                                  | The McGraw-Hill Companies Inc.             | 5,622,520           |
|  |  | 30,621,521          |
| <b>Aviation: Parts and Services 2.1%</b> |  |                     |
| 320,000                                  | Curtiss-Wright Corp.                       | 11,843,200          |
| 275,000                                  | GenCorp Inc.                               | 1,952,500           |
| 86,200                                   | Precision Castparts Corp.                  | 14,903,980          |
|  |  | 28,699,680          |
| <b>Communications Equipment 1.9%</b>     |  |                     |
| 70,000                                   | Cisco Systems Inc.                         | 1,480,500           |
| 460,000                                  | Corning Inc.                               | 6,476,800           |
| 245,000                                  | Thomas & Betts Corp.                       | 17,617,950          |
|  |  | 25,575,250          |
| <b>Hotels and Gaming 1.8%</b>            |  |                     |
| 20,000                                   | Accor SA                                   | 714,067             |
| 186,000                                  | Gaylord Entertainment Co.                  | 5,728,800           |
| 70,000                                   | Genting Singapore plc                      | 94,945              |
| 8,000                                    | Hyatt Hotels Corp., Cl. A                  | 341,760             |
| 32,000                                   | Interval Leisure Group Inc.                | 556,800             |
| 1,380,000                                | Ladbrokes plc                              | 3,533,877           |
| 59,000                                   | Las Vegas Sands Corp.                      | 3,396,630           |

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|               |  |                     |
|---------------|--|---------------------|
| 3,600,000     | Mandarin Oriental International Ltd.                 | 5,814,000           |
| 90,000        | MGM China Holdings Ltd.                              | 164,341             |
| 30,000        | MGM Resorts International                            | 408,600             |
| 32,000        | Orient-Express Hotels Ltd., Cl. A                    | 326,400             |
| 40,000        | Pinnacle Entertainment Inc.                          | 460,400             |
| 34,000        | Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc.             | 1,917,940           |
| 200,000       | The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels Ltd.                  | 271,970             |
|               |  | <b>Market Value</b> |
| <b>Shares</b> |  |                     |
| 2,000         | Wynn Resorts Ltd.                                    | \$ 249,760          |
|               |  | 23,980,290          |
|               | <b>Specialty Chemicals 1.7%</b>                      |                     |
| 9,000         | Ashland Inc.   | 549,540             |
| 24,000        | E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co.                     | 1,269,600           |
| 415,000       | Ferro Corp.  | 2,465,100           |
| 4,000         | FMC Corp.  | 423,440             |
| 51,000        | H.B. Fuller Co.                                      | 1,674,330           |
| 75,000        | Huntsman Corp.                                       | 1,050,750           |
| 67,000        | International Flavors & Fragrances Inc.              | 3,926,200           |
| 267,000       | Omnova Solutions Inc.                                | 1,802,250           |
| 208,000       | Sensient Technologies Corp.                          | 7,904,000           |
| 1,000         | SGL Carbon SE  | 45,806              |
| 100,000       | Zep Inc.   | 1,440,000           |
|               |  | 22,551,016          |
|               | <b>Broadcasting 1.3%</b>                             |                     |
| 265,000       | CBS Corp., Cl. A, Voting                             | 9,068,300           |
| 2,000         | Cogeco Inc.  | 108,757             |
| 6,666         | Corus Entertainment Inc., Cl. B, Non-Voting, Toronto | 158,722             |
| 22,334        | Corus Entertainment Inc., Cl. B, OTC                 | 531,192             |
| 30,000        | Gray Television Inc.                                 | 56,700              |
| 80,000        | Liberty Media Corp. - Liberty Capital, Cl. A         | 7,052,000           |
| 24,000        | LIN TV Corp., Cl. A                                  | 97,200              |
| 100,000       | Television Broadcasts Ltd.                           | 674,131             |
|               |  | 17,747,002          |
|               | <b>Electronics 1.2%</b>                              |                     |
| 19,000        | Bel Fuse Inc., Cl. A                                 | 369,930             |
| 5,000         | Emerson Electric Co.                                 | 260,900             |
| 4,000         | Hitachi Ltd., ADR                                    | 258,760             |
| 90,000        | Intel Corp.  | 2,529,900           |
| 36,342        | Koninklijke Philips Electronics NV                   | 739,566             |
| 60,000        | LSI Corp.  | 520,800             |
| 2,400         | Mettler-Toledo International Inc.                    | 443,400             |
| 20,000        | Molex Inc., Cl. A                                    | 469,000             |
| 2,000         | Rovi Corp.   | 65,100              |
| 55,000        | TE Connectivity Ltd.                                 | 2,021,250           |
| 270,000       | Texas Instruments Inc.                               | 9,074,700           |
|               |  | 16,753,306          |
|               | <b>Metals and Mining 1.1%</b>                        |                     |
| 30,000        | Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.                              | 1,001,400           |
| 130,000       | Alcoa Inc.   | 1,302,600           |
| 64,000        | Barrick Gold Corp.                                   | 2,782,720           |
| 18,000        | Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.                  | 684,720             |
| 54,000        | Ivanhoe Mines Ltd.                                   | 849,960             |
| 50,000        | New Hope Corp. Ltd.                                  | 273,983             |
| 156,000       | Newmont Mining Corp.                                 | 7,998,120           |
|               |  | 14,893,503          |

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.

**The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.****Schedule of Investments (Continued) March 31, 2012 (Unaudited)**

| Shares                                     |   | Market<br>Value |
|--|---|-----------------|
| <b>COMMON STOCKS (Continued)</b>           |   |                 |
| <b>Wireless Communications 1.1%</b>        |   |                 |
| 130,000                                    | America Movil SAB de CV, Cl. L, ADR     | \$ 3,227,900    |
| 7,000                                      | Millicom International Cellular SA, SDR | 793,555         |
| 1,500                                      | NTT DoCoMo Inc.                         | 2,490,033       |
| 54,075                                     | Tim Participacoes SA, ADR               | 1,744,460       |
| 118,000                                    | United States Cellular Corp.            | 4,829,740       |
| 65,000                                     | Vodafone Group plc, ADR                 | 1,798,550       |
|  |   | 14,884,238      |
| <b>Environmental Services 0.9%</b>         |   |                 |
| 210,000                                    | Republic Services Inc.                  | 6,417,600       |
| 170,000                                    | Waste Management Inc.                   | 5,943,200       |
|  |   | 12,360,800      |
| <b>Computer Software and Services 0.8%</b> |   |                 |
| 15,000                                     | AOL Inc.                                | 284,550         |
| 7,000                                      | Check Point Software Technologies Ltd.  | 446,880         |
| 40,000                                     | InterXion Holding NV                    | 718,000         |
| 65,000                                     | NCR Corp.                               | 1,411,150       |
| 26,000                                     | Rockwell Automation Inc.                | 2,072,200       |
| 430,000                                    | Yahoo! Inc.                             | 6,544,600       |
|  |   | 11,477,380      |
| <b>Agriculture 0.8%</b>                    |   |                 |
| 254,000                                    | Archer-Daniels-Midland Co.              | 8,041,640       |
| 20,000                                     | Monsanto Co.                            | 1,595,200       |
| 15,000                                     | Syngenta AG, ADR                        | 1,032,450       |
| 10,000                                     | The Mosaic Co.                          | 552,900         |
|  |   | 11,222,190      |
| <b>Automotive 0.7%</b>                     |   |                 |
| 40,000                                     | Ford Motor Co.                          | 499,600         |
| 15,000                                     | General Motors Co.                      | 384,750         |
| 133,000                                    | Navistar International Corp.            | 5,379,850       |
| 81,000                                     | PACCAR Inc.                             | 3,793,230       |
|  |   | 10,057,430      |
| <b>Transportation 0.4%</b>                 |   |                 |
| 146,000                                    | GATX Corp.                              | 5,883,800       |
| <b>Closed-End Funds 0.4%</b>               |   |                 |

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|--|---|----------------------|
| 30,000   | Royce Value Trust Inc.                              | 416,400              |
| 102,000  | The Central Europe and Russia Fund Inc.             | 3,572,040            |
| 72,756   | The New Germany Fund Inc.                           | 1,097,161            |
|  |   | 5,085,601            |
| <b>Real Estate 0.4%</b>                                    |   |                      |
| 55,500   | Griffin Land & Nurseries Inc.                       | 1,465,755            |
| 190,000  | The St. Joe Co.                                     | 3,611,900            |
|  |   | 5,077,655            |
| <b>Building and Construction 0.2%</b>                      |   |                      |
| 139,692  | Fortune Brands Home & Security Inc.                 | 3,083,002            |
|  |   | <b>Market</b>        |
| <b>Shares</b>  |   | <b>Value</b>         |
| 10,000   | Tutor Perini Corp.                                  | \$ 155,800           |
|  |   | 3,238,802            |
| <b>Real Estate Investment Trusts 0.1%</b>                  |   |                      |
| 2,000  | Camden Property Trust                               | 131,500              |
| 34,000   | Rayonier Inc.                                       | 1,499,060            |
|  |   | 1,630,560            |
| <b>Computer Hardware 0.1%</b>                              |   |                      |
| 15,000   | SanDisk Corp.                                       | 743,850              |
| 30,000   | Xerox Corp.   | 242,400              |
|  |   | 986,250              |
| <b>Manufactured Housing and Recreational Vehicles 0.1%</b> |   |                      |
| 6,400  | Martin Marietta Materials Inc.                      | 548,032              |
| 10,000   | Nobility Homes Inc.                                 | 77,500               |
| 27,000   | Skyline Corp.                                       | 206,550              |
|  |   | 832,082              |
| <b>TOTAL COMMON STOCKS</b>                                 |   | <b>1,354,223,938</b> |
| <b>CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS 0.1%</b>                   |   |                      |
| <b>Telecommunications 0.1%</b>                             |   |                      |
| 22,500   | Cincinnati Bell Inc.,<br>6.750% Cv. Pfd., Ser. B    | 934,200              |
| <b>WARRANTS 0.0%</b>                                       |   |                      |
| <b>Retail 0.0%</b>   |   |                      |
| 150,000  | Talbots Inc., expire 04/06/15                       | 4,500                |
| <b>Principal Amount</b>                                    |   |                      |
| <b>CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS 0.1%</b>                    |   |                      |
| <b>Diversified Industrial 0.1%</b>                         |   |                      |
| \$2,000,000  | Griffon Corp., Sub. Deb. Cv.<br>4.000%, 01/15/17(d) | 2,040,000            |

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|           |                                    |               |                  |
|-----------|------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
|           | <b>U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS</b> | <b>0.2%</b>   |                  |
| 3,028,000 | U.S. Treasury Bills,               |               |                  |
|           | 0.061% to 0.130%                   |               |                  |
|           | 06/28/12 to 09/20/12               |               | 3,026,582        |
|           | <b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b>           | <b>100.0%</b> |                  |
|           | (Cost \$840,700,547)               |               | \$ 1,360,229,220 |

| Number of<br>Contracts |   | Expiration | Unrealized<br>Depreciation |
|------------------------|---|------------|----------------------------|
|                        |   | Date       |                            |
|                        | <b>FUTURES CONTRACTS SHORT POSITION</b> |            |                            |
| 555                    | S & P 500 E-Mini Futures(e)             | 06/15/12   | \$ (1,487,831)             |

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.



**The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.****Schedule of Investments (Continued) March 31, 2012 (Unaudited)**

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Aggregate tax cost                       | \$ 840,700,547 |
| Gross unrealized appreciation            | \$ 573,371,217 |
| Gross unrealized depreciation            | (53,842,544)   |
| Net unrealized appreciation/depreciation | \$ 519,528,673 |

- (a) Securities, or a portion thereof, with a value of \$42,386,200 were pledged as collateral for futures contracts.
- (b) Security fair valued under procedures established by the Board of Directors. The procedures may include reviewing available financial information about the company and reviewing the valuation of comparable securities and other factors on a regular basis. At March 31, 2012, the market value of fair valued securities amounted to \$171,846 or 0.01% of total investments.
- (c) At March 31, 2012, the Fund held an investment in a restricted security amounting to \$12,982 or 0.00% of total investments, which was valued under methods approved by the Board of Directors as follows:

| Acquisition |                               | Acquisition Date | Acquisition Cost | 03/31/12 Carrying Value Per Unit |
|-------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| Shares      | Issuer                        |                  |                  |                                  |
| 7,040,836   | Cable & Wireless Jamaica Ltd. | 09/30/93         | \$128,658        | \$0.0018                         |

- (d) Security exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. This security may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. At March 31, 2012, the market value of the Rule 144A security amounted to \$2,040,000 or 0.15% of total investments.
- (e) At March 31, 2012, the Fund had entered into futures contracts with UBS AG.  
Non-income producing security.  
Represents annualized yield at date of purchase.
- ADR American Depositary Receipt  
SDR Swedish Depositary Receipt

| Geographic Diversification | % of Market Value | Market Value     |
|----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| North America              | 80.8%             | \$ 1,099,402,909 |
| Europe                     | 14.3              | 194,782,256      |
| Latin America              | 2.7               | 36,887,679       |
| Japan                      | 1.5               | 20,627,396       |
| Asia/Pacific               | 0.7               | 8,528,980        |
| Total Investments          | 100.0%            | \$ 1,360,229,220 |

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.



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**The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.**

**Notes to Schedule of Investments (Unaudited)**

The Fund's schedule of investments is prepared in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ( GAAP ), which may require the use of management estimates and assumptions. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund in the preparation of its schedule of investments.

**Security Valuation.** 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 that 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 of Directors (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 Gabelli Funds, LLC (the Adviser ).

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 sixty 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 nonfinancial 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.

The inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value of the Fund's investments are summarized into three levels as described in the hierarchy below:

- Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical securities;
- Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.); and
- Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund's determinations as to the fair value of investments).

**The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.****Notes to Schedule of Investments (Unaudited) (Continued)**

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input both individually and in the aggregate that is significant to the fair value measurement. The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The summary of the Fund's investments in securities and other financial instruments by inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of March 31, 2012 is as follows:

|   | Valuation Inputs         |  |  | Total Market Value |
|---|--------------------------|--|--|--------------------|
|   | Level 1<br>Quoted Prices | Level 2 Other Significant<br>Observable Inputs | Level 3 Significant<br>Unobservable Inputs | at 3/31/12         |
| <b>INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES:</b>             |                          |  |  |                    |
| <b>ASSETS (Market Value):</b>                 |                          |  |  |                    |
| Common Stocks:                                |                          |  |  |                    |
| Energy and Utilities                          | \$ 89,824,410            |  | \$ 0                                       | \$ 89,824,410      |
| Equipment and Supplies                        | 85,184,582               |  | 600  | 85,185,182         |
| Entertainment                                 | 67,261,341               |  | 171,246                                    | 67,432,587         |
| Telecommunications                            | 51,373,079               | \$ 12,982                                      |  | 51,386,061         |
| Other Industries(a)                           | 1,060,395,698            |  |  | 1,060,395,698      |
| Total Common Stocks                           | 1,354,039,110            | 12,982   | 171,846                                    | 1,354,223,938      |
| Convertible Preferred Stocks(a)               | 934,200                  |  |  | 934,200            |
| Warrants(a)                                   | 4,500                    |  |  | 4,500              |
| Convertible Corporate Bonds(a)                |                          | 2,040,000                                      |  | 2,040,000          |
| U.S. Government Obligations                   |                          | 3,026,582                                      |  | 3,026,582          |
| <b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES ASSETS</b> | \$ 1,354,977,810         | \$ 5,079,564                                   | \$ 171,846                                 | \$ 1,360,229,220   |
| <b>OTHER FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS:</b>           |                          |  |  |                    |
| <b>ASSETS (Unrealized Depreciation):*</b>     |                          |  |  |                    |
| <b>EQUITY CONTRACTS</b>                       |                          |  |  |                    |
| Futures Contracts Sold(b)                     | \$ (1,487,831)           | \$   | \$   | \$ (1,487,831)     |

(a) Please refer to the Schedule of Investments ( SOI ) for the industry classifications of these portfolio holdings.

(b) Represents cumulative unrealized depreciation of futures contracts as reported in the SOI.

\* Other financial instruments are derivatives reflected in the SOI, such as futures, forwards, and swaps, which are valued at the unrealized appreciation/depreciation of the instrument.

The Fund did not have transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 during the period ended March 31, 2012. The Fund's policy is to recognize transfers among Levels as of the beginning of the reporting period.

**Additional Information to Evaluate Quantitative Information.**

**General.** The Fund uses recognized industry pricing services approved by the Board and unaffiliated with the Adviser to value most of its securities, and uses broker quotes provided by market makers of securities not valued by these and other recognized pricing sources. Several different pricing feeds are received to value domestic equity securities, international equity securities, preferred equity securities, and fixed income securities. The data within these feeds is ultimately sourced from major stock exchanges and trading systems where these securities trade. The prices supplied by external sources are checked by obtaining quotations or actual transaction prices from market participants. If a price obtained from the pricing source is deemed unreliable, prices will be sought from another pricing service or from a broker/dealer that trades that security or similar securities.

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**Fair Valuation.** Fair valued securities may be common and preferred equities, warrants, options, rights, and fixed income obligations. Where appropriate, Level 3 securities are those for which market quotations are not available, such as securities not traded for several days, or for which current bids are not available, or which

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**Notes to Schedule of Investments (Unaudited) (Continued)**

are restricted as to transfer. Among the factors to be considered to fair value a security are recent prices of comparable securities that are publicly traded, reliable prices of securities not publicly traded, the use of valuation models, current analyst reports, valuing the income or cash flow of the issuer, or cost if the preceding factors do not apply. The circumstances of Level 3 securities are frequently monitored to determine if fair valuation measures continue to apply.

The Adviser reports quarterly to the Board the results of the application of fair valuation policies and procedures. These include back testing the prices realized in subsequent trades of these fair valued securities to fair values previously recognized.

**Foreign Currency Translations.** The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Foreign currencies, investments, and other assets and liabilities are translated into U.S. dollars at current exchange rates. Purchases and sales of investment securities, income, and expenses are translated at the exchange rate prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions. Unrealized gains and losses that result from changes in foreign exchange rates and/or changes in market prices of securities have been included in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments and foreign currency translations. Net realized foreign currency gains and losses resulting from changes in exchange rates include foreign currency gains and losses between trade date and settlement date on investment securities transactions, foreign currency transactions, and the difference between the amounts of interest and dividends recorded on the books of the Fund and the amounts actually received. The portion of foreign currency gains and losses related to fluctuation in exchange rates between the initial purchase trade date and subsequent sale trade date is included in realized gain/(loss) on investments.

**Foreign Securities.** The Fund may directly purchase securities of foreign issuers. Investing in securities of foreign issuers involves special risks not typically associated with investing in securities of U.S. issuers. The risks include possible revaluation of currencies, the inability to repatriate funds, less complete financial information about companies, and possible future adverse political and economic developments. Moreover, securities of many foreign issuers and their markets may be less liquid and their prices more volatile than securities of comparable U.S. issuers.

**Foreign Taxes.** The Fund may be subject to foreign taxes on income, gains on investments, or currency repatriation, a portion of which may be recoverable. The Fund will accrue such taxes and recoveries as applicable, based upon its current interpretation of tax rules and regulations that exist in the markets in which it invests.

**Restricted and Illiquid Securities.** The Fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in securities for which the markets are illiquid. 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. Securities freely saleable among qualified institutional investors under special rules adopted by the SEC may be treated as liquid if they satisfy liquidity standards established by the Board. The continued liquidity of such securities is not as well assured as that of publicly traded securities, and accordingly the Board will monitor their liquidity. For the restricted and illiquid securities the Fund held as of March 31, 2012, refer to the Schedule of Investments.

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**Notes to Schedule of Investments (Unaudited) (Continued)**

**Derivative Financial Instruments.** The Fund may engage in various portfolio investment strategies by investing in a number of derivative financial instruments for the purposes of increasing the income of the Fund, hedging against changes in the value of its portfolio securities and in the value of securities it intends to purchase, or hedging against a specific transaction with respect to either the currency in which the transaction is denominated or another currency. Investing in certain derivative financial instruments, including participation in the options, futures, or swap markets, entails certain execution, liquidity, hedging, tax, and securities, interest, credit, or currency market risks. Losses may arise if the Adviser's prediction of movements in the direction of the securities, foreign currency, and interest rate markets is inaccurate. Losses may also arise if the counterparty does not perform its duties under a contract, or that, in the event of default, the Fund may be delayed in or prevented from obtaining payments or other contractual remedies owed to it under derivative contracts. The creditworthiness of the counterparties is closely monitored in order to minimize these risks. Participation in derivative transactions involves investment risks, transaction costs, and potential losses to which the Fund would not be subject absent the use of these strategies. The consequences of these risks, transaction costs, and losses may have a negative impact on the Fund's ability to pay distributions.

The Fund's derivative contracts held at March 31, 2012, if any, are not accounted for as hedging instruments under GAAP and are disclosed in the Schedule of Investments together with the related counterparty.

**Swap Agreements.** The Fund may enter into equity contract for difference swap transactions for the purpose of increasing the income of the Fund. The use of swaps is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio security transactions. In an equity contract for difference swap, a set of future cash flows is exchanged between two counterparties. One of these cash flow streams will typically be based on a reference interest rate combined with the performance of a notional value of shares of a stock. The other will be based on the performance of the shares of a stock. Depending on the general state of short-term interest rates and the returns on the Fund's portfolio securities at the time a swap 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. At March 31, 2012, the Fund held no investments in equity contract for difference swap agreements.

**Futures Contracts.** The Fund may engage in futures contracts for the purpose of hedging against changes in the value of its portfolio securities and in the value of securities it intends to purchase. Upon entering into a futures contract, the Fund is required to deposit with the broker an amount of cash or cash equivalents equal to a certain percentage of the contract amount. This is known as the initial margin. Subsequent payments (variation margin) are made or received by the Fund each day, depending on the daily fluctuations in the value of the contract, and are included in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on futures contracts. The Fund recognizes a realized gain or loss when the contract is closed.

There are several risks in connection with the use of futures contracts as a hedging instrument. The change in value of futures contracts primarily corresponds with the value of their underlying instruments, which may not correlate with the change in value of the hedged investments. In addition, there is the risk that the Fund may not be able to enter into a closing transaction because of an illiquid secondary market. Open positions in futures contracts at March 31, 2012 are reflected within the Schedule of Investments.

**The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.****Notes to Schedule of Investments (Unaudited) (Continued)**

**Tax Information.** The Fund intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

At December 31, 2011, the Fund had net capital loss carryforwards for federal income tax purposes which are available to reduce future required distributions of net capital gains to shareholders. Under the Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010, the Fund will be permitted to carry forward for an unlimited period capital losses incurred in years beginning after December 22, 2010. In addition, these losses must be utilized prior to the losses incurred in pre-enactment taxable years. As a result of the rule, pre-enactment capital loss carryforwards may have an increased likelihood of expiring unused. Additionally, post enactment capital losses that are carried forward will retain their character as either short-term or long-term capital losses rather than begin considered all short-term as under previous law.

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Capital Loss Carryforward Available through 2016 | \$ 1,756,451      |
| Capital Loss Carryforward Available through 2017 | 53,348,591        |
| Capital Loss Carryforward Available through 2018 | 13,356,222        |
| <br>Total Capital Loss Carryforwards             | <br>\$ 68,461,264 |

We have separated the portfolio managers' commentary from the financial statements and investment portfolio due to corporate governance regulations stipulated by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. We have done this to ensure that the content of the portfolio managers' commentary is unrestricted. The financial statements and investment portfolio are mailed separately from the commentary. Both the commentary and the financial statements, including the portfolio of investments, will be available on our website at [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com).



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## AUTOMATIC DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT AND VOLUNTARY CASH PURCHASE PLANS

### Enrollment in the Plan

It is the policy of The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc. (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 distribution in cash must submit this request in writing to:

The Gabelli Equity 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.

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 dividends 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 New York Stock Exchange (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 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 shares 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. 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 per transaction as well as the brokerage commission incurred. Brokerage charges are expected to be less than the usual brokerage charge for such transactions.

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For more information regarding the 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 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.

**THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC.**

**AND YOUR PERSONAL PRIVACY**

**Who are we?**

The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc. (the Fund ) is a closed-end management investment company registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Company Act of 1940. We are managed by Gabelli Funds, LLC, which is affiliated with GAMCO Investors, Inc. GAMCO Investors, Inc. is a publicly held company that has subsidiaries that provide investment advisory or brokerage services for a variety of clients.

**What kind of non-public information do we collect about you if you become a Fund shareholder?**

When you purchase shares of the Fund on the New York Stock Exchange, you have the option of registering directly with our transfer agent in order, for example, to participate in our dividend reinvestment plan.

*Information you give us on your application form.* This could include your name, address, telephone number, social security number, bank account number, and other information.

*Information about your transactions with us.* This would include information about the shares that you buy or sell; it may also include information about whether you sell or exercise rights that we have issued from time to time. If we hire someone else to provide services like a transfer agent we will also have information about the transactions that you conduct through them.

**What information do we disclose and to whom do we disclose it?**

We do not disclose any non-public personal information about our customers or former customers to anyone other than our affiliates, our service providers who need to know such information, and as otherwise permitted by law. If you want to find out what the law permits, you can read the privacy rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission. They are in volume 17 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 248. The Commission often posts information about its regulations on its website, [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

**What do we do to protect your personal information?**

We restrict access to non-public personal information about you to the people who need to know that information in order to provide services to you or the Fund and to ensure that we are complying with the laws governing the securities business. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards to keep your personal information confidential.

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**Stock Exchange Listing**

|                     |             |           |           |
|---------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|
|                     |             | 5.875%    | 6.20%     |
|                     | Common      | Preferred | Preferred |
| NYSE Symbol:        | GAB         | GAB PrD   | GAB PrF   |
| Shares Outstanding: | 185,376,493 | 2,363,860 | 5,850,402 |

The Net Asset Value per share appears in the Publicly Traded Funds column, under the heading General Equity Funds, in Monday's The Wall Street Journal. It is also listed in Barron's Mutual Funds/Closed End Funds section under the heading General Equity Funds.

The Net Asset Value per share may be obtained each day by calling (914) 921-5070 or visiting [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com).

The NASDAQ symbol for the Net Asset Value is XGABX.

For general information about the Gabelli Funds, call **800-GABELLI** (800-422-3554), fax us at 914-921-5118, visit Gabelli Funds Internet homepage at: [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com), or e-mail us at: [closedend@gabelli.com](mailto:closedend@gabelli.com)

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, that the Fund may, from time to time, purchase its common shares in the open market when the Fund's shares are trading at a discount of 10% or more from the net asset value of the shares. The Fund may also, from time to time, purchase its preferred shares in the open market when the preferred shares are trading at a discount to the liquidation value.



**Item 2. Controls and Procedures.**

- (a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act) (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
  
- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 3. Exhibits.**

Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.



**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.

By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ Bruce N. Alpert  
Bruce N. Alpert, Principal Executive Officer

Date 5/30/12

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ Bruce N. Alpert  
Bruce N. Alpert, Principal Executive Officer

Date 5/30/12

By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ Agnes Mullady  
Agnes Mullady, Principal Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date 5/30/12

\* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.