

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, 2013

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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, 2013

Portfolio Management Team

Mario J. Gabelli, CFA

Zahid Siddique

To Our Shareholders,

For the quarter ended March 31, 2013, the net asset value ( NAV ) total return of The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc. (the Fund ) was 14.4%, compared with total returns of 10.6% and 12.0% 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 18.8%. The Fund's NAV per share was \$6.26, while the price of the publicly traded shares closed at \$6.48 on the New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE ). See below for additional performance information.

Enclosed is the schedule of investments as of March 31, 2013.

## Comparative Results

### Average Annual Returns through March 31, 2013 (a) (Unaudited)

|                                    | Quarter | 1 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 20 Year | 25 Year | Since Inception (08/21/86) |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------------|
| <b>Gabelli Equity Trust</b>        |         |        |        |         |         |         |                            |
| <b>NAV Total Return (b)</b>        | 14.35%  | 21.56% | 7.57%  | 13.37%  | 10.06%  | 10.64%  | 10.88%                     |
| <b>Investment Total Return (c)</b> | 18.78   | 24.33  | 6.76   | 11.25   | 9.87    | 11.37   | 10.68                      |
| S&P 500 Index                      | 10.61   | 13.96  | 5.81   | 8.53    | 8.53    | 9.91    | 9.60(d)                    |
| Dow Jones Industrial Average       | 11.99   | 13.33  | 6.47   | 8.94    | 10.02   | 11.12   | 10.84(d)                   |
| Nasdaq Composite Index             | 8.51    | 7.38   | 8.69   | 10.29   | 8.08    | 9.05    | 8.39(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. 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. Performance returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. **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, 2013 (Unaudited)

|  | Shares        | Ownership at<br>March 31,<br>2013          |
|--|---------------|--|
| <b>NET PURCHASES</b>                     |               |  |
| <b>Common Stocks</b>                     |               |  |
| Actavis Inc.(a)                          | 12,000        | 12,000                                     |
| Avon Products Inc.                       | 10,000        | 105,000                                    |
| Blyth Inc.                               | 13,000        | 38,000                                     |
| Cable & Wireless Communications plc      | 850,000       | 850,000                                    |
| CIT Group Inc.                           | 5,000         | 15,000                                     |
| Citigroup Inc.                           | 8,000         | 115,000                                    |
| CNH Global NV                            | 4,000         | 14,000                                     |
| Crimson Wine Group Ltd.(b)               | 16,500        | 16,500                                     |
| Crocs Inc.                               | 20,000        | 20,000                                     |
| Discovery Communications Inc., Cl. A     | 9,000         | 89,000                                     |
| Endo Health Solutions Inc.               | 21,000        | 33,000                                     |
| Ferro Corp.                              | 10,000        | 420,000                                    |
| Franklin Electric Co. Inc.(c)            | 22,000        | 44,000                                     |
| H.J. Heinz Co.                           | 20,000        | 40,000                                     |
| Hillshire Brands Co.                     | 21,000        | 161,000                                    |
| Hospira Inc.                             | 5,000         | 35,000                                     |
| Interactive Brokers Group Inc., Cl. A    | 3,000         | 40,000                                     |
| Jarden Corp.(d)                          | 2,000         | 6,000                                      |
| J.C. Penney Co. Inc.                     | 10,000        | 10,000                                     |
| JPMorgan Chase & Co.                     | 10,000        | 59,088                                     |
| Kinnevik Investment AB, Cl. A            | 5,000         | 35,000                                     |
| Liberty Media Corp.(e)                   | 87,000        | 87,000                                     |
| Mandarin Oriental International Ltd.     | 50,000        | 3,650,000                                  |
| Mueller Industries Inc.                  | 1,000         | 22,000                                     |
| Niko Resources Ltd., Toronto             | 500           | 1,000                                      |
| Nobility Homes Inc.                      | 5,000         | 15,000                                     |
| Rexnord Corp.                            | 40,000        | 40,000                                     |
| Starz - Liberty Capital(e)               | 90,000        | 90,000                                     |
| Superior Industries International Inc.   | 5,000         | 70,000                                     |
| Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., ADR | 5,000         | 15,000                                     |
| The New Germany Fund Inc.                | 2,694         | 75,175                                     |
| The Western Union Co.                    | 50,000        | 50,000                                     |
| Tootsie Roll Industries Inc.(f)          | 4,048         | 138,978                                    |
| VeriFone Systems Inc.                    | 20,000        | 20,000                                     |
| Vodafone Group plc, ADR                  | 5,000         | 70,000                                     |
| Zoetis Inc.                              | 16,000        | 16,000                                     |
| <b>NET SALES</b>                         |               |  |
| <b>Common Stocks</b>                     |               |  |
| ABB Ltd., ADR                            | (2,000)       | 16,000                                     |
| Abbott Laboratories                      | (10,000)      | -  |
| Abercrombie & Fitch Co., Cl. A           | (3,000)       | 4,000                                      |
| AMETEK Inc.                              | (1,000)       | 470,000                                    |
| Beam Inc.                                | (2,000)       | 107,000                                    |
|  |               | <b>Ownership at<br/>March 31,<br/>2013</b> |
|  | <b>Shares</b> |  |
| Bel Fuse Inc., Cl. A                     | (500)         | 18,000                                     |
| Biogen Idec Inc.                         | (1,000)       | 30,000                                     |
| CH Energy Group Inc.                     | (10,000)      | 45,000                                     |

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|  |           |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| Cincinnati Bell Inc.                               | (20,000)  | 600,000   |
| CLARCOR Inc.                                       | (2,000)   | 120,000   |
| CMS Energy Corp.                                   | (1,000)   | 28,000    |
| Coldwater Creek Inc.                               | (5,000)   | -         |
| Comcast Corp. Cl. A, Special                       | (9,000)   | 78,000    |
| Constellation Brands Inc., Cl. A                   | (14,000)  | 40,000    |
| Crane Co.  | (3,000)   | 204,000   |
| Curtiss-Wright Corp.                               | (4,000)   | 316,000   |
| Deere & Co.  | (3,000)   | 373,000   |
| Deutsche Bank AG                                   | (2,000)   | 18,000    |
| Deutsche Telekom AG, ADR                           | (10,000)  | 120,000   |
| Diageo plc, ADR                                    | (1,000)   | 198,000   |
| DIRECTV  | (30,000)  | 430,000   |
| Discovery Communications Inc., Cl. C               | (3,000)   | 79,000    |
| DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc., Cl. A               | (500)     | -         |
| Eaton Corp. plc                                    | (4,787)   | 143,973   |
| Emerson Electric Co.                               | (19,000)  | 20,000    |
| Flowers Foods Inc.                                 | (2,000)   | 63,000    |
| Ford Motor Co.                                     | (5,000)   | 25,000    |
| Fortune Brands Home & Security Inc.                | (5,000)   | 116,000   |
| Gardner Denver Inc.                                | (3,000)   | 12,000    |
| GATX Corp.   | (1,000)   | 138,000   |
| Genuine Parts Co.                                  | (11,000)  | 245,000   |
| Greif Inc., Cl. A                                  | (2,000)   | 152,000   |
| Grupo Televisa SAB, ADR                            | (10,000)  | 635,000   |
| Hanesbrands Inc.                                   | (3,000)   | 52,000    |
| Honeywell International Inc.                       | (4,000)   | 385,000   |
| Huntsman Corp.                                     | (3,000)   | 20,000    |
| IDEX Corp.   | (1,000)   | 284,000   |
| Il Sole 24 Ore SpA                                 | (20,000)  | 100,000   |
| Ingredion Inc.                                     | (4,000)   | 21,000    |
| InterXion Holding NV                               | (1,000)   | 27,000    |
| ITO EN Ltd.  | (5,000)   | 105,000   |
| Janus Capital Group Inc.                           | (5,000)   | 297,000   |
| Johnson Controls Inc.                              | (4,000)   | 143,000   |
| Ladbrokes plc                                      | (260,000) | 1,070,000 |
| Landauer Inc.                                      | (1,000)   | 88,000    |
| Las Vegas Sands Corp.                              | (3,000)   | 51,000    |
| Leucadia National Corp.                            | (14,000)  | 122,000   |
| Liberty Global Inc., Cl. A                         | (4,000)   | 80,000    |
| Liberty Global Inc., Cl. C                         | (4,000)   | 80,000    |
| Liberty Media Corp. - Liberty<br>Capital, Cl. A(e) | (78,000)  | -         |
| Marathon Oil Corp.                                 | (2,000)   | 10,000    |

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.

## The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.

## Portfolio Changes (Continued) Quarter Ended March 31, 2013 (Unaudited)

|  | Shares        | Ownership at<br>March 31,<br>2013          |
|--|---------------|--|
| MasterCard Inc., Cl. A                     | (500)         | 36,000                                     |
| Meredith Corp.                             | (6,000)       | 104,000                                    |
| MGM Resorts International                  | (5,000)       | 25,000                                     |
| Modine Manufacturing Co.                   | (5,000)       | 225,000                                    |
| Monster Worldwide Inc.                     | (9,000)       | 10,000                                     |
| News Corp., Cl. A                          | (20,000)      | 610,000                                    |
| Northeast Utilities                        | (8,000)       | 52,000                                     |
| Northrop Grumman Corp.                     | (5,000)       | 20,000                                     |
| NRG Energy Inc.                            | (1,824)       | -  |
| OMNOVA Solutions Inc.                      | (7,000)       | 253,000                                    |
| Park-Ohio Holdings Corp.                   | (500)         | 94,500                                     |
| Phillips 66                                | (18,000)      | 82,000                                     |
| Precision Castparts Corp.                  | (500)         | 85,500                                     |
| Ralcorp Holdings Inc.(g)                   | (70,500)      | -  |
| Regal Entertainment Group, Cl. A           | (6,000)       | -  |
| Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc.             | (1,000)       | 2,000                                      |
| Rollins Inc.                               | (14,000)      | 1,323,000                                  |
| RPC Inc.                                   | (4,000)       | 28,000                                     |
| Ryman Hospitality Properties Inc.          | (9,784)       | 186,000                                    |
| Sealed Air Corp.                           | (1,000)       | 13,000                                     |
| Skyline Corp.                              | (1,000)       | 33,000                                     |
| Smiths Group plc                           | (10,000)      | 20,000                                     |
| Sprint Nextel Corp.                        | (50,000)      | 700,000                                    |
| Standard Motor Products Inc.               | (14,338)      | 137,662                                    |
| Sunrise Senior Living Inc.(h)              | (100,000)     | -  |
| Tenaris SA, ADR                            | (4,000)       | 56,000                                     |
| The ADT Corp.                              | (2,000)       | 110,500                                    |
| The Boeing Co.                             | (20,000)      | 120,000                                    |
| The Central Europe and Russia Fund Inc.(i) | (4,029)       | 95,971                                     |
| The Madison Square Garden Co., Cl. A       | (19,000)      | 307,000                                    |
| The McGraw-Hill Companies Inc.             | (4,000)       | 112,000                                    |
| Tiffany & Co.                              | (1,000)       | 4,000                                      |
| Time Warner Inc.                           | (6,000)       | 200,000                                    |
| Tredegar Corp.                             | (5,000)       | 10,000                                     |
|  |               | <b>Ownership at<br/>March 31,<br/>2013</b> |
|  | <b>Shares</b> | <b>2013</b>                                |
| Trinity Industries Inc.                    | (7,000)       | 30,000                                     |
| TripAdvisor Inc.                           | (2,000)       | 15,000                                     |
| True Religion Apparel Inc.                 | (30,000)      | 55,000                                     |
| Tyson Foods Inc., Cl. A                    | (2,000)       | 65,000                                     |
| United States Cellular Corp.               | (3,000)       | 115,000                                    |
| Verizon Communications Inc.                | (2,000)       | 143,000                                    |
| Viacom Inc., Cl. A                         | (500)         | 289,500                                    |
| Waddell & Reed Financial Inc., Cl. A       | (6,000)       | 52,000                                     |
| Walgreen Co.                               | (2,000)       | 64,000                                     |
| Watson Pharmaceuticals Inc.(a)             | (12,000)      | -  |
| Watts Water Technologies Inc., Cl. A       | (2,000)       | 148,000                                    |
| Westar Energy Inc.                         | (5,000)       | 195,000                                    |
| Yahoo! Inc.                                | (35,000)      | 320,000                                    |

## Warrants

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Kinder Morgan Inc., expire 05/25/17

(4,800)

136,000

- (a) Name change from Watson Pharmaceuticals Inc. to Actavis Inc.
- (b) Spin-off - 0.1 shares of Crimson Wine Group Ltd. for every 1 share of Leucadia National Corp. held. 2,900 shares were purchased after spin-off.
- (c) Stock Split - 2 shares for every 1 share held.
- (d) Stock Split - 3 shares for every 2 shares held.
- (e) Spin-off - 1 share of Starz - Liberty Capital plus 1 share of Liberty MediaCorp. for every 1 share of Liberty Media Corp. - Liberty Capital, Cl. A held.15,000 shares of Liberty Media Corp. - Liberty Capital, Cl. A were purchased before spin-off. 6,000 shares of Liberty Media Corp. and 3,000 shares of Starz - Liberty Capital were sold after spin-off.
- (f) Stock Dividend - 0.03 shares for every 1 share held.
- (g) Tender Offer - \$90.00 for every 1 share held.
- (h) Tender Offer - \$12.40 plus \$2.10 special cash dividend for every 1 share held.
- (i) Tender Offer - 7,076 shares were tendered at \$36.82 per share. 3,047 shares were purchased before tender offer.

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.



## The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.

## Schedule of Investments March 31, 2013 (Unaudited)

| <u>Shares</u> |   | <u>Market Value</u> |
|---------------|---|---------------------|
|               | <b>COMMON STOCKS 99.0%</b>                |                     |
|               | <b>Food and Beverage 12.4%</b>            |                     |
| 107,000       | Beam Inc.(a)                              | \$ 6,798,780        |
| 52,500        | Brown-Forman Corp., Cl. A                 | 3,864,000           |
| 9,375         | Brown-Forman Corp., Cl. B                 | 669,375             |
| 75,000        | Campbell Soup Co.                         | 3,402,000           |
| 15,000        | Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc.                | 553,800             |
| 40,000        | Constellation Brands Inc., Cl. A          | 1,905,600           |
| 16,500        | Crimson Wine Group Ltd.                   | 153,450             |
| 222,000       | Danone SA                                 | 15,446,547          |
| 599,000       | Davide Campari - Milano SpA               | 4,660,732           |
| 670,000       | DE Master Blenders 1753 NV                | 10,349,049          |
| 70,000        | Dean Foods Co.                            | 1,269,100           |
| 198,000       | Diageo plc, ADR                           | 24,916,320          |
| 40,000        | Dole Food Co. Inc.                        | 436,000             |
| 100,000       | Dr Pepper Snapple Group Inc.              | 4,695,000           |
| 63,000        | Flowers Foods Inc.                        | 2,075,220           |
| 83,000        | Fomento Economico Mexicano SAB de CV, ADR | 9,420,500           |
| 40,000        | General Mills Inc.                        | 1,972,400           |
| 2,000,000     | Grupo Bimbo SAB de CV, Cl. A              | 6,394,391           |
| 40,000        | H.J. Heinz Co.                            | 2,890,800           |
| 44,000        | Heineken NV                               | 3,316,413           |
| 161,000       | Hillshire Brands Co.                      | 5,659,150           |
| 21,000        | Ingredion Inc.                            | 1,518,720           |
| 105,000       | ITO EN Ltd.                               | 2,532,002           |
| 15,000        | Kellogg Co.                               | 966,450             |
| 64,000        | Kerry Group plc, Cl. A                    | 3,814,388           |
| 53,333        | Kraft Foods Group Inc.                    | 2,748,249           |
| 11,500        | LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SA       | 1,973,863           |
| 220,000       | Mondelez International Inc., Cl. A        | 6,734,200           |
| 70,000        | Morinaga Milk Industry Co. Ltd.           | 215,648             |
| 26,000        | Nestlé SA                                 | 1,880,228           |
| 210,000       | PepsiCo Inc.                              | 16,613,100          |
| 46,000        | Pernod-Ricard SA                          | 5,732,016           |
| 37,000        | Post Holdings Inc.                        | 1,588,410           |
| 40,673        | Remy Cointreau SA                         | 4,700,658           |
| 130,000       | The Coca-Cola Co.                         | 5,257,200           |
| 20,000        | The Hain Celestial Group Inc.             | 1,221,600           |
| 2,000         | The J.M. Smucker Co.                      | 198,320             |
| 138,978       | Tootsie Roll Industries Inc.              | 4,156,829           |
| 65,000        | Tyson Foods Inc., Cl. A                   | 1,613,300           |
| 350,000       | Yakult Honsha Co. Ltd.                    | 14,091,464          |
|               |   | 188,405,272         |
|               | <b>Cable and Satellite 8.2%</b>           |                     |
| 282,000       | AMC Networks Inc., Cl. A                  | 17,816,760          |
| 1,170,000     | Cablevision Systems Corp., Cl. A          | 17,503,200          |
| 78,000        | Comcast Corp., Cl. A, Special             | 3,090,360           |

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| 430,000 | DIRECTV                    | 24,342,300 |
| 100,000 | DISH Network Corp., Cl. A  | 3,790,000  |
| 30,740  | EchoStar Corp., Cl. A      | 1,197,938  |
| 80,000  | Liberty Global Inc., Cl. A | 5,872,000  |

**Market**

| <b>Shares</b> |   | <b>Value</b> |
|---------------|---|--------------|
| 80,000        | Liberty Global Inc., Cl. C                  | \$ 5,490,400 |
| 481,690       | Rogers Communications Inc., Cl. B, New York | 24,595,091   |
| 19,310        | Rogers Communications Inc., Cl. B, Toronto  | 986,362      |
| 118,000       | Scripps Networks Interactive Inc., Cl. A    | 7,592,120    |
| 154,000       | Shaw Communications Inc., Cl. B, New York   | 3,806,880    |
| 40,000        | Shaw Communications Inc., Cl. B, Toronto    | 990,697      |
| 67,000        | Time Warner Cable Inc.                      | 6,436,020    |

123,510,128

**Financial Services 7.9%**

|         |  |            |
|---------|--|------------|
| 459,000 | American Express Co.(a)                      | 30,964,140 |
| 14,000  | Argo Group International Holdings Ltd.       | 579,320    |
| 13,000  | Artio Global Investors Inc.                  | 35,360     |
| 72,000  | Banco Santander SA, ADR                      | 490,320    |
| 128     | Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Cl. A               | 20,003,840 |
| 10,000  | Calamos Asset Management Inc., Cl. A         | 117,700    |
| 15,000  | CIT Group Inc.                               | 652,200    |
| 115,000 | Citigroup Inc.                               | 5,087,600  |
| 18,000  | Deutsche Bank AG                             | 704,160    |
| 10,000  | Fortress Investment Group LLC, Cl. A         | 64,000     |
| 24,000  | H&R Block Inc.                               | 706,080    |
| 40,000  | Interactive Brokers Group Inc., Cl. A        | 596,400    |
| 297,000 | Janus Capital Group Inc.                     | 2,791,800  |
| 59,088  | JPMorgan Chase & Co.                         | 2,804,317  |
| 35,000  | Kinnevik Investment AB, Cl. A                | 858,276    |
| 121,000 | Legg Mason Inc.                              | 3,890,150  |
| 122,000 | Leucadia National Corp.                      | 3,346,460  |
| 10,000  | Loews Corp.                                  | 440,700    |
| 135,000 | Marsh & McLennan Companies Inc.              | 5,125,950  |
| 11,000  | Moody's Corp.                                | 586,520    |
| 22,000  | Och-Ziff Capital Management Group LLC, Cl. A | 205,700    |
| 120,000 | State Street Corp.                           | 7,090,800  |
| 20,000  | SunTrust Banks Inc.                          | 576,200    |
| 140,000 | T. Rowe Price Group Inc.                     | 10,481,800 |
| 200,000 | The Bank of New York Mellon Corp.            | 5,598,000  |
| 40,000  | The Charles Schwab Corp.                     | 707,600    |
| 14,500  | The Dun & Bradstreet Corp.                   | 1,212,925  |
| 50,000  | The Western Union Co.                        | 752,000    |
| 52,000  | Waddell & Reed Financial Inc., Cl. A         | 2,276,560  |
| 270,000 | Wells Fargo & Co.                            | 9,987,300  |
| 13,000  | WR Berkley Corp.                             | 576,810    |

119,310,988

**Equipment and Supplies 6.6%**

|         |                                    |            |
|---------|------------------------------------|------------|
| 470,000 | AMETEK Inc.                        | 20,379,200 |
| 3,500   | Amphenol Corp., Cl. A              | 261,275    |
| 94,000  | CIRCOR International Inc.          | 3,995,000  |
| 375,000 | Donaldson Co. Inc.                 | 13,571,250 |
| 98,000  | Flowserve Corp.                    | 16,435,580 |
| 44,000  | Franklin Electric Co. Inc.         | 1,477,080  |
| 60,000  | Gerber Scientific Inc., Escrow (b) | 600        |
| 95,000  | GrafTech International Ltd.        | 729,600    |
| 284,000 | IDEX Corp.                         | 15,171,280 |

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## Schedule of Investments (Continued) March 31, 2013 (Unaudited)

| <u>Shares</u> |   | <u>Market Value</u> |
|---------------|---|---------------------|
|               | <b>COMMON STOCKS (Continued)</b>          |                     |
|               | <b>Equipment and Supplies (Continued)</b> |                     |
| 40,000        | Ingersoll-Rand plc                        | \$ 2,200,400        |
| 178,000       | Lufkin Industries Inc.                    | 11,817,420          |
| 22,000        | Mueller Industries Inc.                   | 1,172,380           |
| 13,000        | Sealed Air Corp.                          | 313,430             |
| 56,000        | Tenaris SA, ADR                           | 2,283,680           |
| 15,000        | The Greenbrier Companies Inc.             | 340,650             |
| 4,000         | The Manitowoc Co. Inc.                    | 82,240              |
| 70,000        | The Weir Group plc                        | 2,406,972           |
| 148,000       | Watts Water Technologies Inc., Cl. A      | 7,102,520           |
|               |   | 99,740,557          |
|               | <b>Diversified Industrial 5.9%</b>        |                     |
| 3,000         | Acuity Brands Inc.                        | 208,050             |
| 152,000       | Ampco-Pittsburgh Corp.                    | 2,874,320           |
| 204,000       | Crane Co.                                 | 11,395,440          |
| 143,973       | Eaton Corp. plc                           | 8,818,346           |
| 12,000        | Gardner Denver Inc.                       | 901,320             |
| 200,000       | General Electric Co.                      | 4,624,000           |
| 152,000       | Greif Inc., Cl. A                         | 8,150,240           |
| 15,000        | Greif Inc., Cl. B                         | 841,500             |
| 28,000        | Griffon Corp.                             | 333,760             |
| 385,000       | Honeywell International Inc.              | 29,009,750          |
| 128,000       | ITT Corp.                                 | 3,639,040           |
| 11,000        | Jardine Strategic Holdings Ltd.           | 435,380             |
| 2,000         | Kennametal Inc.                           | 78,080              |
| 26,000        | Material Sciences Corp.                   | 280,800             |
| 94,500        | Park-Ohio Holdings Corp.                  | 3,130,785           |
| 44,318        | Pentair Ltd.                              | 2,337,774           |
| 40,000        | Rexnord Corp.                             | 849,200             |
| 20,000        | Smiths Group plc                          | 381,991             |
| 15,000        | Sulzer AG                                 | 2,562,941           |
| 10,000        | Tredegar Corp.                            | 294,400             |
| 30,000        | Trinity Industries Inc.                   | 1,359,900           |
| 203,000       | Tyco International Ltd.                   | 6,496,000           |
|               |   | 89,003,017          |
|               | <b>Entertainment 5.8%</b>                 |                     |
| 89,000        | Discovery Communications Inc., Cl. A      | 7,007,860           |
| 79,000        | Discovery Communications Inc., Cl. C      | 5,493,660           |
| 635,000       | Grupo Televisa SAB, ADR                   | 16,897,350          |
| 32,000        | Societe d Edition de Canal +              | 222,325             |
| 90,000        | Starz - Liberty Capital                   | 1,993,500           |
| 307,000       | The Madison Square Garden Co., Cl. A      | 17,683,200          |
| 200,000       | Time Warner Inc.                          | 11,524,000          |
| 50,000        | Tokyo Broadcasting System Holdings Inc.   | 770,170             |
| 90,000        | Universal Entertainment Corp.             | 1,788,814           |
| 289,500       | Viacom Inc., Cl. A                        | 18,255,870          |
| 330,666       | Vivendi SA                                | 6,830,593           |

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| <u>Shares</u> |                                  | <u>Market Value</u> |
|---------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
|               | <b>Energy and Utilities 5.8%</b> |                     |
| 16,000        | ABB Ltd., ADR                    | \$ 364,160          |
| 32,000        | Anadarko Petroleum Corp.         | 2,798,400           |
| 60,000        | Apache Corp.                     | 4,629,600           |
| 89,000        | BP plc, ADR                      | 3,769,150           |
| 45,000        | CH Energy Group Inc.             | 2,942,550           |
| 28,000        | CMS Energy Corp.                 | 782,320             |
| 204,000       | ConocoPhillips                   | 12,260,400          |
| 22,000        | CONSOL Energy Inc.               | 740,300             |
| 18,000        | Duke Energy Corp.                | 1,306,620           |
| 236,000       | El Paso Electric Co.             | 7,941,400           |
| 75,000        | Exxon Mobil Corp.                | 6,758,250           |
| 140,000       | GenOn Energy Inc., Escrow (b)    | 0                   |
| 198,000       | Halliburton Co.                  | 8,001,180           |
| 75,000        | Kinder Morgan Inc.               | 2,901,000           |
| 10,000        | Marathon Oil Corp.               | 337,200             |
| 6,000         | Marathon Petroleum Corp.         | 537,600             |
| 5,000         | National Fuel Gas Co.            | 306,750             |
| 22,000        | NextEra Energy Inc.              | 1,708,960           |
| 2,000         | Niko Resources Ltd., OTC         | 12,600              |
| 1,000         | Niko Resources Ltd., Toronto     | 6,290               |
| 52,000        | Northeast Utilities              | 2,259,920           |
| 38,000        | Oceaneering International Inc.   | 2,523,580           |
| 82,000        | Phillips 66                      | 5,737,540           |
| 175,000       | Rowan Companies plc, Cl. A       | 6,188,000           |
| 28,000        | RPC Inc.                         | 424,760             |
| 5,000         | SJW Corp.                        | 132,500             |
| 20,000        | Southwest Gas Corp.              | 949,200             |
| 120,000       | Spectra Energy Corp.             | 3,690,000           |
| 60,000        | The AES Corp.                    | 754,200             |
| 9,000         | Transocean Ltd.                  | 467,640             |
| 195,000       | Westar Energy Inc.               | 6,470,100           |
|               |                                  | 87,702,170          |
|               | <b>Health Care 4.3%</b>          |                     |
| 12,000        | Actavis Inc.                     | 1,105,320           |
| 13,000        | Allergan Inc.                    | 1,451,190           |
| 36,000        | Amgen Inc.                       | 3,690,360           |
| 24,000        | Baxter International Inc.        | 1,743,360           |
| 15,000        | Becton, Dickinson and Co.        | 1,434,150           |
| 30,000        | Biogen Idec Inc.                 | 5,787,300           |
| 330,000       | Boston Scientific Corp.          | 2,577,300           |
| 85,000        | Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.         | 3,501,150           |
| 49,000        | Covidien plc                     | 3,324,160           |
| 33,000        | Endo Health Solutions Inc.       | 1,015,080           |
| 28,000        | Henry Schein Inc.                | 2,591,400           |
| 35,000        | Hospira Inc.                     | 1,149,050           |
| 40,000        | Johnson & Johnson                | 3,261,200           |
| 65,000        | Life Technologies Corp.          | 4,200,950           |
| 40,000        | Mead Johnson Nutrition Co.       | 3,098,000           |
| 100,000       | Merck & Co. Inc.                 | 4,423,000           |
| 9,600         | Nobel Biocare Holding AG         | 96,071              |

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## Schedule of Investments (Continued) March 31, 2013 (Unaudited)

| <u>Shares</u>                                 |  | <u>Market Value</u> |
|---|--|---------------------|
| <b>COMMON STOCKS (Continued)</b>              |  |                     |
| <b>Health Care (Continued)</b>                |  |                     |
| 97,000  | Novartis AG, ADR                         | \$ 6,910,280        |
| 2,000   | Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc.           | 352,800             |
| 15,000  | Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., ADR | 595,200             |
| 94,000  | UnitedHealth Group Inc.                  | 5,377,740           |
| 4,000   | Waters Corp.                             | 375,640             |
| 60,000  | William Demant Holding A/S               | 5,026,821           |
| 10,000  | Zimmer Holdings Inc.                     | 752,200             |
| 16,000  | Zoetis Inc.                              | 534,400             |
|   |  | 64,374,122          |
| <b>Consumer Products 3.8%</b>                 |  |                     |
| 105,000                                       | Avon Products Inc.                       | 2,176,650           |
| 38,000  | Blyth Inc.                               | 659,680             |
| 16,500  | Christian Dior SA                        | 2,736,887           |
| 24,000  | Church & Dwight Co. Inc.                 | 1,551,120           |
| 20,000  | Crocs Inc.                               | 296,400             |
| 94,000  | Energizer Holdings Inc.                  | 9,374,620           |
| 2,100   | Givaudan SA                              | 2,579,374           |
| 52,000  | Hanesbrands Inc.                         | 2,369,120           |
| 28,000  | Harley-Davidson Inc.                     | 1,492,400           |
| 6,000   | Jarden Corp.                             | 257,100             |
| 7,000   | Mattel Inc.                              | 306,530             |
| 11,683  | National Presto Industries Inc.          | 940,482             |
| 10,000  | Oil-Dri Corp. of America                 | 272,300             |
| 55,000  | Reckitt Benckiser Group plc              | 3,942,839           |
| 32,400  | Svenska Cellulosa AB, Cl. B              | 835,289             |
| 835,000                                       | Swedish Match AB                         | 25,921,768          |
| 2,000   | The Estee Lauder Companies Inc., Cl. A   | 128,060             |
| 55,000  | True Religion Apparel Inc.               | 1,436,050           |
|   |  | 57,276,669          |
| <b>Automotive: Parts and Accessories 3.6%</b> |  |                     |
| 65,000  | BorgWarner Inc.                          | 5,027,100           |
| 120,000                                       | CLARCOR Inc.                             | 6,285,600           |
| 215,000                                       | Dana Holding Corp.                       | 3,833,450           |
| 245,000                                       | Genuine Parts Co.                        | 19,110,000          |
| 143,000                                       | Johnson Controls Inc.                    | 5,015,010           |
| 225,000                                       | Modine Manufacturing Co.                 | 2,047,500           |
| 85,000  | O Reilly Automotive Inc.                 | 8,716,750           |
| 137,662                                       | Standard Motor Products Inc.             | 3,815,991           |
| 70,000  | Superior Industries International Inc.   | 1,307,600           |
|   |  | 55,159,001          |
| <b>Telecommunications 3.2%</b>                |  |                     |

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|           |   |           |
|-----------|---|-----------|
| 65,000    | BCE Inc.                                    | 3,034,850 |
| 1,000,000 | BT Group plc, Cl. A                         | 4,224,090 |
| 7,040,836 | Cable & Wireless Jamaica Ltd. (c)           | 13,654    |
| 600,000   | Cincinnati Bell Inc.                        | 1,956,000 |
| 120,000   | Deutsche Telekom AG, ADR                    | 1,269,600 |
| 36,000    | Hellenic Telecommunications Organization SA | 217,813   |

**Market**

| <u>Shares</u> |  | <u>Value</u> |
|---------------|--|--------------|
| 15,000        | Hellenic Telecommunications Organization SA, ADR | \$ 46,050    |
| 88,244        | Koninklijke KPN NV                               | 296,816      |
| 390,027       | Oi SA, ADR                                       | 1,185,682    |
| 30,000        | Oi SA, Cl. C, ADR                                | 100,800      |
| 700,000       | Sprint Nextel Corp.                              | 4,347,000    |
| 21,000        | Telecom Argentina SA, ADR                        | 304,710      |
| 565,000       | Telecom Italia SpA                               | 399,060      |
| 88,253        | Telefonica Brasil SA, ADR                        | 2,354,590    |
| 597,315       | Telefonica SA, ADR                               | 8,069,726    |
| 589,000       | Telephone & Data Systems Inc.                    | 12,410,230   |
| 15,000        | TELUS Corp.                                      | 1,035,980    |
| 143,000       | Verizon Communications Inc.                      | 7,028,450    |

48,295,101

**Consumer Services 3.1%**

|           |                                  |            |
|-----------|----------------------------------|------------|
| 70,000    | IAC/InterActiveCorp.             | 3,127,600  |
| 200,000   | Liberty Interactive Corp., Cl. A | 4,276,000  |
| 13,451    | Liberty Ventures, Cl. A          | 1,016,627  |
| 1,323,000 | Rollins Inc.                     | 32,479,650 |
| 110,500   | The ADT Corp.                    | 5,407,870  |
| 15,000    | TripAdvisor Inc.                 | 787,800    |

47,095,547

**Retail 2.8%**

|         |                                |            |
|---------|--------------------------------|------------|
| 4,000   | Abercrombie & Fitch Co., Cl. A | 184,800    |
| 71,000  | AutoNation Inc.                | 3,106,250  |
| 50,000  | Burger King Worldwide Inc.     | 955,000    |
| 10,000  | Coinstar Inc.                  | 584,200    |
| 40,000  | Costco Wholesale Corp.         | 4,244,400  |
| 120,000 | CVS Caremark Corp.             | 6,598,800  |
| 28,000  | HSN Inc.                       | 1,536,080  |
| 10,000  | J.C. Penney Co. Inc.           | 151,100    |
| 373,000 | Macy's Inc.                    | 15,606,320 |
| 36,000  | Sally Beauty Holdings Inc.     | 1,057,680  |
| 13,000  | The Cheesecake Factory Inc.    | 501,930    |
| 4,000   | Tiffany & Co.                  | 278,160    |
| 64,000  | Walgreen Co.                   | 3,051,520  |
| 39,000  | Wal-Mart Stores Inc.           | 2,918,370  |
| 21,000  | Whole Foods Market Inc.        | 1,821,750  |

42,596,360

**Machinery 2.7%**

|         |                  |            |
|---------|------------------|------------|
| 15,000  | Caterpillar Inc. | 1,304,550  |
| 14,000  | CNH Global NV    | 578,480    |
| 373,000 | Deere & Co.(a)   | 32,070,540 |
| 267,000 | Xylem Inc.       | 7,358,520  |

41,312,090

**Publishing 2.7%**

|         |                           |           |
|---------|---------------------------|-----------|
| 100,000 | Il Sole 24 Ore SpA        | 63,772    |
| 130,000 | Media General Inc., Cl. A | 772,200   |
| 104,000 | Meredith Corp.            | 3,979,040 |

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## Schedule of Investments (Continued) March 31, 2013 (Unaudited)

| Shares                                   |  | Market Value  |
|--|--|---------------|
| <b>COMMON STOCKS (Continued)</b>         |  |               |
| <b>Publishing (Continued)</b>            |  |               |
| 610,000                                  | News Corp., Cl. A                          | \$ 18,617,200 |
| 355,000                                  | News Corp., Cl. B                          | 10,919,800    |
| 25,000                                   | The E.W. Scripps Co., Cl. A                | 300,750       |
| 112,000                                  | The McGraw-Hill Companies Inc.             | 5,832,960     |
|  |  | 40,485,722    |
| <b>Aerospace and Defense 2.6%</b>        |  |               |
| 612,015                                  | BBA Aviation plc                           | 2,394,571     |
| 240,000                                  | Exelis Inc.                                | 2,613,600     |
| 35,800                                   | Kaman Corp.                                | 1,269,826     |
| 3,000                                    | Lockheed Martin Corp.                      | 289,560       |
| 20,000                                   | Northrop Grumman Corp.                     | 1,403,000     |
| 1,200,000                                | Rolls-Royce Holdings plc                   | 20,603,837    |
| 120,000                                  | The Boeing Co.(a)                          | 10,302,000    |
|  |  | 38,876,394    |
| <b>Business Services 2.3%</b>            |  |               |
| 1  | Ascent Capital Group Inc., Cl. A           | 74            |
| 159,000                                  | Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings Inc., Cl. A | 1,190,910     |
| 33,000                                   | Contax Participacoes SA, Preference        | 426,228       |
| 75,000                                   | Diebold Inc.                               | 2,274,000     |
| 4,000                                    | Edenred                                    | 130,903       |
| 200,000                                  | G4S plc                                    | 885,540       |
| 18,000                                   | Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd.             | 1,171,800     |
| 88,000                                   | Landauer Inc.                              | 4,961,440     |
| 36,000                                   | MasterCard Inc., Cl. A                     | 19,480,680    |
| 10,000                                   | Monster Worldwide Inc.                     | 50,700        |
| 315,000                                  | The Interpublic Group of Companies Inc.    | 4,104,450     |
| 4,000                                    | Visa Inc., Cl. A                           | 679,360       |
|  |  | 35,356,085    |
| <b>Aviation: Parts and Services 2.0%</b> |  |               |
| 316,000                                  | Curtiss-Wright Corp.                       | 10,965,200    |
| 275,000                                  | GenCorp Inc.                               | 3,657,500     |
| 85,500                                   | Precision Castparts Corp.                  | 16,212,510    |
|  |  | 30,835,210    |
| <b>Hotels and Gaming 1.8%</b>            |  |               |
| 20,000                                   | Accor SA                                   | 694,765       |
| 70,000                                   | Genting Singapore plc                      | 84,371        |
| 8,000                                    | Hyatt Hotels Corp., Cl. A                  | 345,840       |
| 32,000                                   | Interval Leisure Group Inc.                | 695,680       |
| 1,070,000                                | Ladbrokes plc                              | 3,671,099     |
| 51,000                                   | Las Vegas Sands Corp.                      | 2,873,850     |

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|               |  |                     |
|---------------|--|---------------------|
| 3,650,000     | Mandarin Oriental International Ltd.       | 5,913,000           |
| 90,000        | MGM China Holdings Ltd.                    | 192,463             |
| 25,000        | MGM Resorts International                  | 328,750             |
| 45,000        | Orient-Express Hotels Ltd., Cl. A          | 443,700             |
| 40,000        | Pinnacle Entertainment Inc.                | 584,800             |
| 186,000       | Ryman Hospitality Properties Inc.          | 8,509,500           |
| 34,000        | Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc.   | 2,166,820           |
| 200,000       | The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels Ltd.        | 342,671             |
|               |  | <b>Market Value</b> |
| <b>Shares</b> |  |                     |
| 2,000         | Wynn Resorts Ltd.                          | \$ 250,320          |
|               |  | 27,097,629          |
|               | <b>Broadcasting 1.6%</b>                   |                     |
| 260,000       | CBS Corp., Cl. A, Voting                   | 12,045,800          |
| 2,000         | Cogeco Inc.                                | 83,378              |
| 22,334        | Corus Entertainment Inc., Cl. B, OTC       | 576,441             |
| 6,666         | Corus Entertainment Inc., Cl. B, Toronto   | 171,662             |
| 30,000        | Gray Television Inc.                       | 140,700             |
| 87,000        | Liberty Media Corp.                        | 9,711,810           |
| 24,000        | LIN TV Corp., Cl. A                        | 263,760             |
| 100,000       | Television Broadcasts Ltd.                 | 757,483             |
|               |  | 23,751,034          |
|               | <b>Specialty Chemicals 1.5%</b>            |                     |
| 9,000         | Ashland Inc.                               | 668,700             |
| 24,000        | E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co.           | 1,179,840           |
| 420,000       | Ferro Corp.                                | 2,835,000           |
| 8,000         | FMC Corp.                                  | 456,240             |
| 33,000        | H.B. Fuller Co.                            | 1,289,640           |
| 20,000        | Huntsman Corp.                             | 371,800             |
| 67,000        | International Flavors & Fragrances Inc.    | 5,136,890           |
| 253,000       | OMNOVA Solutions Inc.                      | 1,940,510           |
| 204,000       | Sensient Technologies Corp.                | 7,974,360           |
| 1,000         | SGL Carbon SE                              | 39,359              |
| 98,000        | Zep Inc.                                   | 1,470,980           |
|               |  | 23,363,319          |
|               | <b>Electronics 1.2%</b>                    |                     |
| 18,000        | Bel Fuse Inc., Cl. A                       | 248,400             |
| 20,000        | Emerson Electric Co.                       | 1,117,400           |
| 4,000         | Hitachi Ltd., ADR                          | 231,600             |
| 90,000        | Intel Corp.                                | 1,966,500           |
| 36,342        | Koninklijke Philips Electronics NV         | 1,073,906           |
| 45,000        | LSI Corp.                                  | 305,100             |
| 2,400         | Mettler-Toledo International Inc.          | 511,728             |
| 20,000        | Molex Inc., Cl. A                          | 482,400             |
| 50,000        | TE Connectivity Ltd.                       | 2,096,500           |
| 270,000       | Texas Instruments Inc.                     | 9,579,600           |
|               |  | 17,613,134          |
|               | <b>Environmental Services 0.9%</b>         |                     |
| 210,000       | Republic Services Inc.                     | 6,930,000           |
| 170,000       | Waste Management Inc.                      | 6,665,700           |
|               |  | 13,595,700          |
|               | <b>Computer Software and Services 0.9%</b> |                     |
| 7,000         | Check Point Software Technologies Ltd.     | 328,930             |
| 20,000        | Electronic Arts Inc.                       | 354,000             |
| 27,000        | InterXion Holding NV                       | 653,940             |
| 70,000        | NCR Corp.                                  | 1,929,200           |

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| 26,000 | Rockwell Automation Inc. | 2,245,100 |
| 20,000 | VeriFone Systems Inc.    | 413,600   |

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## Schedule of Investments (Continued) March 31, 2013 (Unaudited)

| Shares  |   | Market Value |
|---|---|--------------|
| <b>COMMON STOCKS (Continued)</b>                  |   |              |
| <b>Computer Software and Services (Continued)</b> |   |              |
| 320,000   | Yahoo! Inc.                             | \$ 7,529,600 |
|   |   | 13,454,370   |
| <b>Wireless Communications 0.9%</b>               |   |              |
| 130,000   | America Movil SAB de CV, Cl. L, ADR     | 2,724,800    |
| 850,000   | Cable & Wireless Communications plc     | 541,671      |
| 7,000   | Millicom International Cellular SA, SDR | 559,115      |
| 1,500   | NTT DoCoMo Inc.                         | 2,224,465    |
| 54,075  | Tim Participacoes SA, ADR               | 1,183,161    |
| 115,000   | United States Cellular Corp.            | 4,140,000    |
| 70,000  | Vodafone Group plc, ADR                 | 1,988,700    |
|   |   | 13,361,912   |
| <b>Metals and Mining 0.9%</b>                     |   |              |
| 44,000  | Agnico-Eagle Mines Ltd.                 | 1,805,760    |
| 105,000   | Alcoa Inc.                              | 894,600      |
| 64,000  | Barrick Gold Corp.                      | 1,881,600    |
| 30,000  | Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold Inc.     | 993,000      |
| 4,800   | Materion Corp.                          | 136,800      |
| 50,000  | New Hope Corp. Ltd.                     | 206,667      |
| 156,000   | Newmont Mining Corp.                    | 6,534,840    |
| 72,900  | Turquoise Hill Resources Ltd.           | 463,644      |
| 14,000  | Vale SA, ADR                            | 242,060      |
|   |   | 13,158,971   |
| <b>Agriculture 0.8%</b>                           |   |              |
| 254,000   | Archer Daniels Midland Co.              | 8,567,420    |
| 20,000  | Monsanto Co.                            | 2,112,600    |
| 15,000  | Syngenta AG, ADR                        | 1,256,250    |
| 10,000  | The Mosaic Co.                          | 596,100      |
|   |   | 12,532,370   |
| <b>Automotive 0.6%</b>                            |   |              |
| 25,000  | Ford Motor Co.                          | 328,750      |
| 120,000   | Navistar International Corp.            | 4,148,400    |
| 81,000  | PACCAR Inc.                             | 4,095,360    |
|   |   | 8,572,510    |
| <b>Communications Equipment 0.5%</b>              |   |              |
| 65,000  | Cisco Systems Inc.                      | 1,359,150    |
| 500,000   | Corning Inc.                            | 6,665,000    |

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|               |   |                     |               |
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|               |   |                     | 8,024,150     |
|               | <b>Transportation 0.5%</b>  |                     |               |
| 138,000       | GATX Corp.  |                     | 7,171,860     |
|               | <b>Real Estate 0.4%</b>   |                     |               |
| 55,500        | Griffin Land & Nurseries Inc.   |                     | 1,667,775     |
| 190,000       | The St. Joe Co.   |                     | 4,037,500     |
|               |   |                     | 5,705,275     |
|               | <b>Closed-End Funds 0.3%</b>  |                     |               |
| 30,000        | Royce Value Trust Inc.  |                     | 451,800       |
|               |   | <b>Market Value</b> |               |
| <b>Shares</b> |   |                     |               |
| 95,971        | The Central Europe and Russia Fund Inc.                               | \$                  | 3,144,970     |
| 75,175        | The New Germany Fund Inc.   |                     | 1,265,947     |
|               |   |                     | 4,862,717     |
|               | <b>Building and Construction 0.3%</b>                                 |                     |               |
| 116,000       | Fortune Brands Home & Security Inc.                                   |                     | 4,341,880     |
| 23,000        | Layne Christensen Co.   |                     | 491,740       |
|               |   |                     | 4,833,620     |
|               | <b>Real Estate Investment Trusts 0.1%</b>                             |                     |               |
| 1,800         | Camden Property Trust   |                     | 123,624       |
| 34,000        | Rayonier Inc.   |                     | 2,028,780     |
|               |   |                     | 2,152,404     |
|               | <b>Manufactured Housing and Recreational Vehicles 0.1%</b>            |                     |               |
| 6,400         | Martin Marietta Materials Inc.  |                     | 652,928       |
| 15,000        | Nobility Homes Inc.   |                     | 81,450        |
| 33,000        | Skyline Corp.   |                     | 197,010       |
|               |   |                     | 931,388       |
|               | <b>TOTAL COMMON STOCKS</b>  |                     | 1,497,984,138 |
|               | <b>CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS 0.1%</b>                              |                     |               |
|               | <b>Telecommunications 0.1%</b>  |                     |               |
| 22,500        | Cincinnati Bell Inc.,<br>6.750% Cv. Pfd., Ser. B                      |                     | 1,020,600     |
|               | <b>WARRANTS 0.1%</b>  |                     |               |
|               | <b>Energy and Utilities 0.1%</b>                                      |                     |               |
| 136,000       | Kinder Morgan Inc., expire 05/25/17                                   |                     | 699,040       |
|               | <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)                  |                     | 2,200,000     |
|               | <b>U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS 0.7%</b>                               |                     |               |
| 10,945,000    | U.S. Treasury Bills,<br>0.050% to 0.145% ,<br>04/18/13 to 09/12/13(e) |                     | 10,943,610    |

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|   |    |               |
|---|----|---------------|
| <b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS</b> 100.0%<br>(Cost \$817,966,830) | \$ | 1,512,847,388 |
| Aggregate tax cost                                      | \$ | 833,325,107   |
| Gross unrealized appreciation                           | \$ | 733,278,326   |
| Gross unrealized depreciation                           |    | (53,756,045)  |
| Net unrealized appreciation/depreciation                | \$ | 679,522,281   |

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.

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Schedule of Investments (Continued) March 31, 2013 (Unaudited)

| Number of Contracts |                             | Expiration Date | Unrealized Depreciation |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
|                     | <b>FUTURES CONTRACTS</b>    |                 |                         |
|                     | <b>SHORT POSITION</b>       |                 |                         |
| 260                 | S & P 500 E-Mini Futures(f) | 06/21/13        | \$ (240,365)            |

- (a) Securities, or a portion thereof, with a value of \$45,573,850, 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, 2013, the market value of fair valued securities amounted to \$600 or 0.00% of total investments.
- (c) At March 31, 2013, the Fund held an investment in a restricted security amounting to \$13,654 or 0.00% of total investments, which was valued under methods approved by the Board of Directors as follows:

| Acquisition Shares | Issuer                        | Acquisition Date | Acquisition Cost | 03/31/13 Carrying Value Per Unit |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
| 7,040,836          | Cable & Wireless Jamaica Ltd. | 09/30/93         | \$128,658        | \$0.0019                         |

- (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, 2013, the market value of the Rule 144A security amounted to \$2,200,000 or 0.15% of total investments.
- (e) At March 31, 2013, \$3,000,000 of the principal amount was pledged as collateral for futures contracts.
- (f) At March 31, 2013, the Fund had entered into futures contracts and, pledged collateral of \$3,000,000 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              | 80.2%             | \$ 1,213,730,094 |
| Europe                     | 14.9              | 225,888,349      |
| Latin America              | 2.8               | 42,463,409       |
| Japan                      | 1.5               | 21,854,163       |
| Asia/Pacific               | 0.6               | 8,911,373        |
| Total Investments          | 100.0%            | \$ 1,512,847,388 |

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.





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**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 non-financial information about the company; comparisons with the valuation and changes in valuation of similar securities, including a comparison of foreign securities with the equivalent U.S. dollar value ADR securities at the close of the U.S. exchange; and evaluation of any other information that could be indicative of the value of the security.

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).

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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, 2013 is as follows:

|  | Valuation Inputs         |  |  | Total Market Value<br>at 3/31/13 |
|--|--------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|
|  | Level 1<br>Quoted Prices | Level 2 Other Significant<br>Observable Inputs | Level 3 Significant<br>Unobservable Inputs |                                  |
| <b>INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES:</b>              |                          |  |  |                                  |
| <b>ASSETS (Market Value):</b>                  |                          |  |  |                                  |
| Common Stocks:                                 |                          |  |  |                                  |
| Equipment and Supplies                         | \$ 99,739,957            |  | \$600                                      | \$ 99,740,557                    |
| Energy and Utilities                           | 87,702,170               |  | 0  | 87,702,170                       |
| Other Industries (a)                           | 1,310,541,411            |  |  | 1,310,541,411                    |
| Total Common Stocks                            | 1,497,983,538            |  | 600  | 1,497,984,138                    |
| Convertible Preferred Stocks (a)               | 1,020,600                |  |  | 1,020,600                        |
| Warrants (a)                                   | 699,040                  |  |  | 699,040                          |
| Convertible Corporate Bonds (a)                |                          | \$ 2,200,000                                   |  | 2,200,000                        |
| U.S. Government Obligations                    |                          | 10,943,610                                     |  | 10,943,610                       |
| <b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES</b>         |                          |  |  |                                  |
| <b>ASSETS</b>                                  | \$1,499,703,178          | \$13,143,610                                   | \$600                                      | \$1,512,847,388                  |
| <b>OTHER FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS:</b>            |                          |  |  |                                  |
| <b>LIABILITIES (Unrealized Depreciation):*</b> |                          |  |  |                                  |
| <b>EQUITY CONTRACTS</b>                        |                          |  |  |                                  |
| Futures Contracts Sold (b)                     | \$                       | \$ (240,365)                                   | \$   | \$ (240,365)                     |

(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, 2013. The Fund's policy is to recognize transfers among Levels as of the beginning of the reporting period.

**Additional Information to Evaluate Qualitative 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.

**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 are restricted as to transfer. Among the factors to be considered to fair value a security are recent prices



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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. A significant change in the unobservable inputs could result in a significantly lower or higher value in such Level 3 investments. 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.

**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, 2013, 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 an equity contract for difference 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, 2013, 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

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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, 2013 are reflected within the Schedule of Investments.

**Limitations on the Purchase and Sale of Futures Contracts, Certain Options, and Swaps.** Subject to the guidelines of the Board, the Fund may engage in commodity interest transactions (generally, transactions in futures, certain options, certain currency transactions, and certain types of swaps) only for bona fide hedging or other permissible transactions in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). Pursuant to amendments by the CFTC to Rule 4.5 under the Commodity Exchange Act (CEA), the Adviser has filed a notice of exemption from registration as a commodity pool operator with respect to the Fund. The Fund and the Adviser are therefore not subject to registration or regulation as a commodity pool operator under the CEA. Due to the recent amendments to Rule 4.5 under the CEA, certain trading restrictions are now applicable to the Fund as of January 1, 2013. These trading restrictions permit the Fund to engage in commodity interest transactions that include (i) bona fide hedging transactions, as that term is defined and interpreted by the CFTC and its staff, without regard to the percentage of the Fund's assets committed to margin and options premiums and (ii) non-bona fide hedging transactions, provided that the Fund does not enter into such non-bona fide hedging transactions if, immediately thereafter, either (a) the sum of the amount of initial margin deposits on the Fund's existing futures positions or swaps positions and option or swaption premiums would exceed 5% of the market value of the Fund's liquidating value, after taking into account unrealized profits and unrealized losses on any such transactions, or (b) the aggregate net notional value of the Fund's commodity interest transactions would not exceed 100% of the market value of the Fund's liquidating value, after taking into account unrealized profits and unrealized losses on any such transactions. Therefore, in order to claim the Rule 4.5 exemption, the Fund is limited in its ability to invest in commodity futures, options, and certain types of swaps (including securities futures, broad based stock index futures, and financial futures contracts). As a result, in the future, the Fund will be more limited in its ability to use these instruments than in the past, and these limitations may have a negative impact on the ability of the Adviser to manage the Fund, and on the Fund's performance.

**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

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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 Securities.** The Fund may invest up to 10% of its net assets in securities for which the markets are restricted. Restricted securities include securities whose disposition is subject to substantial legal or contractual restrictions. The sale of restricted 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 securities the Fund held as of March 31, 2013, refer to the Schedule of Investments.

**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, 2012, 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 being considered all short term as under previous law.

|  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| Capital Loss Carryforward Available through 2017 | \$ 25,514,103        |
| Capital Loss Carryforward Available through 2018 | 13,356,222           |
| <b>Total Capital Loss Carryforwards</b>          | <b>\$ 38,870,325</b> |

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**Portfolio Management Team Biographies**

**Mario J. Gabelli, CFA**, is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of GAMCO Investors, Inc. that he founded in 1976 and Chief Investment Officer - Value Portfolios of Gabelli Funds, LLC and GAMCO Asset Management Inc. Mr. Gabelli is a summa cum laude graduate of Fordham University and holds an MBA degree from Columbia University Graduate School of Business, and an Honorary Doctorate Degree from Roger Williams University in Rhode Island.

**Zahid Siddique** joined G.research, Inc. in 2005 as a research analyst covering the global industrial and infrastructure sectors. Currently, he continues to specialize in that field and also serves as a portfolio manager of Gabelli Funds, LLC and is a co-manager of the Fund. Prior to joining Gabelli, Mr. Siddique received a B.A. in Mathematics from Hamilton College and a B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Columbia University, where he was recognized by the National Industrial Engineering Honor Society. He holds an MBA from Columbia School of Business.

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. 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).

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.

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.

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**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      5/28/2013

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      5/28/2013

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

Date      5/28/2013

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