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GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC  
Form N-Q  
November 29, 2007

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  
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The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

One Corporate Center  
Rye, New York 10580-1422  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Bruce N. Alpert  
Gabelli Funds, LLC  
One Corporate Center  
Rye, New York 10580-1422  
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(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 1-800-422-3554  
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Date of fiscal year end: December 31  
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Date of reporting period: September 30, 2007  
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Form N-Q is to be used by management investment companies, other than small business investment companies registered on Form N-5 (ss.ss. 239.24 and 274.5 of this chapter), to file reports with the Commission, not later than 60 days after the close of the first and third fiscal quarters, pursuant to rule 30b1-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30b1-5). The Commission may use the information provided on Form N-Q in its regulatory, disclosure review, inspection, and policymaking roles.

A registrant is required to disclose the information specified by Form N-Q, and the Commission will make this information public. A registrant is not required to respond to the collection of information contained in Form N-Q unless the Form displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") control number. Please direct comments concerning the accuracy of the information collection burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. The OMB has reviewed this collection of information under the clearance requirements of 44 U.S.C. ss. 3507.

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ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

The Schedule(s) of Investments is attached herewith.

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THE GABELLI  
EQUITY TRUST INC.

THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC.

Third Quarter Report  
September 30, 2007

TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS,

During the third quarter of 2007, The Gabelli Equity Trust's (the "Fund") total return was 2.05% on a net asset value ("NAV") basis while the Standard & Poor's ("S&P") 500 Index and the Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 2.33% and 4.18%, respectively. The Fund's NAV increased 26.97% for the past twelve months, outperforming the benchmark S&P 500 Index for this period, as well as all of the longer intervals shown in the comparative results table below. The Fund's market price on September 30, 2007 was \$9.53, which equates to a 1.35% discount to its NAV of \$9.66 at the end of the quarter. The Fund's market price, adjusted for distributions, declined (1.12)% during the third quarter and was up 24.21% for the twelve month period ended September 30, 2007.

Enclosed is the investment portfolio as of September 30, 2007.

COMPARATIVE RESULTS

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AVERAGE ANNUAL RETURNS THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 (a)

	Quarter	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	15 Year	20
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GABELLI EQUITY TRUST							
NAV TOTAL RETURN (b) .....	2.05%	26.97%	21.51%	23.72%	11.05%	12.75%	1
INVESTMENT TOTAL RETURN (c) ....	(1.12)	24.21	17.72	18.10	11.08	12.61	1
S&P 500 Index .....	2.33	16.78	13.24	15.51	6.60	11.12	1
Dow Jones Industrial Average .....	4.18	21.62	13.90	15.45	7.89	12.55	1
Nasdaq Composite Index .....	3.77	19.62	12.51	18.18	4.83	10.76	

(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 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.

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- (b) TOTAL RETURNS AND AVERAGE ANNUAL RETURNS REFLECT CHANGES IN 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 NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, 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 DATE FOR WHICH DATA IS AVAILABLE.

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We have separated the portfolio manager's 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 manager's 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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THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC.  
 PORTFOLIO CHANGES  
 QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

	SHARES	OWNERSHIP AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2007
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NET PURCHASES		
COMMON STOCKS		
ABG Sundal Collier ASA .....	62,000	62,000
Advanced Medical Optics Inc. ....	45,000	100,000
Alcan Inc. ....	70,000	70,000
Alltel Corp. ....	5,000	10,000
Alpharma Inc., Cl. A .....	1,000	7,000
Alcoa Inc. ....	2,000	22,000
Anglo American plc (a) .....	30,030	30,030
Aquila Inc. ....	400,000	800,000
Argo Group International		
Holdings Ltd. (b) .....	19,452	19,452
AXA Asia Pacific Holdings Ltd. ....	158,600	158,600
BCE Inc. ....	5,000	255,000
BERU AG .....	1,000	1,000
Boston Scientific Corp. ....	150,000	150,000
BP plc .....	90,000	90,000
China Mobile Ltd. ....	65,000	65,000
China Petroleum & Chemical Corp.,		
Cl. H .....	770,000	770,000
ChoicePoint Inc. ....	20,000	20,000
Citigroup Inc. ....	10,000	310,000
Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings Inc.,		
Cl. A .....	1,300	101,300
Constellation Brands Inc., Cl. A .....	8,400	14,400

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Covidien Ltd. (c) .....	45,000	45,000
Dade Behring Holdings Inc. ....	195,000	200,000
Discovery Holding Co., Cl. A .....	49,000	269,000
Dow Jones & Co. Inc. ....	42,500	100,000
Flowers Foods Inc. (d) .....	35,000	105,000
FMC Corp. (e) .....	2,000	4,000
Fortress Investment Group LLC, Cl. A .....	2,000	5,000
Guangzhou R&F Properties Co. Ltd., Cl. H .....	140,000	140,000
Home Inns & Hotels Management Inc., ADR .....	15,000	20,000
ITO EN Ltd., Preference (f) .....	60,000	60,000
Jarden Corp. ....	2,000	2,000
Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd. ....	12,000	57,000
Johnson & Johnson .....	20,000	20,000
Legg Mason Inc. ....	22,000	42,000
Lenox Group Inc. ....	3,000	45,000
Macy's Inc. ....	20,000	20,000
Marsh & McLennan Companies Inc. ....	10,000	265,000

	SHARES	OWNERSHIP AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2007
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Meiji Seika Kaisha Ltd. ....	10,000	10,000
Morinaga Milk Industry Co. Ltd. ....	10,000	70,000
Nestle SA .....	2,500	5,000
Nissin Food Products Co. Ltd. ....	100,000	300,000
Petroleo Brasileiro SA, ADR (e) .....	11,000	27,000
Pinnacle Entertainment Inc. ....	3,000	43,000
Schroders plc .....	25,000	25,000
Shaw Communications Inc., Cl. B, New York (e) .....	80,000	160,000
Shaw Communications Inc., Cl. B, Toronto (e) .....	20,000	40,000
Standard Motor Products Inc. ....	20,000	175,000
Synthes Inc. ....	1,000	12,500
Tenaris SA, ADR .....	20,000	70,000
Tesco plc .....	35,000	100,000
The Bank Of New York Mellon Corp. (h) .....	146,038	146,038
The Blackstone Group LP .....	1,900	2,000
The DIRECTV Group Inc. ....	140,000	150,000
The Fairchild Corp., Cl. A .....	10,000	220,000
The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. Inc. ....	30,000	30,000
The Manitowoc Co. Inc. (e) .....	2,000	4,000
The New York Times Co., Cl. A .....	5,000	55,000
The Swatch Group AG .....	30,000	37,500
Tokyo Broadcasting System Inc. ....	20,000	90,000
TXU Corp. ....	22,200	245,000
Tyco Electronics Ltd. (c) .....	62,000	62,000
Tyco International Ltd. (c) .....	98,900	160,000
Whole Foods Market Inc. ....	10,000	10,000
Yahoo! Inc. ....	5,000	165,000
Yahoo! Japan Corp. ....	2,000	2,000
YAKULT HONSHA Co. Ltd. ....	15,000	550,000
 NET SALES COMMON STOCKS		
Acuity Brands Inc. ....	(2,000)	20,000

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Altadis SA .....	(5,000)	20,000
Amano Corp. ....	(55,000)	--
Ameriprise Financial Inc. ....	(55,000)	10,000
Anglo American plc (a) .....	(33,000)	--
aQuantive Inc. (i) .....	(50,000)	--
Argonaut Group Inc. (b) .....	(30,000)	--
Bank of Ireland .....	(75,000)	--
Barclays plc .....	(90,000)	--

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.

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THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC.  
 PORTFOLIO CHANGES (CONTINUED)  
 QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

	SHARES	OWNERSHIP AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2007
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NET SALES (CONTINUED)		
COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED)		
Bayer AG .....	(2,000)	24,000
Berkshire Hathaway Inc. Cl. A .....	(2)	246
Biomet Inc. (j) .....	(100,000)	--
Cablevision Systems Corp., Cl. A .....	(20,000)	1,550,000
Coca-Cola Hellenic Bottling Co. SA .....	(2,000)	38,000
Colgate-Palmolive Co. ....	(10,000)	--
Comcast Corp., Cl. A .....	(10,000)	65,000
ConocoPhillips .....	(5,000)	315,000
Cooper Industries Ltd., Cl. A .....	(19,000)	247,000
Corn Products International Inc. ....	(5,000)	55,000
Dana Corp. ....	(40,000)	230,000
Deutsche Bank AG, Germany .....	(9,000)	--
Deutsche Bank AG .....	(1,000)	148,000
Donaldson Co. Inc. ....	(5,100)	194,900
Duke Energy Corp. ....	(10,000)	230,000
El Paso Electric Co. ....	(5,000)	280,000
EMI Group plc (l) .....	(110,000)	--
Florida East Coast Industries Inc. (k) .....	(92,000)	--
Genuine Parts Co. ....	(5,000)	340,000
Greif Inc., Cl. A .....	(5,000)	215,000
H.J. Heinz Co. ....	(5,000)	100,000
Harmony Gold Mining Co. Ltd. ....	(20,000)	52,500
Hercules Inc. ....	(5,000)	165,000
Hilton Hotels Corp. ....	(525,000)	--
ITT Corp. ....	(2,000)	253,000
Kellogg Co. ....	(3,000)	102,000
Ladbrokes plc .....	(50,000)	1,294,116
MasterCard Inc., Cl. A .....	(8,000)	110,000
Mellon Financial Corp. (h) .....	(80,000)	--
MGM Mirage .....	(96,000)	14,000
News Corp., Cl. A .....	(10,000)	1,570,000
Next plc .....	(3,000)	27,000
Nortel Networks Corp. ....	(5,000)	195,000
Pactiv Corp. ....	(2,000)	112,000
Partners Group .....	(4,000)	--
PepsiAmericas Inc. ....	(10,000)	540,000

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Precision Castparts Corp. ....	(10,000)	100,000
PRIMEDIA Inc. (g) .....	(318,334)	63,666
Qwest Communications International Inc. ....	(30,000)	540,000
Rinker Group Ltd., ADR (m) .....	(120,000)	--
Rogers Communications Inc., Cl. B, New York .....	(15,000)	565,690

	SHARES	OWNERSHIP AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2007
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Rollins Inc. ....	(10,000)	760,000
Rolls-Royce Group plc, Cl. B .....	(71,040,000)	--
Sanofi-Aventis .....	(2,000)	10,000
Sasol Ltd. ....	(13,000)	--
Skyline Corp. ....	(1,000)	20,000
Standard Chartered plc .....	(5,000)	55,000
Telephone & Data Systems Inc. ....	(4,000)	254,000
The Bank of New York Co. Inc. (h) .....	(70,000)	--
The Home Depot Inc. ....	(10,000)	--
The Lamson & Sessions Co. ....	(2,000)	72,000
The Midland Co. ....	(1,000)	188,000
The Walt Disney Co. ....	(5,000)	75,000
Thomas & Betts Corp. ....	(65,000)	240,000
TI Automotive Ltd. (n) .....	(27,000)	--
Total SA .....	(8,500)	24,128
Tyco International Ltd. (c) .....	(300,000)	--
UBS AG .....	(15,000)	25,000
Viacom Inc., Cl. A .....	(5,000)	365,000
Westpac Banking Corp. ....	(13,000)	50,000

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- (a) Merger - 0.91 share of Anglo American plc (B1XZS82) for every 1 share of Anglo American plc (0490151)
  - (b) Merger - 0.6484 share of Argo Group International Holdings for every 1 share of Argonaut Group Inc.
  - (c) Spin-off - 0.25 share of Covidien Ltd. (G2552X108) and 0.25 share of Tyco Electronics Ltd. (G9144P105) for every share of Tyco International Ltd. (902124106) and a reverse 1 for 4 stock split of Tyco International Ltd. (G9143X208)
  - (d) 3 for 2 stock split
  - (e) 2 for 1 stock split
  - (f) Spin-off - 0.3 share of Preferred share for every 1 Common share held.
  - (g) Reverse Split - 1:6 and cusip change
  - (h) Merger - 0.9434 share of The Bank of New York Mellon Corp. for every share of The Bank of New York Co. Inc. and 1 share of The Bank of New York Mellon Corp. for every 1 share of Mellon Financial Corp.
  - (i) Cash Merger - \$66.50 for every 1 share
  - (j) Tender Offer - \$46.00 for every 1 share held
  - (k) Cash Merger - \$62.50 for every 1 share

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- (l) Tender Offer - 2.65 British Pounds for every 1 share held
- (m) Tender Offer - \$79.25 for every 1 share held
- (n) Tender Offer - \$0.0113467 for every 1 share

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.

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### THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES	MARKET VALUE
COMMON STOCKS -- 95.3%	
FOOD AND BEVERAGE -- 11.9%	
85,000	Ajinomoto Co. Inc. .... \$ 1,065,599
40,000	Anheuser-Busch Companies Inc. .... 1,999,600
36,000	ARIAKE JAPAN Co. Ltd. .... 741,218
24,000	Brown-Forman Corp., Cl. A .... 1,872,000
110,000	Cadbury Schweppes plc .... 1,276,087
183,400	Cadbury Schweppes plc, ADR .... 8,531,768
72,000	Campbell Soup Co. .... 2,664,000
32,000	Cermaq ASA .... 593,554
40,000	China Mengniu Dairy Co. Ltd. .... 174,174
20,000	Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc. .... 484,400
38,000	Coca-Cola Hellenic Bottling Co. SA .... 2,194,527
14,400	Constellation Brands Inc., Cl. A+ .... 348,624
55,000	Corn Products International Inc. .... 2,522,850
300,000	Davide Campari-Milano SpA .... 3,080,038
60,000	Del Monte Foods Co. .... 630,000
80,000	Diageo plc .... 1,757,918
224,000	Diageo plc, ADR .... 19,651,520
105,000	Flowers Foods Inc. .... 2,289,000
99,000	Fomento Economico Mexicano
	SAB de CV, ADR .... 3,702,600
180,000	General Mills Inc. .... 10,441,800
380,000	Groupe Danone .... 29,910,593
1,000,000	Grupo Bimbo SAB de CV, Cl. A .... 5,577,194
100,000	H.J. Heinz Co. .... 4,620,000
20,000	Hain Celestial Group Inc.+ .... 642,600
10,000	Heineken NV .... 656,219
200,000	ITO EN Ltd. .... 4,875,288
60,000	ITO EN Ltd., Preference+ .... 1,193,575
102,000	Kellogg Co. .... 5,712,000
75,000	Kerry Group plc, Cl. A .... 2,212,957
215,000	Kraft Foods Inc., Cl. A .... 7,419,650
12,100	LVMH Moet Hennessy
	Louis Vuitton SA .... 1,450,537
950,000	Marine Harvest+ .... 1,208,811
10,000	Meiji Seika Kaisha Ltd. .... 50,320
70,000	Morinaga Milk Industry Co. Ltd. .... 280,329
5,000	Nestle SA .... 2,246,081
300,000	Nissin Food Products Co. Ltd. .... 10,708,223
540,000	PepsiAmericas Inc. .... 17,517,600

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350,000	PepsiCo Inc. ....	25,641,000
8,100	Pernod-Ricard SA ....	1,767,518
68,200	Ralcorp Holdings Inc.+ ....	3,806,924
26,000	Remy Cointreau SA ....	1,883,386
300,000	Sara Lee Corp. ....	5,007,000
100,000	Tesco plc ....	898,703
200,000	The Coca-Cola Co. ....	11,494,000
45,000	The Hershey Co. ....	2,088,450
2,000	The J.M. Smucker Co. ....	106,840
		MARKET
SHARES		VALUE
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118,820	Tootsie Roll Industries Inc. ....	\$ 3,152,295
170,000	Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co. ....	10,919,100
42,500	Wm. Wrigley Jr. Co., Cl. B ....	2,703,425
550,000	YAKULT HONSHA Co. Ltd. ....	12,521,221
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		244,293,116
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	FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 9.4%	
62,000	ABG Sundal Collier ASA ....	164,452
7,000	Allianz SE ....	1,635,486
575,000	American Express Co. ....	34,137,750
50,000	American International Group Inc. ....	3,382,500
10,000	Ameriprise Financial Inc. ....	631,100
19,452	Argo Group International Holdings Ltd.+ ....	846,357
95,000	Aviva plc ....	1,430,559
158,600	AXA Asia Pacific Holdings Ltd. ....	1,097,724
90,000	Banco Santander SA, ADR ....	1,737,900
246	Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Cl. A+ ....	29,153,460
7,500	Calamos Asset Management Inc., Cl. A ....	211,725
310,000	Citigroup Inc. ....	14,467,700
155,000	Commerzbank AG, ADR ....	6,275,749
148,000	Deutsche Bank AG ....	19,001,720
5,000	Fortress Investment Group LLC, Cl. A ....	106,600
20,000	H&R Block Inc. ....	423,600
25,000	Interactive Brokers Group Inc., Cl. A+ ....	656,500
180,000	Janus Capital Group Inc. ....	5,090,400
52,000	JPMorgan Chase & Co. ....	2,382,640
260,000	Landesbank Berlin Holding AG ....	2,509,946
42,000	Legg Mason Inc. ....	3,540,180
133,000	Leucadia National Corp. ....	6,413,260
265,000	Marsh & McLennan Companies Inc. ....	6,757,500
65,000	Moody's Corp. ....	3,276,000
30,000	Nuveen Investments Inc., Cl. A ....	1,858,200
2,500	Prudential Financial Inc. ....	243,950
25,000	Schroders plc ....	709,448
55,000	Standard Chartered plc ....	1,800,475
80,000	State Street Corp. ....	5,452,800
20,000	SunTrust Banks Inc. ....	1,513,400
150,000	T. Rowe Price Group Inc. ....	8,353,500
5,000	The Allstate Corp. ....	285,950
146,038	The Bank of New York Mellon Corp. ....	6,446,117
2,000	The Blackstone Group LP+ ....	50,160



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44,500	The Charles Schwab Corp. ....	961,200
18,000	The Dun & Bradstreet Corp. ....	1,774,980
188,000	The Midland Co. ....	10,332,480

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### THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES		MARKET VALUE
COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED)		
FINANCIAL SERVICES (CONTINUED)		
135,000	The Phoenix Companies Inc. ....	\$ 1,904,850
80,000	The Shizuoka Bank Ltd. ....	777,260
3,000	The Travelers Companies Inc. ....	151,020
25,000	UBS AG .....	1,344,213
150,000	UniCredito Italiano SpA .....	1,283,349
100,000	Waddell & Reed Financial Inc., Cl. A .....	2,703,000
50,000	Westpac Banking Corp. ....	1,264,475
		194,541,635
ENERGY AND UTILITIES -- 7.3%		
5,000	AGL Resources Inc. ....	198,100
70,000	Allegheny Energy Inc.+ .....	3,658,200
70,000	Apache Corp. ....	6,304,200
800,000	Aquila Inc.+ .....	3,208,000
90,000	BP plc .....	1,044,991
247,000	BP plc, ADR .....	17,129,450
105,000	CH Energy Group Inc. ....	5,019,000
770,000	China Petroleum & Chemical Corp., Cl. H .....	961,776
70,000	CMS Energy Corp. ....	1,177,400
315,000	ConocoPhillips .....	27,647,550
8,000	Constellation Energy Group Inc. ....	686,320
60,000	DPL Inc. ....	1,575,600
14,000	DTE Energy Co. ....	678,160
230,000	Duke Energy Corp. ....	4,298,700
270,000	El Paso Corp. ....	4,581,900
280,000	El Paso Electric Co.+ .....	6,476,400
50,000	Energy East Corp. ....	1,352,500
80,000	Exxon Mobil Corp. ....	7,404,800
20,000	FPL Group Inc. ....	1,217,600
210,000	Halliburton Co. ....	8,064,000
32,000	Imperial Oil Ltd. ....	1,585,764
20,000	Marathon Oil Corp. ....	1,140,400
10,000	Mirant Corp.+ .....	406,800
140,000	Mirant Corp., Escrow+ (a) .....	0
2,000	Niko Resources Ltd., New York .....	195,546
1,000	Niko Resources Ltd., Toronto .....	97,773
10,000	NiSource Inc. ....	191,400
240,000	Northeast Utilities .....	6,856,800
20,000	Oceanering International Inc.+ .....	1,516,000

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2,000	PetroChina Co. Ltd., ADR .....	370,220
27,000	Petroleo Brasileiro SA, ADR .....	2,038,500
100,000	Progress Energy Inc., CVO+ (a) .....	33,000
65,000	Saipem SpA .....	2,773,175
5,000	SJW Corp. ....	170,700
20,000	Southwest Gas Corp. ....	565,800
115,000	Spectra Energy Corp. ....	2,815,200
60,000	The AES Corp.+ .....	1,202,400
SHARES/ UNITS		MARKET VALUE
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24,128	Total SA .....	\$ 1,961,783
245,000	TXU Corp. ....	16,775,150
270,000	Westar Energy Inc. ....	6,631,200
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150,012,258		
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TELECOMMUNICATIONS -- 6.4%		
10,000	Alltel Corp. ....	696,800
255,000	BCE Inc. ....	10,212,750
16,000	Bell Aliant Regional Communications Income Fund (a) (b) .....	515,397
30,000	Brasil Telecom Participacoes SA, ADR .....	2,238,600
1,700,000	BT Group plc .....	10,678,043
4,440,836	Cable & Wireless Jamaica Ltd.+ (c) .....	49,276
850,000	Cincinnati Bell Inc.+ .....	4,199,000
90,000	Citizens Communications Co. ....	1,288,800
110,000	Compania de Telecomunicaciones de Chile SA, ADR .....	905,300
168,000	Deutsche Telekom AG, ADR .....	3,297,840
5,000	France Telecom SA, ADR .....	167,200
100,000	Koninklijke KPN NV .....	1,735,373
540,000	Qwest Communications International Inc.+ .....	4,946,400
550,000	Sprint Nextel Corp. ....	10,450,000
186,554	Tele Norte Leste Participacoes SA, ADR .....	4,190,003
60,000	Tele2 AB, Cl. B .....	1,296,535
48,000	Telecom Argentina SA, ADR+ .....	1,178,400
1,470,000	Telecom Italia SpA .....	4,470,013
230,000	Telefonica SA, ADR .....	19,269,400
62,000	Telefonos de Mexico SAB de CV, Cl. L, ADR .....	2,037,940
254,000	Telephone & Data Systems Inc. ....	16,954,500
368,000	Telephone & Data Systems Inc., Special .....	22,816,000
15,000	TELUS Corp. ....	867,139
180,000	Verizon Communications Inc. ....	7,970,400
5,169	Windstream Corp. ....	72,986
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132,504,095		
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DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIAL -- 6.4%		
20,000	Acuity Brands Inc. ....	1,009,600
164,000	Ampco-Pittsburgh Corp. ....	6,458,320
155,000	Baldor Electric Co. ....	6,192,250
24,000	Bayer AG .....	1,910,308
25,000	Bouygues SA .....	2,156,383
247,000	Cooper Industries Ltd., Cl. A .....	12,619,230

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260,000	Crane Co. ....	12,472,200
77,500	CRH plc .....	3,077,721
400,000	Enodis plc .....	1,428,104

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### THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED) SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

SHARES		MARKET VALUE
COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED)		
DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIAL (CONTINUED)		
150,000	General Electric Co. ....	\$ 6,210,000
215,000	Greif Inc., Cl. A .....	13,046,200
18,000	Greif Inc., Cl. B .....	1,017,000
450,000	Honeywell International Inc. ....	26,761,500
253,000	ITT Corp. ....	17,186,290
101,000	Park-Ohio Holdings Corp.+ .....	2,620,950
1,000	Pentair Inc. ....	33,180
2,000	Sulzer AG .....	2,868,800
30,000	Technip SA .....	2,682,200
72,000	The Lamson & Sessions Co.+ .....	1,941,120
75,000	Trinity Industries Inc. ....	2,815,500
160,000	Tyco International Ltd. ....	7,094,400
		131,601,256
CABLE AND SATELLITE -- 5.3%		
1,550,000	Cablevision Systems Corp., Cl. A+ .....	54,157,000
65,000	Comcast Corp., Cl. A+ .....	1,571,700
127,500	Comcast Corp., Cl. A, Special+ .....	3,054,900
55,000	EchoStar Communications Corp., Cl. A+ .....	2,574,550
156,770	Liberty Global Inc., Cl. A+ .....	6,430,705
139,001	Liberty Global Inc., Cl. C+ .....	5,373,779
565,690	Rogers Communications Inc., Cl. B, New York .....	25,755,866
19,310	Rogers Communications Inc., Cl. B, Toronto .....	879,060
160,000	Shaw Communications Inc., Cl. B, New York .....	3,974,400
40,000	Shaw Communications Inc., Cl. B, Toronto .....	993,314
150,000	The DIRECTV Group Inc.+ .....	3,642,000
		108,407,274
HEALTH CARE -- 4.5%		
8,000	Abbott Laboratories .....	428,960
100,000	Advanced Medical Optics Inc.+ .....	3,059,000
14,046	Allergan Inc. ....	905,546
7,000	Alpharma Inc., Cl. A .....	149,520
52,000	Amgen Inc.+ .....	2,941,640

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19,146	AstraZeneca plc .....	959,662
26,000	Biogen Idec Inc.+ .....	1,724,580
150,000	Boston Scientific Corp.+ .....	2,092,500
135,000	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. ....	3,890,700
12,000	Cochlear Ltd. ....	830,135
45,000	Covidien Ltd.+ .....	1,867,500
200,000	Dade Behring Holdings Inc. ....	15,270,000
45,036	GlaxoSmithKline plc .....	1,195,100
4,000	GlaxoSmithKline plc, ADR .....	212,800
	MARKET	
SHARES	VALUE	
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30,000	Henry Schein Inc.+ .....	\$ 1,825,200
30,000	Hospira Inc.+ .....	1,243,500
40,000	Invitrogen Corp.+ .....	3,269,200
20,000	Johnson & Johnson .....	1,314,000
95,000	Merck & Co. Inc. ....	4,910,550
2,000	Nobel Biocare Holding AG .....	541,550
39,000	Novartis AG .....	2,152,244
105,000	Novartis AG, ADR .....	5,770,800
430,000	Pfizer Inc. ....	10,504,900
16,400	Roche Holding AG .....	2,973,623
10,000	Sanofi-Aventis .....	846,725
100,000	Schering-Plough Corp. ....	3,163,000
80,000	Smith & Nephew plc .....	977,985
50,000	SSL International plc .....	434,774
5,250	Straumann Holding AG .....	1,474,554
12,500	Synthes Inc. ....	1,398,969
19,000	Takeda Pharmaceutical Co. Ltd. ....	1,336,525
40,000	UnitedHealth Group Inc. ....	1,937,200
82,000	William Demant Holding A/S+ .....	7,246,504
100,000	Wyeth .....	4,455,000
3,500	Zimmer Holdings Inc.+ .....	283,465
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		93,587,911
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	CONSUMER PRODUCTS -- 4.4%	
20,000	Altadis SA .....	1,407,121
84,000	Avon Products Inc. ....	3,152,520
42,000	Christian Dior SA .....	5,374,496
15,000	Church & Dwight Co. Inc. ....	705,600
32,000	Clorox Co. ....	1,951,680
69,000	Compagnie Financiere Richemont SA, Cl. A .....	4,572,343
114,000	Energizer Holdings Inc.+ .....	12,636,900
60,000	Fortune Brands Inc. ....	4,889,400
2,000	Givaudan SA .....	1,848,400
60,000	Hanesbrands Inc.+ .....	1,683,600
32,000	Harley-Davidson Inc. ....	1,478,720
2,000	Jarden Corp.+ .....	61,880
45,000	Lenox Group Inc.+ .....	216,000
15,000	Matsushita Electric Industrial Co. Ltd., ADR .....	278,250
15,000	Mattel Inc. ....	351,900
21,000	National Presto Industries Inc. ....	1,113,000
2,500	Nintendo Co. Ltd. ....	1,301,528
10,000	Oil-Dri Corp. of America .....	184,000
300,000	Procter & Gamble Co. ....	21,102,000
60,000	Reckitt Benckiser plc .....	3,525,657
30,000	Svenska Cellulosa	

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	Aktiebolaget, Cl. B .....	559,814
1,000,000	Swedish Match AB .....	20,794,215
37,500	The Swatch Group AG .....	2,401,224
		91,590,248
		91,590,248

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SHARES		MARKET VALUE
	COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED)	
	ENTERTAINMENT -- 4.3%	
100,000	Aruze Corp. ....	\$ 4,457,406
32,000	Canal+ Groupe .....	356,372
2,002	Chestnut Hill Ventures+ (a) .....	91,115
269,000	Discovery Holding Co., Cl. A+ .....	7,760,650
3,000	DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc., Cl. A+ .....	100,260
79,500	EMI Group plc, ADR .....	830,775
600,603	Gemstar-TV Guide International Inc.+ .....	4,180,197
615,000	Grupo Televisa SA, ADR .....	14,864,550
125	Live Nation Inc.+ .....	2,656
43,000	Pinnacle Entertainment Inc.+ .....	1,170,890
100,000	Publishing and Broadcasting Ltd. ....	1,748,081
1,150,000	Rank Group plc .....	3,805,805
12,000	Regal Entertainment Group, Cl. A .....	263,400
75,000	Six Flags Inc.+ .....	259,500
75,000	The Walt Disney Co. ....	2,579,250
810,000	Time Warner Inc. ....	14,871,600
90,000	Tokyo Broadcasting System Inc. ....	2,522,962
20,200	Triple Crown Media Inc.+ .....	124,634
365,000	Viacom Inc., Cl. A+ .....	14,216,750
333,900	Vivendi .....	14,093,228
		88,300,081
	PUBLISHING -- 3.8%	
100,000	Dow Jones & Co. Inc. ....	5,970,000
9,000	Idearc Inc. ....	283,230
348,266	Independent News & Media plc .....	1,296,146
20,000	McClatchy Co., Cl. A .....	399,600
320,000	Media General Inc., Cl. A .....	8,803,200
122,000	Meredith Corp. ....	6,990,600
1,570,000	News Corp., Cl. A .....	34,524,300
20,000	News Corp., Cl. B .....	467,800
63,666	PRIMEDIA Inc. ....	893,871
261,319	SCMP Group Ltd. ....	87,399
66,585	Seat Pagine Gialle SpA .....	37,124
160,000	The E.W. Scripps Co., Cl. A .....	6,720,000

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182,000	The McGraw-Hill Companies Inc. ....	9,265,620
55,000	The New York Times Co., Cl. A .....	1,086,800
19,030	Tribune Co. ....	519,900
		77,345,590
	EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES -- 3.3%	
265,000	AMETEK Inc. ....	11,453,300
4,000	Amphenol Corp., Cl. A .....	159,040
50,000	Assa Abloy AB, Cl. B .....	1,037,771
94,000	CIRCOR International Inc. ....	4,268,540
194,900	Donaldson Co. Inc. ....	8,139,024
		MARKET
		VALUE
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		\$
60,000	Fedders Corp.+ .....	2,760
110,000	Flowserve Corp. ....	8,379,800
23,000	Franklin Electric Co. Inc. ....	945,530
90,000	Gerber Scientific Inc.+ .....	976,500
75,000	GrafTech International Ltd.+ .....	1,338,000
315,000	IDEX Corp. ....	11,462,850
40,000	Ingersoll-Rand Co. Ltd., Cl. A .....	2,178,800
103,000	Lufkin Industries Inc. ....	5,667,060
11,000	Mueller Industries Inc. ....	397,540
2,000	Sealed Air Corp. ....	51,120
70,000	Tenaris SA, ADR .....	3,683,400
4,000	The Manitowoc Co. Inc. ....	177,120
100,000	The Weir Group plc .....	1,686,922
190,000	Watts Water Technologies Inc., Cl. A .....	5,833,000
		67,838,077
	AVIATION: PARTS AND SERVICES -- 3.0%	
370,000	Curtiss-Wright Corp. ....	17,575,000
200,000	GenCorp Inc.+ .....	2,392,000
100,000	Precision Castparts Corp. ....	14,798,000
73,000	Sequa Corp., Cl. A+ .....	12,101,940
84,600	Sequa Corp., Cl. B+ .....	14,085,900
220,000	The Fairchild Corp., Cl. A+ .....	440,000
		61,392,840
	AUTOMOTIVE: PARTS AND ACCESSORIES -- 2.4%	
1,000	BERU AG .....	104,094
43,000	BorgWarner Inc. ....	3,935,790
182,000	CLARCOR Inc. ....	6,226,220
230,000	Dana Corp.+ .....	44,850
82,500	Earl Scheib Inc.+ .....	309,375
340,000	Genuine Parts Co. ....	17,000,000
70,000	Johnson Controls Inc. ....	8,267,700
130,000	Midas Inc.+ .....	2,453,100
317,500	Modine Manufacturing Co. ....	8,451,850
180,000	Proliance International Inc.+ .....	379,800
175,000	Standard Motor Products Inc. ....	1,645,000
35,000	Superior Industries International Inc. ....	759,150
		49,576,929
	HOTELS AND GAMING -- 2.1%	

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1,200	Accor SA .....	106,535
190,000	Gaylord Entertainment Co.+ .....	10,111,800
70,000	Harrah's Entertainment Inc. ....	6,085,100
20,000	Home Inns & Hotels Management Inc., ADR+ .....	696,000
46,160	InterContinental Hotels Group plc .....	916,570
1,294,116	Ladbrokes plc .....	11,431,676
6,000	Las Vegas Sands Corp.+ .....	800,520

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SHARES		MARKET VALUE
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	COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED)	
	HOTELS AND GAMING (CONTINUED)	
3,761,000	Mandarin Oriental International Ltd. ....	\$ 8,462,250
14,000	MGM Mirage+ .....	1,252,160
16,000	Orient-Express Hotels Ltd., Cl. A .....	820,320
34,000	Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc. ....	2,065,500
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		42,748,431
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	BROADCASTING -- 2.1%	
95,000	British Sky Broadcasting Group plc .....	1,350,867
415,000	CBS Corp., Cl. A .....	13,076,650
6,143	Citadel Broadcasting Corp. ....	25,555
300,000	Clear Channel Communications Inc. ....	11,232,000
2,000	Cogeco Inc. ....	76,007
13,333	Corus Entertainment Inc., Cl. B, New York .....	633,051
3,333	Corus Entertainment Inc., Cl. B, Toronto .....	157,795
120,000	Gray Television Inc. ....	1,018,800
27,000	Gray Television Inc., Cl. A .....	231,930
77,000	Liberty Media Corp. - Capital, Cl. A+ .....	9,611,910
85,000	Lin TV Corp., Cl. A+ .....	1,105,850
120,000	Mediaset SpA .....	1,238,860
29,000	Modern Times Group MTG AB, Cl. B .....	1,872,100
100,000	Television Broadcasts Ltd. ....	600,732
110,000	Young Broadcasting Inc., Cl. A+ .....	242,000
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		42,474,107
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	MACHINERY -- 1.7%	
20,000	Caterpillar Inc. ....	1,568,600
220,000	Deere & Co. ....	32,652,400
8,000	SMC Corp. ....	1,095,547
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		35,316,547

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SHARES		MARKET VALUE
BUSINESS SERVICES -- 1.5%		
7,050	ACCO Brands Corp.+ .....	158,202
18,000	Avis Budget Group Inc.+ .....	412,020
30,500	Canon Inc. ....	1,664,867
1,000	CheckFree Corp.+ .....	46,540
20,000	ChoicePoint Inc.+ .....	758,400
101,300	Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings Inc., Cl. A+ .....	2,583,150
186,554	Contax Participacoes SA, ADR .....	275,783
200,000	G4S plc .....	826,582
57,000	Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd. ....	1,630,200
94,000	Landauer Inc. ....	4,790,240
110,000	MasterCard Inc., Cl. A .....	16,276,700
31,431,021		
CONSUMER SERVICES -- 1.5%		
200,000	IAC/InterActiveCorp+ .....	5,934,000
265,131	Liberty Media Corp. - Interactive, Cl. A+ .....	5,093,166
760,000	Rollins Inc. ....	20,284,400
31,311,566		
SPECIALTY CHEMICALS -- 1.5%		
40,000	Ashland Inc. ....	2,408,400
5,400	Ciba Specialty Chemicals AG, ADR .....	137,172
20,000	E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Co. ....	991,200
350,000	Ferro Corp. ....	6,993,000
4,000	FMC Corp. ....	208,080
50,000	H.B. Fuller Co. ....	1,484,000
165,000	Hercules Inc. ....	3,468,300
70,000	International Flavors & Fragrances Inc. ....	3,700,200
230,000	Omnova Solutions Inc.+ .....	1,329,400
275,000	Sensient Technologies Corp. ....	7,939,250
15,000	Syngenta AG, ADR .....	649,950
165,000	Tokai Carbon Co. Ltd. ....	1,870,283
4,032	Tronox Inc., Cl. B .....	36,409
31,215,644		
AEROSPACE -- 1.5%		
105,000	Boeing Co. ....	11,023,950
10,000	Lockheed Martin Corp. ....	1,084,900
80,000	Northrop Grumman Corp. ....	6,240,000
1,200,000	Rolls-Royce Group plc+ .....	12,828,382
31,177,232		
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT -- 1.5%		
10,000	Andrew Corp.+ .....	138,500
480,000	Corning Inc. ....	11,832,000
90,000	Motorola Inc. ....	1,667,700



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195,000	Nortel Networks Corp.+ .....	3,311,100
240,000	Thomas & Betts Corp.+ .....	14,073,600
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		31,022,900
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	METALS AND MINING -- 1.5%	
70,000	Alcan Inc. ....	7,005,600
22,000	Alcoa Inc. ....	860,640
30,030	Anglo American plc .....	2,020,801
89,148	Barrick Gold Corp. ....	3,590,882
280,000	Consolidated Minerals Ltd. ....	1,219,930

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SHARES		MARKET VALUE
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	COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED)	
	METALS AND MINING (CONTINUED)	
52,500	Harmony Gold Mining Co. Ltd.+ .....	\$ 621,758
35,000	Harmony Gold Mining Co. Ltd., ADR+ .....	416,850
75,000	Ivanhoe Mines Ltd.+ .....	978,750
52,000	New Hope Corp. Ltd. ....	110,741
155,000	Newmont Mining Corp. ....	6,933,150
23,000	Rio Tinto plc .....	1,989,606
69,666	Xstrata plc .....	4,623,875
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		30,372,583
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	WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS -- 1.2%	
98,000	America Movil SAB de CV, Cl. L, ADR .....	6,272,000
65,000	China Mobile Ltd. ....	1,064,402
8,000	Clearwire Corp., Cl. A+ .....	195,520
2,000	NTT DoCoMo Inc. ....	2,855,526
3,340	Tele Norte Celular Participacoes SA, ADR+ .....	48,263
8,350	Telemig Celular Participacoes SA, ADR .....	489,310
32,165	Tim Participacoes SA, ADR .....	1,304,612
100,000	United States Cellular Corp.+ .....	9,820,000
270	Vivo Participacoes SA+ .....	2,192
174,122	Vivo Participacoes SA, ADR .....	863,645
5,845	Vivo Participacoes SA, Preference .....	28,412
70,000	Vodafone Group plc, ADR .....	2,541,000
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		25,484,882
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	ELECTRONICS -- 1.1%	
5,000	Advanced Micro Devices Inc.+ .....	66,000
13,000	Fanuc Ltd. ....	1,325,295

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5,000	Hitachi Ltd., ADR .....	330,700
180,000	Intel Corp. ....	4,654,800
4,920	Keyence Corp. ....	1,092,239
80,000	LSI Corp.+ .....	593,600
20,000	Molex Inc., Cl. A .....	507,200
7,500	NEC Corp., ADR .....	36,386
38,000	Royal Philips Electronics NV .....	1,707,720
265,000	Texas Instruments Inc. ....	9,696,350
62,000	Tyco Electronics Ltd. ....	2,196,660
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		22,206,950
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	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES -- 1.1%	
97,500	Republic Services Inc. ....	3,189,225
500,000	Waste Management Inc. ....	18,870,000
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		22,059,225
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		MARKET
		VALUE
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	SHARES	
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	AGRICULTURE -- 1.0%	
490,000	Archer-Daniels-Midland Co. ....	\$ 16,209,200
30,000	Monsanto Co. ....	2,572,200
30,000	The Mosaic Co.+ .....	1,605,600
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		20,387,000
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	AUTOMOTIVE -- 0.7%	
50,000	General Motors Corp. ....	1,835,000
125,000	Navistar International Corp.+ .....	7,712,500
64,500	PACCAR Inc. ....	5,498,625
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		15,046,125
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	RETAIL -- 0.7%	
100,000	AutoNation Inc.+ .....	1,772,000
4,000	AutoZone Inc.+ .....	464,560
27,000	Coldwater Creek Inc.+ .....	293,220
40,000	Costco Wholesale Corp. ....	2,454,800
25,000	CVS Caremark Corp. ....	990,750
10,108	Denny's Corp.+ .....	40,432
21,500	Hennes & Mauritz AB, Cl. B .....	1,362,913
20,000	Macy's Inc. ....	646,400
27,000	Next plc .....	1,084,950
50,000	Sally Beauty Holdings Inc.+ .....	422,500
39,800	Seven & I Holdings Co. Ltd. ....	1,023,889
20,000	SUPERVALU Inc. ....	780,200
30,000	The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. Inc.+ .....	913,800
10,000	Whole Foods Market Inc. ....	489,600
73,000	Woolworths Ltd. ....	1,924,513
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		14,664,527
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	TRANSPORTATION -- 0.6%	
100,000	AMR Corp.+ .....	2,229,000
70,000	Asciano Group+ .....	557,168
165,000	GATX Corp. ....	7,053,750
15,000	Grupo TMM SA, Cl. A, ADR+ .....	47,400

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50,000	Laidlaw International Inc. ....	1,761,000
70,000	Toll Holdings Ltd. ....	814,322
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		12,462,640
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	REAL ESTATE -- 0.4%	
70,000	Cheung Kong (Holdings) Ltd. ....	1,154,383
55,500	Griffin Land & Nurseries Inc.+ ....	2,026,860
140,000	Guangzhou R&F Properties Co. Ltd., Cl. H ....	660,934
150,000	The St. Joe Co. ....	5,041,500
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		8,883,677
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SHARES		MARKET VALUE
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	COMMON STOCKS (CONTINUED)	
	CLOSED-END FUNDS -- 0.4%	
31,500	Royce Value Trust Inc. ....	\$ 608,580
104,000	The Central Europe and Russia Fund Inc. ....	5,825,040
70,000	The New Germany Fund Inc. ....	1,230,600
		-----
		7,664,220
		-----
	COMPUTER SOFTWARE AND SERVICES -- 0.3%	
10,000	Check Point Software Technologies Ltd.+ ....	251,800
24,100	Square Enix Co. Ltd. ....	797,284
25,256	Telecom Italia Media SpA+ ....	9,849
165,000	Yahoo! Inc.+ ....	4,428,600
2,000	Yahoo! Japan Corp. ....	757,411
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		6,244,944
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	PAPER AND FOREST PRODUCTS -- 0.2%	
112,000	Pactiv Corp.+ ....	3,209,920
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	MANUFACTURED HOUSING AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES -- 0.2%	
70,000	Champion Enterprises Inc.+ ....	768,600
50,000	Fleetwood Enterprises Inc.+ ....	427,500
31,000	Huttig Building Products Inc.+ ....	166,780
7,000	Martin Marietta Materials Inc. ....	934,850
10,000	Nobility Homes Inc. ....	190,000
20,000	Skyline Corp. ....	601,600
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		3,089,330

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	REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUSTS -- 0.1%	
2,000	Camden Property Trust .....	128,500
2,187	Prosperity REIT .....	464
24,984	Rayonier Inc. ....	1,200,232
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		1,329,196
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS .....	-----
		1,960,793,977
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	CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS -- 0.2%	
	AEROSPACE -- 0.1%	
13,500	Northrop Grumman Corp., 7.000% Cv. Pfd., Ser. B .....	1,950,075
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		MARKET
SHARES		VALUE
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	TELECOMMUNICATIONS -- 0.1%	
25,000	Cincinnati Bell Inc., 6.750% Cv. Pfd., Ser. B .....	\$ 1,137,250
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	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS .....	3,087,325
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	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	
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	CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS -- 0.1%	
	AUTOMOTIVE: PARTS AND ACCESSORIES -- 0.1%	
\$ 1,000,000	Standard Motor Products Inc., Sub. Deb. Cv., 6.750%, 07/15/09 .....	957,500
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	AEROSPACE -- 0.0%	
605,000	Kaman Corp., Sub. Deb. Cv., 6.000%, 03/15/12 .....	894,644
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	CONSUMER PRODUCTS -- 0.0%	
1,000,000	Pillowtex Corp., Sub. Deb. Cv., 9.000%, 12/15/07 (a) .....	0
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	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS .....	1,852,144
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	SHARES	
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	WARRANTS -- 0.0%	
	ENERGY AND UTILITIES -- 0.0%	
12,183	Mirant Corp., Ser. A, expire 01/03/11+ .....	258,889
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	PRINCIPAL AMOUNT	
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	SHORT-TERM OBLIGATIONS -- 4.4%	
	REPURCHASE AGREEMENTS -- 4.1%	
\$51,580,000	Barclays Capital Inc., 3.900%, dated 09/28/07, due 10/01/07, proceeds at maturity, \$51,596,764 (d) .....	51,580,000
33,000,000	Daiwa Securities America Inc., 3.850%, dated 09/28/07, due 10/01/07, proceeds at maturity, \$33,010,588 (e) .....	33,000,000
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		84,580,000
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See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.

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THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC.  
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 (UNAUDITED)

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT		MARKET VALUE
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	SHORT-TERM OBLIGATIONS (CONTINUED)	
	U.S. TREASURY BILLS -- 0.3%	
\$ 5,500,000	U.S. Treasury Bills, 3.684% to 4.065%+, 12/27/07 to 03/20/08 (f) .....	\$ 5,421,826
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	TOTAL SHORT-TERM OBLIGATIONS .....	90,001,826
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TOTAL INVESTMENTS -- 100.0%		
(Cost \$1,418,283,991) .....		\$2,055,994,161
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	Aggregate book cost .....	\$1,418,283,991
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	Gross unrealized appreciation .....	\$ 703,533,342
	Gross unrealized depreciation .....	(65,823,172)
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	Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) .....	\$ 637,710,170
		=====
NUMBER OF CONTRACTS	EXPIRATION DATE	UNREALIZED DEPRECIATION
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	FUTURES CONTRACTS -- SHORT POSITION	
250	S & P 500 Index Futures .....	\$ (2,512,500)
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- (a) Security fair valued under procedures established by the Board of Directors. The procedures may include reviewing available financial information about the company and reviewing valuation of comparable securities and other factors on a regular basis. At September 30, 2007, the market value of fair valued securities amounted to \$639,512 or 0.03% of total investments.
- (b) 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 September 30, 2007, the market value of the Rule 144A security amounted to \$515,397 or 0.03% of total investments.
- (c) At September 30, 2007, the Fund held an investment in a restricted security amounting to \$49,276 or 0.00% of total investments, which was valued under methods approved by the Board as follows:

ACQUISITION SHARES	ISSUER	ACQUISITION DATE	ACQUISITION COST	09/30/07 CARRYING VALUE PER UNIT
4,440,836	Cable & Wireless Jamaica Ltd. ....	03/29/01	\$101,639	\$0.0111

- (d) Collateralized by \$49,285,000 U.S. Treasury Bond, 5.25%, due 11/15/28, market value \$52,611,600.
- (e) Collateralized by \$10,347,000 and \$23,000,000 U.S. Treasury Notes, 4.875% and 3.375%, due 10/31/08 and 10/15/09, market value \$10,631,543 and \$23,028,075, respectively.
- (f) At September 30, 2007, \$5,500,000 of the principal amount was pledged as collateral for futures contracts.

+ Non-income producing security.

++ Represents annualized yield at date of purchase.

ADR American Depository Receipt

CVO Contingent Value Obligation

GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSIFICATION	% OF MARKET VALUE	MARKET VALUE
North America .....	76.6%	\$1,574,024,705
Europe .....	16.3	335,712,241
Latin America .....	3.1	64,409,265
Japan .....	2.7	56,163,182
Asia/Pacific .....	1.2	24,646,160
South Africa .....	0.1	1,038,608
	100.0%	\$2,055,994,161

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See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.

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### THE GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC. NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (UNAUDITED)

1. 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.

Portfolio securities primarily traded on a foreign market are generally valued at the preceding closing values of such securities on the relevant market, but may be fair valued pursuant to procedures established by the Board if market conditions change significantly after the close of the foreign market but prior to the close of business on the day the securities are being valued. Debt instruments with remaining maturities of 60 days or less that are not credit impaired are valued at amortized cost, unless the Board determines such amount does not reflect the securities' fair value, in which case these securities will be fair valued as determined by the Board. Debt instruments having a maturity greater than 60 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. 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.

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### 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.

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WHAT KIND OF NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION DO WE COLLECT ABOUT YOU IF YOU BECOME A 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.

- o 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.
- o 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.

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

	Common	5.875% Preferred	6.20% Preferred
NYSE-Symbol:	GAB	GAB PrD	GAB PrF
Shares Outstanding:	170,948,248	2,949,700	6,000,000

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

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"General Equity Funds."

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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 shares of its common stock 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 shares of its Series D and Series F Cumulative Preferred Stock in the open market when the shares are trading at a discount to the Liquidation Value of \$25.00.  
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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.

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

Date November 29, 2007  
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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  
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Bruce N. Alpert, Principal Executive Officer

Date November 29, 2007  
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By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ Agnes Mullady  
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Agnes Mullady,  
Principal Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date November 29, 2007  
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\* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.