

ATTENTION: IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION!
2000 DISTRIBUTION BREAKDOWN
Common Stock

To All Shareholders:

Set forth below is the allocation of net investment income, short-term capital gains and long-term capital gains for the 2000 distributions of the Common Shares of The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.

If there are any questions, please contact Carter Austin at (914) 921-5070.

		\$ PER SHARE				
		1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	TOTAL
Record Date		03/17/00	06/16/00	09/15/00	12/15/00	
Payment Date		03/27/00	06/26/00	09/25/00	12/26/00	
SOURCE						
	Net Investment Income (a)	\$0.0084	\$0.0084	\$0.0084	\$0.0153	\$0.0407
	Short-Term Capital Gains (a)	\$0.0319	\$0.0319	\$0.0319	\$0.0592	\$0.1550
	Long-Term Capital Gains (b)	\$0.2296	\$0.2296	\$0.2296	\$0.4255	\$1.1144
	TOTAL	\$0.2700	\$0.2700	\$0.2700	\$0.5000	\$1.3100

		PERCENTAGES				
		1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	TOTAL
	Net Investment Income (a)	3.1275%	3.1275%	3.1275%	3.1275%	3.1275%
	Short-Term Capital Gains (a)	11.8265%	11.8265%	11.8265%	11.8265%	11.8265%
	Long-Term Capital Gains (b)	85.0460%	85.0460%	85.0460%	85.0460%	85.0460%
	TOTAL	100.0000%	100.0000%	100.0000%	100.0000%	100.0000%

100% of the long-term capital gains paid by the Gabelli Equity Trust in 2000 was classified as "20% Rate Gains" subject to a maximum tax rate of 20% (or 10% depending on an individual's tax bracket). Capital gain distributions are reported in box 2a of Form 1099-DIV.

Corporate Dividends Received Deduction and U.S. Government Securities Income:

The percentage of the ordinary income paid by the Gabelli Equity Trust in 2000 that qualifies for the dividends received deduction available to corporations is 52.69%. The percentage of the ordinary income paid by the Gabelli Equity Trust in 2000 that was derived from U.S. Government Securities was 3.47%. The percentage of U.S. Government Securities held as of December 31, 2000 was 3.85%. (c)

- (a) Distributions from net investment income and short-term capital gains are taxable as ordinary income and will appear on your Form 1099-DIV under Ordinary Dividends.
- (b) Taxable as long-term capital gains reportable in column (f), line 13 on Form 1040, Schedule D. Since there were no retained capital gains in 2000, Form 2439 will not be necessary.
- (c) Certain states require that 50% of the Fund's portfolio be invested in U.S. Government Securities at the end of each calendar quarter to allow "pass-through" treatment of income derived from U.S. Government Securities. The Trust did not meet this strict requirement in 2000.