

GAMCO GLOBAL SERIES FUNDS, INC.
The GAMCO Global Telecommunications Fund
The GAMCO Global Growth Fund
The GAMCO Global Opportunity Fund
The GAMCO Global Convertible Securities Fund

Statement of Additional Information

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This Statement of Additional Information (the "SAI"), which is not a prospectus, describes

- The GAMCO Global Telecommunications Fund (the "Global Telecommunications Fund")
- The GAMCO Global Growth Fund (the "Global Growth Fund")
- The GAMCO Global Opportunity Fund (the "Global Opportunity Fund")
- The GAMCO Global Convertible Securities Fund (the "Global Convertible Securities Fund")

(each a "Fund" and collectively the "Funds") which are series of the GAMCO Global Series Funds, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Corporation"). This SAI should be read in conjunction with the Funds' Prospectuses for Class A Shares, Class B Shares, Class C Shares, and Class I Shares and Class AAA Shares, each dated April 30, 2009. This SAI is incorporated by reference in its entirety into the Funds' Prospectuses. For a free copy of the Prospectuses, please contact the Funds at the address, telephone number, or Internet website printed below. Portions of the Fund's annual report to shareholders are incorporated by reference into this SAI.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

The Corporation is an open-end management investment company and was organized as a Maryland Corporation on July 16, 1993. Each Fund of the Corporation is non-diversified, which means each Fund has the ability to invest a larger portion of its assets in a single issuer than would be the case if it were diversified.

INVESTMENT STRATEGIES AND RISKS

The Funds' Prospectuses discuss the investment objectives of the Funds and the principal strategies to be employed to achieve those objectives. This SAI contains supplemental information concerning certain types of securities and other instruments in which the Funds may invest, additional strategies that the Funds may utilize and certain risks associated with such investments and strategies.

Equity Securities

Because each Fund in seeking to achieve its respective investment objective may invest in the common stocks of both domestic and foreign issuers, an investment in a Fund should be made with an understanding of the risks inherent in any investment in common stocks, including the risk that the financial condition of the issuers of each Fund's portfolio securities may become impaired or that the general condition of the stock market may worsen (both of which may contribute directly to a decrease in the value of the securities and thus in the value of a Fund's Shares). Additional risks include risks associated with the right to receive payments from the issuer which is generally inferior to the rights of creditors of, or holders of debt obligations or preferred stock issued by, the issuer.

Moreover, common stocks do not represent an obligation of the issuer and therefore do not offer any assurance of income or provide the degree of protection of debt securities. The issuance of debt securities or even preferred stock by an issuer will create prior claims for payment of principal, interest, and dividends which could adversely affect the ability and inclination of the issuer to declare or pay dividends on its common stock or the economic interest of holders of common stock with respect to assets of the issuer upon liquidation or bankruptcy. Further, unlike debt securities which typically have a stated principal amount payable at maturity (which value will be subject to market fluctuations prior thereto), common stocks have neither a fixed principal amount nor a maturity and have values which are subject to market fluctuations for as long as the common stocks remain outstanding. Common stocks are especially susceptible to general stock market movements and to volatile increases and decreases in value as market confidence in and perceptions of the issuer's change. These perceptions are based on unpredictable factors including expectations regarding government, economic, monetary and fiscal policies, inflation and interest rates, economic expansion or contraction, and global or regional political, economic, or banking crises. The value of the common stocks in each Fund's portfolio thus may be expected to fluctuate.

Preferred stocks are usually entitled to rights on liquidation, which are senior to those of common stocks. For these reasons, preferred stocks generally entail less risk than common stocks. Such securities may pay cumulative dividends. Because the dividend rate is pre-established, and as they are senior to common stocks, such securities tend to have less possibility of capital appreciation.

Some of the securities in each of the Funds may be in the form of depository receipts. Depository receipts usually represent common stock or other equity securities of non-U.S. issuers deposited with a custodian in a depository. The underlying securities can be withdrawn at any time by surrendering the depository receipt. Depository receipts are usually denominated in U.S. dollars and dividends and other payments from the issuer are converted by the custodian into U.S. dollars before payment to receipt holders. In other respects, depository receipts for foreign securities have the same characteristics as the underlying

securities. Depository receipts that are not sponsored by the issuer may be less liquid and there may be less readily available public information about the issuer.

Nonconvertible Fixed Income Securities

The category of fixed income securities which are not convertible or exchangeable for common stock includes preferred stocks, bonds, debentures, notes, asset and mortgage-backed securities, and money market instruments such as commercial paper and bankers acceptances. There is no minimum credit rating for these securities in which each of the Funds may invest.

Up to 25% of each Fund's assets may be invested in lower-quality debt securities although each Fund does not expect to invest more than 10% of its assets in such securities. The foregoing limitations do not apply to the Global Convertible Securities Fund, which may invest in lower quality securities without limit. The market values of lower-quality fixed income securities tend to be less sensitive to changes in prevailing interest rates than higher-quality securities but more sensitive to individual corporate developments than higher-quality securities. Such lower-quality securities also tend to be more sensitive to economic conditions than are higher-quality securities. Accordingly, these lower-quality securities are considered predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of the obligation and will generally involve more credit risk than securities in the higher-quality categories. Even securities rated Baa or BBB by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") and Standard & Poors Ratings Services ("S&P"), a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., respectively, which ratings are considered investment grade, possess some speculative characteristics. There are risks involved in applying credit ratings as a method for evaluating high yield obligations in that credit ratings evaluate the safety of principal and interest payments, not market value risk. In addition, credit rating agencies may not change credit ratings on a timely basis to reflect changes in economic or company conditions that affect a security's market value. Each of the Funds will rely on the judgment, analysis, and experience of the portfolio management team of Gabelli Funds, LLC (the "Adviser") in evaluating the creditworthiness of an issuer. In this evaluation, the Adviser will take into consideration, among other things, the issuer's financial resources and ability to cover its interest and fixed charges, factors relating to the issuer's industry and its sensitivity to economic conditions and trends, its operating history, the quality of the issuer's management, and regulatory matters.

The risk of loss due to default by the issuer is significantly greater for the holders of lower-quality securities because such securities are generally unsecured and are often subordinated to other obligations of the issuer. During an economic downturn or a sustained period of rising interest rates, highly leveraged issuers of lower-quality securities may experience financial stress and may not have sufficient revenues to meet their interest payment obligations. An issuer's ability to service its debt obligations may also be adversely affected by specific corporate developments, its inability to meet specific projected business forecasts, or the unavailability of additional financing.

Factors adversely affecting the market value of high yield and other securities will adversely affect each Fund's net asset value per share ("NAV"). In addition, each Fund may incur additional expenses to the extent it is required to seek recovery upon a default in the payment of principal or interest on its portfolio holdings.

From time to time, proposals have been discussed regarding new legislation designed to limit the use of certain high yield debt securities by issuers in connection with leveraged buy-outs, mergers, and acquisitions, or to limit the deductibility of interest payments on such securities. Such proposals, if enacted into law, could reduce the market for such debt securities generally, could negatively affect the financial condition of issuers of high yield securities by removing or reducing a source of future financing, and could negatively affect the value of specific high-yield issues and the high yield market in general. For example, under a provision of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), a corporate

issuer may be limited from deducting all of the original issue discount on high-yield discount obligations (i.e., certain types of debt securities issued at a significant discount to their face amount). The likelihood of passage of any additional legislation or the effect thereof is uncertain.

The secondary trading market for lower-quality fixed income securities is generally not as liquid as the secondary market for higher-quality securities and is very thin for some securities. The relative lack of an active secondary market may have an adverse impact on market price and each Fund's ability to dispose of particular issues when necessary to meet liquidity needs or in response to a specific economic event such as a deterioration in the creditworthiness of the issuer. The relative lack of an active secondary market for certain securities may also make it more difficult for each Fund to obtain accurate market quotations for purposes of valuing their respective portfolios. Market quotations are generally available on many high yield issues only from a limited number of dealers and may not necessarily represent firm bids of such dealers or prices for actual sales. During such times, the responsibility of the Board of Directors of the Corporation (the "Board") to value the securities becomes more difficult and judgment plays a greater role in valuation because there is less reliable, objective data available.

Convertible Securities

Each of the Global Telecommunications Fund, the Global Growth Fund, and the Global Opportunity Fund may invest up to 25% of its assets in convertible securities rated, at the time of investment, less than BBB by S&P or Baa by Moody's or are unrated but of equivalent credit quality in the judgment of the Adviser. The Global Convertible Securities Fund may invest in such securities without limit. See "Lower Rated Securities."

Some of the convertible securities in each Fund's portfolio may be "Pay-In-Kind" securities. During a designated period from original issuance, the issuer of such a security may pay dividends or interest to the holder by issuing additional fully paid and non-assessable shares or units of the same or another specified security.

Sovereign Debt Securities

Each Fund may invest in securities issued or guaranteed by any country and denominated in any currency. Each Fund (other than the Global Convertible Securities Fund) expects that it generally will invest in developed countries including Australia, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Japan, Italy, New Zealand, Norway, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States. The obligations of governmental entities have various kinds of government support and include obligations issued or guaranteed by governmental entities with taxing power. These obligations may or may not be supported by the full faith and credit of a government. Debt securities issued or guaranteed by foreign governmental entities have credit characteristics similar to those of domestic debt securities but include additional risks. These additional risks include those resulting from devaluation of currencies, future adverse political and economic developments, and other foreign governmental laws. The Global Convertible Securities Fund may invest in securities issued by undeveloped or emerging market countries, such as those in Latin America, Eastern Europe, and much of Southeast Asia. These securities are generally not considered investment grade and have risks similar to those of other debt securities rated less than investment grade. Such securities are regarded as predominantly speculative with respect to an issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of the obligations and involve risk exposure to adverse conditions. (See "Nonconvertible Fixed Income Securities.")

Each Fund may also purchase securities issued by semi-governmental or supranational agencies such as the Asian Development Bank, the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the Export-Import Bank, and the European Investment Bank. The governmental members, or "stockholders," usually make initial capital contributions to the supranational entity and in many cases are committed to make additional

capital contributions if the supranational entity is unable to repay its borrowings. Each Fund will not invest more than 25% of its assets in the securities of such supranational entities.

Securities Subject To Reorganization

Each Fund may invest in securities for which a tender or exchange offer has been made or announced and in securities of companies for which a merger, consolidation, liquidation or reorganization proposal has been announced if, in the judgment of the Fund's portfolio management team, there is a reasonable prospect of high total return significantly greater than the brokerage and other transaction expenses involved.

In general, securities which are the subject of such an offer or proposal sell at a premium to their historic market price immediately prior to the announcement of the offer or may also discount what the stated or appraised value of the security would be if the contemplated transaction were approved or consummated.

Such investments may be advantageous when the discount significantly overstates the risk of the contingencies involved; significantly undervalues the securities, assets or cash to be received by shareholders of the prospective portfolio company as a result of the contemplated transaction; or fails adequately to recognize the possibility that the offer or proposal may be replaced or superseded by an offer or proposal of greater value. The evaluation of such contingencies requires unusually broad knowledge and experience on the part of the portfolio management team which must appraise not only the value of the issuer and its component businesses as well as the assets or securities to be received as a result of the contemplated transaction but also the financial resources and business motivation of the offer and the dynamics and business climate when the offer or proposal is in process. Since such investments are ordinarily short-term in nature, they will tend to increase the turnover ratio of the Funds thereby increasing its brokerage and other transaction expenses. The portfolio management team intends to select investments of the type described which, in its view, have a reasonable prospect of capital appreciation which is significant in relation to both the risk involved and the potential of available alternate investments.

Lower Rated Securities

Securities which are not investment grade are viewed by rating agencies as being predominantly speculative in character and are characterized by substantial risk concerning payments of interest and principal, sensitivity to economic conditions and changes in interest rates, as well as by market price volatility and/or relative lack of secondary market trading among other risks and may involve major risk exposure to adverse conditions or be in default. However, each Fund does not expect to invest more than 5% of its assets in securities which are in default at the time of investment and will invest in such securities only when the Adviser expects that the securities will appreciate in value. There is no minimum rating of securities in which each Fund may invest. Securities rated less than BBB by S&P or Baa by Moody's or comparable unrated securities are typically referred to as "junk bonds."

Lower rated securities are less sensitive to interest rate changes than other fixed income investments but are more sensitive to broad economic changes and individual corporate developments. The high yield securities market is relatively new and periods of economic change can be expected to result in increased market price volatility. As lower rated securities may be traded by a smaller number of broker-dealers, it may be more difficult for the Board to value these securities and the Board's judgment will play a greater role as less reliable, objective data is available.

Options

Each Fund may purchase or sell options on individual securities as well as on indices of securities as a means of achieving additional return or for hedging the value of its portfolio.

A call option is a contract that gives the holder of the option the right, in return for a premium paid, to buy from the seller the security underlying the option at a specified exercise price at any time during the term of the option or, in some cases, only at the end of the term of the option. The seller of the call option has the obligation, upon exercise of the option, to deliver the underlying security upon payment of the exercise price. A put option is a contract that gives the holder of the option the right, in return for a premium, to sell to the seller the underlying security at a specified price. The seller of the put option, on the other hand, has the obligation to buy the underlying security upon exercise at the exercise price. A Fund's transactions in options may be subject to specific segregation requirements. See "Hedging Transactions".

If a Fund has sold an option, it may terminate its obligation by effecting a closing purchase transaction. This is accomplished by purchasing an option of the same series as the option previously sold. There can be no assurance that a closing purchase transaction can be effected when the Fund so desires.

The purchaser of an option risks a total loss of the premium paid for the option if the price of the underlying security does not increase or decrease sufficiently to justify exercise. The seller of an option, on the other hand, will recognize the premium as income if the option expires unrecognized but foregoes any capital appreciation in excess of the exercise price in the case of a call option and may be required to pay a price in excess of current market value in the case of a put option. Options purchased and sold, other than on an exchange, in private transactions also impose on each Fund the credit risk that the counterparty will fail to honor its obligations. A Fund will not purchase options if, as a result, the aggregate cost of all outstanding options exceeds 5% of such Fund's assets. To the extent that puts, straddles, and similar investment strategies involve instruments regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC"), each Fund is limited to an investment not in excess of 5% of its total assets.

Warrants and Rights

Each Fund may invest up to 5% of its assets in warrants or rights (other than those acquired in units or attached to other securities) which entitle the holder to buy equity securities at a specific price for or at the end of a specific period of time. Each Fund will do so only if the underlying equity securities are deemed appropriate by the Adviser for inclusion in a Fund's portfolio.

When Issued, Delayed Delivery Securities, and Forward Commitments

Each Fund may enter into forward commitments for the purchase or sale of securities, including on a "when issued" or "delayed delivery" basis in excess of customary settlement periods for the type of securities involved. In some cases, a forward commitment may be conditioned upon the occurrence of a subsequent event, such as approval and consummation of a merger, corporate reorganization, or debt restructuring, (i.e., a when, as, and if issued security). When such transactions are negotiated, the price is fixed at the time of the commitment, with payment and delivery taking place in the future, generally a month or more after the date of the commitment. While a Fund will only enter into a forward commitment with the intention of actually acquiring the security, the Funds may sell the security before the settlement date if it is deemed advisable.

Securities purchased under a forward commitment are subject to market fluctuation, and no interest (or dividends) accrues to a Fund prior to the settlement date. Each Fund will segregate with its custodian cash or liquid securities in an aggregate amount at least equal to the amount of its outstanding forward commitments. Whenever a Fund is required to establish a segregated account, notations on the books of the Company's custodian or fund accounting agent are sufficient to constitute a segregated account.

Short Sales

Each Fund may make short sales of securities. A short sale is a transaction in which a Fund sells a security it does not own in anticipation that the market price of that security will decline. Each Fund expects to make short sales both to obtain capital gains from anticipated declines in securities and as a form of hedging to offset potential declines in long positions in the same or similar securities. The short sale of a security is considered a speculative investment technique.

When a Fund makes a short sale, it must borrow the security sold short and deliver it to the broker-dealer through which it made the short sale in order to satisfy its obligation to deliver the security upon conclusion of the sale. A Fund may have to pay a fee to borrow particular securities and is often obligated to pay over any payments received on such borrowed securities.

A Fund's obligation to replace the borrowed security will be secured by collateral deposited with the broker-dealer, usually cash, U.S. government securities or other liquid securities. A Fund will also be required to deposit similar collateral with its Custodian to the extent, if any, necessary so that the value of both collateral deposits in the aggregate is at all times equal to the greater of the price at which the security is sold short or 100% of the current market value of the security sold short. Depending on arrangements made with the broker-dealer from which it borrowed the security regarding payment of any amount received by a Fund on such security, such Fund may not receive any payments (including interest) on its collateral deposited with such broker-dealer. If the price of the security sold short increases between the time of the short sale and the time a Fund replaces the borrowed security, such Fund will incur a loss; conversely, if the price declines, such Fund will realize a capital gain. Any gain will be decreased, and any loss increased, by the transaction costs described above. Although a Fund's gain is limited to the price at which it sold the security short, its potential loss is theoretically unlimited.

The market value of the securities sold short of any one issuer will not exceed either 5% of each Fund's total assets or 5% of such issuer's voting securities. A Fund will not make a short sale, if, after giving effect to such sale, the market value of all securities sold short exceeds 25% of the value of its assets or such Fund's aggregate short sales of a particular class of securities exceeds 25% of the outstanding securities of that class. A Fund may also make short sales "against the box" without respect to such limitations. In this type of short sale, at the time of the sale, such Fund owns or has the immediate and unconditional right to acquire the identical security at no additional cost.

Restricted and Illiquid Securities

Each Fund may invest up to a total of 15% of its net assets in securities that are subject to legal or contractual restrictions on resale and securities the markets for which are illiquid. The sale of illiquid securities often requires more time and results in higher brokerage charges or dealer discounts and other selling expenses than does the sale of securities eligible for trading on national securities exchanges or in the over-the-counter markets. Restricted securities may sell at a price lower than similar securities that are not subject to restrictions on resale. Securities freely saleable among qualified institutional investors under special rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") or otherwise determined to be liquid may be treated as liquid if they satisfy liquidity standards established by the Board. Unseasoned issuers are companies (including predecessors) that have operated less than three years. 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. The Board will review pertinent factors such as trading activity, reliability of price information and trading patterns of comparable securities in determining whether to treat any such security as liquid for purposes of the foregoing 15% test. To the extent the Board treats such securities as liquid, temporary impairments to trading patterns of such securities may adversely affect a Fund's liquidity.

Repurchase Agreements

Each Fund may invest in repurchase agreements, which are agreements pursuant to which securities are acquired by a Fund from a third party with the understanding that they will be repurchased by the seller at a fixed price on an agreed date. These agreements may be made with respect to any of the portfolio securities in which a Fund is authorized to invest. Repurchase agreements may be characterized as loans secured by the underlying securities. Each Fund may enter into repurchase agreements with (i) member banks of the Federal Reserve System having total assets in excess of \$500 million and (ii) securities dealers, provided that such banks or dealers meet the creditworthiness standards established by the Adviser (“Qualified Institutions”). The Adviser will monitor the continued creditworthiness of Qualified Institutions. The resale price reflects the purchase price plus an agreed upon market rate of interest which is unrelated to the coupon rate or date of maturity of the purchased security. The collateral is marked to market daily. Such agreements permit a Fund to keep all of its assets earning interest while retaining “overnight” flexibility in pursuit of investments of a longer-term nature.

The use of repurchase agreements involves certain risks. For example, if the seller of securities under a repurchase agreement defaults on its obligation to repurchase the underlying securities, as a result of its bankruptcy or otherwise, a Fund will seek to dispose of such securities, which action could involve costs or delays. If the seller becomes insolvent and subject to liquidation or reorganization under applicable bankruptcy or other laws, such Fund’s ability to dispose of the underlying securities may be restricted. Finally, it is possible that a Fund may not be able to substantiate its interest in the underlying securities. To minimize this risk, the securities underlying the repurchase agreement will be held by each Fund’s custodian at all times in an amount at least equal to the repurchase price, including accrued interest. If the seller fails to repurchase the securities, a Fund may suffer a loss to the extent proceeds from the sale of the underlying securities are less than the repurchase price. Each Fund will not enter into repurchase agreements of a duration of more than seven days if taken together with all other illiquid securities in the Fund’s portfolio, more than 15% of its net assets would be so invested.

Loans of Portfolio Securities

To increase income, each Fund may lend its portfolio securities to securities broker-dealers or financial institutions if (1) the loan is collateralized in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements including collateralization continuously at no less than 100% by marking to market daily, (2) the loan is subject to termination by the Fund at any time, (3) the Fund receives reasonable interest or fee payments on the loan, (4) the Fund is able to exercise all voting rights with respect to the loaned securities, and (5) the loan will not cause the value of all loaned securities to exceed 33 1/3% of the value of the Fund’s assets.

If the borrower fails to maintain the requisite amount of collateral, the loan automatically terminates and the Fund could use the collateral to replace the securities while holding the borrower liable for any excess of replacement cost over the value of the collateral. As with any extension of credit, there are risks of delay in recovery and in some cases even loss of rights in collateral should the borrower of the securities fail financially.

Borrowing

Each Fund may not borrow money except for (1) short-term credits from banks as may be necessary for the clearance of portfolio transactions, and (2) borrowings from banks for temporary or emergency purposes, including the meeting of redemption requests, which would otherwise require the untimely disposition of its portfolio securities. Borrowing may not, in the aggregate, exceed 15% of the value of the assets after giving effect to the borrowing and borrowing for purposes other than meeting redemptions may not exceed 5% of the value of each Fund’s assets after giving effect to the borrowing. Each Fund will not make

additional investments when borrowings exceed 5% of assets. Each Fund may mortgage, pledge or hypothecate assets to secure such borrowings.

Hedging Transactions

Futures Contracts. Each Fund may enter into futures contracts only for certain bona fide hedging, yield enhancement and risk management purposes. Each Fund may enter into futures contracts for the purchase or sale of debt securities, debt instruments, or indices of prices thereof, stock index futures, other financial indices, and U.S. government securities.

A “sale” of a futures contract (or a “short” futures position) means the assumption of a contractual obligation to deliver the securities underlying the contract at a specified price at a specified future time. A “purchase” of a futures contract (or a “long” futures position) means the assumption of a contractual obligation to acquire the securities underlying the contract at a specified price at a specified future time.

Certain futures contracts are settled on a net cash payment basis rather than by the sale and delivery of the securities underlying the futures contracts. U.S. futures contracts have been designed by exchanges that have been designated as “contract markets” by the CFTC and must be executed through a futures commission merchant (i.e., a brokerage firm) which is a member of the relevant contract market. Futures contracts trade on these contract markets and the exchange’s affiliated clearing organization guarantees performance of the contracts between the clearing members of the exchange.

These contracts entail certain risks, including but not limited to the following: no assurance that futures contracts transactions can be offset at favorable prices, possible reduction of the Fund’s yield due to the use of hedging, possible reduction in value of both the securities hedged and the hedging instrument, possible lack of liquidity due to daily limits on price fluctuation, imperfect correlation between the contracts and the securities being hedged, and potential losses in excess of the amount invested in the futures contracts themselves.

Currency Transactions. Each Fund may enter into various currency transactions, including forward foreign currency contracts, currency swaps, foreign currency or currency index futures contracts and put and call options on such contracts or on currencies. A forward foreign currency contract involves an obligation to purchase or sell a specific currency for a set price at a future date. A currency swap is an arrangement whereby each party exchanges one currency for another on a particular date and agrees to reverse the exchange on a later date at a specific exchange rate. Forward foreign currency contracts and currency swaps are established in the interbank market conducted directly between currency traders (usually large commercial banks or other financial institutions) on behalf of their customers. Futures contracts are similar to forward contracts except that they are traded on an organized exchange and the obligations thereunder may be offset by taking an equal but opposite position to the original contract, with profit or loss determined by the relative prices between the opening and offsetting positions. Each Fund expects to enter into these currency contracts and swaps in primarily the following circumstances: to “lock in” the U.S. dollar equivalent price of a security the Fund is contemplating buying or selling which is denominated in a non-U.S. currency or to protect against a decline against the U.S. dollar of the currency of a particular country to which the Fund’s portfolio has exposure. The Fund anticipates seeking to achieve the same economic result by utilizing from time to time for such hedging a currency different from the one of the given portfolio security as long as, in the view of the Adviser, such currency is essentially correlated to the currency of the relevant portfolio security based on historic and expected exchange rate patterns.

The Adviser may choose to use such instruments on behalf of each Fund depending upon market conditions prevailing and the perceived investment needs of each Fund. Futures contracts, interest rate swaps, and options on securities indices and futures contracts and certain currency contracts sold by each Fund are generally subject to segregation and coverage requirement with the result that, if the Funds do not

hold the security or futures contract underlying the instrument, each Fund will be required to segregate on an ongoing basis with its custodian, cash, U.S. government securities, or other liquid securities in an amount at least equal to each Fund's obligations with respect to such instruments. Such amounts fluctuate as the obligations increase or decrease in value. The segregation requirement can result in each Fund maintaining securities positions it would otherwise liquidate or segregating assets at a time when it might be disadvantageous to do so. Whenever a Fund is required to establish a segregated account, notations on the books of the Company's custodian or fund accounting agent are sufficient to constitute a segregated account.

Swaps

Each Fund may enter into total rate of return, credit default or other types of swaps and related derivatives for various purposes, including to gain economic exposure to an asset or group of assets that may be difficult or impractical to acquire or for hedging and risk management. These transactions generally provide for the transfer from one counterparty to another of certain risks inherent in the ownership of a financial asset such as a common stock or debt instrument. Such risks include, among other things, the risk of default and insolvency of the obligor of such asset, the risk that the credit of the obligor or the underlying collateral will decline or the risk that the common stock of the underlying issuer will decline in value. The transfer of risk pursuant to a derivative of this type may be complete or partial, and may be for the life of the related asset or for a shorter period. These derivatives may be used as a risk management tool for a pool of financial assets, providing a Fund with the opportunity to gain or reduce exposure to one or more reference securities or other financial assets (each, a "Reference Asset") without actually owning or selling such assets in order, for example, to increase or reduce a concentration risk or to diversify a portfolio. Conversely, these derivatives may be used by a Fund to reduce exposure to an owned asset without selling it.

Because the Funds would not own the Reference Assets, a Fund may not have any voting rights with respect to the Reference Assets, and in such cases all decisions related to the obligors or issuers of the Reference Assets, including whether to exercise certain remedies, will be controlled by the swap counterparties.

Total rate of return swaps and similar derivatives are subject to many risks, including the possibility that the market will move in a manner or direction that would have resulted in gain for a Fund had the swap or other derivative not been utilized (in which case it would have been had a Fund not engaged in the transaction), nearly unlimited exposure to changes in the value of the Reference Assets, total loss to a Fund of the entire notional amount of the swap, the risk of imperfect correlation between the risk sought to be hedged and the derivative transactions utilized, the possible inability of the counterparty to fulfill its obligations under the swap and potential illiquidity of the instrument utilized, which may make it difficult for a Fund to close out or unwind one or more transactions.

Total rate of return swaps and related derivatives are a relatively recent development in the financial markets. Consequently, there are certain legal, tax and market uncertainties that present risks in entering into such arrangements. There is currently little or no case law or litigation characterizing total rate of return swaps or related derivatives, interpreting their provisions, or characterizing their tax treatment. In addition, additional regulations and laws may apply to these types of derivatives that have not previously been applied. There can be no assurance that future decisions construing similar provisions to those in any swap agreement or other related documents or additional regulations and laws will not have an adverse effect on a Fund that utilizes these instruments. Each Fund will monitor these risks and seek to utilize these instruments in a manner that does not lead to undue risk regarding the tax or other structural elements of a Fund. Each Fund will not invest in these types of instruments if the Reference Assets are commodities except for bona fide hedging or risk management purposes.

INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

Each Fund's investment objective and the following investment restrictions are fundamental and cannot be changed without the approval of a majority of the Funds' outstanding voting securities, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), as the lesser of (1) 67% of the Funds' voting securities present at a meeting if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities are represented in person or by proxy, or (2) more than 50% of the Funds' outstanding voting securities. All other investment policies or practices are considered not to be fundamental and accordingly may be changed without shareholder approval. If a percentage restriction on investment or use of assets set forth below is adhered to at the time a transaction is effected, later changes in percentage resulting from changing market values or total assets of a Fund will not be considered a deviation from policy. Under such restrictions, each Fund may not:

- (1) issue senior securities, except that each Fund may borrow money, including on margin if margin securities are owned and enter into reverse repurchase agreements in an amount up to 33 1/3% of its total assets (including the amount of such enumerated senior securities issued but excluding any liabilities and indebtedness not constituting senior securities) and except that each Fund may borrow up to an additional 5% of its total assets for temporary purposes; or pledge its assets other than to secure such issuances or in connection with hedging transactions, short sales, when-issued and forward commitment transactions, and similar investment strategies. Each Fund's obligations under reverse repurchase agreements and the foregoing investment strategies are not treated as senior securities;
- (2) make loans of money or property to any person, except through loans of portfolio securities, the purchase of fixed income securities or the acquisition of securities subject to repurchase agreements;
- (3) underwrite the securities of other issuers, except to the extent that in connection with the disposition of portfolio securities or the sale of its own shares a Fund may be deemed to be an underwriter;
- (4) invest for the purpose of exercising control over management of any company;
- (5) purchase real estate or interests therein, including limited partnerships that invest primarily in real estate equity interests, other than mortgage-backed securities, publicly traded real estate investment trusts, and similar instruments; or
- (6) purchase or sell commodities or commodity contracts except for certain bona fide hedging, yield enhancement and risk management purposes or invest in any oil, gas, or mineral interests.

PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS INFORMATION

Employees of the Adviser and its affiliates will often have access to information concerning the portfolio holdings of the Funds. The Funds and the Adviser have adopted policies and procedures that require all employees to safeguard proprietary information of the Funds, which includes information relating to the Funds' portfolio holdings as well as portfolio trading activity of the Adviser with respect to the Funds (collectively, "Portfolio Holdings Information"). In addition, the Funds and the Adviser have adopted policies and procedures providing that Portfolio Holdings Information may not be disclosed except to the extent that it is (a) made available to the general public by posting on the Funds' website or filed as a part of a required filing on Form N-Q or N-CSR or (b) provided to a third party for legitimate business purposes or regulatory purposes, which has agreed to keep such data confidential under terms approved by

the Adviser's legal department or outside counsel, as described below. The Adviser will examine each situation under (b) with a view to determine that release of the information is in the best interest of the Funds and its shareholders and, if a potential conflict between the Adviser's interests and the Funds' interests arises, to have such conflict resolved by the Chief Compliance Officer or those Directors who are not considered to be "interested persons", as defined in the 1940 Act (the "Independent Directors"). These policies further provide that no officer of the Funds or employee of the Adviser shall communicate with the media about the Funds without obtaining the advance consent of the Chief Executive Officer, Chief Operating Officer, or General Counsel of the Adviser.

Under the foregoing policies, the Funds may disclose Portfolio Holdings Information in the circumstances outlined below. Disclosure generally may be either on a monthly or quarterly basis with no time lag in some cases and with a time lag of up to 60 days in other cases (with the exception of proxy voting services which require a regular download of data):

- (1) To regulatory authorities in response to requests for such information and with the approval of the Chief Compliance Officer of the Funds;
- (2) To mutual fund rating and statistical agencies and to persons performing similar functions where there is a legitimate business purpose for such disclosure and such entity has agreed to keep such data confidential until at least it has been made public by the Adviser;
- (3) To service providers of the Funds, as necessary for the performance of their services to the Funds and to the Board, where such entity has agreed to keep such data confidential until at least it has been made public by the Adviser. The Funds' current service providers that may receive such information are its administrator, sub-administrator, custodian, independent registered public accounting firm, legal counsel, and financial printers;
- (4) To firms providing proxy voting and other proxy services provided such entity has agreed to keep such data confidential until at least it has been made public by the Adviser;
- (5) To certain brokers, dealers, investment advisers, and other financial intermediaries for purposes of their performing due diligence on the Funds and not for dissemination of this information to their clients or use of this information to conduct trading for their clients. Disclosure of Portfolio Holdings Information in these circumstances requires the broker, dealer, investment adviser, or financial intermediary to agree to keep such information confidential until at least it has been made public by the Adviser and is further subject to prior approval of the Chief Compliance Officer of the Funds and shall be reported to the Board at the next quarterly meeting; and
- (6) To consultants for purposes of performing analysis of the Funds, which analysis may be used by the consultant with its clients or disseminated to the public, provided that such entity shall have agreed to keep such information confidential until at least it has been made public by the Adviser.

As of the date of this SAI, the Funds make information about their portfolio securities available to their administrator, sub-administrator, custodian, and proxy voting service on a daily basis, with no time lag, to their typesetter on a quarterly basis with a ten day time lag, to their financial printers on a quarterly basis with a forty-five day time lag, and to their independent registered public accounting firm and legal counsel on an as needed basis with no time lag. The names of the Funds' administrator, custodian, independent registered public accounting firm, and legal counsel are set forth in this SAI. The Funds' proxy voting service is Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. Bowne & Co., Inc. provides typesetting services for the

Funds, and the Funds selects from a number of financial printers who have agreed to keep such information confidential until at least it has been made public by the Adviser.

Other than arrangements with the Funds' service providers and proxy voting service, the Funds has no ongoing arrangements to make available information about the Funds' portfolio securities prior to such information being disclosed in a publicly available filing with the SEC that is required to include the information.

Disclosures made pursuant to a confidentiality agreement are subject to periodic confirmation by the Chief Compliance Officer of the Funds that the recipient has utilized such information solely in accordance with the terms of the agreement. Neither the Funds, nor the Adviser, nor any of the Adviser's affiliates will accept on behalf of itself, its affiliates, or the Funds any compensation or other consideration in connection with the disclosure of portfolio holdings of the Funds. The Board will review such arrangements annually with the Funds' Chief Compliance Officer.

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Under Maryland law, the Corporation's Board is responsible for establishing the Corporation's policies and for overseeing the management of the Corporation. The Board also elects the Corporation's officers who conduct the daily business of the Corporation. Information pertaining to the Directors and executive officers of the Corporation is set forth on the following page:

<u>Name, Position(s), Address¹ and Age</u>	<u>Term of Office and Length of Time Served²</u>	<u>Number of Funds in Fund Complex Overseen by Director</u>	<u>Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years</u>	<u>Other Directorships Held by Director³</u>
<u>INTERESTED DIRECTORS⁴:</u>				
Mario J. Gabelli Director and Chief Investment Officer Age: 66	Since 1993	26	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of GAMCO Investors, Inc. and Chief Investment Officer – Value Portfolios of Gabelli Funds, LLC and GAMCO Asset Management Inc.; Director/Trustee or Chief Investment Officer of other registered investment companies in the Gabelli/GAMCO Funds complex; Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of GGCP, Inc.	Director of Morgan Group Holdings, Inc. (holding company); Chairman of the Board of LICT Corp. (multimedia and communication services company); Director of CIBL, Inc. (broadcasting and wireless communications)
John D. Gabelli Director Age: 65	Since 1993	10	Senior Vice President of Gabelli & Company, Inc.	Director of GAMCO Investors, Inc. (asset management)
<u>INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS:</u>				
E. Val Cerutti Director Age: 69	Since 2001	7	Chief Executive Officer of Cerutti Consultants, Inc.	Director of The LGL Group, Inc. (diversified manufacturing)
Anthony J. Colavita Director Age: 73	Since 1993	36	President of the law firm of Anthony J. Colavita, P.C.	—
Arthur V. Ferrara Director Age: 78	Since 2001	8	Former Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America from 1993 through 1995	—
Werner J. Roeder, MD Director Age: 68	Since 1993	22	Medical Director of Lawrence Hospital and practicing private physician	—
Anthonie C. van Ekris Director Age: 74	Since 1993	20	Chairman of BALMAC International, Inc. (commodities and futures trading)	—
Salvatore J. Zizza Director Age: 63	Since 2004	28	Chairman of Zizza & Co. Ltd. (consulting)	Director of Hollis-Eden Pharmaceuticals (biotechnology); Director of Earl Scheib, Inc. (automotive services)

¹ Address: One Corporate Center, Rye NY 10580, unless otherwise noted.

² Each Director will hold office for an indefinite term until the earliest of (i) the next meeting of shareholders, if any, called for the purpose of considering the election or re-election of such Director and until the election and qualification of his or her successor, if any, elected at such meeting, or (ii) the date a Director resigns or retires, or a Director is removed by the Board or shareholders, in accordance with the Corporation's By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation. Each officer will hold office for an indefinite term until the date he or she resigns or retires or until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

³ This column includes only directorships of companies required to report to the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (*i.e.* public companies) or other investment companies registered under the 1940 Act.

⁴ "Interested person" of the Fund as defined in the 1940 Act. Mr. Gabelli is considered to be an "interested person" because of his affiliation with Gabelli Funds, LLC, which acts as the Fund's investment adviser. Mario J. Gabelli and John D. Gabelli are brothers.

<u>Name, Position(s), Address¹ and Age</u>	<u>Term of Office and Length of Time Served²</u>	<u>Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years</u>
<u>OFFICERS:</u>		
Bruce N. Alpert President and Secretary Age: 57	Since 2003	Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Gabelli Funds, LLC since 1988 and an officer of all of the registered investment companies in the Gabelli/GAMCO Funds complex; President of Teton Advisors, Inc. (formerly Gabelli Advisers, Inc.), 1998 through 2008; Chairman of Teton Advisors, Inc., since 2008; Senior Vice President of GAMCO Investors, Inc. since 2008.
Agnes Mullady Treasurer Age: 50	Since 2006	Vice President of Gabelli Funds, LLC since 2007; Officer of all of the registered investment companies in the Gabelli/GAMCO Funds complex; Senior Vice President of U.S. Trust Company, N.A. and Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of Excelsior Funds from 2004 through 2005; Chief Financial Officer of AMIC Distribution Partners from 2002 through 2004.
Peter D. Goldstein Chief Compliance Officer Age: 56	Since 2004	Director of Regulatory Affairs at GAMCO Investors, Inc. since 2004; Chief Compliance Officer of all of the registered investment companies in the Gabelli/GAMCO Funds complex; Vice President of Goldman Sachs Asset Management from 2000 through 2004.

¹ Address: One Corporate Center, Rye, NY 10580-1422, unless otherwise noted.

² Each Officer will hold office for an indefinite term until the date he or she resigns or retires or until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

Standing Board Committees

The Board has established three standing committees in connection with its governance of the Corporation - Audit, Nominating, and Proxy Voting.

The Corporation's Audit Committee consists of four members: Messrs. Colavita (Chairman), Ferrara, Roeder, and Zizza, who are Independent Directors of the Corporation. The Audit Committee operates pursuant to a Charter that was most recently reviewed and approved by the Board on February 26, 2009. As set forth in the Charter, the function of the Audit Committee is oversight; it is management's responsibility to maintain appropriate systems for accounting and internal control and it is the independent registered public accounting firm's responsibility to plan and carry out a proper audit. The Audit Committee is generally responsible for reviewing and evaluating issues related to the accounting and financial reporting policies and practices of the Fund, its internal controls, and as appropriate, the internal controls of certain service providers, overseeing the quality and objectivity of the Funds' financial statements and the audit thereof, and to act as a liaison between the Board and the Corporation's independent registered public accounting firm. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, the Audit Committee met twice.

The Corporation's Nominating Committee consists of three members: Messrs. Colavita (Chairman), Roeder, and Zizza, who are Independent Directors of the Funds. The Nominating Committee is responsible for selecting and recommending qualified candidates to the full Board in the event that a position is vacated or created. The Nominating Committee would consider, under procedures adopted by the Board, recommendations by shareholders if a vacancy were to exist. Such recommendations should be forwarded to the Secretary of the Corporation. The Nominating Committee did not meet during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. The Corporation does not have a standing compensation committee.

The Corporations' Proxy Voting Committee consists of three members: Messrs. Roeder (Chairman), Colavita, and Ferrara, who are Independent Directors. Under certain circumstances and pursuant to specific procedures and guidelines, the Proxy Voting Committee will, in place of the Funds' Adviser, exercise complete control and discretion over the exercise of all rights to vote or consent with respect to

certain securities owned by the Funds. The Proxy Voting Committee meets periodically on an as needed basis to consider such matters and did not meet during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

Director Ownership of Fund Shares

Set forth in the table below is the dollar range of equity securities in each Fund beneficially owned by each Director and the aggregate dollar range of equity securities in the Fund complex beneficially owned by each Director as of December 31, 2008.

<u>Name of Director</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Dollar Range of Equity Securities Held in each Fund*</u>	<u>Aggregate Dollar Range of Equity Securities Held in Fund Complex*</u>
INTERESTED DIRECTORS:			
Mario J. Gabelli	Global Telecommunications Fund	E	E
	Global Growth Fund	E	
	Global Opportunity Fund	E	
	Global Convertible Securities Fund	B	
John D. Gabelli	Global Telecommunications Fund	B	E
	Global Growth Fund	B	
	Global Opportunity Fund	B	
	Global Convertible Securities Fund	B	
INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS:			
E. Val Cerutti**	Global Telecommunications Fund	C	E
	Global Growth Fund	A	
	Global Opportunity Fund	A	
	Global Convertible Securities Fund	A	
Anthony J. Colavita**	Global Telecommunications Fund	D	E
	Global Growth Fund	D	
	Global Opportunity Fund	C	
	Global Convertible Securities Fund	C	
Arthur V. Ferrara	Global Telecommunications Fund	C	E
	Global Growth Fund	C	
	Global Opportunity Fund	A	
	Global Convertible Securities Fund	A	
Werner J. Roeder, MD	Global Telecommunications Fund	A	E
	Global Growth Fund	A	
	Global Opportunity Fund	C	
	Global Convertible Securities Fund	A	
Anthonie C. van Ekris**	Global Telecommunications Fund	C	E
	Global Growth Fund	C	
	Global Opportunity Fund	C	
	Global Convertible Securities Fund	C	
Salvatore J. Zizza	Global Telecommunications Fund	A	E
	Global Growth Fund	A	
	Global Opportunity Fund	A	
	Global Convertible Securities Fund	A	

* Key to Dollar Ranges- Information as of December 31, 2008

- A. None
- B. \$1 – \$10,000
- C. \$10,001 – \$50,000
- D. \$50,001 – \$100,000
- E. Over \$100,000

** Mr. Colavita and Mr. Cerutti beneficially own less than 1% of the common stock of The LGL Group, Inc. having a value of \$2,601 and \$3,481, respectively, as of December 31, 2008. Mr. van Ekris beneficially owns less than 1% of common stock of (i) The LGL Group, Inc. having a value of \$3,120 as of December 31, 2008 and (ii) LICT Corp. having a value of \$60,624 as of December 31, 2008. Mr. van Ekris beneficially owns 24 shares of CIBL Inc. having no value as of December 31, 2008. The LGL Group, Inc., LICT Corp., and CIBL Inc. may be deemed to be controlled by Mario J. Gabelli, an affiliated person, and in that event would be deemed to be under common control with the Fund's Adviser.

Director and Officer Compensation

If total net assets of the Corporation are in excess of \$100,000,000, the Corporation pays each of its Directors who is not a director, officer, or employee of the Adviser or any of its affiliates \$3,000 per annum plus \$500 per meeting attended in person or by telephone. If total net assets of the Corporation are below \$100,000,000, the Corporation pays each of its Independent Directors \$1,500 per annum plus \$500 per meeting attended in person or by telephone. Independent Directors are reimbursed for certain travel and other out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them in connection with attending such meetings. The Corporation pays each Director serving as a member of the Audit, Proxy, or Nominating Committee \$500 per meeting attended and the Chairman of the Audit Committee and Lead Director each receive \$1,000 per annum. A Director may receive a single meeting fee, allocated among the participating funds, for participation in certain special meetings or committee meetings on behalf of multiple funds. Directors and officers of the Fund who are employed by the Adviser or an affiliated company receive no compensation or expense reimbursement from the Funds.

The following table sets forth certain information regarding the compensation of the Corporation's Directors. No executive officer or person affiliated with the Corporation received compensation in excess of \$60,000 from the Corporation for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

Compensation Table

Aggregate Compensation from Registrant (Fiscal Year)

<u>Name of Person and Position</u>	<u>Aggregate Compensation From the Funds</u>	<u>Total Compensation From the Funds and Fund Complex*</u>
Mario J. Gabelli Director and Chief Investment Officer	\$0	\$0 (26)
John D. Gabelli Director	\$0	\$0 (10)
E. Val Cerutti Director	\$5,500	\$30,500 (7)
Anthony J. Colavita Director	\$7,500	\$251,034 (36)
Arthur V. Ferrara Director	\$6,000	\$40,923 (8)
Werner J. Roeder, MD Director	\$6,500	\$109,500 (23)
Anthonie C. van Ekris Director	\$5,500	\$114,500 (20)
Salvatore J. Zizza Director	\$7,063	\$187,326 (27)

* Represents the total compensation paid to such persons for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. The parenthetical number represents the number of investment companies (including the Funds) or portfolios thereof from which such person receives compensation and which are considered part of the same "fund complex" as the Funds because they have common or affiliated investment advisers.

Code of Ethics

The Corporation, its Adviser, and Gabelli & Company, Inc. (the "Distributor") have adopted a code of ethics (the "Code of Ethics") under Rule 17j-1 of the 1940 Act. The Code of Ethics permits personnel, subject to the Code of Ethics and its restrictive provisions, to invest in securities, including securities that may be purchased or held by the Corporation.

Proxy Voting Policies

The Corporation, on behalf of the Funds, has delegated the voting of portfolio securities to the Adviser. The Adviser has adopted proxy voting policies and procedures (the "Proxy Voting Policy") for the voting of proxies on behalf of client accounts for which the Adviser has voting discretion, including the Funds. Under the Proxy Voting Policy, portfolio securities held by the Funds are to be voted in the best interests of the Funds.

Normally, the Adviser exercises proxy voting discretion on particular types of proposals in accordance with guidelines (the "Proxy Guidelines") set forth in the Proxy Voting Policy. The Proxy Guidelines address, for example, proposals to elect the board of directors, to classify the board of directors, to select the independent registered public accounting firm, to issue blank check preferred stock, to use confidential ballots, to eliminate cumulative voting, to require shareholder ratification of poison pills, to support fair price provisions, to require a supermajority shareholder vote for charter or bylaw amendments, to provide for director and officer indemnification and liability protection, to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock, to allow greenmail, to limit shareholders' rights to call

special meetings, to consider the non-financial effects of a merger, to limit shareholders' right to act by written consent, to approve executive and director compensation plans (including golden parachutes), to limit executive and director pay, to approve stock option plans, to opt in or out of state takeover statutes and to approve mergers, acquisitions, corporate restructuring, spin-offs, buyouts, assets sales, or liquidations.

A Proxy Voting Committee comprised of senior representatives of the Adviser and its affiliated investment advisers has the responsibility for the content, interpretation, and application of the Proxy Guidelines. In general, the Director of Proxy Voting Services, using the Proxy Guidelines, recommendations of Institutional Shareholder Services, Inc. ("ISS") and its Corporate Governance Service, other third-party services and the analysts of the Distributor will determine how to vote on each issue. For non-controversial matters, the Director of Proxy Voting Services may vote the proxy if the vote is: (1) consistent with the recommendations of the issuer's board of directors and not contrary to the Proxy Guidelines; (2) consistent with the recommendations of the issuer's board of directors and is a non-controversial issue not covered by the Proxy Guidelines; or (3) contrary to the recommendations of the issuer's board of directors but is consistent with the Proxy Guidelines.

All matters identified by the Chairman of the Proxy Voting Committee, the Director of Proxy Voting Services, or the Adviser's Legal Department as controversial, taking into account the recommendations of ISS or other third party services and the analysts of the Distributor, will be presented to the Proxy Voting Committee. If the Chairman of the Proxy Voting Committee, the Director of Proxy Voting Services or the Adviser's Legal Department has identified the matter as one that: (1) is controversial; (2) would benefit from deliberation by the Proxy Voting Committee; or (3) may give rise to a conflict of interest between the Adviser and its clients, the Chairman of the Proxy Voting Committee will initially determine what vote to recommend that the Adviser should cast and the matter will go before the Proxy Voting Committee.

For matters submitted to the Proxy Voting Committee, each member of the Proxy Voting Committee will receive, prior to the meeting, a copy of the proxy statement, any relevant third party research, a summary of any views provided by the Chief Investment Officer, and any recommendations by the Distributor's analysts. The Chief Investment Officer or the Distributor's analysts may be invited to present their viewpoints. If the Adviser's Legal Department believes that the matter before the Proxy Voting Committee is one with respect to which a conflict of interest may exist between the Adviser and its clients, legal counsel will provide an opinion to the Proxy Voting Committee concerning the conflict. If legal counsel advises that the matter is one in which the interests of the clients of the Adviser may diverge, the Proxy Voting Committee may make different recommendations as to different clients. For any matters where the recommendation may trigger appraisal rights, counsel will advise concerning the likely risks and merits of such an appraisal action.

Where a proxy proposal raises a material conflict between the interests of the Funds' shareholders on the one hand, and those of the Fund's Adviser and/or principal underwriters on the other hand, the conflict will be brought to the Proxy Voting Committee to determine a resolution. The Proxy Voting Committee may determine to resolve any such conflict itself, may ask the Independent Directors of the Fund to vote the proxies, which would potentially include the Proxy Voting Committee, or may delegate the voting of such proxies to an independent person.

Each matter submitted to the Proxy Voting Committee will be determined by the vote of a majority of the members present at the meeting. Should the vote concerning one or more recommendations be tied in a vote of the Proxy Voting Committee, the Chairman of the Proxy Voting Committee will break the tie. The Proxy Voting Committee will notify the proxy department of its decisions and the proxies will be voted accordingly.

The Corporation filed Form N-PX with each Fund's complete proxy voting record for the 12 months ended June 30, 2008. The Corporation's filing is available without charge, upon request, by calling toll-free (800) 422-3554 and on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

CONTROL PERSONS AND PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS

As of April 8, 2009, the following persons were known to own of record or beneficially 5% or more of the Funds' outstanding shares:

<u>NAME AND ADDRESS</u>	<u>% OF CLASS</u>	<u>NATURE OF OWNERSHIP</u>	
Global Telecommunications Fund:			
Class AAA	Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. Special Custody Acct. FBO Exclusive Benefit of Customers Attn: Mutual Funds San Francisco, CA 94104-4151	20.69%	Beneficial
	National Financial Service Corp. For the Exclusive Benefit of Our Customers Attn: Mutual Funds Millburn, NJ 07041-1631	10.65%	Beneficial
Class A	NFS LLC FEBO Certain Customers San Juan, PR 00925-2922	6.35%	Beneficial
	Stifel Nicolaus & Co. Inc. Custodian for the IRA of Certain Customers Saint Louis, MO 63102-2131	5.36%	Beneficial
	Wachovia Bank 1525 West Wt. Harris Blvd. Charlotte, NC 28288-0001	5.30%	Beneficial
Class B	NFS LLC FEBO Certain Customers Quartz Hill, CA 93536-2959	29.62%*	Beneficial
	Ameritrade Inc. FBO Certain Customers P.O. Box 2226 Omaha, NE 68103-2226	14.21%	Beneficial
	Edward D. Jones & Co. FBO Certain Customers Hamilton, MT 59840-2149	11.53%	Beneficial

	Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. Special Custody Acct. FBO Customers San Francisco, CA 94104-4151	7.69%	Beneficial
	Broers Farms Inc. Attn: Larry L. Broers Mason City, IA 50401-9295	5.30%	Record
Class C	NFS LLC FBO Certain Customers San Juan, PR 00907-1409	7.75%	Beneficial
	RBC Capital Markets Corp. FBO Certain Customers Pittsburgh, PA 15237-5056	5.43%	Beneficial
Class I	Bisys Retirement Services FBO Gabelli Funds 401(K) Profit Sharing Denver, CO 80202-3531	58.47%*	Beneficial
	Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 333 West 34 th Street – 3 rd Floor New York, NY 10001-2402	33.66%*	Beneficial

Global Growth Fund:

Class AAA	Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. Special Custody Acct. FBO Exclusive Benefit of Customers Attn: Mutual Funds San Francisco, CA 94104-4151	12.85%	Beneficial
	National Financial Service Corp. For the Exclusive Benefit of Our Customers Attn: Mutual Funds New York, NY 10281-1003	10.01%	Beneficial
Class A	NFS LLC FBO Certain Customers Sanibel, FL 33957-2207	40.88%*	Beneficial
	Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 11155 Red Run Blvd Owings Mills, MD 21117-3256	9.92%	Beneficial
	Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith For the Sole Benefit of its Customers Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484	8.11%	Beneficial

	Catherine Ferris Middlesex, NJ 08846-1128	5.40%	Record
Class B	A.G. Edwards & Sons C/F FBO Certain Customers Hanover Park, IL 60133-6726	86.11%*	Beneficial
	Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 11155 Red Run Blvd Owings Mills, MD 21117-3256	9.35%	Beneficial
Class C	Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 11155 Red Run Blvd Owings Mills, MD 21117-3256	35.29%*	Beneficial
	Stifel Nicolaus & Co. Inc. FBO Certain Customers Saint Louis, MO 63102-2131	20.76%	Beneficial
	Merrill Lynch Pierce Fenner & Smith For the Sole Benefit of its Customers Jacksonville, FL 32246-6484	16.64%	Beneficial
	Kathleen F Phillips TTEE Chesapeake, VA 23321-4618	8.72%	Record
Class I	Bisys Retirement Services FBO Gabelli Funds 401(K) Profit Sharing Denver, CO 80202-3531	34.89%*	Beneficial
	Bisys Retirement Services FBO Central Utah Telephone Inc. Profit Sharing Denver, CO 80202-3531	32.38%*	Beneficial
	MG Trust Company as Agent for Frontier Trust Co. as Trustee Western New Mexico Telephone Co., Inc. Fargo, ND 58106-0699	28.43%*	Beneficial
Global Opportunity Fund:			
Class AAA	Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. Reinvest Account Attn: Mutual Funds San Francisco, CA 94104-4151	12.18%	Beneficial
	GGCP Inc. Attn: Chief Financial Officer Greenwich, CT 06830-6556	8.79%	Beneficial

	Prudential Investment Management Service FBO Mutual Fund Clients Mail Stop NJ 05-11-20 Newark, NJ 07102-4000	7.41%	Beneficial
Class A	First Clearing, LLC FBO Certain Customers Las Vegas, NV 89135-1348	46.01%*	Beneficial
	UBS Financial Services Inc. FBO Certain Customers Hawthorne, IL 60047-9159	18.07%	Beneficial
	Ameriprise Advisor Services FBO Certain Customers Detroit, MI 48226-3330	9.76%	Beneficial
	Douglas J. Vandenberg & Deborah A. Vandenberg JT WROS Commerce TWP, MI 48382-1349	6.88%	Record
Class B	Douglas J. Vandenberg & Deborah A. Vandenberg JT WROS Commerce TWP, MI 48382-1349	100.00%*	Record
Class C	Frank W. Spinelli Waterbury, CT 06708-4517	87.61%*	Record
	Gabelli Asset Management Inc. Attn: Chief Financial Officer Rye, NY 10580-1436	12.39%	Beneficial
Class I	Bisys Retirement Services FBO Gabelli Funds 401(K) Profit Sharing Denver, CO 80202-3531	56.25%*	Beneficial
	Bisys Retirement Services FBO Central Utah Telephone, Inc. Profit Sharing Denver, CO 80202-3531	36.27%*	Beneficial
	Citigroup Global Markets, Inc. 333 West 34 th Street – 3 rd Floor New York, NY 10001-2402	7.33%	Beneficial
Global Convertible Securities Fund:			
Class AAA	Trust Company of America FBO Certain Customers P.O. Box 6503 Englewood, CO 80155-6503	13.89%	Beneficial

	Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. Special Custody Acct. FBO Exclusive Benefit of Customers Attn: Mutual Funds San Francisco, CA 94104-4151	9.22%	Beneficial
	Ameritrade Inc. for the Exclusive Benefit of Our Customers P.O. Box 2226 Omaha, NE 68103-2226	8.69%	Beneficial
Class A	Pershing LLC P.O. Box 2052 Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052	53.50%*	Beneficial
Class B	RBC Capital Markets Corp. FBO Certain Customers Boynton Beach, FL 33426-7714	97.96%*	Beneficial
Class C	Pershing LLC P.O. Box 2050 Jersey City, NJ 07303-2052	50.25%*	Beneficial
	Raymond James & Associates Inc. FBO Certain Customers West Harrison, NY 10604-2756	23.92%	Beneficial
	UBS Financial Services Inc. UBS-FINSVC CDN FBO Certain Customers Weehawken, NJ 07086-8154	13.66%	Beneficial
	Citigroup Global Markets Inc. 11155 Red Run Blvd Owings Mills, MD 21117-3256	6.46%	Beneficial
Class I	Bisys Retirement Services FBO Gabelli Funds 401(K) Profit Sharing Denver, CO 80202-3531	96.86%*	Beneficial

* Beneficial ownership is disclaimed. Beneficial ownership of shares representing 25% of more of the outstanding shares of the Fund may be deemed to represent control, as that term is defined in the 1940 Act.

As of April 8, 2009, as a group, the Directors and officers of the Corporation owned less than 1% of the outstanding shares (aggregating all classes) of the Global Telecommunications Fund and the Global Growth Fund and 10.78% of the Global Opportunity Fund and 1.26% of the Global Convertible Securities Fund.

INVESTMENT ADVISORY AND OTHER SERVICES

Investment Adviser

The Adviser is a New York limited liability company with principal offices located at One Corporate Center, Rye, New York 10580-1422. The Adviser was organized in 1999 and is the successor to Gabelli Funds, Inc., which was organized in 1980. The Adviser is a registered investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended. Mr. Mario J. Gabelli may be deemed a “controlling person” of the Adviser based on his controlling interest in GAMCO Investors, Inc. (“GBL”), the parent company of the Adviser. The Adviser and several of its affiliates provide investment advisory services. As of December 31, 2008, the Adviser acted as a registered investment adviser to 26 management investment companies with aggregate net assets of \$11.4 billion. The Adviser, together with the other affiliated investment advisers noted below had assets under management totaling approximately \$20.7 billion as of December 31, 2008. GAMCO Asset Management Inc. (“GAMCO”), an affiliate of the Adviser, acts as investment adviser for individuals, pension trusts, profit sharing trusts and endowments, and as a sub-adviser to management investment companies having aggregate assets of \$8.5 billion under management as of December 31, 2008. Gabelli Securities, Inc., an affiliate of the Adviser, acts as investment adviser for investment partnerships and entities having aggregate assets of approximately \$295 million as of December 31, 2008. Gabelli Fixed Income LLC, an affiliate of the Adviser, acts as investment adviser for separate accounts having aggregate assets of approximately \$22 million under management as of December 31, 2008. Teton Advisors, Inc., an affiliate of the Adviser, acts as investment manager to the GAMCO Westwood Funds having aggregate assets of approximately \$450 million under management as of December 31, 2008. Each of the foregoing companies is a subsidiary of GBL.

Affiliates of the Adviser may, in the ordinary course of their business, acquire for their own account or for the accounts of their advisory clients, significant (and possibly controlling) positions in the securities of companies that may also be suitable for investment by the Funds. The securities in which the Funds might invest may thereby be limited to some extent. For instance, many companies in the past several years have adopted so-called “poison pill” or other defensive measures designed to discourage or prevent the completion of non-negotiated offers for control of the company. Such defensive measures may have the effect of limiting the shares of the company which might otherwise be acquired by the Funds if the affiliates of the Adviser or their advisory accounts have or acquire a significant position in the same securities. However, the Adviser does not believe that the investment activities of its affiliates will have a material adverse effect upon the Funds in seeking to achieve their investment objectives. Securities purchased or sold pursuant to contemporaneous orders entered on behalf of the investment company accounts of the Adviser or the advisory accounts managed by its affiliates for their unaffiliated clients are allocated pursuant to principles believed to be fair and not disadvantageous to any such accounts. In addition, all such orders are accorded priority of execution over orders entered on behalf of accounts in which the Adviser or its affiliates have a substantial pecuniary interest. The Adviser may on occasion give advice or take action with respect to other clients that differs from the actions taken with respect to the Funds. The Funds may invest in the securities of companies which are investment management clients of GAMCO. In addition, portfolio companies or their officers or directors may be minority shareholders of the Adviser or its affiliates.

The Adviser currently serves as an investment adviser to the Corporation pursuant to Investment Advisory Agreements (the “Agreements”) which were initially approved by the Corporation’s sole shareholders on February 28, 2000. Pursuant to the Agreements, the Adviser furnishes a continuous investment program for each Fund's portfolio, makes the day-to-day investment decisions for the Funds, arranges the portfolio transactions of the Funds and generally manages each Fund's investments in accordance with the stated policies of each Fund, subject to the general supervision of the Board.

Under the Agreements, the Adviser also: (i) provides the Funds with the services of persons competent to perform such supervisory, administrative, and clerical functions as are necessary to provide effective administration of the Funds, including maintaining certain books and records and overseeing the activities of the Funds' Custodian and Transfer Agent; (ii) oversees the performance of administrative and professional services to the Funds by others, including PNC Global Investment Servicing (U.S.) Inc. ("PNC"), the Funds' Sub-Administrator, Custodian, Transfer Agent, and Dividend Disbursing Agent, as well as accounting, auditing, and other services performed for the Funds; (iii) provides the Funds with adequate office space and facilities; (iv) supervises the preparation of, but does not pay for, the periodic updating of the Funds' registration statement, Prospectuses and SAI, including the printing of such documents for the purpose of filings with the SEC and state securities administrators, the Funds' tax returns, and reports to each Fund's shareholders and the SEC; (v) supervises, but does not pay for, the calculation of the NAV of each class of shares of each Fund; (vi) supervises the preparation of, but does not pay for, all filings under the securities or "Blue Sky" laws of such states or countries as are designated by the Distributor, which may be required to register or qualify, or continue the registration or qualification, of the Funds and/or its shares under such laws; and (vii) prepares notices and agendas for meetings of the Funds' Board and minutes of such meetings in all matters required by applicable law to be acted upon by the Board.

The cost of calculating each Fund's NAV is an expense payable by each Fund pursuant to the Agreement. To the extent that a portion of the sub-administration fee is used to pay for personnel and equipment related to calculating the NAV, each Fund will reimburse the Adviser for such expense up to \$45,000. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, the Funds reimbursed the Adviser \$45,000, \$45,000, \$0, and \$0 for the Global Telecommunications Fund, the Global Growth Fund, the Global Opportunity Fund, and the Global Convertible Securities Fund, respectively, in connection with the cost of computing each Fund's NAV.

Each Agreement provides that absent willful misfeasance, bad faith, gross negligence or reckless disregard of its duty, the Adviser and its employees, officers, Directors, and controlling persons are not liable to the Funds or any of its investors for any act or omission by the Adviser or for any error of judgment or for losses sustained by the Funds. However, the Agreements provide that the Funds are not waiving any rights they may have with respect to any violation of law which cannot be waived. The Agreements also provide indemnification for the Adviser and each of these persons for any conduct for which they are not liable to the Funds. The Agreements in no way restrict the Adviser from acting as adviser to others. The Funds have agreed by the terms of the Agreements that the word "Gabelli" is derived from the name of the Adviser which in turn is derived from the name of Mario J. Gabelli; that such name is the property of the Adviser for copyright and/or other purposes; and that, therefore, such name may freely be used by the Adviser for other investment companies, entities, or products. Each Fund has further agreed that in the event that for any reason, the Adviser ceases to be its investment adviser, the Fund will, unless the Adviser otherwise consents in writing, promptly take for the Adviser and each of these persons for any conduct for which they are not liable to the Funds.

By its terms, each Agreement will remain in effect from year to year, provided each such annual continuance is specifically approved by the Funds' Board or by a "majority" (as defined in the 1940 Act) vote of its shareholders and, in either case, by a majority vote of the Independent Directors cast in person at a meeting called specifically for the purpose of voting on the continuance of the Agreements. The Agreements are terminable without penalty by the Funds on sixty days' written notice when authorized either by majority vote of its outstanding voting shares or by a vote of a majority of its Board, or by the Adviser on sixty days' written notice, and will automatically terminate in the event of its "assignment" as defined by the 1940 Act.

As compensation for its services and the related expenses borne by the Adviser, the Funds pay the Adviser a fee, computed daily and payable monthly, at the annual rate of 1.00% of each Fund's average daily net assets, payable out of each Fund's net assets and allocable to each class on the basis of the assets attributable to such class. For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2006, December 31, 2007, and December 31, 2008, each Fund paid investment advisory fees to the Adviser amounting to:

Advisory Fees Earned and Advisory Fees Waived and Expenses Reimbursed to the Funds for the Year Ended December 31

	2006		2007		2008	
	Earned	Fees Waived and Expenses Reimbursed	Earned	Fees Waived and Expenses Reimbursed	Earned	Fees Waived and Expenses Reimbursed
Global Telecommunications Fund	\$1,920,590	\$0	\$2,884,635	\$0	\$2,110,824	\$0
Global Growth Fund	\$1,067,264	\$0	\$1,037,202	\$0	\$848,915	\$0
Global Opportunity Fund*	\$230,631	\$0	\$233,229	\$0	\$183,817	\$44,279
Global Convertible Securities Fund**	\$161,989	\$18,221	\$105,724	\$35,274	\$71,680	\$97,017

* During the period from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008, the Adviser contractually agreed to waive its management fee and/or reimburse expenses of the Global Opportunity Fund to the extent necessary to maintain total annual operating expenses (excluding brokerage, acquired fund fees and expenses, interest, taxes, and extraordinary expenses) at no more than 2.00%, 2.00%, 2.75%, 2.75%, and 1.75% on an annualized basis for Class AAA, Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class I Shares, respectively.

** During 2006, 2007, and 2008, the Adviser voluntarily agreed to waive its investment advisory fees and/or reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to maintain total annual operating expenses (excluding brokerage, acquired fund fees and expenses, interest, taxes, and extraordinary expenses) at no more than 2.00%, 2.00%, 2.75%, 2.75%, and 1.75% on an annualized basis for Class AAA, Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class I Shares, respectively. This voluntary fee waiver may be revoked at any time at the discretion of the Adviser.

The Adviser has contractually agree to waive its investment advisory fee and/or to reimburse expenses of the Global Opportunity Fund to the extent necessary to maintain the annualized total operating expenses of the Global Opportunity Fund (excluding brokerage, acquired fund fees and expenses, interest, taxes, and extraordinary expenses) at no more than 2.00%, 2.00%, 2.75%, 2.75%, and 1.75% of the value of the Global Opportunity Fund's average daily net assets for Class AAA, Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class I, respectively. The fee waiver and expense reimbursement arrangement will continue until at least through May 1, 2010. In addition, the Global Opportunity Fund has agreed, during the two year period following any waiver or reimbursement by the Adviser, to repay such amount to the extent, that after giving the effect to the repayment, such adjusted annualized total operating expenses of the Global Opportunity Fund would not exceed 2.00%, 2.00%, 2.75%, 2.75%, and 1.75% of the Global Opportunity Fund's average daily net assets for Class AAA, Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class I, respectively. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, the Adviser reimbursed the Global Opportunity Fund in the amount of \$44,279. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, the Adviser reimbursed the Global Convertible Securities Fund in the amount of \$90,017, which is not recoverable in future years.

Portfolio Manager Information

Other Accounts Managed

The table below provides summary information regarding other accounts for which the portfolio managers were primarily responsible for the day-to-day management during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008.

<u>Name of Portfolio Manager</u>	<u>Type of Accounts</u>	<u>Total No. of Accounts Managed</u>	<u>Total Assets</u>	<u>No. of Accounts where Advisory Fee is Based on Performance</u>	<u>Total Assets in Accounts where Advisory Fee is Based on Performance</u>
1. Mario J. Gabelli	Registered Investment Companies:	21	\$9.8B	6	\$3.4B
	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles:	14	\$331.4M	13	\$294.4M
	Other Accounts:	1,913	\$8.2B	6	\$994.1M
2. Caesar M.P. Bryan	Registered Investment Companies:	4	\$1.8B	1	\$1.1B
	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles:	2	\$6.0M	2	\$6.0M
	Other Accounts:	8	\$36.0M	0	\$0
3. Sergey Dluzhevskiy	Registered Investment Companies:	0	\$0	0	\$0
	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles:	0	\$0	0	\$0
	Other Accounts:	1	\$13.4K	0	\$0
4. Evan Miller	Registered Investment Companies:	0	\$0	0	\$0
	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles:	1	\$3.1M	1	\$3.1M
	Other Accounts:	0	\$0	0	\$0
5. Howard Ward	Registered Investment Companies:	1	\$462.2M	0	\$0
	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles:	0	\$0	0	\$0
	Other Accounts:	18	\$85.3M	0	\$0

6. Anthony Fritz	Registered Investment Companies:	0	\$0	0	\$0
	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles:	0	\$0	0	\$0
	Other Accounts:	1	\$60.2K	0	\$0
7. Kevin Dreyer	Registered Investment Companies:	1	\$53.0M	0	\$0
	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles:	0	\$0	0	\$0
	Other Accounts:	1	\$588.00	0	\$0
8. Wayne C. Plewkiak	Registered Investment Companies:	0	\$0	0	\$0
	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles:	2	\$13.5M	0	\$0
	Other Accounts:	9	\$27.2M	0	\$0

Potential Conflicts of Interest

Actual or apparent conflicts of interest may arise when the portfolio managers also have day-to-day management responsibilities with respect to one or more other accounts. These potential conflicts include:

Allocation of Limited Time and Attention. Because the portfolio managers manage more than one account, they may not be able to formulate as complete a strategy or identify equally attractive investment opportunities for each of those accounts as if they were to devote substantially more attention to the management of only the Fund.

Allocation of Limited Investment Opportunities. If the portfolio managers identify an investment opportunity that may be suitable for multiple accounts, the Fund may not be able to take full advantage of that opportunity because the opportunity may need to be allocated among these accounts or other accounts managed primarily by other portfolio managers of the Adviser and its affiliates.

Pursuit of Differing Strategies. At times, the portfolio managers may determine that an investment opportunity may be appropriate for only some of the accounts for which they exercise investment responsibility, or may decide that certain of these accounts should take differing positions with respect to a particular security. In these cases, the portfolio managers may execute differing or opposite transactions for one or more accounts which may affect the market price of the security or the execution of the transactions, or both, to the detriment of one or more of their other accounts.

Selection of Broker/Dealers. A portfolio manager may be able to select or influence the selection of the brokers and dealers that are used to execute securities transactions for the funds or accounts that they supervise. In addition to providing execution of trades, some brokers and dealers provide portfolio managers with brokerage and research services which may result in the payment of higher brokerage fees than might otherwise be available. These services may be more beneficial to certain funds or accounts of

the Adviser and its affiliates than to others. Although the payment of brokerage commissions is subject to the requirement that the Adviser determines in good faith that the commissions are reasonable in relation to the value of the brokerage and research services provided to the fund, a portfolio manager's decision as to the selection of brokers and dealers could yield disproportionate costs and benefits among the funds or other accounts that the Adviser and its affiliates manage. In addition, with respect to certain types of accounts (such as pooled investment vehicles and other accounts managed for organizations and individuals) the Adviser may be limited by the client concerning the selection of brokers or may be instructed to direct trades to particular brokers. In these cases, the Adviser or its affiliates may place separate, non-simultaneous transactions in the same security for a Fund and another account that may temporarily affect the market price of the security or the execution of the transaction, or both, to the detriment of a Fund or the other account.

Variation in Compensation. A conflict of interest may arise where the financial or other benefits available to a portfolio manager differ among the accounts that they manage. If the structure of the Adviser's management fee or the portfolio manager's compensation differs among accounts (such as where certain accounts pay higher management fees or performance-based management fees), the portfolio managers may be motivated to favor certain accounts over others. The portfolio managers also may be motivated to favor accounts in which they have an investment interest, or in which the Adviser or its affiliates have investment interests. Similarly, the desire to maintain assets under management or to enhance a portfolio manager's performance record or to derive other rewards, financial or otherwise, could influence the portfolio managers in affording preferential treatment to those accounts that could most significantly benefit the portfolio managers. In the case of Mr. Bryan, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Gabelli, the Adviser's compensation (and expenses) for managing a particular Fund are marginally greater as a percentage of assets than for certain other accounts managed by them, while their compensation structure is the same for all accounts managed by them.

The Adviser and the Funds have adopted compliance policies and procedures that are designed to address the various conflicts of interest that may arise for the Adviser and its staff members. However, there is no guarantee that such policies and procedures will be able to detect and address every situation in which an actual or potential conflict may arise.

Compensation Structure for Portfolio Managers other than Mario J. Gabelli

The compensation of these portfolio managers for the Funds are structured to enable the Adviser to attract and retain highly qualified professionals in a competitive environment. The portfolio managers receive a compensation package that includes a minimum draw or base salary, equity-based incentive compensation via awards of stock options, and incentive-based variable compensation based on a percentage of net revenues received by the Adviser for managing a Fund to the extent that the amount exceeds a minimum level of compensation, and in the case of Messrs. Miller, Fritz, Dreyer, and Dluzhevskiy, discretionary bonuses. Net revenues are determined by deducting from gross investment management fees certain of the firm's expenses (other than the respective portfolio manager's compensation) allocable to the respective Fund. This method of compensation is based on the premise that superior long-term performance in managing a portfolio should be rewarded with higher compensation as a result of growth of assets through appreciation and net investment activity. Equity-based incentive compensation is based on an evaluation by the Adviser's parent, GBL, of quantitative and qualitative performance evaluation criteria.

The compensation for managing other accounts is based on a percentage of net revenues received by the Adviser for managing the accounts. Compensation for managing accounts that have a performance-based fee will have two components. One component is based on a percentage of net revenues received by the

Adviser for managing the account. The second component is based on absolute performance of the account, with respect to which a percentage of the performance fee is paid to the portfolio manager(s).

Compensation Structure for Mario J. Gabelli

Mr. Gabelli receives incentive-based variable compensation based on a percentage of net revenues received by the Adviser for managing the Global Telecommunications Fund. Net revenues are determined by deducting from gross investment management fees the firm’s expenses (other than Mr. Gabelli’s compensation) allocable to this Fund. Additionally, he receives similar incentive-based variable compensation for managing other accounts within the firm. This method of compensation is based on the premise that superior long-term performance in managing a portfolio should be rewarded with higher compensation as a result of growth of assets through appreciation and net investment activity. One of the other registered investment companies managed by Mr. Gabelli has a performance (fulcrum) fee arrangement for which his compensation is adjusted up or down based on the performance of the investment company relative to an index. Five closed-end registered investment companies managed by Mr. Gabelli have arrangements whereby the Adviser will only receive its investment advisory fee attributable to the liquidation value of outstanding preferred stock (and Mr. Gabelli would only receive his percentage of such advisory fee) if certain performance levels are met. Mr. Gabelli manages other accounts with performance fees. Compensation for managing these accounts has two components. One component of his compensation is based on a percentage of net revenues received by the Adviser for managing the account. The second component is based on absolute performance of the account, with respect to which a percentage of such performance fee is paid to Mr. Gabelli. As an executive officer of the Adviser’s parent company, GBL, Mr. Gabelli also receives ten percent of the net operating profits of the parent company. Mr. Gabelli receives no base salary, no annual bonus, and no stock options.

Ownership of Shares in the Funds

Set forth in the table below is the dollar range of equity securities in the Funds beneficially owned by each Fund’s portfolio managers:

<u>Team Member</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Dollar Range of Equity Securities Held in each Fund*</u>
Mario J. Gabelli	Global Telecommunications Fund	E
	Global Growth Fund	E
	Global Opportunity Fund	G
	Global Convertible Securities Fund	B
Caesar Bryan	Global Growth Fund	A
	Global Opportunity Fund	B
Kevin Dreyer	Global Opportunity Fund	A
Sergey Dluzhevskiy	Global Telecommunications Fund	A
Anthony Fritz	Global Opportunity Fund	A
Evan Miller	Global Telecommunications Fund	A
Wayne Plewniak	Global Convertible Securities Fund	A

* Key to Dollar Ranges- Information as of December 31, 2008

- A. None
- B. \$1 – \$10,000
- C. \$10,001 – \$50,000
- D. \$50,001 – \$100,000
- E. \$100,001 - \$500,000
- F. \$500,001 – \$1,000,000
- G. over \$1,000,000

Sub-Administrator

The Adviser has entered into an agreement (the "Sub-Administration Agreement") with PNC Global Investment Servicing (U.S.) Inc. (the "Sub-Administrator"), which is located at 760 Moore Road, King of Prussia, Pennsylvania 19406. Under the Sub-Administration Agreement, the Sub-Administrator: (a) assists in supervising all aspects of the Corporation's operations except those performed by the Adviser under its advisory agreements with the Funds; (b) supplies the Corporation with office facilities (which may be in the Sub-Administrator's own offices), statistical and research data, data processing services, clerical, accounting, and bookkeeping services, including, but not limited to, the calculation of the NAV of each class of each Fund's shares, internal auditing and regulatory administration services, internal executive and administrative services, and stationery and office supplies; (c) prepares and distributes materials for all Corporation Board meetings, including the mailing of all Board materials and collates the same materials into the Board books, and assists in the drafting of minutes of the Board meetings; (d) prepares reports to Fund shareholders, tax returns, and reports to and filings with the SEC and state "Blue Sky" authorities; (e) provides any equipment or services necessary for the purpose of pricing shares or valuing the Funds' investment portfolio; (f) provides compliance testing of all Fund activities against applicable requirements of the 1940 Act and the rules thereunder, the Code, and the Funds' investment restrictions; (g) furnishes to the Adviser such statistical and other factual information and information regarding economic factors and trends as the Adviser from time to time may require; and (h) generally provides all administrative services that may be required for the ongoing operation of the Corporation in a manner consistent with the requirements of the 1940 Act.

For the services it provides, the Adviser pays the Sub-Administrator an annual fee based on the value of the aggregate average daily net assets of all funds under its administration managed by the Adviser as follows: up to \$10 billion - 0.0275%; \$10 billion to \$15 billion – 0.0125%; over \$15 billion – 0.01%. The Sub-Administrator's fee is paid by the Adviser and will result in no additional expense to the Funds.

Counsel

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP, Four Times Square, New York, New York 10036, serves as the Corporation's legal counsel.

Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Ernst & Young LLP ("E&Y"), 2001 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103, independent registered public accounting firm, has been selected to audit the Funds' annual financial statements.

Custodian, Transfer Agent, and Dividend Disbursing Agent

State Street Bank and Trust Company (“State Street”), 225 Franklin Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, is the Custodian for the Funds’ cash and securities. Boston Financial Data Services, Inc. (“BFDS”), an affiliate of State Street located at The BFDS Building, 30 Dan Road, Canton, Massachusetts 02021-2809, performs the shareholder services on behalf of State Street and acts as the Funds’ transfer agent and dividend disbursing agent. Neither BFDS nor State Street assists in or is responsible for investment decisions involving assets of the Funds.

Distributor

To implement the Funds’ Rule 12b-1 Plans, each Fund has entered into an Amended and Restated Distribution Agreement with the Distributor, a New York corporation which is an indirect majority owned subsidiary of GBL, having principal offices located at One Corporate Center, Rye, New York 10580-1422. The Distributor acts as agent of the Funds for the continuous offering of its shares on a best efforts basis.

Set forth in the tables below are the amounts of sales commissions and underwriting fees of Class A Shares and contingent deferred sales charges (“CDSCs”) for Class A, Class B, and Class C Shares received and retained by the Distributor during 2008:

Sales Commissions for the Years Ended December 31, 2008						
Global Telecomm-unications Fund	2006		2007		2008	
Share Class	Commissions	Retained by Distributor	Commissions	Retained by Distributor	Commissions	Retained by Distributor
Class A Sales Commissions	\$16,954	\$2,407	\$70,022	\$9,987	\$2,648	\$367
Class A CDSCs	Not Applicable	-	Not Applicable	-	Not Applicable	-
Class B CDSCs	Not Applicable	\$2,970	Not Applicable	\$257	Not Applicable	\$357
Class C CDSCs	Not Applicable	\$230	Not Applicable	\$22,265	Not Applicable	\$2,356

Sales Commissions for the Years Ended December 31, 2008						
Global Growth Fund	2006		2007		2008	
Share Class	Commissions	Retained by Distributor	Commissions	Retained by Distributor	Commissions	Retained by Distributor
Class A Sales Commissions	\$5,907	\$799	\$33,044	\$4,917	\$4,858	\$527
Class A CDSCs	Not Applicable	-	Not Applicable	-	Not Applicable	-
Class B CDSCs	Not Applicable	-	Not Applicable	\$84	Not Applicable	\$250
Class C CDSCs	Not Applicable	\$416	Not Applicable	\$10	Not Applicable	\$566

Sales Commissions for the Years Ended December 31, 2008						
Global Opportunity Fund	2006		2007		2008	
Share Class	Commissions	Retained by Distributor	Commissions	Retained by Distributor	Commissions	Retained by Distributor
Class A Sales Commissions	\$1,067	\$180	\$4,264	\$574	\$32	\$4
Class A CDSCs	Not Applicable	-	Not Applicable	-	Not Applicable	-
Class B CDSCs	Not Applicable	\$150	Not Applicable	\$1	Not Applicable	-
Class C CDSCs	Not Applicable	-	Not Applicable	-	Not Applicable	-

Sales Commissions for the Years Ended December 31, 2008						
Global Convertible Securities Fund	2006		2007		2008	
Share Class	Commissions	Retained by Distributor	Commissions	Retained by Distributor	Commissions	Retained by Distributor
Class A Sales Commissions	-	-	\$1,290	\$100	\$16,480	\$2,380
Class A CDSCs	Not Applicable	-	Not Applicable	-	Not Applicable	-
Class B CDSCs	Not Applicable	\$1,032	Not Applicable	-	Not Applicable	\$144
Class C CDSCs	Not Applicable	-	Not Applicable	\$428	Not Applicable	-

Set forth in the table below are the amounts of brokerage commissions and other compensation received by the Distributor during 2008:

	<u>Net Underwriting Discounts and Commissions</u>	<u>Compensation on Redemptions and Repurchases</u>	<u>Brokerage Commissions</u>	<u>Other Compensation</u>
Global Telecommunications Fund	\$367	\$2,713	\$35,719	---
Global Growth Fund	\$527	\$816	\$18,916	---
Global Opportunity Fund	\$4	---	\$100	---
Global Convertible Securities Fund	\$2,380	\$144	\$772	---

DISTRIBUTION PLANS

Each Fund has adopted a separate distribution and service plan (each, a “Plan” and collectively the “Plans”) pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act on behalf of each Fund’s Class AAA, Class A, Class B, and Class C Shares. Payments may be made by each Fund under each Plan for the purpose of financing any activity primarily intended to result in the sales of shares of the class to which such Plan relates as determined by the Board. Such activities typically include advertising, compensation for sales and marketing activities of the Distributor and other banks, broker-dealers, and service providers; shareholder account servicing; production and dissemination of prospectuses and sales and marketing materials; and capital or other expenses of associated equipment, rent, salaries, bonuses, interest, and other overhead. To the extent any activity is one which a Fund may finance without a distribution plan, a Fund may also make payments to finance such activity outside of the Plans and not be subject to their limitations. The Plans compensate the Distributor regardless of expense, and accordingly, a portion of the payments by each Fund may be used indirectly to finance distribution activities on behalf of other Gabelli/GAMCO funds, and a portion of the payments by such other funds may be used to finance distribution activities on

behalf of each Fund. The Plans are intended to benefit the Funds, among other things, by increasing its assets and thereby reducing the Funds' expense ratio.

Under its terms, each Plan remains in effect so long as its continuance is specifically approved at least annually by vote of the Corporation's Board, including a majority of the Independent Directors. No Plan may be amended to materially increase the amount to be spent for services provided by the Distributor thereunder without shareholder approval, and all material amendments of any Plan must also be approved by the Directors in the manner described above. Each Plan may be terminated at any time, without penalty, by vote of a majority of the Independent Directors, or by a vote of a majority of the outstanding voting securities of a Fund (as defined in the 1940 Act). Under each Plan, the Distributor will provide the Directors with periodic reports of amounts expended under each Plan and the purpose for which such expenditures were made.

Pursuant to each Plan, the Board will review at least quarterly a written report of the distribution expenses incurred on behalf of each class of shares of the Funds by the Distributor. The report includes an itemization of the distribution expenses and the purposes of such expenditures. In addition, as long as the Plans remain in effect, the selection and nomination of Independent Directors shall be limited to the Independent Directors.

	Global Telecommunications Fund	Global Growth Fund	Global Opportunity Fund	Global Convertible Securities Fund
Advertising and Promotion	\$2,400	\$1,400	\$400	\$200
Printing, Postage and Stationery	\$29,200	\$13,200	\$19,600	\$3,200
Overhead Support Expenses	\$2,300	\$1,600	\$1,200	\$300
Advanced Commissions	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Salaries of Personnel of Distributor	\$69,200	\$42,500	\$28,700	\$7,100
Third Party Servicing Fees	\$250,300	\$87,800	\$19,100	\$10,600

Pursuant to the Plans, each Fund pays the Distributor 0.25% of its average daily net assets of Class AAA Shares and Class A Shares and 1.00% of its average daily net assets of Class B Shares and Class C Shares. Due to the possible continuing nature of Rule 12b-1 payments, long-term investors may pay more than the economic equivalent of the maximum front-end sales charge permitted by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"). Pursuant to the Amended and Restated Distribution Agreements, each Fund appoints the Distributor as its general distributor and exclusive agent for the sale of a Fund's shares. Each Fund has agreed to indemnify the Distributor to the extent permitted by applicable law against certain liabilities under federal securities laws. The Distribution Agreement shall remain in effect from year to year provided that continuance of such agreement shall be approved at least annually by the Corporation's Board, including a vote of a majority of the Independent Directors cast in person at a meeting called for the purpose of voting on such approval. The Distribution Agreement may be terminated by either party thereto upon 60 days' written notice.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, the Global Telecommunications Fund, the Global Growth Fund, the Global Opportunity Fund, and the Global Convertible Securities Fund incurred distribution costs of \$537,001, \$214,848, \$45,002, and \$18,400, respectively, to the Distributor. The Plan compensates the Distributor regardless of its expense.

Distribution Costs and Expenses
Incurred for the Year Ended December 31, 2008

	Class AAA	Class A	Class B	Class C
Global Telecommunications Fund	\$518,958	\$4,504	\$1,926	\$11,613
Global Growth Fund	\$204,234	\$4,523	\$2,007	\$4,084
Global Opportunity Fund	\$44,505	\$439	\$44	\$14
Global Convertible Securities Fund	\$17,110	\$496	\$200	\$634

The amounts included in a previous paragraph as third party servicing fees include amounts paid to the providers of various programs that make shares available to their customers. Subject to tax limitations and approvals by the Board, each Fund also makes payments to the providers of these programs, out of its assets other than Rule 12b-1 payments, in amounts not greater than savings of expenses each Fund would incur in maintaining shareholder accounts for those who invest in the respective Fund directly rather than through these programs. The Adviser and its affiliates may also pay for all or a portion of these program's charges out of their financial resources other than Rule 12b-1 fees.

The following table provides the dates of each Fund's class of shares were first offered to the public:

	Class AAA	Class A	Class B	Class C	Class I
Global Telecommunications Fund	11/1/1993	3/12/2000	3/13/2000	6/2/2000	1/11/2008
Global Growth Fund	2/7/1994	3/2/2000	5/5/2000	3/12/2000	1/11/2008
Global Opportunity Fund	5/11/1998	3/12/2000	8/16/2000	11/23/2001	1/11/2008
Global Convertible Securities Fund	2/3/1994	5/2/2001	3/28/2001	11/26/2001	1/11/2008

Shares of each Fund may also be purchased through shareholder agents that are not affiliated with the Funds or the Distributor. There is no sales or service charge imposed by the Funds other than as described in the Prospectus for Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class I Shares under the "Classes of Shares" section, but agents who do not receive distribution payments or sales charges may impose a charge to the investor for their services. Such fees may vary among agents, and such agents may impose higher initial or subsequent investment requirements than those established by each Fund. Services provided by broker-dealers may include allowing the investor to establish a margin account and to borrow on the value of each Fund's shares in that account. It is the responsibility of the shareholder's agent to establish procedures which would assure that upon receipt of an order to purchase shares of each Fund the order will be transmitted so that it will be received by the Distributor before the time when the price applicable to the buy order expires.

No Independent Director of the Corporation had a direct or indirect financial interest in the operation of any Plan or related agreements. Those interested persons who beneficially own stock in affiliates of the Adviser or the Distributor or are employed by one of the Gabelli companies may be deemed to have an indirect financial interest.

PORTFOLIO TRANSACTIONS AND BROKERAGE

The Adviser and its affiliates currently serve as investment adviser to a number of investment companies and private account clients and may in the future act as adviser to others. It is the policy of the Adviser and its affiliates to allocate investments suitable and appropriate for each such client in a manner believed by the Adviser to be equitable to each client. In making such allocations among any of these Funds and other client accounts, the main factors considered are the respective investment objectives, the relative size of portfolio holdings of the same or comparable securities, the availability of cash for investment, the size of investment commitments generally held and the opinions of the persons responsible for managing the portfolios of each Fund and other client accounts.

Under the Agreements, the Adviser is authorized on behalf of each Fund to employ brokers to effect the purchase or sale of portfolio securities with the objective of obtaining prompt, efficient, and reliable execution and clearance of such transactions at the most favorable price obtainable (“best execution”) at a reasonable expense. The Adviser is permitted to (1) direct Fund portfolio brokerage to the Distributor, a broker-dealer member of FINRA and an affiliate of the Adviser; and (2) pay commissions to brokers other than the Distributor which are higher than what might be charged by another qualified broker to obtain brokerage and/or research services considered by the Adviser to be useful or desirable for its investment management of the Funds and/or other advisory accounts under the management of the Adviser and any investment adviser affiliated with it. The Adviser does not consider the sales of shares of the Funds or other investment funds managed by the Adviser and its affiliates by brokers, including the Distributor, as a factor in its selection of brokers or dealers for each Fund’s portfolio transactions and has adopted compliance policies and procedures for itself and its affiliates to prevent any such transactions on that basis.

Transactions on U.S. stock exchanges involve the payment of negotiated brokerage commissions, which may vary among brokers. Transactions in securities other than those for which a securities exchange is the principal market are generally executed through the principal market maker. However, such transactions may be effected through a brokerage firm and a commission paid whenever it appears that the broker can obtain a price that is at least as favorable taking into account its commissions. In general, there may be no stated commission on principal transactions in over-the-counter securities, but the prices of those securities may include undisclosed commissions or markups. Option transactions will usually be effected through a broker and a commission will be charged. Each Fund also expects that securities will be purchased at times in underwritten offerings where the price includes a fixed amount of compensation generally referred to as a concession or discount.

The policy of each Fund regarding purchases and sales of securities and options for its portfolio is that primary consideration will be given to obtaining the most favorable prices and efficient execution of transactions. In seeking to implement each Fund’s policies, the Adviser effects transactions with those brokers or dealers who the Adviser believes can obtain the most favorable prices and are capable of providing efficient executions. If the Adviser believes such price and execution are obtainable from more than one broker or dealer, it may give consideration to placing portfolio transactions with those brokers or dealers who also furnish research and other services to the Funds or the Adviser of the type described in Section 28(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. In doing so, the Funds may also pay higher commission rates than the lowest available when the Adviser believes it is reasonable to do so in light of the value of the brokerage and research services provided by the broker effecting the transaction.

Such services may include, but are not limited to, any one or more of the following: information as to the availability of securities for purchase or sale; statistical or factual information or opinions pertaining to investments; wire services; and appraisals or evaluations of potential and existing investments.

Research services furnished by brokers or dealers through which the Funds effect securities transactions are used by the Adviser and its advisory affiliates in carrying out their responsibilities with respect to all of their accounts over which they exercise investment discretion. Such investment information may be useful only to one or more of such other accounts. The purpose of this sharing of research information is to avoid duplicative charges for research provided by brokers and dealers. Neither the Funds nor the Adviser has any agreement or legally binding understanding with any broker or dealer regarding any specific amount of brokerage commissions which will be paid in recognition of such services. However, in determining the amount of portfolio commissions directed to such brokers or dealers, the Adviser does consider the level of services provided and, based on such determinations, has allocated brokerage commissions of \$2,779 for Global Telecommunications Fund, \$57,278 for Global Growth Fund, \$8,518 for Global Opportunity Fund, and \$2,662 for Global Convertible Securities Fund, respectively, on portfolio transactions in the principal amount of \$624,029 for Global Telecommunications Fund, \$51,837,618 for Global Growth Fund, \$4,191,599 for Global Opportunity Fund, and \$4,432,694 for Global Convertible Securities Fund, respectively, during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. The average commissions on these transactions were \$0.03, \$0.05, \$0.02, and \$0.00 per share for Global Telecommunications Fund, Global Growth Fund, Global Opportunity Fund, and Global Convertible Securities Fund, respectively. In determining the broker or dealer to be used to execute a particular portfolio transaction, the Funds do not take into account whether such broker or dealer sells shares of the Funds or other Gabelli funds or the amount of such sales.

Investment research obtained by allocations of Fund brokerage is used to augment the scope and supplement the internal research and investment strategy capabilities of the Adviser but does not reduce the overall expenses of the Adviser to any material extent. Such investment research may be in written form or through direct contact with individuals and includes information on particular companies and industries as well as market, economic, or institutional activity areas. Research services furnished by brokers through which the Fund effects securities transactions are used by the Adviser and its advisory affiliates in carrying out their responsibilities with respect to all of their accounts over which they exercise investment discretion. Such investment information may be useful only to one or more of the other accounts of the Adviser and its advisory affiliates, and research information received for the commissions of those particular accounts may be useful both to the Fund and one or more of such other accounts.

The Adviser may also place orders for the purchase or sale of portfolio securities with the Distributor, when it appears that, as an introducing broker or otherwise, the Distributor can obtain a price, execution, and commission which is at least as favorable as that obtainable by other qualified brokers and at a commission rate at least as favorable as it provides to its best customers for similar transactions. As required by Rule 17e-1 under the 1940 Act, the Board has adopted policies which provide that the commissions paid to the Distributor on brokerage transactions must not exceed those which would have been charged by another qualified broker or member firm able to effect the same or a comparable transaction at an equally favorable price or those the Distributor charges its most favored customers on similar transactions. Rule 17e-1 and the policies contain requirements that the Board, including the Independent Directors, conduct periodic compliance reviews of such brokerage allocations and review such schedules at least quarterly for continuing compliance with the foregoing standard. The Adviser and the Distributor are also required to furnish reports and maintain records in connection with such reviews.

To obtain the best execution of portfolio trades on the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”), the Distributor controls and monitors the execution of such transactions on the floor of the NYSE through independent “floor brokers” or through the Designated Order Turnaround (“DOT”) System of the NYSE.

Such transactions are then cleared, confirmed to each Fund for the account of the Distributor, and settled directly with the Custodian of the Funds by a clearing house member firm which remits the commission less its clearing charges to the Distributor. The Distributor may also effect each Fund's portfolio transactions in the same manner and pursuant to the same arrangements on other national securities exchanges which adopt direct access rules similar to those of the NYSE. In addition, the Distributor may directly execute transactions for the Funds on the floor of any exchange, provided: (i) the Funds' Board has expressly authorized the Distributor to effect such transactions; and (ii) the Distributor annually advises the Funds of the aggregate compensation it earned on such transactions.

The following table sets forth certain information regarding each Fund's payment of brokerage commissions for the fiscal years ended December 31 as indicated:

	<u>Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2006</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2007</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008</u>
Global Telecommunications Fund			
Total brokerage commissions paid by the Fund	\$42,860	\$157,504	\$54,211
Total brokerage commissions paid by the Fund to the Distributor	\$30,321	\$86,673	\$35,719
% of total brokerage commissions paid to the Distributor	70.7%	55.0%	65.9%
% of principal amount of transactions involving commissions effected through the Distributor	61.3%	56.7%	51.7%
Global Growth Fund			
Total brokerage commissions paid by the Fund	\$124,178	\$105,888	\$107,405
Total brokerage commissions paid by the Fund to the Distributor	\$18,576	\$16,121	\$18,917
% of total brokerage commissions paid to the Distributor	15.0%	15.2%	17.6%
% of principal amount of transactions involving commissions effected through the Distributor	25.0%	24.4%	23.3%

Global Opportunity Fund

Total brokerage commissions paid by the Fund	\$16,119	\$22,465	\$9,834
Total brokerage commissions paid by the Fund to the Distributor	\$180	\$1,872	\$100
% of total brokerage commissions paid to the Distributor	1.1%	8.3%	1.0%
% of principal amount of transactions involving commissions effected through the Distributor	1.9%	15.9%	1.8%

Global Convertible Securities Fund

Total brokerage commissions paid by the Fund	\$16,673	\$9,056	\$4,609
Total brokerage commissions paid by the Fund to the Distributor	\$1,008	\$2,561	\$772
% of total brokerage commissions paid to the Distributor	6.0%	28.3%	16.7%
% of principal amount of transactions involving commissions effected through the Distributor	15.1%	45.9%	48.7%

The Global Telecommunications Fund's total commissions varied over the past three years primarily due to changes in the Fund's net assets and portfolio turnover. The Global Growth Fund's total commissions varied over the past three years primarily due to changes in the Fund's net assets and portfolio turnover. The Global Opportunity Fund's total commissions fell over the past three years primarily due to a decrease in the Fund's portfolio turnover and net assets. The Global Convertible Securities Fund's total commissions fell over the past three years primarily due to decreases in the Fund's net assets.

The difference in the percentage of the Distributor's commissions to the total commissions versus the percentage of the principal amount of commissionable trades done through the Distributor can be attributable to the lower commissions per share paid on NASDAQ securities executed on Electronic Trading Networks and foreign securities transactions versus the commission rates on exchange traded securities. Such rates per share are often determined without regard to the principal amount of the transaction which led to the difference noted.

As of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, the Global Telecommunications Fund, the Global Opportunity Fund, and the Global Convertible Fund did not hold securities of their regular broker-dealers or their parents.

As of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, the Global Growth Fund held securities of the following regular broker-dealers or their parents:

Name of Fund	Name of Regular Broker or Dealer or Parent (Issuer)	Shares	Aggregate Market Value
Global Growth Fund	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	40,000	\$1,261,200
	The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	14,000	\$1,181,460

REDEMPTION OF SHARES

Payment of the redemption price for shares redeemed may be made either in cash or in portfolio securities (selected at the discretion of the Board of the Funds and taken at their value used in determining each Fund's NAV as described under "Determination of Net Asset Value"), or partly in cash and partly in portfolio securities. However, payments will be made wholly in cash unless the shareholder has redeemed more than \$250,000 over the preceding three months and the Adviser believes that economic conditions exist which would make payments in cash detrimental to the best interests of a Fund. If payment for shares redeemed is made wholly or partly in portfolio securities, brokerage costs may be incurred by the investor in converting the securities to cash. A Fund will not distribute in-kind portfolio securities that are not readily marketable.

Cancellation of purchase orders for shares of any Fund (as, for example, when checks submitted to purchase shares are returned unpaid) causes a loss to be incurred when the NAV of that Fund's shares on the date of cancellation is less than on the original date of purchase. The investor is responsible for such loss, and that Fund may reimburse itself or the Distributor for such loss by automatically redeeming shares from any account registered at any time in that shareholder's name, or by seeking other redress. If that Fund is unable to recover any loss to itself, it is the position of the SEC that the Distributor will be immediately obligated to make that Fund whole.

The Funds impose a redemption fee of 2.00% of the total redemption amount if you sell or exchange any of your shares within seven (7) days or less after the date of a purchase. The fee, its manner of calculation and exceptions to its applicability are discussed in the Funds' Prospectuses. The fee is not a sales charge (load) and is paid directly to the respective Fund and not the Adviser or Distributor.

DETERMINATION OF NET ASSET VALUE

NAV is calculated separately for each class of each Fund. The NAV of Class B and Class C Shares of each Fund, as applicable, will generally be lower than the NAV of Class A, Class I, or Class AAA Shares, as applicable, as a result of the higher service and distribution-related fees to which Class B and Class C Shares are subject. It is expected, however, that the NAV of each class will tend to converge immediately after the recording of dividends, if any, which will differ by approximately the amount of the distribution and/or service fee expense accrual differential among the classes.

For purposes of determining each of the Fund's NAV, portfolio securities listed or traded on a nationally recognized securities exchange or traded in the 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 such day, the security is valued at the most recently available 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 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 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 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 valued at their fair value 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 official 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 valued at their fair value as determined in good faith under procedures established by and under the general supervision of 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 to the valuation and changes in valuation of similar securities, including a comparison of foreign securities to the equivalent U.S. dollar value of American Depositary Receipts ("ADRs"), 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 Funds may obtain valuations on the basis of prices provided by a pricing service approved by the Board. All other investment assets, including restricted and not readily marketable securities, are valued in good faith at fair value under procedures established by and under the general supervision and responsibility of the Corporation's Board. Additional information on fair valuation is provided in the Funds' Prospectuses under "Pricing of Fund Shares."

In addition, whenever developments in one or more securities markets after the close of the principal markets for one or more portfolio securities and before the time as of which the Funds determine their NAV would, if such developments had been reflected in such principal markets, likely have more than a minimal effect on any of the Funds' NAV, that Fund or Funds' may fair value such portfolio securities based on available market information as of the time each Fund determines its NAV.

NYSE Closings. The holidays (as observed) on which the NYSE is closed, and therefore days upon which shareholders cannot redeem shares, currently are: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day and on the preceding Friday or subsequent Monday when a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, respectively.

DIVIDENDS, DISTRIBUTIONS, AND TAXES

General

Each Fund has qualified and intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Code. If so qualified, each Fund will not be subject to Federal income tax on its net investment income and net short-term capital gains, if any, realized during any fiscal year in which it distributes such income and capital gains to its shareholders.

Each Fund will determine either to distribute or to retain for reinvestment all or part of any net long-term capital gains. If any such gains are retained by any Fund, that Fund will be subject to tax on such retained amount. In that event, each Fund expects that it will designate the retained amount as undistributed capital gains in a notice to its shareholders, each of whom (1) will be required to include in income for tax purposes as long-term capital gains, its share of the undistributed amount, (2) will be entitled to credit its proportionate share of the tax paid by that Fund against its Federal income tax liability and to claim refunds to the extent the credit exceeds such liability, and (3) will increase its basis in its shares of that Fund by an amount equal to the amount of undistributed capital gains included in such shareholder's gross income net of such tax.

A distribution will be treated as paid during the calendar year if it is paid during the calendar year or declared by a Fund in October, November, or December of that year, payable to shareholders of record on a date during such month and paid by that Fund during January of the following year. Any such distributions paid during January of the following year will be deemed to be received on December 31 of the year the distributions are declared, rather than when the distributions are received.

Under the Code, amounts not distributed on a timely basis in accordance with a calendar year distribution requirement are subject to a nondeductible 4% excise tax at the fund level. To avoid the tax, each Fund must distribute during each calendar year, an amount equal to at least the sum of (1) 98% of its ordinary income (not taking into account any capital gains or losses) for the calendar year, (2) 98% of its capital gains in excess of its capital losses for the one year period generally ending on October 31 of the calendar year, (unless an election is made by a fund with a November or December year-end to use the Fund's fiscal year) and (3) all ordinary income and net capital gains for previous years that were not previously distributed. To avoid application of the excise tax, the Funds intend to make distributions in accordance with calendar year distribution requirements.

On December 31, 2008, the Global Telecommunications Fund's unused capital loss carryforwards were approximately \$24,451,599. For Federal income tax purposes, this amount is available to be applied against future capital gains of the Global Telecommunications Fund that are realized prior to the expiration of the applicable carryforward. \$8,976,662 of the loss carryforward is available through 2010; \$11,910,139 is available through 2011; \$3,314,655 is available through 2012; and \$250,143 is available through 2016.

On December 31, 2008, the Global Growth Fund's unused capital loss carryforwards were approximately \$46,626,706. For Federal income tax purposes, this amount is available to be applied against future capital gains of the Global Growth Fund that are realized prior to the expiration of the applicable carryforward. \$4,251,022 of the loss carryforward is available through 2009; \$39,696,419 is available through 2010; \$1,279,768 is available through 2011; and \$1,126,947 is available through 2016.

On December 31, 2008, the Global Opportunity Fund's unused capital loss carryforwards were approximately \$4,464,079. For Federal income tax purposes, this amount is available to be applied against future capital gains of the Global Opportunity Fund that are realized prior to the expiration of the applicable carryforward. \$316,789 of the loss carryforward is available through 2010; \$1,776,091 is available through 2011; \$1,201,151 is available through 2012; and \$1,170,048 is available through 2016.

On December 31, 2008, the Global Convertible Securities Fund had net capital loss carryforwards for Federal income tax purposes of \$1,682,742, which are available to reduce future distributions of net capital gains to shareholders through 2016.

Gains or losses on the sales of securities by each Fund will be long-term capital gains or losses if the securities have been held by the Fund for more than twelve months. Gains or losses on the sale of securities held for twelve months or less will be short-term capital gains or losses.

Certain options, futures contracts and options on futures contracts are "section 1256 contracts". Any gains or losses on section 1256 contracts are generally considered 60% long-term and 40% short-term capital gains or losses ("60/40"). Also, section 1256 contracts held by each Fund at the end of each taxable year are "mark-to-market" with the result that unrealized gains or losses are treated as though they were realized and the resulting gain or loss is treated as 60/40 gain or loss.

Hedging transactions undertaken by each Fund may result in "straddles" for U.S. federal income tax purposes. The straddle rules may affect the character of gains (or losses) realized by each Fund. In addition, losses realized by each Fund on positions that are part of a straddle may be deferred under the straddle rules, rather than being taken into account in calculating the taxable income for the taxable year in which such losses are realized. Further, each Fund may be required to capitalize, rather than deduct currently, any interest expense on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry any positions that are part of a straddle. Each Fund may make one or more of the elections available under the Code which are applicable to straddles. If a Fund makes any of the elections, the amount, character and timing of the recognition of gains or losses from the affected straddle positions will be determined under rules that vary according to the election(s) made. The rules applicable under certain of the elections accelerate the recognition of gains or losses from the affected straddle positions. Because application of the straddle rules may affect the character of gains or losses, defer losses and/or accelerate the recognition of gains or losses from the affected straddle positions, and require the capitalization of interest expense, the amount which must be distributed to shareholders, and which will be taxed to shareholders as ordinary income or long-term capital gain, may be increased or decreased substantially as compared to a fund that did not engage in such hedging transactions.

The diversification requirements applicable to each Fund's assets may limit the extent to which a Fund will be able to engage in transactions in options, futures contracts, and options on futures contracts.

Distributions

Distributions of investment company taxable income (which includes taxable interest income and dividend income other than qualified dividends and the excess of net short-term capital gains over long-term capital losses) are taxable to a U.S. shareholder as ordinary income. Qualified dividends from certain U.S. and non-U.S. corporations are taxable to U.S. shareholders who are individuals at a reduced rate of 15% (5% for shareholders in lower tax brackets). This reduced rate is currently scheduled to apply to qualified dividends received prior to January 1, 2011 and thereafter revert to ordinary income rates. Dividends paid by a Fund will qualify for the 70% deduction for dividends received by corporations to the extent the Fund's income consists of qualified dividends received from U.S. corporations. Distributions of net capital gain (which consist of the excess of net long-term capital gains over net short-term capital losses), if any, are taxable as long-term capital gain, whether paid in cash or in shares, and are not eligible for the dividends received deduction. Shareholders receiving distributions in the form of newly issued shares will have a basis in such shares of the Fund equal to the fair market value of such shares on the distribution date. If the NAV of shares is reduced below a shareholder's cost as a result of a distribution by the Fund, such distribution may be taxable even though it represents a return of invested capital. The price of shares purchased at any time may reflect the amount of a forthcoming distribution. Those purchasing shares just prior to a distribution will receive a distribution which will be taxable to them, even though the distribution represents in part a return of invested capital.

Sales of Shares

Upon a sale or exchange of shares, a shareholder will realize a taxable gain or loss depending upon the basis in the shares. Such gain or loss will be long-term, if the shareholder's holding period for the shares is more than twelve months. Any loss realized on a sale or exchange will be disallowed to the extent the shares disposed of are replaced within a 61-day period beginning 30 days before and ending 30 days after the date the shares are disposed of. In such case, the basis of the shares acquired will be adjusted to reflect the disallowed loss.

Any loss realized by a shareholder on the sale of Fund shares held by the shareholder for six months or less will be treated for tax purposes as a long-term capital loss to the extent of any distributions of net capital gains received by the shareholder with respect to such shares.

An exchange from one share class within a Fund to another share class within the same Fund is not a taxable transaction, provided that such classes have identical rights with respect to the Fund assets.

If a shareholder (i) incurs a sales load charge in acquiring shares in a Fund and, by reason of incurring such charge or acquiring the shares, acquires the right to acquire shares of one or more regulated investment companies without the payment of a load charge or with the payment of a reduced load charge (a "reinvestment right"), and (ii) disposes of the Fund shares before the 91st day after the date on which the shares were acquired and subsequently acquires shares in the Fund or in another regulated investment company whereby the otherwise applicable load charge is reduced by reason of the reinvestment right, then the original load charge will not be taken into account for the purposes of determining the shareholder's gain or loss on the disposition (to the extent the original load charge does not exceed the reduction in the subsequent load charge). To the extent such charge is not taken into account in determining the amount of gain or loss, the charge will be treated as incurred in connection with the subsequently acquired shares and will have a corresponding effect on the shareholder's basis in such shares.

Backup Withholding

The Corporation generally will be required to withhold U.S. Federal income tax at a rate of 28% on all taxable distributions payable to shareholders who fail to provide their correct taxpayer identification number or Social Security number or to make required certifications, or who have been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that they are subject to backup withholding. Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld may be credited against the shareholder's U.S. Federal income tax liability.

Foreign Withholding Taxes

Income received by the Funds from sources within foreign countries may be subject to withholding and other taxes imposed by such countries. Tax treaties between certain countries and the United States may reduce or eliminate such taxes. It is impossible to determine the rate of foreign tax in advance since the amount of the Funds' assets to be invested in various countries is not known. A Fund having more than 50% of its total assets invested in securities of foreign governments or corporations can pass through to shareholders the amount of foreign taxes it pays.

INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

From time to time, the Funds may quote their performance in advertisements or in reports and other communications to shareholders, computed according to formulas prescribed by the SEC.

Each Fund's performance will vary from time to time depending upon market conditions, the composition of its portfolio, and its operating expenses. Consequently, any given performance quotation should not be considered representative of the Funds' performance for any specified period in the future. In addition, when considering "average" total return figures for periods longer than one year, it is important to note that the Funds' annual total returns for any one year in the period might have been greater or less than the average for the entire period. In addition, because the performance will fluctuate, it may not provide a basis for comparing an investment in any of these Funds with certain bank deposits or other investments that pay a fixed yield for a stated period of time. Investors comparing each Fund's performance with that of other mutual funds should give consideration to the quality and maturity of the respective investment companies' portfolio securities.

In reports or other communications to shareholders or in advertising material, the Funds may compare their performance with that of other mutual funds as listed in the rankings prepared by Lipper, Inc., Morningstar, Inc., or similar independent services that monitor the performance of mutual funds or other industry or financial publications. It is important to note that the total return figures are based on historical results and are not intended to indicate future performance. Shareholders may make inquiries regarding each Fund's total return figures to the Distributor.

In its reports, investor communications, or advertisements, each Fund may also include: (i) descriptions and updates concerning its strategies and portfolio investments; (ii) its goals, risk factors and expenses compared with other mutual funds; (iii) analysis of its investments by industry, country, credit quality, and other characteristics; (iv) a discussion of the risk/return continuum relating to different investments; (v) the potential impact of adding foreign stocks to a domestic portfolio; (vi) the general biography or work experience of the portfolio manager of the Fund; (vii) portfolio manager commentary or market updates; (viii) discussion of macroeconomic factors affecting the Fund and its investments; and (ix) other information of interest to investors.

DESCRIPTION OF THE FUNDS' SHARES

The Corporation was organized as a Maryland corporation on July 16, 1993. Its authorized capital stock consists of one billion shares of stock having a par value of one tenth of one cent (\$.001) per share. The Corporation is not required, and does not intend, to hold regular annual shareholder meetings, but may hold special meetings for the consideration of proposals requiring shareholder approval, such as changing fundamental policies or upon the written request of 10% of the Funds' shares, to replace its Directors. The Corporation's Board is authorized to divide the unissued shares into separate series of stock, each series representing a separate, additional portfolio.

There are no conversion or preemptive rights in connection with any shares of the Funds. All shares, when issued in accordance with the terms of the offering, will be fully paid and nonassessable. Shares will be redeemed at NAV, at the option of the shareholder.

The Corporation reserves the right to create and issue an unlimited number of series of shares and multiple classes within each series. The shares of each series would participate solely in the assets, earnings, and expenses attributable to that series and the shares of each class would participate equally in the dividends, in respect of the particular class. The shares of each series would vote separately to approve management agreements or changes in investment policies, but shares of all series would vote

together in the election or selection of Directors, principal underwriters and auditors and on any proposed material amendment to the Corporation's Certificate of Incorporation.

Upon liquidation of the Corporation or any series, shareholders of the affected series would be entitled to share pro rata in the net assets of their respective series available for distribution to such shareholders, less any expenses attributable to the class of such shares.

The Corporation sends semi-annual and audited annual reports to all shareholders which include lists of portfolio securities and each Fund's financial statements, which shall be audited annually. Unless a shareholder otherwise specifically requests in writing, a Fund may send a single copy of prospectuses and reports to shareholders to all accounts at the same address. The shares of each Fund have noncumulative voting rights which means that the holders of more than 50% of the shares can elect 100% of the Directors if the holders choose to do so, and, in that event, the holders of the remaining shares will not be able to elect any person or persons to the Board. Unless specifically requested by an investor who is a shareholder of record, each of the Funds do not issue certificates evidencing shares.

Information for Shareholders

All shareholder inquiries regarding administrative procedures including the purchase and redemption of shares should be directed to Gabelli & Company, Inc., One Corporate Center, Rye, New York 10580-1422. For assistance, call 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) or through the Internet at www.gabelli.com.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Each Fund's Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, including the Report of Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, are incorporated herein by reference to each Fund's Annual Report. Each Fund's Annual Report is available upon request and without charge by calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) or through the Internet at www.gabelli.com. Ernst & Young LLP provides audit services, tax return preparation and assistance and consultation in connection with certain SEC filings.

APPENDIX A

DESCRIPTION OF CORPORATE DEBT RATINGS

MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE, INC. ("Moody's")

- Aaa: Bonds which are rated Aaa are judged to be of the best quality. They carry the smallest degree of investment risk and are generally referred to as "gilt edge." Interest payments are protected by a large or by an exceptionally stable margin and principal is secure. While the various protective elements are likely to change, such changes as can be visualized are most unlikely to impair the fundamentally strong position of such issues.
- Aa: Bonds which are rated Aa are judged to be of high quality by all standards. Together with the Aaa group they comprise what are generally known as high grade bonds. They are rated lower than the best bonds because margins of protection may not be as large as in Aaa securities or fluctuation of protective elements may be of greater amplitude or there may be other elements present which make the long-term risks appear somewhat larger than in Aaa securities.
- A: Bonds which are rated A possess many favorable investment attributes and are to be considered as upper medium grade obligations. Factors giving security to principal and interest are considered adequate, but elements may be present which suggest a susceptibility to impairment sometime in the future.
- Baa: Bonds which are rated Baa are considered as medium grade obligations, *i.e.*, they are neither highly protected nor poorly secured. Interest payments and principal security appear adequate for the present but certain protective elements may be lacking or may be characteristically unreliable over any great length of time. Such bonds lack outstanding investment characteristics and in fact have speculative characteristics as well.
- Ba: Bonds which are rated Ba are judged to have speculative elements; their future cannot be considered as well assured. Often the protection of interest and principal payments may be very moderate and thereby not well safeguarded during both good and bad times over the future. Uncertainty of position characterizes bonds in this class.
- B: Bonds which are rated B generally lack characteristics of a desirable investment. Assurance of interest and principal payments or of maintenance of other terms of the contract over any long period of time may be small.
- Caa: Bonds which are rated Caa are of poor standing. Such issues may be in default or there may be present elements of danger with respect to principal or interest.
- Ca: Bonds which are rated Ca represent obligations which are speculative in high degree. Such issues are often in default or have other marked shortcomings.
- C: Bonds which are rated C are the lowest rated class of bonds, and issues so rated can be regarded as having extremely poor prospects of ever attaining any real investment standing.
- Unrated: Where no rating has been assigned or where a rating has been suspended or withdrawn, it may be for reasons unrelated to the quality of the issue.

Should no rating be assigned, the reason may be one of the following:

1. An application for rating was not received or accepted.
2. The issue or issuer belongs to a group of securities that are not rated as a matter of policy.
3. There is a lack of essential data pertaining to the issue or issuer.
4. The issue was privately placed, in which case the rating is not published in Moody's publications.

Suspension or withdrawal may occur if new and material circumstances arise, the effects of which preclude satisfactory analysis; if there is no longer available reasonable up-to-date data to permit a judgment to be formed; if a bond is called for redemption; or for other reasons.

Note: Moody's may apply numerical modifiers, 1, 2, and 3 in each generic rating classification from Aa through B in its corporate bond rating system. The modifier 1 indicates that the security ranks in the higher end of its generic rating category; the modifier 2 indicates a mid-range rating; and the modifier 3 indicates that the issue ranks in the lower end of its generic rating category.

STANDARD & POOR'S RATINGS SERVICE ("S&P")

- AAA: Bonds rated AAA have the highest rating assigned by Standard & Poor's Ratings Service, a division of McGraw Hill Companies, Inc. Capacity to pay interest and repay principal is extremely strong.
- AA: Bonds rated AA have a very strong capacity to pay interest and repay principal and differ from the higher rated issues only in small degree.
- A: Bonds rated A have a strong capacity to pay interest and repay principal although they are somewhat more susceptible to the adverse effects of changes in circumstances and economic conditions than bonds in the highest rated categories.
- BBB: Bonds rated BBB are regarded as having an adequate capacity to pay interest and repay principal. Whereas they normally exhibit adequate protection parameters, adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity to pay interest and repay principal for bonds in this category than in higher rated categories.
- BB, B, CCC, CC, C: Bonds rated BB, B, CCC, CC, and C are regarded, on balance, as predominantly speculative with respect to capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of this obligation. BB indicates the lowest degree of speculation and C the highest degree of speculation. While such bonds will likely have some quality and protective characteristics, they are outweighed by large uncertainties of major risk exposures to adverse conditions.
- C1: The rating C1 is reserved for income bonds on which no interest is being paid.
- D: Bonds rated D are in default, and payment of interest and/or repayment of principal is in arrears.
- Plus (+) or Minus (-): The ratings from AA to CCC may be modified by the addition of a plus or minus sign to show relative standing within the major rating categories.
- NR: Indicates that no rating has been requested, that there is insufficient information on which to base a rating, or that S&P does not rate a particular type of obligation as a matter of policy.

Description of S&P and Moody's commercial paper ratings:

The designation A-1 by S&P indicates that the degree of safety regarding timely payment is either overwhelming or very strong. Those issues determined to possess overwhelming safety characteristics are denoted with a plus sign designation. Capacity for timely payment on issues with an A-2 designation is strong. However, the relative degree of safety is not as high as for issues designated A-1.

The rating Prime-1 (P-1) is the highest commercial paper rating assigned by Moody's. Issuers of P-1 paper must have a superior capacity for repayment of short-term promissory obligations, and ordinarily will be evidenced by leading market positions in well established industries, high rates of return of funds employed, conservative capitalization structures with moderate reliance on debt and ample asset protection, broad margins in earnings coverage of fixed financial charges and high internal cash generation, and well established access to a range of financial markets and assured sources of alternate liquidity.