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**The Gabelli Small Cap Growth Fund**  
**The Gabelli Equity Income Fund**  
**The Gabelli Focus Five Fund**  
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# **Gabelli Equity Series Funds, Inc. (the “Company”)**

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Ticker Symbol</u>
The Gabelli Small Cap Growth Fund	A	GCASX
	B	GCBSX
	C	GCCSX
	I	GACIX
The Gabelli Equity Income Fund	A	GCAEX
	B	GCBEX
	C	GCCEX
	I	GCIEX
The Gabelli Focus Five Fund	A	GWSAX
	C	GWSCX
	I	GWSIX

## ***PROSPECTUS***

***January 27, 2012***

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**GABELLI SMALL CAP GROWTH FUND**  
(the “Small Cap Growth Fund”)

***Investment Objective***

The Small Cap Growth Fund seeks to provide a high level of capital appreciation.

***Fees and Expenses of the Small Cap Growth Fund:***

The table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold the following classes of shares of the Small Cap Growth Fund. You may qualify for sales charge discounts on Class A Shares if you and your family invest, or agree to invest in the future, at least \$50,000 in Class A shares of the Gabelli family of mutual funds. More information about these and other discounts is available from your financial professional and in the section entitled “Classes of Shares — Volume Discounts/Rights of Accumulation”.

	<u>Class A Shares</u>	<u>Class B Shares</u>	<u>Class C Shares</u>	<u>Class I Shares</u>
<b>Shareholder Fees</b>				
(fees paid directly from your investment):				
Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price) .....	5.75%	None	None	None
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load) (as a percentage of redemption or offering price, whichever is lower) .....	None	5.00%	1.00%	None
Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Reinvested Dividends (as a percentage of amount invested) .....	None	None	None	None
Redemption Fees (as a percentage of amount redeemed for shares held 7 days or less) .....	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Exchange Fee .....	None	None	None	None
<b>Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>				
(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):				
Management Fees .....	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Distribution and Service (Rule 12b-1) Fees .....	0.25%	1.00%	1.00%	None
Other Expenses .....	0.17%	0.17%	0.17%	0.17%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses .....	<u>1.42%</u>	<u>2.17%</u>	<u>2.17%</u>	<u>1.17%</u>

***Expense Example***

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Small Cap Growth Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Small Cap Growth Fund for the time periods shown and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and the Small Cap Growth Fund’s operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>
Class A Shares .....	\$711	\$998	\$1,307	\$2,179
Class B Shares .....	\$720	\$979	\$1,364	\$2,313
Class C Shares .....	\$320	\$679	\$1,164	\$2,503
Class I Shares .....	\$119	\$372	\$ 644	\$1,420

You would pay the following expenses if you did not redeem your shares of the Small Cap Growth Fund:

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>
Class A Shares .....	\$711	\$998	\$1,307	\$2,179
Class B Shares .....	\$220	\$679	\$1,164	\$2,313
Class C Shares .....	\$220	\$679	\$1,164	\$2,503
Class I Shares .....	\$119	\$372	\$ 644	\$1,420

### ***Portfolio Turnover***

The Small Cap Growth Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when the Small Cap Growth Fund’s shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in the annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Small Cap Growth Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Small Cap Growth Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 14% of the average value of its portfolio.

### ***Principal Investment Strategies***

Under normal market conditions, the Small Cap Growth Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in equity securities of companies that are considered to be small companies at the time the Small Cap Growth Fund makes its investment. The Small Cap Growth Fund invests primarily in the common stocks of companies which Gabelli Funds, LLC, the Small Cap Growth Fund’s adviser (the “Adviser”), believes are likely to have rapid growth in revenues and above average rates of earnings growth. The Adviser currently characterizes small companies for this Small Cap Growth Fund as those with total common stock market values of \$2 billion or less at the time of investment.

In selecting investments for the Small Cap Growth Fund, the Adviser seeks issuers with a dominant market share or niche franchise in growing and/or consolidating industries. The Adviser considers for purchase the stocks of small capitalization (capitalization is the price per share multiplied by the number of shares outstanding) companies with experienced management, strong balance sheets, and rising free cash flow and earnings. The Adviser’s goal is to invest long term in the stocks of companies trading at reasonable market valuations relative to perceived economic worth.

Frequently, smaller companies exhibit one or more of the following traits:

- New products or technologies
- New distribution methods
- Rapid changes in industry conditions due to regulatory or other developments
- Changes in management or similar characteristics that may result not only in expected growth in revenues but in an accelerated or above average rate of earnings growth, which would usually be reflected in capital appreciation.

In addition, because smaller companies are less actively followed by stock analysts and less information is available on which to base stock price evaluations, the market may overlook favorable trends in particular smaller growth companies and then adjust its valuation more quickly once investor interest is gained.

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## *Principal Risks*

### *You May Want to Invest in the Small Cap Growth Fund if:*

- you are a long-term investor
- you seek capital appreciation
- you believe that the market will favor small capitalization stocks over the long term

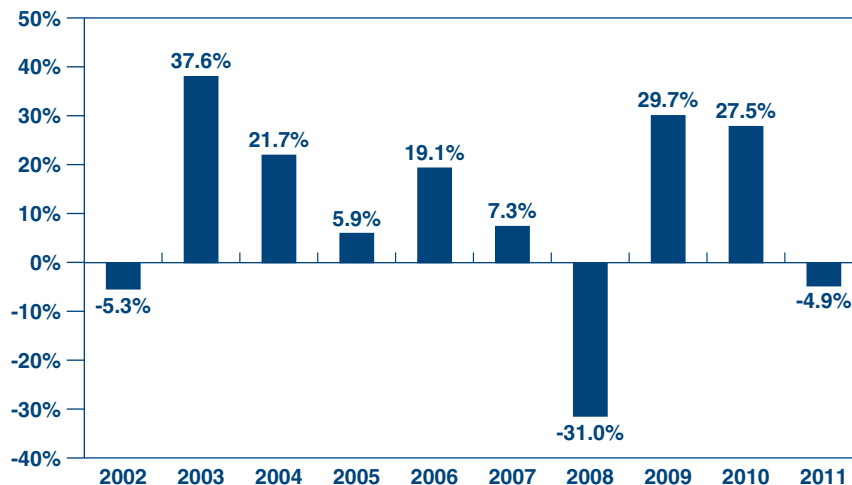
Investing in the Small Cap Growth Fund involves the following risks:

- **Equity Risk.** A principal risk of investing in the Small Cap Growth Fund is equity risk. Equity risk is the risk that the prices of the securities held by the Small Cap Growth Fund will fall due to general market and economic conditions, perceptions regarding the industries in which the companies issuing the securities participate, and the issuer company's particular circumstances. Because the value of portfolio securities, and thus shares of the Small Cap Growth Fund, could go down, you could lose money.
- **Value Investing Risk.** The Small Cap Growth Fund invests in "value" stocks. The portfolio manager may be wrong in the assessment of a company's value and the stocks the Small Cap Growth Fund holds may not reach what the portfolio manager believes are their full values. From time to time "value" investing falls out of favor with investors. During those periods, the Small Cap Growth Fund's relative performance may suffer.
- **Fund and Management Risk.** The Small Cap Growth Fund invests in stocks issued by smaller companies. The Small Cap Growth Fund's price may decline if the market favors large or mid-size capitalization company stocks over stocks of small companies. If the portfolio manager's assessment of the value of the securities the Small Cap Growth Fund holds is incorrect, or the events expected to increase value do not occur, then the value of the Small Cap Growth Fund's shares may decline.
- **Small Capitalization Company Risk.** Investing in securities of small capitalization companies may involve greater risks than investing in larger, more established issuers. Smaller capitalization companies typically have relatively lower revenues, limited product lines and lack of management depth, and may have a smaller share of the market for their products or services, than larger capitalization companies. The stocks of smaller capitalization companies tend to have less trading volume than stocks of larger capitalization companies. Less trading volume may make it more difficult for our portfolio managers to sell securities of smaller capitalization companies at quoted market prices. Finally, there are periods when investing in smaller capitalization stocks fall out of favor with investors and the stocks of smaller capitalization companies underperform.
- **Foreign Securities Risk.** The Small Cap Growth Fund may invest outside the U.S.; therefore, the Small Cap Growth Fund carries additional risks that include currency, information, political and access risks. To the extent that the Small Cap Growth Fund invests in emerging (less developed) markets, the Small Cap Growth Fund will be exposed to higher levels of these same risks.

## Performance

The bar chart and table that follow provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Small Cap Growth Fund by showing changes in the Small Cap Growth Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Small Cap Growth Fund's average annual returns for the one year, five years, and ten years compare with those of a broad based securities market index. The historical performance of Class AAA Shares, which are not offered in this Prospectus, is used to calculate performance for Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class I Shares prior to their issuance. All the classes of the Small Cap Growth Fund's shares are invested in the same portfolio of securities. The annual returns of the different classes of shares will differ only to the extent that the expenses of the classes differ. As with all mutual funds, the Small Cap Growth Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) does not predict how the Small Cap Growth Fund will perform in the future. Updated information on the Small Cap Growth Fund's results can be obtained by visiting [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com).

**SMALL CAP GROWTH FUND**  
**(For the Years Ended December 31)**



The bar chart above shows total returns for Class AAA Shares for the calendar years ended 2002 and 2003 and total returns for Class A Shares for the calendar years ended 2004 through 2011. Sales loads are not reflected in the above chart. If sales loads were reflected, the Small Cap Growth Fund's returns would be less than those shown. During the calendar years shown in the bar chart, the highest return for a quarter was 20.52% (quarter ended June 30, 2009) and the lowest return for a quarter was (21.83)% (quarter ended December 31, 2008).

<b>Average Annual Total Returns (for the periods ended December 31, 2011)</b>	<b>Past One Year</b>	<b>Past Five Years</b>	<b>Past Ten Years</b>
The Gabelli Small Cap Growth Fund Class A Shares (first issued on 12/31/03)			
Return Before Taxes .....	(10.31)%	1.95%	8.17%
Return After Taxes on Distributions .....	(10.68)%	1.45%	7.62%
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares .....	(6.32)%	1.52%	7.12%
Class B Shares (first issued on 12/31/03)			
Return Before Taxes .....	(10.31)%	1.95%	8.17%
Class C Shares (first issued on 12/31/03)			
Return Before Taxes .....	(6.53)%	2.33%	8.18%
Class I Shares (first issued on 1/11/08)			
Return Before Taxes .....	(4.66)%	3.30%	8.93%
Russell 2000 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) .....	(4.18)%	0.15%	5.62%

After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. In some instances, the “Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares” may be greater than “Return Before Taxes” because the investor is assumed to be able to use the capital loss from the sale of Fund shares to offset other taxable gains. After-tax returns are shown for only Class A, and after-tax returns for other Classes will vary. Actual after-tax returns depend on the investor’s tax situation and may differ from those shown. After-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their Fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or Individual Retirement Accounts, including “Roth” IRAs and SEP IRAs (collectively, “IRAs”).

### ***Management***

**The Adviser.** Gabelli Funds, LLC serves as the Adviser to the Small Cap Growth Fund.

**The Portfolio Manager.** Mr. Mario J. Gabelli, CFA, Chief Investment Officer — Value Portfolios of the Adviser, has served as Portfolio Manager of the Small Cap Growth Fund since its inception on October 22, 1991.

### ***Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares, Taxes, and Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries***

For important information about purchase and sale of Fund shares, taxes, and financial intermediary compensation, please turn to “Other Information”.

**GABELLI EQUITY INCOME FUND**  
(the “Equity Income Fund”)

***Investment Objective***

The Equity Income Fund seeks to provide a high level of total return on its assets with an emphasis on income.

***Fees and Expenses of the Equity Income Fund:***

The table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold the following classes of shares of the Equity Income Fund. You may qualify for sales charge discounts on Class A Shares if you and your family invest, or agree to invest in the future, at least \$50,000 in Class A shares of the Gabelli family of mutual funds. More information about these and other discounts is available from your financial professional and in the section entitled “Classes of Shares — Volume Discounts/Rights of Accumulation”.

	<u>Class A Shares</u>	<u>Class B Shares</u>	<u>Class C Shares</u>	<u>Class I Shares</u>
<b>Shareholder Fees</b>				
(fees paid directly from your investment):				
Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price) .....	5.75%	None	None	None
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load) (as a percentage of redemption or offering price, whichever is lower) .....	None	5.00%	1.00%	None
Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Reinvested Dividends (as a percentage of amount invested) .....	None	None	None	None
Redemption Fees (as a percentage of amount redeemed for shares held 7 days or less) .....	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Exchange Fee .....	None	None	None	None
<b>Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>				
(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):				
Management Fees .....	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Distribution and Service (Rule 12b-1) Fees .....	0.25%	1.00%	1.00%	None
Other Expenses .....	<u>0.16%</u>	<u>0.16%</u>	<u>0.16%</u>	<u>0.16%</u>
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses .....	<u>1.41%</u>	<u>2.16%</u>	<u>2.16%</u>	<u>1.16%</u>

***Expense Example***

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Equity Income Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in shares of the Equity Income Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. This example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year, and that the Equity Income Fund’s operating expenses

remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>
Class A Shares .....	\$710	\$996	\$1,302	\$2,169
Class B Shares .....	\$719	\$976	\$1,359	\$2,303
Class C Shares .....	\$319	\$676	\$1,159	\$2,493
Class I Shares .....	\$118	\$368	\$ 638	\$1,409

You would pay the following expenses if you did not redeem your shares of the Equity Income Fund:

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>
Class A Shares .....	\$710	\$996	\$1,302	\$2,169
Class B Shares .....	\$219	\$676	\$1,159	\$2,303
Class C Shares .....	\$219	\$676	\$1,159	\$2,493
Class I Shares .....	\$118	\$368	\$ 638	\$1,409

### ***Portfolio Turnover***

The Equity Income Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when the Equity Income Fund’s shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Equity Income Fund’s performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Equity Income Fund’s portfolio turnover rate was 14% of the average value of its portfolio.

### ***Principal Investment Strategies***

The Equity Income Fund will seek to achieve its investment objective through a combination of capital appreciation and current income by investing, under normal market conditions, at least 80% of its net assets in income-producing equity securities. Income-producing equity securities include, for example, common stock, preferred stock and convertible securities. In making stock selections, Gabelli Funds, LLC, the Equity Income Fund’s adviser (the “Adviser”), looks for securities that have a better yield than the average of the Standard and Poor’s 500 Index (the “S&P 500 Index”), as well as capital gains potential.

In selecting investments for the Equity Income Fund, the Adviser focuses on issuers that:

- have strong free cash flow and pay regular dividends
- have potential for long-term earnings per share growth
- may be subject to a value catalyst, such as industry developments, regulatory changes, changes in management, sale or spin-off of a division, or the development of a profitable new business
- are well-managed
- will benefit from sustainable long-term economic dynamics, such as globalization of an issuer’s industry or an issuer’s increased focus on productivity or enhancement of services.

The Adviser also believes preferred stock and convertible securities of selected companies offer opportunities for capital appreciation as well as periodic income and may invest a portion of the Equity

Income Fund's assets in such securities. This is particularly true in the case of companies that have performed below expectations. If a company's performance has been poor enough, its preferred stock and convertible debt securities will trade more like common stock than like a fixed income security and may result in above average appreciation if performance improves. Even if the credit quality of the company is not in question, the market price of the convertible security will reflect little or no element of conversion value if the price of its common stock has fallen substantially below the conversion price. This leads to the possibility of capital appreciation if the price of the common stock recovers.

### ***Principal Risks***

#### ***You May Want to Invest in the Equity Income Fund if:***

- you are a long-term investor
- you are seeking income as well as capital appreciation

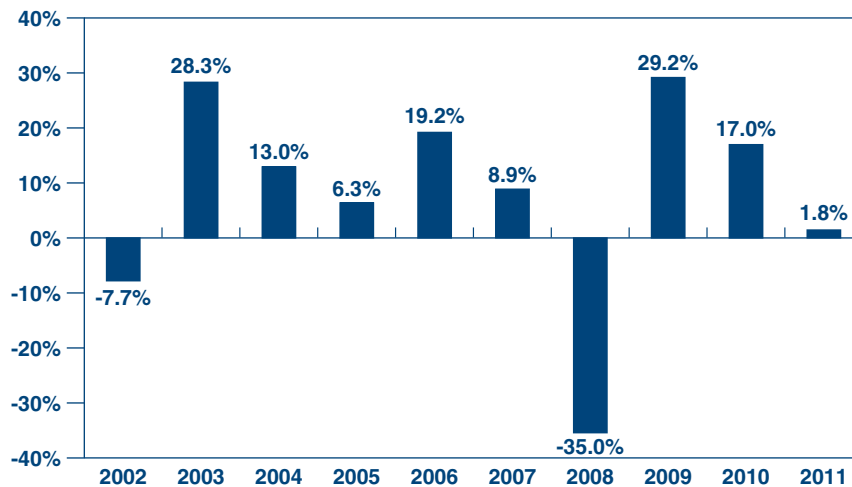
Investing in the Equity Income Fund involves the following risks:

- **Equity Risk.** A principal risk of investing in the Equity Income Fund is equity risk. Equity risk is the risk that the prices of the securities held by the Equity Income Fund will fall due to general market and economic conditions, perceptions regarding the industries in which the companies issuing the securities participate, and the issuer company's particular circumstances. Because the value of portfolio securities, and thus shares of the Equity Income Fund, could go down, you could lose money.
- **Value Investing Risk.** The Equity Income Fund invests in "value" stocks. The portfolio manager may be wrong in the assessment of a company's value and the stocks the Equity Income Fund holds may not reach what the portfolio manager believes are their full values. From time to time "value" investing falls out of favor with investors. During those periods, the Equity Income Fund's relative performance may suffer.
- **Fund and Management Risk.** The Equity Income Fund invests in stocks issued by companies believed by the portfolio manager to be undervalued and that have the potential to achieve significant capital appreciation. If the portfolio manager is incorrect in his assessment of the values of the securities it holds, or no event occurs which surfaces value, then the value of the Equity Income Fund's shares may decline.
- **Interest Rate Risk and Credit Risk.** Investments in preferred stock and securities convertible into or exchangeable for common or preferred stock involve interest rate risk and credit risk. When interest rates decline, the value of such securities generally rises. Conversely, when interest rates rise, the value of such securities generally declines. It is also possible that the issuer of a security will not be able to make interest and principal payments when due.
- **Low Credit Quality Risk.** Lower rated convertible securities are subject to greater credit risk, greater price volatility, and a greater risk of loss than investment grade securities. There may be less of a market for lower rated convertible securities, which could make it harder to sell them at an acceptable price.
- **Foreign Securities Risk.** The Equity Income Fund may invest outside the U.S.; therefore, the Equity Income Fund carries additional risks that include currency, information, political and access risks. To the extent that the Equity Income Fund invests in emerging (less developed) markets, the Equity Income Fund will be exposed to higher levels of these same risks.

## Performance

The bar chart and table that follow provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Equity Income Fund by showing changes in the Equity Income Fund's performance from year to year and by showing how the Equity Income Fund's average annual returns for the one year, five years, and ten years compare with those of a broad based securities market index. The historical performance of Class AAA Shares, which are not offered in this Prospectus, is used to calculate performance for Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class I Shares prior to their issuance. All the classes of the Equity Income Fund's shares are invested in the same portfolio of securities. The annual returns of the different classes of shares will differ only to the extent that the expenses of the classes differ. As with all mutual funds, the Equity Income Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) does not predict how the Equity Income Fund will perform in the future. Updated information on the Equity Income Fund's results can be obtained by visiting [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com).

**EQUITY INCOME FUND**  
**(For the Years Ended December 31)**



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<b>Average Annual Total Returns (for the periods ended December 31, 2011)</b>	<b>Past One Year</b>	<b>Past Five Years</b>	<b>Past Ten Years</b>
The Gabelli Equity Income Fund Class A Shares (first issued on 12/31/03):			
Return Before Taxes .....	(4.10)%	0.53%	5.69%
Return After Taxes on Distributions .....	(4.20)%	0.29%	5.28%
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares .....	(2.49)%	0.43%	4.88%
Class B Shares (first issued on 12/31/03)			
Return Before Taxes .....	(4.03)%	0.55%	5.68%
Class C Shares (first issued on 12/31/03)			
Return Before Taxes .....	0.02%	0.96%	5.70%
Class I Shares (first issued on 1/11/08)			
Return Before Taxes .....	1.98%	1.93%	6.44%
S&P 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) .....	2.11%	(0.25)%	2.92%

After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. In some instances, the “Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares” may be greater than “Return Before Taxes” because the investor is assumed to be able to use the capital loss from the sale of Fund shares to offset other taxable gains. After-tax returns are shown for only Class A, and after-tax returns for other Classes will vary. Actual after-tax returns depend on the investor’s tax situation and may differ from those shown. After-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their Fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or IRAs.

### ***Management***

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### ***Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares, Taxes, and Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries***

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**GABELLI FOCUS FIVE FUND**  
**(the “Focus Five Fund”)**

***Investment Objective***

The Focus Five Fund seeks to provide a high level of capital appreciation.

***Fees and Expenses of the Focus Five Fund:***

The table describe the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold the following classes of shares of the Focus Five Fund. You may qualify for sales charge discounts on Class A Shares if you and your family invest, or agree to invest in the future, at least \$50,000 in Class A shares of the Gabelli family of mutual funds. More information about these and other discounts is available from your financial professional and in the section entitled “Classes of Shares — Volume Discounts/Rights of Accumulation”.

	<u>Class A Shares</u>	<u>Class C Shares</u>	<u>Class I Shares</u>
<b>Shareholder Fees</b>			
(fees paid directly from your investment):			
Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price) .....	5.75%	None	None
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load) (as a percentage of redemption or offering price, whichever is lower) .....	None	1.00%	None
Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Reinvested Dividends (as a percentage of amount invested) .....	None	None	None
Redemption Fees (as a percentage of amount redeemed for shares held 7 days or less) .....	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Exchange Fee .....	None	None	None
<b>Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b>			
(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):			
Management Fees .....	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Distribution and Service (Rule 12b-1) Fees .....	0.25%	1.00%	None
Other Expenses .....	1.55%	1.55%	1.55%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses <sup>(1)</sup> .....	2.80%	3.55%	2.55%
Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement <sup>(1)</sup> .....	(0.79)%	(0.79)%	(0.79)%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses after Fee Waiver and/or Expense Reimbursement <sup>(1)</sup> .....	<u>2.01%</u>	<u>2.76%</u>	<u>1.76%</u>

(1) Gabelli Funds, LLC, the Focus Five Fund’s adviser (the “Adviser”) has contractually agreed to waive its investment advisory fee and/or to reimburse expenses of the Focus Five Fund to the extent necessary to maintain the Focus Five Fund’s Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses (excluding brokerage, interest, taxes, acquired fund fees and expenses, distribution expenses in excess of 0.25% per year and extraordinary expenses) at 2.00%, 2.75%, and 1.75% on an annualized basis for Class A, Class C, and Class I Shares, respectively. This arrangement is in effect at least through January 31, 2013 and may not be terminated by the Adviser before such time. In addition, the Focus Five Fund has agreed, during the two-year period following any such waiver or reimbursement, to repay amounts in order that the adjusted Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses would not exceed 2.00%, 2.75%, and 1.75% on an annualized basis for Class A, Class C, and Class I Shares, respectively. The one basis point differential between the Focus Five Fund’s 2.00%, 2.75%, and 1.75%

expense cap for Class A, Class C, and Class I Shares, respectively, and 2.01%, 2.76%, and 1.76% adjusted Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses for Class A, Class C, and Class I Shares, respectively, shown in the Fee Table is due to the one basis point of interest expense paid by the Focus Five Fund.

### ***Expense Example***

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Focus Five Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in shares of the Focus Five Fund for the time periods indicated and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. This example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year, and that the Focus Five Fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>
Class A Shares .....	\$767	\$1,323	\$1,903	\$3,469
Class C Shares .....	\$379	\$1,016	\$1,774	\$3,767
Class I Shares .....	\$179	\$ 718	\$1,285	\$2,826

You would pay the following expenses if you did not redeem your shares of the Focus Five Fund:

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>
Class A Shares .....	\$767	\$1,323	\$1,903	\$3,469
Class C Shares .....	\$279	\$1,016	\$1,774	\$3,767
Class I Shares .....	\$179	\$ 718	\$1,285	\$2,826

### ***Portfolio Turnover***

The Focus Five Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when the Focus Five Fund's shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Focus Five Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Focus Five Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 40% of the average value of its portfolio.

### ***Principal Investment Strategies***

Under normal circumstances, the Focus Five Fund will invest up to approximately 50% of its net assets in any type of equity security of five companies with the remaining net assets to be invested in any securities (which may include equities and non-convertible debt) across ten to twenty other companies or in short-term high grade investments or cash and cash equivalents; however, to the extent the Fund invests in such short-term investments, it will be less likely to achieve its investment objective. The Fund may invest in U.S. and non-U.S. securities, including emerging market securities. Commencing after March 9, 2012, the Focus Five Fund's Adviser will consider for purchase the securities of all companies, regardless of the size of capitalization (capitalization is the price per share multiplied by the number of shares outstanding), whose market capitalization trades at a discount to Private Market Value (PMV) at the time of investment. PMV is

the price that the Focus Five Fund's portfolio managers believe an informed buyer would pay to acquire a company's entire business. The five largest holdings in the Focus Five Fund's portfolio will be considered by the portfolio managers to have a potential near-term catalyst, or event, that might surface underlying value. Positions will be sold when they trade near or above PMV or if a catalyst fails to materialize as anticipated. Through March 9, 2012, the Focus Five Fund will invest at least 80% of its assets under normal market conditions in equity securities of companies that are considered to be small capitalization companies at the time of investment.

In selecting investments for the Focus Five Fund, the Adviser focuses on issuers that:

- have potential for long-term earnings per share growth
- may be subject to a value catalyst, such as industry developments, regulatory changes, changes in management, sale or spin-off of a division, or the development of a profitable new business
- are well-managed
- may be subject to rapid changes in industry conditions due to regulatory or other developments
- may have changes in management or similar characteristics that may result not only in expected growth in revenues but in an accelerated or above average rate of earnings growth, which would usually be reflected in capital appreciation.

### ***Principal Risks***

#### ***You May Want to Invest in the Focus Five Fund if:***

- you are a long-term investor
- you seek capital appreciation

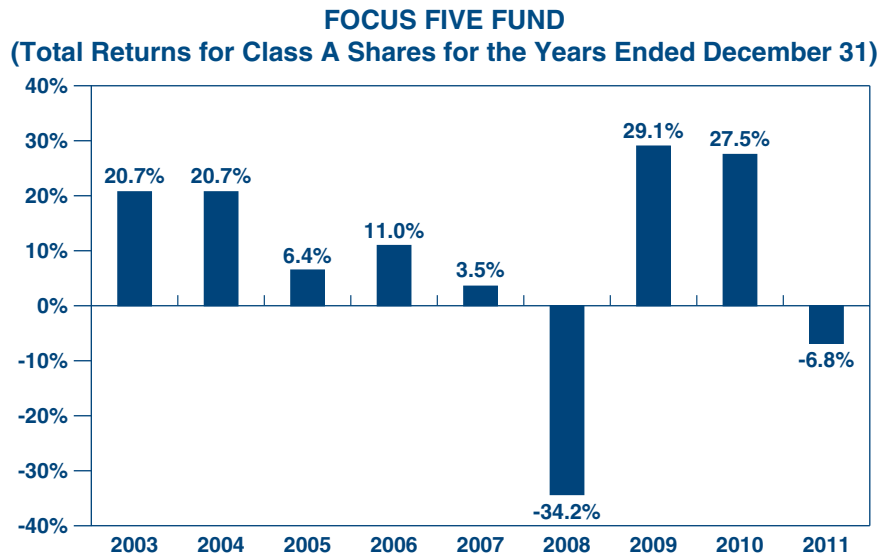
Investing in the Focus Five Fund involves the following risks:

- **Equity Risk.** A principal risk of investing in the Focus Five Fund is equity risk. Equity risk is the risk that the prices of the securities held by the Focus Five Fund will fall due to general market and economic conditions, perceptions regarding the industries in which the companies issuing the securities participate, and the issuer company's particular circumstances. Because the value of portfolio securities, and thus shares of the Focus Five Fund could go down, you could lose money.
- **Value Investing Risk.** The Focus Five Fund invests in "value" stocks. The portfolio managers may be wrong in the assessment of a company's value and the stocks the Focus Five Fund holds may not reach what the portfolio managers believe are their full values. From time to time "value" investing falls out of favor with investors. During those periods, the Focus Five Fund's relative performance may suffer.
- **Fund and Management Risk.** The Focus Five Fund invests in stocks issued by companies believed by the portfolio managers to be undervalued and that have the potential to achieve significant capital appreciation. If the portfolio managers are incorrect in their assessment of the values of the securities the Fund holds, or no event occurs which surfaces value, then the value of the Focus Five Fund's shares may decline.

- **Non-Diversification Risk.** The Focus Five Fund is classified as a “nondiversified” investment company. Because the Focus Five Fund, as a nondiversified investment company, will invest in the securities of fewer individual issuers than a “diversified” mutual fund, an investment in the Focus Five Fund may present greater risk to an investor than an investment in a diversified mutual fund because the investment risk will be concentrated in fewer securities.
- **Foreign Securities Risk.** The Focus Five Fund may invest outside the U.S.; therefore, the Focus Five Fund carries additional risks that include currency, information, political and access risks. To the extent that the Focus Five Fund invests in emerging (less developed) markets, the Focus Five Fund will be exposed to higher levels of these same risks.

### *Performance*

The bar chart and table that follow provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Focus Five Fund (based on the Focus Five Fund’s prior investment strategy in effect through calendar year 2011) by showing changes in the Focus Five Fund’s performance from year to year and by showing how the Focus Five Fund’s average annual returns for one year, five years, and the life of the Focus Five Fund compare with those of a broad based securities market index. The historical performance of Class A Shares is used to calculate performance for Class I Shares prior to its issuance. All the classes of the Focus Five Fund’s shares are invested in the same portfolio of securities. The annual returns of the different classes of shares will differ only to the extent that the expenses of the classes differ. As with all mutual funds, the Focus Five Fund’s past performance (before and after taxes) does not predict how the Focus Five Fund will perform in the future. Updated information on the Focus Five Fund’s results can be obtained by visiting [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com).



During the calendar years shown in the bar chart, the highest return for a quarter was 26.38% (quarter ended June 30, 2009) and the lowest return for a quarter was (27.78)% (quarter ended December 31, 2008).

<b>Average Annual Total Returns (for the periods ended December 31, 2011)</b>	<b>Past One Year</b>	<b>Past Five Years</b>	<b>Since December 31, 2002</b>
The Gabelli Focus Five Fund Class A Shares (first issued on 12/31/02):			
Return Before Taxes .....	(12.14)%	(0.35)%	6.72%
Return After Taxes on Distributions .....	(12.26)%	(1.02)%	4.95%
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares .....	(7.80)%	(0.37)%	5.14%
Class C Shares (first issued on 12/31/02)			
Return Before Taxes .....	(8.37)%	0.10%	6.00%
Class I Shares (first issued on 1/11/08)			
Return Before Taxes .....	(6.50)%	1.04%	6.80%
S&P 500 Index (reflects no deductions for fees, expenses, or taxes) .....	2.11%	(0.25)%	2.92%
Russell 2000 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes) .....	(4.18)%	15.63%	0.15%

After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. After-tax returns are shown for only Class A, and after-tax returns for other Classes will vary. In some instances, the “Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares” may be greater than “Return Before Taxes” because the investor is assumed to be able to use the capital loss from the sale of Fund shares to offset other taxable gains. Actual after-tax returns depend on the investor’s tax situation and may differ from those shown. After-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their Fund shares through tax-deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or IRAs.

### ***Management***

**The Adviser.** Gabelli Funds, LLC serves as the Adviser to the Focus Five Fund.

**The Portfolio Managers.** Ms. Elizabeth M. Lilly, CFA, has served as portfolio manager of the Focus Five Fund since its inception (as the Gabelli Woodland Small Cap Value Fund) on December 31, 2002. Mr. Daniel Miller and Ms. Sarah Donnelly, have each served as portfolio managers of the Focus Five Fund since January 2012.

### ***Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares, Taxes, and Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries***

For important information about purchase and sale of Fund shares, taxes, and financial intermediary compensation, please turn to “Other Information”.

### ***Other Information***

#### ***Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares***

The minimum initial investment must be at least \$1,000 (\$250 for “IRAs” or “Coverdell” Education Saving Plans). There is no minimum initial investment in an automatic monthly investment plan. There is no minimum for subsequent investments.

You can purchase or redeem shares of the Funds on any day the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) is open for trading (a “Business Day”). You may purchase or redeem Fund shares by written request via

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mail (The Gabelli Funds, P.O. Box 8308, Boston, MA 02266-8308), by personal or overnight delivery (The Gabelli Funds, c/o BFDS, 30 Dan Road, Canton, MA 02021-2809), or by Internet, by bank wire, or by Automated Clearing House (“ACH”) system.

You may also redeem Fund shares by telephone at 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554), on the Internet at [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com), or through an automatic cash withdrawal plan.

### ***Tax Information***

The Funds expect that distributions will generally be taxable as ordinary income or long-term capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or an IRA.

### ***Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries***

If you purchase shares of a Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Fund and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary’s website for more information.

## ***INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES, INVESTMENT STRATEGIES, AND RELATED RISKS***

### **Generally:**

Each Fund’s investment objective is fundamental and may not be changed without shareholder approval. Each Fund’s investment strategies are not fundamental and may be changed at any time by a vote of a majority of the Company’s Board of Directors (the “Board”) at any time without a vote of shareholders.

### **Investment Strategies:**

The investment policy of each of the Small Cap Growth Fund and the Equity Income Fund relating to the type of securities in which 80% of each such Fund’s net assets must be invested may be changed by the Board without shareholder approval. Shareholders will, however, receive at least sixty days’ prior notice of any change in this policy.

### **Small Cap Growth Fund and (through March 9, 2012) Focus Five Fund**

In selecting investments for the Small Cap Growth Fund and Focus Five Fund, the Adviser seeks issuers with a dominant market share or niche franchise in growing and/or consolidating industries. On behalf of the Small Cap Growth Fund and through March 9, 2012 with respect to the Focus Five Fund, the Adviser considers for purchase the stocks of small capitalization (capitalization is the price per share multiplied by the number of shares outstanding) companies with experienced management, strong balance sheets, and rising free cash flow and earnings. The Adviser’s goal is to invest long term in the stocks of companies trading at reasonable market valuations relative to perceived economic worth.

Frequently, smaller companies exhibit one or more of the following traits:

- New products or technologies
- New distribution methods

- Rapid changes in industry conditions due to regulatory or other developments
- Changes in management or similar characteristics that may result not only in expected growth in revenues but in an accelerated or above average rate of earnings growth, which would usually be reflected in capital appreciation.

In addition, because smaller companies are less actively followed by stock analysts and less information is available on which to base stock price evaluations, the market may overlook favorable trends in particular smaller growth companies and then adjust its valuation more quickly once investor interest is gained.

### **Equity Income Fund**

In selecting investments for the Equity Income Fund, the Adviser focuses on issuers that:

- have strong free cash flow and pay regular dividends
- have potential for long-term earnings per share growth
- may be subject to a value catalyst, such as industry developments, regulatory changes, changes in management, sale or spin-off of a division, or the development of a profitable new business
- are well-managed
- will benefit from sustainable long-term economic dynamics, such as globalization of an issuer's industry or an issuer's increased focus on productivity or enhancement of services.

The Adviser also believes preferred stock and convertible securities of selected companies offer opportunities for capital appreciation as well as periodic income and may invest a portion of the Equity Income Fund's assets in such securities. This is particularly true in the case of companies that have performed below expectations. If a company's performance has been poor enough, its preferred stock and convertible debt securities will trade more like common stock than like a fixed income security and may result in above average appreciation if performance improves. Even if the credit quality of the company is not in question, the market price of the convertible security will reflect little or no element of conversion value if the price of its common stock has fallen substantially below the conversion price. This leads to the possibility of capital appreciation if the price of the common stock recovers.

### **Focus Five Fund**

In selecting investments for the Focus Five Fund, the Adviser focuses on issuers that:

- have potential for long-term earnings per share growth
- may be subject to a value catalyst, such as industry developments, regulatory changes, changes in management, sale or spin-off of a division, or the development of a profitable new business
- are well-managed
- may be subject to rapid changes in industry conditions due to regulatory or other developments
- may have changes in management or similar characteristics that may result not only in expected growth in revenues but in an accelerated or above average rate of earnings growth, which would usually be reflected in capital appreciation

### **All Funds**

When adverse market or economic conditions occur, the Funds may temporarily invest all or a portion of their assets in defensive investments. Such investments include fixed income securities and high-quality

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money market instruments. When following a defensive strategy, the Funds will be less likely to achieve their investment goals.

## **Risks:**

Investing in the Funds involve the following risks:

- **Equity Risk.** The principal risk of investing in the Funds is equity risk. Equity risk is the risk that the prices of the securities held by the Funds will fall due to general market and economic conditions, perceptions regarding the industries in which the companies issuing the securities participate, and the issuer company's particular circumstances. Because the value of securities, and thus shares of the Funds, could go down, you could lose money.
- **Value Investing Risk.** Each Fund invests in "value" stocks. The portfolio manager may be wrong in the assessment of a company's value and the stocks each Fund holds may not reach what the portfolio manager believes are their full values. From time to time "value" investing falls out of favor with investors. During those periods, each Fund's relative performance may suffer.
- **Fund and Management Risk.**
  - *Small Cap Growth Fund and (through March 9, 2012) Focus Five Fund only* — The Funds invest in stocks issued by smaller companies. Each Fund's price may decline if the market favors large or mid-size capitalization company stocks over stocks of small companies. If the portfolio manager's assessment of the value of the securities each Fund holds is incorrect, or the events expected to increase value do not occur, then the value of each Fund's shares may decline.
  - *Equity Income Fund only* — The Equity Income Fund invests in stocks issued by companies believed by the portfolio manager to be undervalued and that have the potential to achieve significant capital appreciation. If the portfolio manager is incorrect in his assessment of the values of the securities it holds, or no event occurs which surfaces value, then the value of the Equity Income Fund's shares may decline.
- **Small Capitalization Company Risk.** *Small Cap Growth Fund and (through March 9, 2012) Focus Five Fund only* — Investing in securities of small capitalization companies may involve greater risks than investing in larger, more established issuers. Smaller capitalization companies typically have relatively lower revenues, limited product lines and lack of management depth, and may have a smaller share of the market for their products or services, than larger capitalization companies. The stocks of smaller capitalization companies tend to have less trading volume than stocks of larger capitalization companies. Less trading volume may make it more difficult for our portfolio managers to sell securities of smaller capitalization companies at quoted market prices. Finally, there are periods when investing in smaller capitalization stocks fall out of favor with investors and the stocks of smaller capitalization companies underperform.
- **Interest Rate Risk and Credit Risk.** *Equity Income Fund only* — Investments in preferred stock and securities convertible into or exchangeable for common or preferred stock involve interest rate risk and credit risk. When interest rates decline, the value of such securities generally rises. Conversely, when interest rates rise, the value of such securities generally declines. It is also possible that the issuer of a security will not be able to make interest and principal payments when due.

- **Low Credit Quality Risk.** *Equity Income Fund only* — From time to time, up to 5% of the Equity Income Fund’s portfolio holdings in preferred stock and convertible securities may be invested in below investment grade quality. Lower rated preferred stock and convertible securities are subject to greater credit risk, greater price volatility, and a greater risk of loss than investment grade securities. There may be less of a market for lower rated preferred stock and convertible securities, which could make it harder to sell them at an acceptable price.
- **Non-Diversification Risk.** *Focus Five Fund only* — The Focus Five Fund is classified as a “non-diversified” investment company. Because the Focus Five Fund, as a non-diversified investment company, may invest in the securities of individual issuers to a greater extent than a “diversified” mutual fund, an investment in the Focus Five Fund may present greater risk to an investor than an investment in a diversified mutual fund because the investment risk may be concentrated in fewer securities.

**Portfolio Holdings.** A description of each Fund’s policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of its portfolio securities is available in the Funds’ Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”).

- **Foreign Securities Risk.** Each Fund may invest outside the U.S.; therefore, each Fund carries additional risks that include:
  - *Currency Risk* — Fluctuations in exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and foreign currencies may negatively affect an investment. Adverse changes in exchange rates may erode or reverse any gains produced by foreign-currency-denominated investments and may widen any losses.
  - *Information Risk* — Key information about an issuer, security, or market may be inaccurate or unavailable.
  - *Political Risk* — Foreign governments may expropriate assets, impose capital or currency controls, impose punitive taxes, or nationalize a company or industry. Any of these actions could have a severe effect on security prices and impair a Fund’s ability to bring its capital or income back to the U.S. Other political risks include economic policy changes, social and political instability, military action, and war.
  - *Access Risk* — The risk that some countries may restrict a Fund’s access to investments or offer terms that are less advantageous than those for local investors. This could limit the attractive investment opportunities available to a Fund.
- **Emerging Markets Risk.** Investing in emerging (less developed) markets involves higher levels of risk, including increased currency, information, liquidity, market, political, and valuation risks. Deficiencies in regulatory oversight, market infrastructure, shareholder protections, and company laws could expose a Fund to operational and other risks as well. Additionally, emerging markets often face serious economic problems (such as high external debt, inflation, and unemployment) that could subject a Fund to increased volatility or substantial declines in value. The typically small size of these markets and the possibility of a low or nonexistent volume of trading in those securities may also result in a lack of liquidity and in price volatility of securities held by a Fund.

## **MANAGEMENT OF THE FUNDS**

**The Adviser.** Gabelli Funds, LLC, with its principal offices located at One Corporate Center, Rye, New York 10580-1422, serves as investment adviser to the Funds. The Adviser makes investment decisions for the Funds and continuously reviews and administers the Funds' investment program and manages the operations of each Fund under the general supervision of the Company's Board. The Adviser also manages several other open-end and closed-end investment companies in the Gabelli/GAMCO family of funds. The Adviser is a New York limited liability company organized in 1999 as successor to GGCP, Inc., a New York corporation organized in 1980. The Adviser is a wholly-owned subsidiary of GAMCO Investors, Inc. ("GBL"), a publicly held company listed on the NYSE.

As compensation for its services and the related expenses borne by the Adviser, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2011, each of the Small Cap Growth, Equity Income, and Focus Five Funds is contractually obligated to pay the Adviser an advisory fee computed daily and payable monthly equal to 1.00% of the value of each Fund's average daily net assets. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2011, the Adviser waived its fees and/or reimbursed expenses of the Focus Five Fund.

With respect to the Focus Five Fund, the Adviser has contractually agreed to waive its investment advisory fee and/or reimburse expenses to the extent necessary to maintain Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses (excluding brokerage, interest, taxes, acquired fund fees and expenses, distribution expenses in excess of .25% per year and extraordinary expenses) at no more than 2.00% for the Class A Shares, 2.75% for the Class C Shares, and 1.75% for the Class I Shares of each classes' average daily net assets, respectively. The fee waiver and expense reimbursement arrangement is in effect at least through January 31, 2013 and may not be terminated by the Adviser before such time. In addition, the Focus Five 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 effect to the repayment, such adjusted Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses would not exceed 2.00% for the Class A Shares, 2.75% for the Class C Shares, and 1.75% for the Class I Shares of the Focus Five Fund.

Each Fund's semiannual report to shareholders for the period ended March 31, 2011 contained a discussion of the basis of the Board's determination to continue the investment advisory arrangements as described above.

**The Portfolio Managers.** Mr. Mario J. Gabelli, CFA, is primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of the Small Cap Growth Fund and Equity Income Fund. Mr. Gabelli has been Chief Investment Officer — Value Portfolios of the Adviser and its predecessor since inception. Mr. Gabelli is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of GAMCO Investors, Inc., Chief Investment Officer — Value Portfolios of GAMCO Asset Management Inc., another wholly-owned subsidiary of GBL, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer of GGCP, Inc. and is an officer or director of other companies affiliated with GBL. The Adviser relies to a considerable extent on the expertise of Mr. Gabelli, who may be difficult to replace in the event of his death, disability, or resignation.

Ms. Elizabeth M. Lilly, CFA, has served as portfolio manager of the Focus Five Fund since its inception (as the Gabelli Woodland Small Cap Value Fund) on December 31, 2002. In November 2002, Ms. Lilly joined GAMCO Investors, Inc. as Senior Vice President and Portfolio Manager of Gabelli Funds, LLC and GAMCO Asset Management Inc. Mr. Daniel Miller and Ms. Sarah Donnelly, have each served as portfolio managers of the Focus Five Fund since January 2012.

Mr. Daniel Miller is a portfolio manager of the Focus Five Fund. Mr. Miller is a Managing Director of GBL since January 2012. Mr. Miller is also President of Gabelli & Company, Inc., which is an affiliate of the Adviser. He joined Gabelli & Company in 2002, and has been responsible for managing the firm's institutional equities business since 2004. He was appointed President of Gabelli & Company, Inc. in August, 2011. Mr. Miller graduated magna cum laude from the University of Miami.

Ms. Sarah Donnelly is a portfolio manager of the Focus Five Fund. Ms. Donnelly is also an employee of Gabelli & Company, Inc., an affiliate of the Adviser, which she joined in 1999 as a research analyst. Ms. Donnelly currently follows the food and household products industries as a member of the consumer products team. Sarah received her B.S. in Finance from Fordham University.

The Funds' SAI provides additional information about the portfolio managers' compensation, other accounts managed by them, and their ownership of securities in the Funds they manage.

**Regulatory Matters.** On April 24, 2008, the Adviser entered into a settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") to resolve an inquiry regarding prior frequent trading in shares of the GAMCO Global Growth Fund (the "Global Growth Fund") by one investor who was banned from the Global Growth Fund in August 2002. Under the terms of the settlement, the Adviser, without admitting or denying the SEC's findings and allegations, paid \$16 million (which included a \$5 million civil monetary penalty). On the same day, the SEC filed a civil action in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York against the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Adviser, alleging violations of certain federal securities laws arising from the same matter. The officer, who also is an officer of the Global Growth Fund and other funds in the Gabelli/GAMCO complex, including the Funds, denies the allegations and is continuing in his positions with the Adviser and the funds. The settlement by the Adviser did not have, and the resolution of the action against the officer is not expected to have, a material adverse impact on the Adviser or its ability to fulfill its obligations under the Advisory Agreement.

### ***INDEX DESCRIPTIONS***

The **Russell 2000 Index** is an unmanaged index of the 2000 smallest common stocks in the Russell 3000 Index, which contains the 3000 largest stocks in the U.S. based on total market capitalization, consisting of a broad base of small cap common stocks. The index figures do not reflect any deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes. You cannot invest directly in the Russell 2000 Index.

The **S&P 500 Index** is a widely recognized, unmanaged index of common stocks. The index figures do not reflect any deductions for fees, expenses, or taxes. You cannot invest directly in the S&P 500 Index.

### ***CLASSES OF SHARES***

Each of the Small Cap Growth Fund and the Equity Income Fund offers four classes of its shares in this Prospectus — Class A Shares, Class B Shares, Class C Shares, and Class I Shares. Class B Shares are not available for new purchases, other than exchanges from Class B Shares of certain other Gabelli/GAMCO Funds. The Focus Five Fund offers Class A Shares, Class C Shares, and Class I Shares. Class B Shares of the Focus Five Fund are not currently available for sale. Class AAA Shares of each Fund are described in a separate Prospectus. Class I Shares are available to foundations, endowments, institutions and employee benefit plans. The minimum investment for Class I Shares is \$500,000 if the investor purchases the Shares directly through G.distributors, LLC, the Funds' distributor (the

“Distributor”), or brokers that have entered into selling agreements with the Distributor specifically with respect to Class I Shares. The minimum is waived for plans with assets of at least \$50 million. The Distributor or its affiliates may accept, in their sole discretion, investments in Class I Shares from purchasers not listed above or that do not meet these qualification requirements.

- A “front-end sales load, “or sales charge, is a one-time fee charged at the time of purchase of shares.
- A “contingent deferred sales charge” (“CDSC”) is a one-time fee charged at the time of redemption.
- A “Rule 12b-1 fee” is a recurring annual fee for distributing shares and servicing shareholder accounts based on each Fund’s average daily net assets attributable to the particular class of shares.

In selecting a class of shares in which to invest, you should consider:

- the length of time you plan to hold the shares;
- the amount of sales charge and Rule 12b-1 fees, recognizing that your share of Rule 12b-1 fees as a percentage of your investment increases if a Fund’s assets increase in value and decreases if a Fund’s assets decrease in value;
- whether you qualify for a reduction or waiver of the Class A sales charge;
- that Class B Shares convert to Class A Shares approximately ninety-six months after purchase;
- whether you qualify to purchase Class I Shares (direct institutional purchases of \$500,000 or more); and
- new investments in Class B Shares are no longer available other than by exchange into the Small Cap Growth Fund or the Equity Income Fund.

	Class A Shares	Class B Shares	Class C Shares	Class I Shares
Front-End Sales Load?	Yes. The percentage declines as the amount invested increases.	No.	No.	No.
Contingent Deferred Sales Charge?	No, except for shares redeemed within eighteen months after purchase as part of an investment greater than \$1 million if no front-end sales charge was paid at the time of purchase.	Yes, for shares redeemed within seventy-two months after purchase. Declines over time.	Yes, for shares redeemed within twelve months after purchase.	No.
Rule 12b-1 Fee	0.25%	1.00%	1.00%	None.
Convertible to Another Class?	No.	Yes. Automatically converts to Class A Shares approximately ninety-six months after purchase.	No.	No.
Fund Expense Levels	Lower annual expenses than Class B or Class C Shares. Higher annual expenses than Class I Shares.	Higher annual expenses than Class A Shares and Class I Shares.	Higher annual expenses than Class A Shares and Class I Shares.	Lower annual expenses than Class A, Class B, or Class C Shares.

The following sections include important information about sales charges and sales charge reductions and waivers available to investors in Class A Shares and describe information or records you may need to provide to the Funds or your broker in order to be eligible for sales charge reductions and waivers. Information about sales charges and sales charge reductions and waivers to the various classes of each Fund's shares is also available free of charge and in a clear and prominent format on our website at [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com).

If you...	then you should consider...
• qualify for a reduced or waived front-end sales load	purchasing Class A Shares instead of Class B Shares or Class C Shares
• do not qualify for a reduced or waived front-end sales load and intend to hold your shares for only a few years	purchasing Class C Shares instead of either Class A Shares or Class B Shares
• do not qualify for a reduced or waived front-end sales load and intend to hold your shares indefinitely	purchasing Class A Shares instead of either Class B Shares or Class C Shares
• are an eligible institution and wish to purchase at least \$500,000 worth of shares	purchasing Class I Shares

**Sales Charge — Class A Shares.** The sales charge is imposed on Class A Shares at the time of purchase in accordance with the following schedule:

<u>Amount of Investment</u>	<u>Sales Charge as % of the Offering Price*</u>	<u>Sales Charge as % of Amount Invested</u>	<u>Reallowance to Broker-Dealers</u>
Under \$50,000 .....	5.75%	6.10%	5.00%
\$50,000 but under \$100,000 .....	4.75%	4.99%	4.00%
\$100,000 but under \$250,000 .....	3.75%	3.90%	3.00%
\$250,000 but under \$500,000 .....	2.75%	2.83%	2.25%
\$500,000 but under \$1 million .....	2.00%	2.04%	1.75%
\$1 million but under \$2 million .....	0.00%**	0.00%	1.00%
\$2 million but under \$5 million .....	0.00%**	0.00%	0.50%
\$5 million or more .....	0.00%**	0.00%	0.25%

\* Includes front-end sales load.

\*\* Subject to a 1.00% CDSC for eighteen months after purchase if no front-end sales charge was paid at the time of purchase.

No sales charge is imposed on reinvestment of distributions if you select that option in advance of the distribution.

### ***Breakpoints or Volume Discounts***

The Funds offer you the benefit of discounts on the sales charges that apply to purchases of Class A Shares in certain circumstances. These discounts, which are also known as breakpoints, can reduce or, in some instances, eliminate the initial sales charges that would otherwise apply to your Class A Shares investment. Mutual funds are not required to offer breakpoints and different mutual fund groups may offer different types of breakpoints.

Breakpoints or Volume Discounts allow larger investments in Class A Shares to be charged lower sales charges. If you invest \$50,000 or more in Class A Shares of the Funds, then you are eligible for a reduced sales charge. Initial sales charges are eliminated completely for purchases of \$1,000,000 or more, although a 1% CDSC may apply if shares are redeemed within eighteen months after purchase.

### ***Sales Charge Reductions and Waivers — Class A Shares:***

Reduced sales charges are available to (1) investors who are eligible to combine their purchases of Class A Shares to receive Volume Discounts and (2) investors who sign a Letter of Intent (“Letter”) agreeing to make purchases over time. Certain types of investors are eligible for sales charge waivers.

You may qualify for a reduced sales charge, or a waiver of sales charges, on purchases of Class A Shares. The requirements are described in the following paragraphs. To receive a reduction that you qualify for, you may have to provide additional information to your broker or other service agent. For more information about sales charge discounts and waivers, consult with your broker or other service provider.

***Volume Discounts/Rights of Accumulation.*** In order to determine whether you qualify for a Volume Discount under the sales charge schedule listed above, you may combine your new investment and your existing investments in Class A Shares with those of your immediate family (spouse and children under age 21), your and their IRAs, and other employee benefit plans and trusts and other fiduciary accounts for your and their benefit. You may also include Class A Shares of any other open-end investment company managed by the Adviser or its affiliates that are held in any of the foregoing accounts. The Funds use the current net asset value per share (“NAV”) of these holdings when combining them with your new and existing investments for purposes of determining whether you qualify for a Volume Discount.

***Letter of Intent.*** If you initially invest at least \$1,000 in Class A Shares of a Fund and submit a Letter of Intent (the “Letter”) to your broker or the Distributor, you may make purchases of Class A Shares of that Fund during a thirteen-month period at the reduced sales charge rates applicable to the aggregate amount of the intended purchases stated in the Letter. The Letter may apply to purchases made up to ninety days before the date of the Letter. If you fail to invest the total amount stated in the Letter, the Funds will retroactively collect the sales charge otherwise applicable by redeeming shares in your account at their then current NAV. For more information on the Letter, call your broker.

***Required Shareholder Information and Records.*** In order for you to take advantage of sales charge reductions, you or your broker must notify the Funds that you qualify for a reduction. Without notification, the Funds are unable to ensure that the reduction is applied to your account. You may have to provide information or records to your broker or the Funds to verify eligibility for breakpoint privileges or other sales charge waivers. This may include information or records, including account statements, regarding shares of the Funds or shares of any other open-end investment company managed by the Adviser or its affiliates held in:

- all of your accounts at the Funds or a broker;
- any account of yours at another broker; and
- accounts of related parties of yours, such as members of your immediate family, at any broker.

You should therefore keep copies of these types of records.

***Investors Eligible for Sales Charge Waivers.*** Class A Shares of the Funds may be offered without a sales charge to: (1) employees of the Distributor and its affiliates, The Bank of New York Mellon, Boston Financial Data Services, Inc., State Street Bank and Trust Company, the Funds’ Transfer Agent (“State Street”), BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc., and Soliciting Broker-Dealers, employee benefit plans for those employees and their spouses and minor children of such employees when orders on their behalf are placed by such employees (the minimum initial investment for such purchases is \$500); (2) the Adviser, its affiliates and their officers, directors, trustees, general partners, and employees of other

investment companies managed by the Adviser, employee benefit plans for such persons and their immediate family when orders on their behalf are placed by such persons (with no required minimum initial investment), the term “immediate family” for this purpose refers to a person’s spouse, children and grandchildren (adopted or natural), parents, grandparents, siblings, a spouse’s siblings, a sibling’s spouse, and a sibling’s children; (3) any other investment company in connection with the combination of such company with the Funds by merger, acquisition of assets, or otherwise; (4) shareholders who have redeemed shares in the Funds and who wish to reinvest in the Funds, provided the reinvestment is made within 45 days of the redemption; (5) qualified employee benefit plans established pursuant to Section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code that have established omnibus accounts with the Funds or an intermediary; (6) qualified employee benefit plans having more than one hundred eligible employees or a minimum of \$1 million in plan assets invested in the Funds; (7) any unit investment trusts registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, which have shares of the Funds as a principal investment; (8) investment advisory clients of GAMCO and their immediate families; (9) employee participants of organizations adopting the 401(k) Plan sponsored by the Adviser; (10) financial institutions purchasing Class A Shares of the Funds for clients participating in a fee based asset allocation program or wrap fee program which has been approved by the Funds’ Distributor; and (11) registered investment advisers or financial planners who place trades for their own accounts or the accounts of their clients and who charge a management, consulting, or other fee for their services; and clients of such investment advisers or financial planners who place trades for their own accounts if the accounts are linked to the master account of such investment adviser or financial planner on the books and records of a broker or agent.

Investors who qualify under any of the categories described above should contact their brokerage firm. Some of these investors may also qualify to invest in Class I Shares.

***Contingent Deferred Sales Charges***

You will pay a CDSC when you redeem:

- Class A Shares within approximately eighteen months of buying them as part of an investment greater than \$1 million if no front-end sales charge was paid at the time of purchase;
- Class B Shares within approximately seventy-two months of buying them; and
- Class C Shares within approximately twelve months of buying them.

The CDSC payable upon redemption of Class A Shares and Class C Shares in the circumstances described above is 1.00%. The CDSC schedule for Class B Shares is set forth below. In each case, the CDSC is based on the NAV at the time of your investment or the NAV at the time of redemption, whichever is lower.

<u>Years Since Purchase</u>	<u>Class B Shares CDSC</u>
First .....	5.00%
Second .....	4.00%
Third .....	3.00%
Fourth .....	3.00%
Fifth .....	2.00%
Sixth .....	1.00%
Seventh and thereafter .....	0.00%

The Distributor pays sales commissions of up to 1.00% of the purchase price of Class C Shares of the Funds at the time of sale to brokers who initiate and are responsible for purchases of such Class C Shares of the Funds.

You will not pay a CDSC to the extent that the value of the redeemed shares represents reinvestment of distributions or capital appreciation of shares redeemed. When you redeem shares, we will assume that you are first redeeming shares representing reinvestment of distributions, then any appreciation on shares redeemed, and then any remaining shares held by you for the longest period of time. We will calculate the holding period of shares acquired through an exchange of shares of another fund from the date you acquired the original shares of the other fund. The time you hold shares in a Gabelli money market fund, however, will not count for purposes of calculating the applicable CDSC.

We will waive the CDSC payable upon redemptions of shares for:

- redemptions and distributions from retirement plans made after the death or disability of a shareholder;
- minimum required distributions made from an IRA or other retirement plan account after you reach age 70½;
- involuntary redemptions made by the Fund;
- a distribution from a tax-deferred retirement plan after your retirement; and
- returns of excess contributions to retirement plans following the shareholder's death or disability.

***Conversion Feature — Class B Shares:***

- Class B Shares automatically convert to Class A Shares on the first business day of the ninety-seventh month following the month in which you acquired such shares.
- After conversion, your shares will be subject to the lower Rule 12b-1 fees charged on Class A Shares, which will increase your investment return compared to the Class B Shares.
- You will not pay any sales charge or fees when your shares convert, nor will the transaction be subject to any tax.
- The dollar value of Class A Shares you receive will equal the dollar value of the Class B Shares converted.
- If you exchange Class B Shares of one fund for Class B Shares of another fund, your holding period for calculating the CDSC will be from the time of your original purchase of Class B Shares. If you exchange shares into a Gabelli money market fund, however, your holding period will be suspended.

The Company's Board may suspend the automatic conversion of Class B Shares to Class A Shares for legal reasons or due to the exercise of its fiduciary duty. If the Board determines that such suspension is likely to continue for a substantial period of time, it will create another class of shares into which Class B Shares are convertible.

**Rule 12b-1 Plan.** The Funds have adopted a plan under Rule 12b-1 (the "Plans") for Class A, Class B and Class C Shares. Under the Plans, the Funds may use their assets to finance activities relating to the sale of their Class A, Class B, and Class C Shares and the provision of certain shareholder services.

For the Class A, Class B, and Class C Shares covered by this Prospectus, the Rule 12b-1 fees vary by class as follows:

	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>	<u>Class C</u>
Service Fees .....	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%
Distribution Fees .....	None	0.75%	0.75%

These are annual rates based on the value of each of these Classes' average daily net assets. Because the Rule 12b-1 fees are higher for Class B and Class C Shares than for Class A Shares, Class B, and Class C Shares will have higher annual expenses. Because Rule 12b-1 fees are paid out of the Funds' assets on an ongoing basis, over time these fees will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.

**Redemption Fee.** Generally, if you sell or exchange your shares within seven (7) days or less after the purchase date, you will be charged a redemption fee of 2.00% of the total redemption amount which is payable to the Fund. See "Redemption of Shares" herein.

### ***PURCHASE OF SHARES***

You can purchase Fund shares on any Business Day. You may purchase shares directly through registered broker-dealers, banks, or other financial intermediaries that have entered into appropriate selling agreements with the Funds' Distributor.

The broker-dealer, bank, or other financial intermediary will transmit a purchase order and payment to State Street on your behalf. Broker-dealers, banks, or other financial intermediaries may send you confirmations of your transactions and periodic account statements showing your investments in the Funds.

Presently, Class B Shares for the Small Cap Growth Fund and the Equity Income Fund may only be acquired through an exchange of Class B Shares of certain other Gabelli/GAMCO funds or through reinvestment of dividends or distributions by existing shareholders.

- **By Mail or In Person.** Your broker-dealer, bank, or financial intermediary can obtain a subscription order form by calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554). Checks made payable to a third party and endorsed by the depositor are not acceptable. For additional investments, send a check to the following address with a note stating your exact name and account number, the name of the Fund(s), and class of shares you wish to purchase.

**By Mail**

**The Gabelli Funds  
P.O. Box 8308  
Boston, MA 02266-8308**

**By Personal or Overnight Delivery**

**The Gabelli Funds  
c/o BFDS  
30 Dan Road  
Canton, MA 02021-2809**

- **By Internet.** You may open an account over the Internet at [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com).

- **By Bank Wire or by ACH system.** To open an account using the bank wire transfer system or ACH System, first telephone the Fund(s) at 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) to obtain a new account number. Then instruct your bank to remit funds to:

**State Street Bank and Trust Company**  
225 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110  
ABA #011-0000-28 REF DDA #99046187  
Re: The Gabelli \_\_\_\_\_ Fund  
Account # \_\_\_\_\_  
Account of [Registered Owners]

If you are making an initial purchase, you should also complete and mail a subscription order form to the address shown under “By Mail.” Note that banks may charge fees for wiring funds, although the Funds’ Transfer Agent, State Street, will not charge you for receiving wire transfers.

**Share Price.** The Funds sell their shares based on the NAV per share next determined after the time as of which the Funds receive your completed subscription order form, and your payment, subject to an up-front sales charge in the case of Class A Shares. See “Pricing of Fund Shares” for a description of the calculation of the NAV, as described under “Classes of Shares-Class A Shares.”

**Minimum Investments.** Your minimum initial investment must be at least \$1,000 for Class A, Class B, and Class C Shares. See “Retirement Plans/Education Savings Plans” and “Automatic Investment Plan” under “Additional Purchase Information for Class A, Class B, and Class C Shares” regarding minimum investment amounts applicable to such plans.

Your minimum initial investment for Class I Shares must be at least \$500,000. The minimum initial investment for Class I Shares is waived for employee benefit plans with assets of at least \$50 million.

There is no minimum for subsequent investments. Broker-dealers may have different minimum investment requirements.

**General.** State Street will not issue share certificates unless you request them. Each Fund reserves the right to (i) reject any purchase order if, in the opinion of the Funds’ management, it is in the Fund’s best interest to do so, (ii) suspend the offering of shares for any period of time, and (iii) waive the Fund’s minimum purchase requirements. The Funds also offer another class of shares under different selling and shareholder servicing arrangements pursuant to a separate Prospectus. Except for differences attributable to these arrangements, the shares of all Classes are substantially the same.

**Customer Identification Program.** Federal law requires the Company, on behalf of the Funds, to obtain, verify, and record identifying information, which may include the name, residential or business street address, date of birth (for an individual), social security or taxpayer identification number, or other identifying information, for each investor who opens or reopens an account with the Funds. Applications without the required information may be rejected or placed on hold until the Company verifies the account holder’s identity.

**Third Party Arrangements.** In addition to, or in lieu of, amounts received by brokers, dealers, or financial intermediaries as reallowances of a portion of sales commissions, the Adviser and its affiliates may utilize a portion of their assets, which may include revenues received from 12b-1 fees, to pay all or a portion of the charges of various programs that make shares of the Funds available to their customers. These payments, sometimes referred to as “revenue sharing,” do not change the price paid by investors

to purchase the Funds' shares or the amount the Funds receive as proceeds from such sales. Revenue sharing payments may be made to brokers, dealers, and other financial intermediaries that provide services to the Funds or to shareholders in the Funds, including (without limitation) the following programs: shareholder servicing to Fund shareholders; transaction processing; "subaccounting services"; "marketing support"; access to sales meetings, sales representatives, and management representatives of the broker, dealer, or other financial intermediary; and inclusion of a Fund on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list, and in other sales programs. These payments take a variety of forms, including (without limitation) compensation for sales, "trail" fees for shareholder servicing and maintenance of shareholder accounts, and finders' fees that vary depending on the Fund or share class and the dollar amount of shares sold. Revenue sharing payments may be structured: (i) as a percentage of sales; (ii) as a percentage of net assets; and/or (iii) as a fixed dollar amount.

The Adviser may also provide non-cash compensation to broker/dealer firms or other financial intermediaries, in accordance with applicable rules of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"), such as the reimbursement of travel, lodging, and meal expenses incurred in connection with attendance at educational and due diligence meetings or seminars by qualified registered representatives of those firms and, in certain cases, their families; meeting fees; certain entertainment; reimbursement for advertising or other promotional expenses; or other permitted expenses as determined in accordance with applicable FINRA rules. In certain cases these other payments could be significant.

Subject to tax limitations and approval by the Board, each of the Funds may also make payments to third parties out of their own assets (other than 12b-1 payments), for a portion of the charges for programs that generally represent savings experienced by the Funds resulting from shareholders investing in the Funds through programs rather than investing directly in the Funds.

The Adviser negotiates the level of payments described above to any particular broker, dealer, or other financial intermediary with each firm. Currently, such payments range from 0.10% to 0.40% per year of the average daily net assets of the applicable Fund(s) attributable to the particular firm depending on the nature and level of services and other factors.

### ***Additional Purchase Information for Class A Shares, Class B Shares, Class C Shares and Class I Shares***

**Retirement Plans/Education Savings Plans.** The Funds make available IRAs, and "Coverdell" Education Savings Plans for investment in Fund shares. Applications may be obtained from the Distributor by calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554). Self-employed investors may purchase shares of the Funds through tax-deductible contributions to existing retirement plans for self-employed persons, known as "Keogh" or "H.R.-10" plans. The Funds do not currently act as sponsor to such plans. Fund shares may also be a suitable investment for other types of qualified pension or profit-sharing plans which are employer sponsored, including deferred compensation or salary reduction plans known as "401(k) Plans." The minimum initial investment in all such retirement or education savings plans is \$250. There is no minimum subsequent investment for retirement or education savings plans.

**Automatic Investment Plan.** The Funds offer an automatic monthly investment plan. There is no minimum initial investment for accounts establishing an automatic investment plan. Call the Distributor at 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) for more details about the plan.

**Telephone or Internet Investment Plan.** You may purchase additional shares of the Funds by telephone and/or over the Internet if your bank is a member of the ACH system. You must have a completed, approved Investment Plan application on file with the Funds' Transfer Agent. There is a minimum of \$100 for each telephone or Internet investment. However, you may split the \$100 minimum between two funds. To initiate an ACH purchase, please call 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) or 800-872-5365 or visit our website at [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com).

**Voluntary Conversion.** Shareholders who currently hold Class A Shares and are eligible to purchase Class I Shares may convert existing Class A Shares to Class I Shares of the same Fund through their dealer if the dealer has a specific agreement with the Distributor. Under current interpretations of applicable federal income tax law by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS"), this voluntary conversion of Class A Shares to Class I Shares does not cause the shareholder or the Fund to recognize gain or loss for federal income tax purposes.

### ***REDEMPTION OF SHARES***

You can redeem shares of the Funds on any Business Day. The Funds may temporarily stop redeeming their shares when the NYSE is closed or trading on the NYSE is restricted, when an emergency exists and the Funds cannot sell their shares or accurately determine the value of their assets, or if the SEC orders the Funds to suspend redemptions.

The Funds redeem their shares based on the NAV next determined after the time as of which the Funds receive your redemption request in proper form, subject in some cases to a CDSC, as described under "Classes of Shares — Contingent Deferred Sales Charges" or a redemption fee as described below in this section. See "Pricing of Fund Shares" for a description of the calculation of NAV.

You may redeem shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary that has entered into a selling agreement with the Distributor. The broker-dealer or financial intermediary will transmit a redemption order to State Street on your behalf. The redemption request will be effected at the NAV per share next determined (less any applicable CDSC) after a Fund receives the request in proper form. If you hold share certificates, you must present the certificates endorsed for transfer.

The Funds are intended for long-term investors and not for those who wish to trade frequently in Fund shares. The Funds believe that excessive short-term trading of Fund shares creates risks for the Funds and their long-term shareholders, including interference with efficient portfolio management, increased administrative and brokerage costs, and potential dilution in the value of Fund shares.

In order to discourage frequent short-term trading in Fund shares, each Fund has adopted policies and procedures that impose a 2.00% redemption fee (short-term trading fee) on shares that are redeemed or exchanged within seven (7) days or less after the date of a purchase. This fee is calculated based on the shares' aggregate NAV on the date of redemption and deducted from the redemption proceeds. The redemption fee is not a sales charge; it is retained by the Funds, and does not benefit the Funds' Adviser or any other third party. For purposes of computing the redemption fee, shares will be redeemed in reverse order of purchase (the latest shares acquired will be treated as being redeemed first). Redemptions to which the fee applies include redemption of shares resulting from an exchange made pursuant to each Fund's exchange privilege. The redemption fee will not apply to redemptions of shares where (i) the shares were purchased through automatic reinvestment of dividends or other distributions,

(ii) the redemption is initiated by the Fund, (iii) the shares were purchased through programs that collect the redemption fee at the program level and remit them to the Fund, or (iv) the shares were purchased through programs that the Adviser determines to have appropriate anti-short-term trading policies in place or as to which the Adviser has received assurances that look-through redemption fee procedures or effective anti-short-term trading policies and procedures are in place.

While each Fund has entered into information sharing agreements with financial intermediaries which contractually require such financial intermediaries to provide the Funds with information relating to their customers investing in each Fund through non-disclosed or omnibus accounts, the Funds cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information provided to it from financial intermediaries and may not always be able to track short-term trading effected through these financial intermediaries. In addition, because each Fund is required to rely on information provided by the financial intermediary as to the applicable redemption fee, the Funds cannot guarantee that the financial intermediary is always imposing such fee on the underlying shareholder in accordance with each Fund's policies. Subject to the exclusions discussed above, each Fund seeks to apply these policies uniformly.

Certain financial intermediaries may have procedures which differ from those of the Funds to collect the redemption fees or that prevent or restrict frequent trading. Investors should refer to their intermediary's policies on frequent trading restrictions.

Each Fund continues to reserve all rights, including the right to refuse any purchase request (including requests to purchase by exchange) from any person or group who, in the Funds' view, is likely to engage in excessive trading or if such purchase is not in the best interest of the Funds and to limit, delay, or impose other conditions on exchanges or purchases. Each Fund has adopted a policy of seeking to minimize short-term trading of its shares and monitors purchase and redemption activities to assist in minimizing short-term trading.

In the event that you wish to redeem shares in a registered account established by a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary, and you are unable to contact your broker-dealer or other financial intermediary, you may redeem shares by mail. You may mail a letter requesting the redemption of shares to: **The Gabelli Funds, P.O. Box 8308, Boston, MA 02266-8308**. Your letter should state the name of the Fund(s) and the share class, the dollar amount or number of shares you wish to redeem, and your account number. You must sign the letter in exactly the same way the account is registered and, if there is more than one owner of shares, all owners must sign. A medallion signature guarantee is required for each signature on your redemption letter. You can obtain a medallion signature guarantee from financial institutions such as commercial banks, brokers-dealers, savings banks and credit unions. A notary public cannot provide a medallion signature guarantee.

**Automatic Cash Withdrawal Plan.** You may automatically redeem shares on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis if you have at least \$10,000 in your account and if your account is directly registered with State Street. Please call 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) for more information about this plan.

**Involuntary Redemption.** Each Fund may redeem all shares in your account (other than an IRA) if the value falls below \$1,000 as a result of redemptions (but not as a result of a decline in NAV). You will be notified in writing if a Fund initiates such action and allowed thirty days to increase the value of your account to at least \$1,000.

**Reinstatement Privilege.** A shareholder in a Fund who has redeemed Class A Shares may reinvest, without a sales charge, up to the full amount of such redemption based on the NAV determined at the time of the reinvestment within forty-five days of the original redemption. A redemption is a taxable transaction and a gain or loss may be recognized for federal income tax purposes even if the reinstatement privilege is exercised. However, any loss realized upon the redemption will not be recognized as to the number of shares acquired by reinstatement, except through an adjustment in the tax basis of the shares so acquired within thirty days of the redemption.

**Redemption Proceeds.** A redemption request received by the Fund will be effected based on the NAV next determined after the time as of which the Fund or, if applicable, its authorized designee receives the request. If you request redemption proceeds by check, the Fund will normally mail the check to you within seven days after receipt of your redemption request. If you purchased your Fund shares by check or through the Automatic Investment Plan, you may not receive proceeds from your redemption until the check clears, which may take up to as many as ten days following purchase. While a Fund will delay the processing of the redemption payment until the check clears, your shares will be valued at the next determined NAV after receipt of your redemption request.

**Redemption In Kind.** In certain circumstances, a Fund may pay your redemption proceeds wholly or partially in portfolio securities. Where applicable, payments would be made in portfolio securities only in the rare instance that the Company's Board believes that it would be in a Fund's best interest not to pay the redemption proceeds in cash.

## ***EXCHANGE OF SHARES***

You can exchange shares of each Fund for shares of the same class of certain other funds managed by the Adviser or its affiliates based on their relative NAVs. You may call your broker to obtain a list of the funds whose shares you may acquire through an exchange. Class B and Class C Shares will continue to age from the date of the original purchase of such shares and will assume the CDSC rate such shares had at the time of exchange. You may also exchange your shares for shares of a money market fund managed by the Adviser or its affiliates, without imposition of any CDSC at the time of exchange. Upon subsequent redemption from such money market fund or the Fund(s) (after re-exchange into the Fund(s)), such shares will be subject to the CDSC calculated by excluding the time such shares were held in a money market fund.

In effecting an exchange:

- you must meet the minimum investment requirements for the fund whose shares you wish to purchase through exchange;
- if you are exchanging into a fund with a higher sales charge, you must pay the difference at the time of exchange;
- if you are exchanging from a fund with a redemption fee applicable to the redemption involved in your exchange, you must pay the redemption fee at the time of exchange;
- you may realize a taxable gain or loss because the exchange is treated as a sale for federal income tax purposes;

- you should read the prospectus of the fund whose shares you are purchasing through exchange. Call 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) or visit our website at [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com) to obtain the prospectus; and
- you should be aware that brokers may charge a fee for handling an exchange for you.

You may exchange shares through the Distributor, directly from the Fund's Transfer Agent or through a financial intermediary that has entered into the appropriate selling agreement with the Distributor.

- **Exchange by Telephone.** You may give exchange instructions by telephone by calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554). You may not exchange shares by telephone if you hold share certificates.
- **Exchange by Mail.** You may send a written request for exchanges to: **The Gabelli Funds, P.O. Box 8308, Boston, MA 02266-8308.** Your letter should state your name, your account number, the dollar amount or number of shares you wish to exchange, the name and class of the fund(s) whose shares you wish to exchange, and the name of the fund(s) whose shares you wish to acquire.
- **Exchange through the Internet.** You may also give exchange instructions via the Internet at [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com). You may not exchange shares through the Internet if you hold share certificates. The Funds may impose limitations from time to time on Internet exchanges.

Each Fund or any of the other funds may impose limitations on, or terminate, the exchange privilege with respect to such fund or any investor at any time. You will be given notice sixty days prior to any material change in the exchange privilege.

Your broker may charge you a processing fee for assisting you in purchasing or redeeming shares of the Funds. This charge is set by your broker and does not benefit the Funds or the Adviser in any way. It would be in addition to other sales charges and other costs, if any, described in this Prospectus and must be disclosed to you by your broker.

### ***PRICING OF FUND SHARES***

The NAV is calculated separately for each class of shares of each Fund on each Business Day. The NYSE is open Monday through Friday, but currently is scheduled to be closed on 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.

Each Fund's NAV is determined as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE, normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time. The NAV of each class of each Fund is computed by dividing the value of the applicable Fund's net assets, i.e. the value of its securities and other assets less its liabilities, including expenses payable or accrued but excluding capital stock and surplus attributable to the applicable class of shares, by the total number of shares of such class outstanding at the time the determination is made. The price of each Fund's shares for the purpose of purchase and redemption orders will be based upon the calculation of the NAV next made as of a time after the time as of which the purchase or redemption order is received in proper form.

Portfolio securities listed or traded on a nationally recognized securities exchange or traded in the U.S. over-the-counter market for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the last quoted sale price or a market's official closing price as of the close of business on the day the securities are being valued.

If there were no sales that day, the security is valued at the average of the closing bid and asked prices or, if there were no asked prices quoted on that day, then the security is valued at the closing bid price on that day. If no bid or asked prices are quoted on such day, the security is valued at the most recently available price or, if the Board 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 of the Fund on the day the securities are being valued. Debt instruments with remaining maturities of sixty days or less that are not credit impaired are valued at amortized cost, unless the Board determines such amount does not reflect the instrument's fair value, in which case these instruments will be fair valued as determined by the Board. Debt instruments having a maturity greater than sixty days for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the average of the latest bid and asked prices. If there were no asked prices quoted on such day, the instrument is valued using the closing bid price. U.S. government obligations with maturities greater than sixty days are normally valued using a model that incorporates market observable data such as reported sales of similar securities, broker quotes, yields, bids, offers, and reference data. Certain securities are valued principally using dealer quotations. Futures contracts are valued at the closing settlement price of the exchange or board of trade on which the applicable contract is traded.

Securities and other assets for which market quotations are not readily available are fair valued as determined by the Board. Fair valuation methodologies and procedures may include, but are not limited to: analysis and review of available financial and non-financial information about the company; comparisons with the valuation and changes in valuation of similar securities, including a comparison of foreign securities to the equivalent U.S. dollar value American Depositary Receipt securities at the close of the relevant U.S. exchange; and evaluation of any other information that could be indicative of the value of the security.

### ***DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS***

The Funds intend to pay dividends monthly for the Equity Income Fund and annually for the Small Cap Growth Fund and the Focus Five Fund and capital gain distributions, if any, on an annual basis. You may have dividends and/or capital gain distributions that are declared by the Funds automatically reinvested at NAV in additional shares of the Funds. You will make an election to receive distributions in cash and/or Fund(s) shares at the time you first purchase your shares. You may change this election by notifying the Funds or your broker in writing at any time prior to the record date for a particular dividend or distribution. There are no sales or other charges in connection with the reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. Shares purchased through reinvestment will receive a price without a sales charge based on

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the NAV on the reinvestment date, which is typically the date dividends or capital gains are paid to shareholders. There can be no assurance that the Funds will pay any dividends or realize any capital gains or other income. Distributions may differ for different classes of shares. The Equity Income Fund has adopted a policy to distribute a fixed amount each month to each class of shares.

### **TAX INFORMATION**

The Funds expect that distributions will consist primarily of investment company taxable income and net capital gains. Dividends out of investment company taxable income and distributions of net short-term capital gains (i.e., gains from securities held by the Funds for one year or less) are taxable to you as ordinary income, except that, if Fund distributions are properly designated, certain qualified dividends are eligible for a reduced rate. Properly designated distributions of net long-term capital gains (each a “Capital Gain Dividend”) are taxable to you at long-term capital gain rates no matter how long you have owned your shares. The current distribution policy of the Equity Income Fund is to pay a fixed amount on a monthly basis for each class of shares. To the extent such distributions are made from current earnings and profits, they are considered ordinary income or long term capital gains. This policy may restrict the Equity Income Fund's ability to pay out all of its net realized long term capital gains as a Capital Gain Dividend. Also, to the extent the Equity Income Fund has a capital loss carry forward, net capital gains in a subsequent year will be offset and any current earnings and profits will be treated as ordinary income. The Funds' distributions, whether you receive them in cash or reinvest them in additional shares of the Fund(s), generally will be subject to federal, state, and/or local taxes. A redemption of the Funds' shares or an exchange of the Funds' shares for shares of another fund will be treated for tax purposes as a sale of the Funds' shares, and any gain you realize on such a transaction generally will be taxable. Foreign shareholders may be subject to a federal withholding tax.

This summary of tax consequences is intended for general information only and is subject to change by legislative, judicial or administrative action, and any such change may be retroactive. A more complete discussion of the tax rules applicable to you and the Funds can be found in the SAI that is incorporated by reference into this Prospectus. You should consult a tax adviser concerning the tax consequences of your investment in the Funds.

### **MAILINGS AND E-DELIVERY TO SHAREHOLDERS**

In our continuing efforts to reduce duplicative mail and Fund expenses, we currently send a single copy of prospectuses and shareholder reports to your household even if more than one family member in your household owns the same fund or funds described in the prospectus or report. Additional copies of our prospectuses and reports may be obtained by calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554). If you do not want us to continue to consolidate your fund mailings and would prefer to receive separate mailings at any time in the future, please call us at the telephone number above and we will resume separate mailings, in accordance with your instructions, within thirty days of your request. The Funds offer electronic delivery of Fund documents. Direct shareholders of the Funds can elect to receive the Funds' annual, semiannual, and quarterly Fund reports, manager commentaries, and prospectuses via e-delivery. For more information or to sign up for e-delivery, please visit the Funds' website at [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com). Shareholders who purchase a Fund through a financial intermediary should contact their financial intermediary to sign up for e-delivery of the Fund documents, if available.

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## ***FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS***

The financial highlights tables are intended to help you understand the financial performance of each Fund for the past five fiscal years or, if less, the life of the Fund. The total returns in the tables represent the rate that an investor would have earned or lost on an investment in each Fund's designated class of shares (assuming reinvestment of all dividends and distributions). This information has been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with each Fund's financial statements and related notes, are included in each Fund's annual report, which is available upon request.

# The Gabelli Small Cap Growth Fund

## Financial Highlights

Selected data for a share of capital stock outstanding throughout each period:

Period Ended September 30	Income (loss) from Investment Operations				Distributions			Net Asset Value, End of Period	Total Return†	Net Assets End of Period (in 000's)	Ratios to Average Net Assets/ Supplemental Data		
	Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	Net Investment Income (Loss)(a)(b)	Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	Total from Investment Operations	Net Realized Gain on Investments	Total Distributions	Redemption Fees(a)(c)				Net Investment Income (Loss)(b)	Operating Expenses	Portfolio Turnover Rate††
<b>Class A</b>													
2011	\$29.96	\$(0.10)	\$(0.71)	\$(0.81)	—	—	\$0.00	\$29.15	(2.70)%	\$145,049	(0.31)%	1.42%(d)	14%
2010	25.81	(0.06)	4.21	4.15	—	—	0.00	29.96	16.08	115,265	(0.22)	1.44(d)	14
2009	28.18	(0.03)	(0.89)	(0.92)	\$(1.45)	\$(1.45)	0.00	25.81	(1.63)	62,548	(0.12)	1.48(d)	25
2008	34.37	(0.01)	(4.63)	(4.64)	(1.55)	(1.55)	0.00	28.18	(14.04)	26,604	(0.02)	1.43	26
2007	30.41	0.06	6.35	6.41	(2.45)	(2.45)	0.00	34.37	21.95	15,485	0.19	1.42	15
<b>Class B</b>													
2011	\$28.26	\$(0.33)	\$(0.64)	\$(0.97)	—	—	\$0.00	\$27.29	(3.43)%	\$ 17	(1.05)%	2.17%(d)	14%
2010	24.54	(0.25)	3.97	3.72	—	—	0.00	28.26	15.16	17	(0.99)	2.19(d)	14
2009	27.10	(0.17)	(0.94)	(1.11)	\$(1.45)	\$(1.45)	0.00	24.54	(2.43)	56	(0.83)	2.23(d)	25
2008	33.32	(0.23)	(4.44)	(4.67)	(1.55)	(1.55)	0.00	27.10	(14.60)	61	(0.77)	2.18	26
2007	29.77	(0.26)	6.26	6.00	(2.45)	(2.45)	0.00	33.32	20.99	126	(0.81)	2.17	15
<b>Class C</b>													
2011	\$28.28	\$(0.34)	\$(0.63)	\$(0.97)	—	—	\$0.00	\$27.31	(3.43)%	\$ 81,289	(1.05)%	2.17%(d)	14%
2010	24.54	(0.25)	3.99	3.74	—	—	0.00	28.28	15.24	64,830	(0.98)	2.19(d)	14
2009	27.09	(0.18)	(0.92)	(1.10)	\$(1.45)	\$(1.45)	0.00	24.54	(2.40)	42,974	(0.85)	2.23(d)	25
2008	33.32	(0.22)	(4.46)	(4.68)	(1.55)	(1.55)	0.00	27.09	(14.63)	23,062	(0.75)	2.18	26
2007	29.76	(0.22)	6.23	6.01	(2.45)	(2.45)	0.00	33.32	21.03	9,735	(0.69)	2.17	15
<b>Class I</b>													
2011	\$30.18	\$(0.02)	\$(0.72)	\$(0.74)	—	—	\$0.00	\$29.44	(2.45)%	\$164,494	(0.05)%	1.17%(d)	14%
2010	25.93	0.01	4.24	4.25	—	—	0.00	30.18	16.39	135,112	0.02	1.19(d)	14
2009	28.25	0.02	(0.89)	(0.87)	\$(1.45)	\$(1.45)	0.00	25.93	(1.43)	99,413	0.11	1.23(d)	25
2008(e)	30.06	0.05	(1.86)	(1.81)	—	—	0.00	28.25	(6.02)	3,578	0.22(f)	1.18(f)	26

† Total return represents aggregate total return of a hypothetical \$1,000 investment at the beginning of the period and sold at the end of the period including reinvestment of distributions and does not reflect applicable sales charges. Total return for a period of less than one year is not annualized.

†† Effective in 2008, a change in accounting policy was adopted with regard to the calculation of the portfolio turnover rate to include cash proceeds due to mergers. Had this policy been adopted retroactively, the portfolio turnover rate for the year ended September 30, 2007 would have been 21%.

- (a) Per share amounts have been calculated using the average shares outstanding method.
- (b) Due to capital share activity throughout the period, net investment income per share and the ratio to average net assets are not necessarily correlated among the different classes of shares.
- (c) Amount represents less than \$0.005 per share.
- (d) The ratios do not include a reduction of advisory fee on unsupervised assets for the years ended September 30, 2011, 2010, and 2009. Including such advisory fee reduction on unsupervised assets, the ratios of operating expenses to average net assets would have been 1.41%, 1.42%, and 1.47% (Class A), 2.16%, 2.17% and 2.22% (Class B and Class C), and 1.16%, 1.17% and 1.22% (Class I), respectively.
- (e) From the commencement of offering Class I Shares on January 11, 2008 through September 30, 2008.
- (f) Annualized.

# The Gabelli Equity Income Fund

## Financial Highlights

Selected data for a share of capital stock outstanding throughout each period:

Period Ended September 30	Income (loss) from Investment Operations					Distributions					Ratios to Average Net Assets/ Supplemental Data				
	Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	Net Investment Income/Loss(a)	Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	Total from Investment Operations	Net Investment Income	Net Realized Gain on Investments	Return of Capital	Total Distributions	Redemption Fees(a)(b)	Net Asset Value, End of Period	Total Return†	Net Assets End of Period (in 000's)	Net Investment Income/Loss	Operating Expenses††	Portfolio Turnover Rate†††
<b>Class A</b>															
2011	\$18.60	\$ 0.17	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.23	\$(0.16)	—	\$(0.20)	\$(0.36)	\$0.00	\$18.47	1.06%	\$115,210	0.82%	1.41%	14%
2010	17.09	0.24	1.63	1.87	(0.23)	—	(0.13)	(0.36)	0.00	18.60	11.06	67,314	1.35	1.44	14
2009	17.95	0.21	(0.71)	(0.50)	(0.21)	—	(0.15)	(0.36)	0.00	17.09	(2.34)	31,104	1.46	1.50	17
2008	22.91	0.18	(4.41)	(4.23)	(0.17)	\$(0.40)	(0.16)	(0.73)	0.00	17.95	(18.92)	22,979	0.88	1.43	22
2007	20.17	0.22	3.36	3.58	(0.39)	(0.45)	—	(0.84)	0.00	22.91	18.20	15,313	1.00	1.43	12
<b>Class B</b>															
2011	\$17.65	\$(0.01)	\$ 0.09	\$ 0.08	—	—	\$(0.36)	\$(0.36)	\$0.00	\$17.37	0.26%	\$ 65	(0.03)%	2.16%	14%
2010	16.37	0.10	1.54	1.64	\$(0.23)	—	(0.13)	(0.36)	0.00	17.65	10.13	141	0.56	2.19	14
2009	17.34	0.10	(0.71)	(0.61)	(0.21)	—	(0.15)	(0.36)	0.00	16.37	(3.07)	114	0.73	2.25	17
2008	22.32	0.02	(4.27)	(4.25)	(0.17)	\$(0.40)	(0.16)	(0.73)	0.00	17.34	(19.54)	252	0.12	2.18	22
2007	19.82	0.06	3.28	3.34	(0.39)	(0.45)	—	(0.84)	0.00	22.32	17.28	344	0.29	2.18	12
<b>Class C</b>															
2011	\$17.65	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.09	\$(0.02)	—	\$(0.34)	\$(0.36)	\$0.00	\$17.38	0.31%	\$ 98,296	0.09%	2.16%	14%
2010	16.36	0.10	1.55	1.65	(0.23)	—	(0.13)	(0.36)	0.00	17.65	10.20	43,429	0.61	2.19	14
2009	17.33	0.10	(0.71)	(0.61)	(0.21)	—	(0.15)	(0.36)	0.00	16.36	(3.07)	22,919	0.70	2.25	17
2008	22.31	0.03	(4.28)	(4.25)	(0.17)	\$(0.40)	(0.16)	(0.73)	0.00	17.33	(19.55)	18,547	0.13	2.18	22
2007	19.81	0.05	3.29	3.34	(0.39)	(0.45)	—	(0.84)	0.00	22.31	17.29	17,279	0.24	2.18	12
<b>Class I</b>															
2011	\$18.80	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.27	\$(0.22)	—	\$(0.14)	\$(0.36)	\$0.00	\$18.71	1.26%	\$112,929	1.10%	1.16%	14%
2010	17.23	0.35	1.58	1.93	(0.23)	—	(0.13)	(0.36)	0.00	18.80	11.32	41,204	1.92	1.19	14
2009	18.04	0.25	(0.70)	(0.45)	(0.21)	—	(0.15)	(0.36)	0.00	17.23	(2.05)	8,819	1.71	1.25	17
2008(c)	21.42	0.19	(3.30)	(3.11)	(0.14)	—	(0.13)	(0.27)	0.00	18.04	(14.65)	962	1.31(d)	1.18(d)	22

† Total return represents aggregate total return of a hypothetical \$1,000 investment at the beginning of the period and sold at the end of the period including reinvestment of distributions and does not reflect applicable sales charges. Total return for a period of less than one year is not annualized.

†† The ratios do not include a reduction for custodian fee credits on cash balances maintained with the custodian ("Custodian Fee Credits"). For the years ended September 30, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, and 2007, the effect of Custodian Fee Credits was minimal.

††† Effective in 2008, a change in accounting policy was adopted with regard to the calculation of the portfolio turnover rate to include cash proceeds due to mergers. Had this policy been adopted retroactively, the portfolio turnover rate for the year ended September 30, 2007 would have been 20%.

(a) Per share amounts have been calculated using the average shares outstanding method.

(b) Amount represents less than \$0.005 per share.

(c) From the commencement of offering Class I Shares on January 11, 2008 through September 30, 2008.

(d) Annualized.

## The Gabelli Focus Five Fund Financial Highlights

Selected data for a share of capital stock outstanding throughout each period:

Period Ended September 30	Income (loss) from Investment Operations				Distributions				Net Asset Value, End of Period	Total Return†	Net Assets End of Period (in 000's)	Ratios to Average Net Assets/Supplemental Data			Portfolio Turnover Rate
	Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	Net Investment Income (Loss)(a)	Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	Total from Investment Operations	Net Investment Income	Net Realized Gain on Investments	Total Distributions	Redemption Fees(a)(e)				Net Investment Income (Loss)(b)	Expenses Net of Waivers/ Reimburse- ments(c)	Expenses Before Waivers/ Reimburse- ments(d)	
<b>Class A</b>															
2011	\$ 8.99	\$(0.12)	\$(0.61)	\$(0.73)	—	—	—	\$0.00	\$ 8.26	(8.12)%	\$139	(1.21)%	2.01%	2.80%	40%
2010	7.96	(0.11)	1.14	1.03	—	—	—	—	8.99	12.94	116	(1.27)	2.01	3.09	61
2009	9.37	(0.07)	(0.93)	(1.00)	—	\$(0.41)	\$(0.41)	0.00	7.96	(9.04)	50	(1.06)	2.01	3.34	62
2008	12.69	(0.08)	(1.44)	(1.52)	—	(1.80)	(1.80)	0.00	9.37	(13.19)	51	(0.80)	2.01	2.52	58
2007	13.36	0.13	2.39	2.52	\$(0.02)	(3.17)	(3.19)	0.00	12.69	20.94	65	1.00	2.01	2.33	51
<b>Class C</b>															
2011	\$ 8.33	\$(0.18)	\$(0.56)	\$(0.74)	—	—	—	\$0.00	\$ 7.59	(8.88)%	\$192	(1.96)%	2.76%	3.55%	40%
2010	7.43	(0.16)	1.06	0.90	—	—	—	—	8.33	12.11	119	(2.09)	2.76	3.84	61
2009	8.84	(0.11)	(0.89)	(1.00)	—	\$(0.41)	\$(0.41)	0.00	7.43	(9.61)	122	(1.78)	2.76	4.09	62
2008	12.16	(0.15)	(1.37)	(1.52)	—	(1.80)	(1.80)	0.00	8.84	(13.86)	146	(1.58)	2.76	3.27	58
2007	13.00	(0.03)	2.36	2.33	—	(3.17)	(3.17)	0.00	12.16	19.84	295	(0.26)	2.76	3.08	51
<b>Class I</b>															
2011	\$ 8.98	\$(0.10)	\$(0.61)	\$(0.71)	—	—	—	\$0.00	\$ 8.27	(7.91)%	\$ 82	(0.96)%	1.76%	2.55%	40%
2010	7.93	(0.09)	1.14	1.05	—	—	—	—	8.98	13.24	67	(1.09)	1.76	2.84	61
2009	9.31	(0.05)	(0.92)	(0.97)	—	\$(0.41)	\$(0.41)	0.00	7.93	(8.76)	59	(0.79)	1.76	3.09	62
2008(f)	9.41	(0.03)	(0.07)	(0.10)	—	—	—	0.00	9.31	(1.06)	72	(0.44)(g)	1.76(g)	2.27(g)	58

† Total return represents aggregate total return of a hypothetical \$1,000 investment at the beginning of the period and sold at the end of the period including reinvestment of distributions and does not reflect applicable sales charges. Total return for a period of less than one year is not annualized.

- (a) Per share amounts have been calculated using the average shares outstanding method.
- (b) Due to capital share activity throughout the year, net investment income (loss) per share and the ratio to average net assets are not necessarily correlated among the different classes of shares.
- (c) The Fund incurred interest expense during the years ended September 30, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, and 2007. If interest expense had not been incurred, each year the ratios of operating expenses to average net assets would have been 2.00% (Class A), 2.75% (Class C), and 1.75% (Class I), respectively.
- (d) During the period, expenses were voluntarily reduced and/or reimbursed. If such fee reductions and/or reimbursements had not occurred, the ratio would have been as shown.
- (e) Amount represents less than \$0.005 per share.
- (f) From the commencement of offering Class I shares on January 11, 2008 through September 30, 2008.
- (g) Annualized.

## **GABELLI/GAMCO FUNDS AND YOUR PERSONAL PRIVACY**

### ***Who are we?***

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

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

If you apply to open an account directly with us, you will be giving us some non-public information about yourself. The non-public information we collect about you is:

- Information you give us on your application form. This could include your name, address, telephone number, social security number, bank account number, and other information.
- Information about your transactions with us, any transactions with our affiliates, and transactions with the entities we hire to provide services to you. This would include information about the shares that you buy or redeem. If we hire someone else to provide services — like a transfer agent — we will also have information about the transactions that you conduct through them.

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

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

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

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

**This Privacy Policy is not part of the Prospectus.**

# Gabelli Equity Series Funds, Inc.

The Gabelli Small Cap Growth Fund

The Gabelli Equity Income Fund

(Class A, B, C, and I Shares)

The Gabelli Focus Five Fund

(Class A, C, and I Shares)

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## For More Information:

For more information about the Funds, the following documents are available free upon request:

### Annual/Semiannual Reports:

Each Fund's semiannual and audited annual reports to shareholders contain additional information on the Funds' investments. In each Fund's annual report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected each Fund's performance during its last fiscal year.

### Statement of Additional Information (SAI):

The SAI provides more detailed information about the Funds, including their operations and investment policies. It is incorporated by reference, and is legally considered a part of this Prospectus.

You can obtain free copies of these documents and prospectuses of other funds in the Gabelli/GAMCO family, or request other information and discuss your questions about the Funds by mail, toll-free phone, or the Internet as follows:

Gabelli Equity Series Funds, Inc.  
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Rye, NY 10580-1422  
Telephone: 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554)  
[www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com)

You can also review and/or copy the Funds' Prospectuses, annual/semiannual reports, and SAI at the Public Reference Room of the SEC in Washington, D.C. You can obtain text-only copies:

- Free from the Funds' website at [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com).
- For a fee, by electronic request at [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov), by writing to the Public Reference Section of the SEC, Washington, D.C. 20549-1520, or by calling 202-551-8090.
- Free from the Edgar Database on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).