

# The Gabelli Multimedia Trust Inc.

Shareholder Commentary – September 30, 2017

(Y)our Portfolio Management Team



**Christopher J. Marangi**  
 Co-Chief Investment Officer  
 BA, Williams College  
 MBA, Columbia  
 Business School

## To Our Shareholders,

For the quarter ended September 30, 2017, the net asset value (“NAV”) total return of The Gabelli Multimedia Trust (the “Fund”) was 3.3%, compared with a total return of 4.8% for the Morgan Stanley Capital International (“MSCI”) World Index. The total return for the Fund’s publicly traded shares was 10.8%. The Fund’s NAV per share was \$9.22, while the price of the publicly traded shares closed at \$9.68 on the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”).

## Comparative Results

### Average Annual Returns through September 30, 2017 (a)

	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>5 Year</u>	<u>10 Year</u>	<u>15 Year</u>	<u>Since Inception (11/15/94)</u>
<b>Gabelli Multimedia Trust</b>						
<b>NAV Total Return (b)</b> .....	3.28%	20.62%	14.48%	4.33%	9.98%	9.07%
<b>Investment Total Return (c)</b> .....	10.84	38.73	16.59	6.53	11.84	9.77
Standard & Poor’s 500 Index .....	4.48	18.61	14.22	7.44	10.04	9.89(d)
MSCI World Index .....	4.84	18.17	10.99	4.22	9.01	7.18(d)

(a) Returns represent past performance and do not guarantee future results. Investment returns and the principal value of an investment will fluctuate. When shares are sold, they may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data presented. Visit [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com) for performance information as of the most recent month end. Performance returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the Fund before investing. The Standard & Poor’s 500 and MSCI World Indices are unmanaged indicators of stock market performance. Dividends are considered reinvested except for the MSCI World Index. You cannot invest directly in an index.

(b) Total returns and average annual returns reflect changes in the NAV per share, reinvestment of distributions at NAV on the ex-dividend date, and adjustments for rights offerings and are net of expenses. Since inception return is based on an initial NAV of \$7.50.

(c) Total returns and average annual returns reflect changes in closing market values on the NYSE, reinvestment of distributions, and adjustments for rights offerings. Since inception return is based on an initial offering price of \$7.50.

(d) From November 30, 1994, the date closest to the Fund’s inception for which data is available.

## **Premium / Discount Discussion**

As a refresher for our shareholders, the price of a closed-end fund is determined in the open market by willing buyers and sellers. Shares of the Fund trade on the NYSE and may trade at a premium to (higher than) net asset value (the market value of the Fund's underlying portfolio and other assets less any liabilities) or a discount to (lower than) net asset value.

Ideally, the Fund's market price will generally track the NAV. However, the Fund's premium or discount to NAV may vary over time. Over the Fund's almost twenty-three year history, the range fluctuated from approximately a 15% premium in December 2013 to approximately a 31% discount in March 2009. On September 30, 2017, the market price of the Fund was at a 5% premium to its NAV.

The Fund's investment goals are long term growth of capital, with income as a secondary objective. We believe that our stock selection process adds to the investment equation. We have a successful history of investment, providing shareholders average annual returns of 9.1% since inception.

## **Commentary**

### **The Matterhorn in the Investment Management Industry – Risk vs. Reward**

Mountain peaks, in their grandeur and majesty, are truly spectacular works of nature. Few of them rival the Matterhorn near Zermatt in Switzerland (which is also a popular area for investment managers). Three thousand people climb it every year (none of them on your Fund management team), and more than 500 have died in the attempt since this sport began. Every money manager aspires to ascend his or her individual Matterhorn. What this is varies from individual to individual. Some aspire to "beat the market." Others are happy "not losing money" or, in the language of the industry, "generating an absolute return." No matter what the goal, it is crucial to know (or really try to guess) where you are in this never ending journey. Is there still a summit to mount without significant danger (risk), or is it time to return to the base camp, at least for a while? Andy Grove, the former founder and head of Intel, perhaps summarized it best in his autobiography "Only the Paranoid Survive."

Your Fund has been fortunate to have operated in attractive sectors during the course of its nearly twenty-three year lifetime. The media and entertainment industries have prospered, aided greatly by technological change, which, as managers, we have embraced and benefited from. Of equal importance, the world of technology has decided to fuel its progress by collecting advertising dollars, as opposed to user fees, and this has clearly accelerated its development. Alphabet (also known as Google) and Facebook have consistently been among the Fund's top holdings. Their stunning revenue growth is advertising-based. Being in the right neighborhood has enabled your Fund to climb the mountain. There have been setbacks (2008 clearly comes to mind), but the assumption of risk has, on balance, led to great rewards, few of which have been better than those of the last twelve months.

While no one can know for sure, your Fund managers believe they are probably operating near a peak in the journey. While the weather is great, there are clearly storm clouds on the horizon. On a good day, a view from the Matterhorn can exceed fifty miles. On a bad day, fifty inches is generous. Our progress in the most

recent quarter was slower than in previous ones (the higher you go, the thinner the air), but it was still progress. At high altitude there is clearly reason for caution, and we are increasingly vigilant. Here are some of the things we are monitoring to help chart our future course:

1. The content producers are stumbling. The 2017 box office was the weakest in decades, and few producers distinguished themselves. As some have long predicted, sequels have begun to run out of gas. But hope springs eternal, especially in Hollywood, and sequels scheduled for release in the important fourth quarter include "Justice League," reuniting several Superheroes, and the seventh installment of "Star Wars." It is refreshing that the horror film "It" (not a sequel) looks like a worldwide hit, with a spectacular financial return due to its low cost.

Content problems also extend to television, where viewership continues to decline. The problem is not entirely in the entertainment area. The normally predictable world of sports has been turned inside out as President Trump jousts with NFL players over social issues. How this storm develops will be determined over the next six months, and it will be critical to see if advertising guarantees are delivered, or whether select advertisers decide sponsorship of football entails unnecessary reputational risk to their brands. In any regard, there is uncertainty, and it extends far further than an opinion on Tom Brady (which nearly everyone has). Uncertainty is rarely helpful to equity valuation and/or business activity.

2. The current economic expansion is close to setting a record for its longevity. More than fifty years ago, several economists thought the intelligent use of monetary and fiscal policy could tame economic cycles, but history would give that theory a failing grade. Few doubt that the business cycle exists, but it is a long time since anyone has seen one. The recent hurricanes will surely enhance economic growth in the fourth quarter and early 2018 as massive areas of the country rebuild, mostly with borrowed money. The end of the cycle is clearly not in sight (it rarely is). Interest rates are at secular lows, but they are slowly rising, and the Federal Reserve has signaled another increase in short rates for its December meeting. Many consumers have variable rate notes outstanding, and may get sticker shock when the monthly payment increases.
3. FAANG is the acronym applied to Facebook, Apple, Amazon, Netflix, and Google (now named Alphabet, but the acronym maintains the well known former name of the search engine). FAANG is beginning to show chinks in its armor... Facebook may have inadvertently influenced the 2016 Presidential election... Amazon may be destroying too many retailing jobs... Apple may be introducing some unexciting (and expensive) new products... Netflix may not be able to afford the billions it is spending on content... Google may be invading privacy in an unacceptable manner... The list goes on... The market, in its wisdom seems to be listening. FAANG is now trading well off its high, and Amazon is near its own individual bear market (a 20% decline).

Your Fund management team has great experience. This is not the first cultural malaise we have seen (does anyone remember Watergate?). In the spring of 1973, a racehorse named Secretariat helped us to navigate the shoals of that crisis in confidence by winning the Triple Crown. We are mindful of the problems, but also mindful of the rewards waiting to be harvested. There will probably be another Secretariat in one form

or another. The consumer clearly wants to be entertained, and while good news historically sells few newspapers, there is plenty of good news around. A second observation is that most people want to cheer for their home team or college alma mater. The tribe will always be a tribe. Anyone doubting that should be encouraged to attend a Yankee vs. Red Sox game. Three other subjects here are worthy of comment:

1. The gaming industry has been a tower of strength. The global capitalization of these firms now approaches a staggering \$700 billion, and industry revenues are comfortably far in excess of film industry revenues. While the valuation of gaming companies is a subject of discussion, the increasing engagement of consumers in gaming is not. It grows every year, encouraged by technological innovation, and this should continue. The world awaits the new “Star Wars” and “Call of Duty” games. They will surely out gross the most successful of Hollywood’s films. For those skeptics who are reading this, it helps to note that “Grand Theft Auto V” revenues now exceed \$3 billion, well in excess of “Avatar,” the box office champion.
2. The consumer also has voted with his or her wallet for live entertainment. Crowds at “concerts” are global and grow at double digits. As this letter is being written, Neil Diamond is performing live in Hamburg, Germany, of all places. Concerts are now quite ubiquitous. Concert pricing is one area where prices have steadily risen at rates far in excess of general inflation.
3. While discussions about the NFL are now highlighting all news sources, the fact that the NFL is the ideal betting vehicle is rarely mentioned. Regrettably, most of the betting done on the NFL is illegal. While football is less than 125 years old, betting dates back to biblical times. At the end of the day, bettors on game outcomes will surely continue watching the NFL product. The current President once ran a failed casino empire, and it is possible (but not probable) that states may allow more legal sports betting, as all desire revenues. This would surely enhance viewership. NFL viewership is down but not out, and few charity benefits will be needed for NFL owners.

To summarize, it has been a pleasure to climb the investment Matterhorn. The Fund has been in the right universe at the right time (so far). Storms always come to mountain peaks, but they always pass (surely in nature, if not in the financial markets). We are cautious, but optimists by nature. Thank you for your continued support.

## **Let’s Talk Stocks**

The following are stock specifics on selected holdings of our Fund. Favorable earnings prospects do not necessarily translate into higher stock prices, but they do express a positive trend that we believe will develop over time. Individual securities mentioned are not necessarily representative of the entire portfolio. For the following holdings, the share prices are listed first in United States dollars (USD) and second in the local currency, where applicable, and are presented as of September 30, 2017.

*Altaba Inc. (AABA – \$66.24 – NASDAQ)* is an investment company organized after the sale of Yahoo!’s operating assets to Verizon. Its investment positions include a 35% stake in Yahoo! Japan and a major investment position in Alibaba, an OTC-listed Chinese company, as well as some highly valued patents and a

significant cash position. These assets, before any taxes due on their disposition, sell at a value well (50%) in excess of the equity capitalization of Altaba. Alibaba continues to perform well, and it dominates Chinese e-Commerce. It is contemplating an equity offering of Alipay, its payment vehicle. This would clarify the value of that subsidiary, currently hidden in Alibaba's consolidated results. Altaba's new management has no legacy in Yahoo!'s operating businesses, and the company is highly skilled in minimizing taxes and using other forms of financial engineering. As Alibaba and Yahoo! Japan continue to do well, Altaba's share price should continue to advance until the firm is eventually liquidated, at what will likely be a handsome profit for your Fund.

*Comcast Corp. (CMCSA – \$38.48 – NASDAQ)* is a diversified media company with interests in cable and Internet distribution as well as ownership in the NBCUniversal media conglomerate. The stock has been unusually weak lately, which we believe is caused by market upset about the loss of cable television subscribers in the most recent quarter. Cable television distribution is now a mature business in the United States, and subscription losses are to be expected, especially in the video area. However, the Internet distribution business is superb, and video losses do not disappear, but instead migrate to alternative (also known as “over the top”) distribution services. These services require Internet distribution, putting Comcast in a “pay me now, pay me later” situation. Thus, the overall impact to the firm's cable and Internet distribution business should be minimal. At the same time, NBCUniversal is thriving under the leadership of Steve Burke, arguably the industry's best content manager in spite of his lack of notoriety. NBCUniversal has grown its theme parks at a greatly above average rate (Burke learned the business at Disney) and has skillfully nurtured some new franchises, most notably “Minions.” CMCSA's combination of top tier content and distribution businesses should continue to reward shareholders.

*Naspers Ltd. (NPN – \$215.68/2,920 – Johannesburg Stock Exchange)*, domiciled in South Africa, is a diversified media company with holdings in print and satellite businesses in the southern half of Africa. The businesses are stable and slow growing, with an abundant exposure to currency risk. However, a few decades ago, Naspers management saw the need to diversify, and invested in Internet businesses not domiciled in the United States. The principal investment was a 35% holding in Tencent, a Chinese Internet company with a market value currently in excess of \$415 billion (U.S.). The Naspers share of that investment is now greater than \$145 billion, before any imputation of taxes, should that equity position be sold. Before and after any tax burden (we are inclined to believe Naspers management when they say they would NEVER sell Tencent), the Naspers shares have a value well below that of its Tencent holding, giving the owners of Naspers shares an extraordinary margin of safety. Tencent continues to do well in spite of its size, and it is growing at a rate in excess of 50% as its largely Chinese customers embrace its mobile games, communications (WeChat), and payment technology.

*Time Warner Inc. (TWX – \$102.45 – NYSE)* is a diversified media company whose assets include the Warner Brothers film and television studio and the Turner cable television networks. The company is in the final stages of regulatory review of its proposed horizontal merger with AT&T. Your managers and the market expect the merger to be approved before year end, largely due to its horizontal character - the two merger partners operate in different industries. Time Warner's stock has appreciated to near its Private Market Value. As is the case for most firms finishing a lengthy merger review, there is some small risk in price should the merger not

be completed. However, that risk has been mitigated by significantly improved results at the film studio (“It,” a film from a Stephen King novel) and “Justice League of America,” which promises a different look at Batman, Superman, and other heroes from the dark (and somewhat unsuccessful) view presented in former films. Meanwhile, if the merger is approved upside could be significant, as AT&T’s business is solid and its ownership of significant content assets could accelerate the development of several forms of media development, all of which would use toll gates to enhance corporate cash flow.

*Twenty-First Century Fox Inc. (FOX – \$25.79 – NYSE)* is the collection of the electronic media assets of Rupert Murdoch’s media conglomerate, News Corp. It also includes a significant 39% ownership in Sky TV, Murdoch’s European satellite interest. FOX and SKY plan a merger, but the merger has been delayed significantly by British regulators, who are concerned about FOX’s fitness to own a broadcast license in the UK. A final decision on the merger should arrive in mid to late 2018. Meanwhile, SKY continues to perform well, as a satellite television monopoly should. Although FOX itself has been challenged in its film and broadcast television networks, the principal segment of the business, cable networks, including Fox News and National Geographic TV, continue to perform well. The film business owns rights to several significant franchises, including “Avatar” and “X-Men.” Those franchises will release films in the next few years, and new studio management has an attractive slate of future films scheduled beyond the franchises. The TV businesses also possess valuable sports, including the NFC (National Football Conference) and Major League Baseball, as well as a sports network. Those businesses seem undervalued along with the equity position in SKY.

October 31, 2017

<b>Top Ten Holdings</b> <b>September 30, 2017</b>	
Sony Corp.	Alphabet Inc.
Facebook Inc.	Time Warner Inc.
Rogers Communications Inc.	Ryman Hospitality Partners
Grupo Televisa SAB	Naspers Ltd.
Liberty Global plc	Twenty-First Century Fox Inc.

**Note:** The views expressed in this Shareholder Commentary reflect those of the Portfolio Managers only through the end of the period stated in this Shareholder Commentary. The Portfolio Managers’ views are subject to change at any time based on market and other conditions. The information in this Shareholder Commentary represents the opinions of the individual Portfolio Managers and is not intended to be a forecast of future events, a guarantee of future results, or investment advice. Views expressed are those of the Portfolio Managers and may differ from those of other portfolio managers or of the Firm as a whole. This Shareholder Commentary does not constitute an offer of any transaction in any securities. Any recommendation contained herein may not be suitable for all investors. Information contained in this Shareholder Commentary has been obtained from sources we believe to be reliable, but cannot be guaranteed. Beneficial ownership of shares held in the Fund by Mr. Gabelli and various entities he is deemed to control are disclosed in the Fund’s annual proxy statement.

## **Common Stock Repurchase Plan**

On July 3, 1996, the Board of Directors of the Fund (the “Board”) voted to authorize the repurchase of the Fund’s common shares in the open market from time to time when such shares are trading at a discount of 10% or more from NAV. On May 19, 2010, the Board reduced the discount required for repurchasing common shares to 5% or more from NAV. In total through September 30, 2017, the Fund has repurchased and retired 1,595,468 shares in the open market under this share repurchase plan, at an average investment of \$8.20 per share and an average discount of approximately 15% from its NAV. There were no shares repurchased during the third quarter of 2017.

## **10% Distribution Policy for Common Stockholders**

The Board has reaffirmed the continuation of the Fund’s 10% distribution policy. Pursuant to its distribution policy, the Fund paid a \$0.22 per share cash distribution on September 22, 2017, to common stock shareholders of record on September 15, 2017.

The Fund intends to pay a quarterly distribution of an amount determined each quarter by the Board. Under the Fund’s current distribution policy, the Fund intends to pay a minimum annual distribution of 10% of the average net asset value of the Fund within a calendar year or an amount sufficient to satisfy the minimum distribution requirements of the Internal Revenue Code, whichever is greater. The average net asset value of the Fund is based on the average net asset values as of the last day of the four preceding calendar quarters during the year. The net asset value per share fluctuates daily.

Each quarter, the Board reviews the amount of any potential distribution from the income, capital gain, or capital available. The Board will continue to monitor the Fund’s distribution level, taking into consideration the Fund’s net asset value and the financial market environment. The Fund’s distribution policy is subject to modification by the Board at any time. The distribution rate should not be considered the dividend yield or total return on an investment in the Fund.

If the Fund does not generate sufficient earnings (dividends and interest income and realized net capital gain) equal to or in excess of the aggregate distributions paid by the Fund in a given year, then the amount distributed in excess of the Fund’s earnings would be deemed a return of capital. Since this would be considered a return of a portion of a shareholder’s original investment, it is generally not taxable and is treated as a reduction in the shareholder’s cost basis.

Long term capital gains, qualified dividend income, ordinary income, and paid-in capital, if any, will be allocated on a pro-rata basis to all distributions to common shareholders for the year. Based on the accounting records of the Fund currently available, the current distribution paid to common shareholders in 2017 would include approximately 2% from net investment income, 36% from net capital gains, and 62% from paid-in capital on a book basis. The estimated components of each distribution are updated and provided to shareholders of record in a notice accompanying the distribution and are available on our website ([www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com)). The final determination of the sources of all distributions in 2017 will be made after year end and can vary from the quarterly estimates. All shareholders with taxable accounts will receive written notification regarding the components and tax treatment for all 2017 distributions in early 2018 via Form 1099-DIV.

## **6.00% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock**

The Fund's 6.00% Series B Cumulative Preferred Stock paid a \$0.375 per share cash distribution on September 26, 2017, to preferred shareholders of record on September 19, 2016. The Series B Preferred Shares, which trade on the NYSE under the symbol "GGT Pr B", are rated "A2" by Moody's Investors Service and have an annual dividend rate of \$1.50 per share. The Series B Preferred Shares were issued on April 1, 2003, at \$25.00 per share and pay distributions quarterly. After five years of call protection, the Series B Preferred Shares became callable at any time at the liquidation value of \$25.00 per share plus accrued dividends. The next distribution is scheduled for December 2017. The Fund is authorized to purchase its Series B Preferred Shares in the open market from time to time when such shares are trading at a discount to the liquidation value of \$25.00 per share. In total through June 30, 2017, the Fund has repurchased and retired 48,986 Series B Preferred Shares in the open market under this share repurchase authorization. The Fund did not repurchase any Series B Preferred Shares during the third quarter of 2017.

## **Series C Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Stock**

During the third quarter of 2017, the dividend rates for the Series C Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Stock ranged from 1.838% to 2.065%. Dividend rates for the Series C Preferred Shares may be reset every seven days based on the results of an auction. Since February 2008, the number of Series C Preferred Shares subject to bid orders by potential holders has been less than the number of sell orders. Therefore the weekly auctions have failed, and the holders have not been able to sell any or all of the Series C Preferred Shares for which they submitted sell orders. The dividend rate since then has been the maximum rate. At September 30, 2017, the maximum rate was 175% of the "AA" Financial Composite Commercial Paper Rate. The Series C Preferred Shares are rated "A2" by Moody's Investors Services.

The Series C Preferred Shares do not trade on an exchange. The Fund was authorized to issue 1,000 Series C Preferred Shares on April 1, 2003 at \$25,000 per share. The Fund repurchased 590 Auction Rate Preferred Shares during the second quarter of 2017. As of September 30, 2017, 10 Series C Preferred Shares were outstanding.

The Board shares the view of Gabelli Funds, LLC (the "Investment Adviser") that the issuance of the Preferred Stock is designed to benefit the common shareholders. To the extent that the Fund earns in excess of the dividend rate on the Preferred Stock, additional value will thereby be created for its common shareholders.

Long term capital gains, qualified dividend income, and ordinary income, if any, will be allocated on a pro-rata basis to all distributions to preferred shareholders for the year. Based on the accounting records of the Fund currently available, the current distribution paid to preferred shareholders represents approximately 5% from net investment income and 95% from net capital gains on a book basis. The estimated components of each distribution are updated and provided to shareholders of record in a notice accompanying the distribution and are available on our website ([www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com)). The final determination of the sources of all distributions in 2017 will be made after year end and can vary from the quarterly estimates. All shareholders with taxable accounts will receive written notification regarding the components and tax treatment for all 2017 distributions in early 2018 via Form 1099-DIV.



## **5.125% Series E Cumulative Preferred Stock Offering Completed**

The Board of Directors of GGT is pleased to announce the completion of an offering of 2 million shares of 5.125% Series E Cumulative Preferred Stock (“Series E Preferred”) valued at \$50 million. The offering closed on Tuesday, September 26, 2017. The Series E Preferred Shares, which trade on the NYSE under the symbol “GGT Pr E,” are rated “A2” by Moody’s Investors Service and have an annual dividend of \$1.28125 per share. The Fund expects to use the proceeds from the offering for investment purposes consistent with the Fund’s investment objectives. The Series E Preferred is perpetual, non-callable for five years, and was issued at \$25 per share. Distributions are scheduled to be paid quarterly beginning on December 26, 2017.

## **Tax Treatment of Distributions to Common and Preferred Shareholders**

All or part of the distributions may be treated as long term capital gain or qualified dividend income (or a combination of both) for individuals, each subject to the maximum federal income tax rate, which is currently 20% in taxable accounts for individuals. In addition, certain U.S. shareholders who are individuals, estates, or trusts and whose income exceeds certain thresholds will be required to pay a 3.8% Medicare surcharge on their “net investment income,” which includes dividends received from the Fund and capital gains from the sale or other disposition of shares of the Fund.

## **[www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com)**

Please visit us on the Internet. Our homepage at [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com) contains information about GAMCO Investors, Inc., the Gabelli/GAMCO Closed-End Funds and Mutual Funds, IRAs, 401(k)s, current and historical quarterly reports, closing prices, and other current news. We welcome your comments and questions via e-mail at [closedend@gabelli.com](mailto:closedend@gabelli.com).

You may sign up for our e-mail alerts at [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com) and receive notice of quarterly report availability, news events, media sightings, and mutual fund prices and performance.

## **e-delivery**

We are pleased to offer electronic delivery of Gabelli fund documents. Shareholders of our closed-end funds can now elect to receive e-mail announcements regarding available materials, including shareholder commentaries and Fund reports. For more information or to register for e-delivery, please visit our website at [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com).

## **THE GABELLI MULTIMEDIA TRUST AND YOUR PERSONAL PRIVACY**

### **Who are we?**

The Gabelli Multimedia Trust (the “Fund”) is a closed-end management investment company registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Company Act of 1940. We are managed by Gabelli Funds, LLC, which is affiliated with GAMCO Investors, Inc. GAMCO Investors, Inc. is a publicly held company that has subsidiaries and affiliates that provide investment advisory services for a variety of clients.

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

When you purchase shares of the Fund on the New York Stock Exchange, you have the option of registering directly with our transfer agent in order, for example, to participate in our dividend reinvestment plan.

- *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.* This would include information about the shares that you buy or sell; it may also include information about whether you sell or exercise rights that we have issued from time to time. If we hire someone else to provide services—like a transfer agent—we will also have information about the transactions that you conduct through them.

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

We do not disclose any non-public personal information about our customers or former customers to anyone other than our affiliates, our service providers who need to know such information, and as otherwise permitted by law. If you want to find out what the law permits, you can read the privacy rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission. They are in volume 17 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 248. The Commission often posts information about its regulations on its website, [www.sec.gov](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 the fund and to ensure that we are complying with the laws governing the securities business. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards to keep your personal information confidential.

**THE GABELLI MULTIMEDIA TRUST INC.**  
**One Corporate Center**  
**Rye, NY 10580-1422**

**Portfolio Management Team Biographies**

**Mario J. Gabelli, CFA**, is Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Investment Officer – Value Portfolios of GAMCO Investors, Inc. that he founded in 1977, and Chief Investment Officer – Value Portfolios of Gabelli Funds, LLC and GAMCO Asset Management Inc. He is also Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of Associated Capital Group, Inc. Mr. Gabelli is a summa cum laude graduate of Fordham University and holds an MBA degree from Columbia Business School, and Honorary Doctorates from Fordham University and Roger Williams University.

**Christopher J. Marangi** joined Gabelli in 2003 as a research analyst. Currently he is a Managing Director and Co-Chief Investment Officer for GAMCO Investors, Inc.'s Value team. In addition, he currently serves as a portfolio manager of Gabelli Funds, LLC and manages several funds within the Gabelli/GAMCO Funds Complex. Mr. Marangi graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa with a BA in Political Economy from Williams College and holds an MBA with honors from Columbia Business School.

**Lawrence J. Haverty, Jr., CFA**, joined GAMCO Investors, Inc. in 2005 and currently is a portfolio manager of Gabelli Funds, LLC and the Fund. Mr. Haverty was previously a managing director for consumer discretionary research at State Street Research, the Boston based subsidiary of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. He holds a BS from the Wharton School and a MA from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania where he was a Ford Foundation Fellow.

We have separated the portfolio managers' commentary from the financial statements and investment portfolio due to corporate governance regulations stipulated by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. We have done this to ensure that the content of the portfolio managers' commentary is unrestricted. Both the commentary and the financial statements, including the portfolio of investments, will be available on our website at [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com).

The Net Asset Value per share appears in the Publicly Traded Funds column, under the heading "Specialized Equity Funds," in Monday's The Wall Street Journal. It is also listed in Barron's Mutual Funds/Closed End Funds section under the heading "Specialized Equity Funds."

The Net Asset Value per share may be obtained each day by calling (914) 921-5070 or visiting [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com). The Nasdaq symbol for the Net Asset Value per share is "XGGTX".

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, that the Fund may from time to time purchase shares of its common stock in the open market when the Fund's shares are trading at a discount of 5% or more from the net asset value of the shares. The Fund may also from time to time purchase shares of its preferred stock in the open market when the preferred shares are trading at a discount to the liquidation value.

**This report is printed on recycled paper.**

## THE GABELLI MULTIMEDIA TRUST INC.

One Corporate Center  
Rye, NY 10580-1422

t 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554)

f 914-921-5118

e [info@gabelli.com](mailto:info@gabelli.com)

[GABELLI.COM](http://GABELLI.COM)

---

### DIRECTORS

Mario J. Gabelli, CFA  
Chairman &  
Chief Executive Officer,  
GAMCO Investors, Inc.  
Executive Chairman,  
Associated Capital Group Inc.

Anthony J. Colavita  
President,  
Anthony J. Colavita, P.C.

James P. Conn  
Former Managing Director &  
Chief Investment Officer,  
Financial Security Assurance  
Holdings Ltd.

Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Jr.  
Former President &  
Chief Executive Officer,  
American Gaming Association

Christopher J. Marangi  
Managing Director,  
GAMCO Investors, Inc.

Kuni Nakamura  
President,  
Advanced Polymer, Inc.

Anthony R. Pustorino  
Certified Public Accountant,  
Professor Emeritus,  
Pace University

Werner J. Roeder, MD  
Former Medical Director,  
Lawrence Hospital

Salvatore J. Zizza  
President,  
Zizza & Associates Corp.

### OFFICERS

Bruce N. Alpert  
President

Agnes Mullady  
Vice President

Andrea R. Mango  
Secretary & Vice President

John C. Ball  
Treasurer

Richard J. Walz  
Chief Compliance Officer

Carter W. Austin  
Vice President & Ombudsman

Laurissa M. Martire  
Vice President & Ombudsman

### INVESTMENT ADVISER

Gabelli Funds, LLC  
One Corporate Center  
Rye, New York 10580-1422

### CUSTODIAN

State Street Bank and Trust  
Company

### COUNSEL

Paul Hastings LLP

### TRANSFER AGENT AND REGISTRAR

Computershare Trust Company, N.A.



GABELLI  
FUNDS

# THE GABELLI MULTIMEDIA TRUST INC.

## GGT

*Shareholder Commentary*  
*September 30, 2017*