

**ATTENTION: IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION!**  
**2011 DISTRIBUTION ALLOCATIONS**  
**5.875% Cumulative Preferred Shares**

To All Shareholders:

Set forth below is the allocation of net investment income, short-term capital gains and long-term capital gains for the 2011 distributions of the 5.875% Series D Cumulative Preferred Shares of **The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.**

Please contact Molly Marion at (914) 921-5070 with any inquiries.

		<b>\$ PER SHARE</b>				
		1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	TOTAL
	Record Date	03/21/11	06/20/11	09/19/11	12/19/11	
	Payment Date	03/28/11	06/27/11	09/26/11	12/27/11	
<b>SOURCE</b>						
	Net Investment Income (a)	\$0.2922739	\$0.2922739	\$0.2922739	\$0.2922739	\$1.1690956
	Short-Term Capital Gains (a)	\$0.0749136	\$0.0749136	\$0.0749136	\$0.0749136	\$0.2996544
	Long-Term Capital Gains (b)	\$0.0000000	\$0.0000000	\$0.0000000	\$0.0000000	\$0.0000000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$0.3671875</b>	<b>\$0.3671875</b>	<b>\$0.3671875</b>	<b>\$0.3671875</b>	<b>\$1.4687500</b>

		<b>PERCENTAGES</b>				
		1ST QTR	2ND QTR	3RD QTR	4TH QTR	TOTAL
<b>SOURCE</b>						
	Net Investment Income (a)	79.5980%	79.5980%	79.5980%	79.5980%	79.5980%
	Short-Term Capital Gains (a)	20.4020%	20.4020%	20.4020%	20.4020%	20.4020%
	Long-Term Capital Gains (b)	0.0000%	0.0000%	0.0000%	0.0000%	0.0000%
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0000%</b>	<b>100.0000%</b>	<b>100.0000%</b>	<b>100.0000%</b>	<b>100.0000%</b>

Ordinary Dividends and Capital Gains:

100% of the ordinary income (net investment income and short-term capital gains) paid by the Fund in 2011 was classified as "Qualified Dividends" subject to a maximum Federal tax rate of 15% for individual taxable accounts (or zero depending on an individual's tax bracket). Ordinary income is reported in box 1a and qualified income is reported in box 1b of Form 1099-DIV. Capital gain distributions are subject to a maximum Federal tax rate of 15% for individual taxable accounts (or zero depending on an individual's tax bracket). Capital gain distributions are reported in box 2a of Form 1099-DIV.

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

The percentage of the ordinary income paid by the Fund in 2011 that qualifies for the dividends received deduction available to corporations is 100%. The percentage of the ordinary income paid by the Fund in 2011 that was derived from U.S. Government Securities was 0.01%. The percentage of U.S. Government Securities held by the Fund as of December 31, 2011 was 0.10%. (c)

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- (a) Distributions from net investment income and short-term capital gains are taxable as ordinary income and will appear on Form 1099-DIV under Total ordinary dividends in box 1a.
  - (b) Taxable as long-term capital gains reportable in column (h), line 13 on Form 1040, Schedule D. Since there were no retained capital gains in 2011, Form 2439 will not be necessary.
  - (c) Certain states require that 50% of the Fund's portfolio be invested in U.S. Government Securities at the end of each calendar quarter to allow "pass-through" treatment of income derived from U.S. Government Securities. The Fund did not meet this strict requirement in 2011.