

Bancroft Fund Ltd.

Third Quarter Report — July 31, 2018

(Y)our Portfolio Management Team



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To Our Shareholders,

For the quarter ended July 31, 2018, the net asset value (“NAV”) total return of the Bancroft Fund was 5.3%, compared with total returns of 4.7% and 3.9% for the ICE Bank of America Merrill Lynch U.S. Convertibles Index and the Bloomberg Barclays Balanced U.S. Convertibles Index, respectively. The total return for the Fund’s publicly traded shares was 4.8%. The Fund’s NAV per share was \$25.49, while the price of the publicly traded shares closed at \$22.06 on the NYSE American. See below for additional performance information.

Enclosed is the schedule of investments as of July 31, 2018.

Comparative Results

Average Annual Returns through July 31, 2018 (a)(b) (Unaudited)

	Quarter	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception (04/20/71)
Bancroft Fund Ltd.						
NAV Total Return (c)	5.30%	10.58%	7.89%	8.76%	7.60%	8.96%
Investment Total Return (d)	4.80	4.45	8.50	10.19	7.88	9.52
ICE Bank of America Merrill Lynch U.S. Convertibles Index	4.65	10.47	8.06	9.17	8.87	N/A(e)
Bloomberg Barclays Balanced U.S. Convertibles Index	3.89	3.36	3.80	4.22	6.32	N/A(f)
Standard & Poor’s (“S&P”) 500 Index	6.87	16.24	12.52	13.12	10.67	10.46(g)

- (a) Returns represent past performance and do not guarantee future results. Investment returns and the principal value of an investment will fluctuate. The Fund’s use of leverage may magnify the volatility of net asset value changes versus funds that do not employ leverage. 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 for performance information as of the most recent month end. Performance returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. NAV returns would have been lower had Gabelli Funds, LLC (the “Adviser”) not reimbursed certain expenses of the Fund. Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the Fund before investing. The ICE Bank of America Merrill Lynch U.S. Convertibles Index is a market value weighted index of all dollar denominated convertible securities that are exchangeable into U.S. equities that have a market value of more than \$50 million. The Bloomberg Barclays Balanced U.S. Convertibles Index is a market value weighted index that tracks the performance of publicly placed, dollar denominated convertible securities that are between 40% and 80% sensitive to movements in their underlying common stocks. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged indicator of stock market performance commonly used to represent the U.S. equity market. Dividends and interest income are considered reinvested. You cannot invest directly in an index.
- (b) The Fund’s fiscal year ends on October 31.
- (c) Total returns and average annual returns reflect changes in the NAV per share, reinvestment of distributions at NAV on the ex-dividend date for the period beginning November 2015, and are net of expenses. For the period December 2008 through October 2015, distributions were reinvested on the payable date using market prices. For the period May 2006 through November 2008, distributions were reinvested on payable date using NAV. Total returns and average annual returns were adjusted for the 1987 tender offering (no adjustments were made for the 1982 and 2007 tender offers nor for the 1987 or 2003 rights offerings). Since inception return is based on an initial NAV of \$22.92.
- (d) Total returns and average annual returns reflect changes in closing market values on the NYSE American and reinvestment of distributions. Total returns and average annual returns were adjusted for the 1987 tender offering (no adjustments were made for the 1982 and 2007 tender offers nor for the 1987 or 2003 rights offerings). Since inception return is based on an initial offering price of \$25.00.
- (e) The ICE Bank of America Merrill Lynch U.S. Convertibles Index inception date is December 31, 1994.
- (f) The Bloomberg Barclays Balanced U.S. Convertibles Index inception date is January 1, 2003.
- (g) From April 30, 1971, the date closest to the Fund’s inception for which data are available.

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Schedule of Investments — July 31, 2018 (Unaudited)

Principal Amount	Market Value	Principal Amount	Market Value
CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS — 75.9%			
Aerospace — 1.7%			
\$ 2,000,000		\$ 1,548,000	Nice Systems Inc., 1.250%, 01/15/24.....
		1,701,000	Nutanix Inc., Zero Coupon, 01/15/23(a).....
	\$ 2,846,180	800,000	Okta Inc., 0.250%, 02/15/23(a).....
Automotive — 0.6%			
1,000,000		1,600,000	Proofpoint Inc., 0.750%, 06/15/20.....
	1,022,251	1,500,000	PROS Holdings Inc., 2.000%, 06/01/47.....
Business Services — 4.6%			
1,527,000		973,000	Pure Storage Inc., 0.125%, 04/15/23(a).....
	1,728,816	1,500,000	The Priceline Group Inc., 0.350%, 06/15/20.....
2,084,000		514,000	Vocera Communications Inc., 1.500%, 05/15/23(a).....
	1,853,024		<u>573,506</u>
1,000,000			<u>27,476,431</u>
	1,166,806	Consumer Products — 0.9%	
1,040,000		1,313,000	GoPro Inc., 3.500%, 04/15/22.....
	1,132,435	366,000	JAKKS Pacific Inc., 4.875%, 06/01/20(a).....
1,500,000			<u>307,793</u>
	1,645,659		<u>1,462,582</u>
	<u>7,526,740</u>	Consumer Services — 2.4%	
Cable and Satellite — 1.7%			
2,975,000		2,000,000	Extra Space Storage LP, 3.125%, 10/01/35(a).....
	2,710,091	1,600,000	Quotient Technology Inc., 1.750%, 12/01/22(a).....
Communications Equipment — 4.2%			
1,500,000			<u>1,729,592</u>
	1,586,211		<u>3,943,102</u>
2,000,000		Diversified Industrial — 3.6%	
	2,421,000	750,000	Chart Industries Inc., 1.000%, 11/15/24(a).....
2,459,000		1,349,000	Kaman Corp., 3.250%, 05/01/24.....
	2,762,950	1,457,000	Team Inc., 5.000%, 08/01/23.....
	<u>6,770,161</u>	1,000,000	TimkenSteel Corp., 6.000%, 06/01/21.....
Computer Software and Services — 16.9%			
1,972,000			<u>1,369,980</u>
	2,105,907		<u>5,835,241</u>
1,000,000		Energy and Utilities — 4.6%	
	1,475,500	2,000,000	Cheniere Energy Inc., 4.250%, 03/15/45.....
2,500,000		1,500,000	Chesapeake Energy Corp., 5.500%, 09/15/26.....
	2,652,800	750,000	Clean Energy Fuels Corp., 5.250%, 10/01/18(a).....
194,000		259,000	Goodrich Petroleum Escrow Bond, Zero Coupon, 12/31/21†(a)(b)(c)(d).....
	146,177		0
1,987,000			
	2,247,837		
450,000			
	448,092		
1,250,000			
	3,409,939		
195,000			
	192,356		
1,776,000			
	1,930,610		

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.

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Schedule of Investments (Continued) — July 31, 2018 (Unaudited)

Principal Amount		Market Value	Principal Amount		Market Value
	CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS (Continued)				
	Energy and Utilities (Continued)		\$ 1,000,000	NuVasive Inc., 2.250%, 03/15/21.....	\$ 1,137,333
\$ 917,000	Newpark Resources Inc., 4.000%, 12/01/21(a).....	\$ 1,279,073	1,500,000	Pacira Pharmaceuticals Inc., 2.375%, 04/01/22.....	1,487,427
3,000,000	SunPower Corp., 4.000%, 01/15/23.....	<u>2,416,737</u>	1,000,000	Paratek Pharmaceuticals Inc., 4.750%, 05/01/24(a).....	958,235
		<u>7,517,998</u>	1,000,000	Supernus Pharmaceuticals Inc., 0.625%, 04/01/23(a).....	1,130,005
	Entertainment — 1.6%		1,200,000	Teladoc Inc., 3.000%, 12/15/22.....	1,840,829
1,250,000	Gannett Co. Inc., 4.750%, 04/15/24(a).....	1,346,875	1,000,000	Teligent Inc., 3.750%, 12/15/19.....	957,052
1,625,000	Global Eagle Entertainment Inc., 2.750%, 02/15/35.....	<u>1,251,250</u>	1,000,000	Theravance Biopharma Inc., 3.250%, 11/01/23.....	1,005,320
		<u>2,598,125</u>	1,000,000	Vitamin Shoppe Inc., 2.250%, 12/01/20.....	<u>785,000</u>
	Financial Services — 4.1%				<u>21,226,639</u>
766,000	Encore Capital Europe Finance Ltd., 4.500%, 09/01/23.....	783,235		Metals and Mining — 0.7%	
1,250,000	Encore Capital Group Inc., 3.000%, 07/01/20.....	1,251,179	500,000	Arconic Inc., 1.625%, 10/15/19.....	516,139
2,000,000	GSV Capital Corp., 4.750%, 03/28/23.....	1,927,600	600,000	Royal Gold Inc., 2.875%, 06/15/19.....	<u>619,718</u>
1,000,000	Heritage Insurance Holdings Inc., 5.875%, 08/01/37(a).....	1,287,140			<u>1,135,857</u>
1,116,000	LendingTree Inc., 0.625%, 06/01/22.....	<u>1,453,819</u>		Semiconductors — 11.1%	
		<u>6,702,973</u>	750,000	Advanced Micro Devices Inc., 2.125%, 09/01/26.....	1,789,422
	Health Care — 13.0%		1,500,000	Cypress Semiconductor Corp., 4.500%, 01/15/22.....	2,171,340
1,559,000	Accelerate Diagnostics Inc., 2.500%, 03/15/23(a).....	1,475,282	2,500,000	Inphi Corp., 1.125%, 12/01/20.....	2,635,577
875,000	ANI Pharmaceuticals Inc., 3.000%, 12/01/19.....	1,000,745	2,000,000	Knowles Corp., 3.250%, 11/01/21.....	2,337,744
550,000	Array BioPharma Inc., 2.625%, 12/01/24(a).....	692,089	1,000,000	Microchip Technology Inc., 1.625%, 02/15/27.....	1,195,311
1,550,000	BioMarin Pharmaceutical Inc., 0.599%, 08/01/24.....	1,639,463	1,500,000	NXP Semiconductors NV, 1.000%, 12/01/19.....	1,664,073
500,000	Dermira Inc., 3.000%, 05/15/22.....	417,127	2,386,000	Rambus Inc., 1.375%, 02/01/23(a).....	2,232,010
950,000	Exact Sciences Corp., 1.000%, 01/15/25.....	988,822	1,309,000	Silicon Laboratories Inc., 1.375%, 03/01/22.....	1,540,039
750,000	Horizon Pharma Investment Ltd., 2.500%, 03/15/22.....	732,123	1,750,000	Teradyne Inc., 1.250%, 12/15/23.....	<u>2,549,034</u>
1,066,000	Insulet Corp., 1.375%, 11/15/24(a).....	1,162,749			<u>18,114,550</u>
1,000,000	Intercept Pharmaceuticals Inc., 3.250%, 07/01/23.....	886,834		Telecommunications — 2.1%	
500,000	Invacare Corp., 4.500%, 06/01/22.....	643,680	1,000,000	Dycom Industries Inc., 0.750%, 09/15/21.....	1,116,635
250,000	K2M Group Holdings Inc., 3.000%, 06/30/25(a).....	254,807	2,164,000	Twilio Inc., 0.250%, 06/01/23(a).....	<u>2,279,798</u>
1,384,000	Neurocrine Biosciences Inc., 2.250%, 05/15/24.....	2,031,717			<u>3,396,433</u>

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.

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Schedule of Investments (Continued) — July 31, 2018 (Unaudited)

Principal Amount	Market Value	Shares	Market Value
CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS (Continued)			
		18,600	DTE Energy Co., 6.500%, 10/01/19
\$ 1,000,000			\$ 981,522
		29,666	Hess Corp., 8.000%, 02/01/19
2,000,000	\$ 977,390		2,164,431
		10,000	NextEra Energy Inc., 6.123%, 09/01/19
	2,361,250		572,500
	<u>3,338,640</u>		
	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS		
	123,623,994	5,369	Sempra Energy, 6.000%, 01/15/21.....
		5,000	6.750%, 07/15/21.....
		25,530	549,302
			512,900
			South Jersey Industries Inc., 7.250%, 04/15/21
			1,399,810
			<u>8,108,065</u>
Shares			
			CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS — 6.6%
			Agriculture — 0.8%
12,500	Bunge Ltd., 4.875%		1,360,823
			Business Services — 0.3%
711,039	Amerivon Holdings LLC, 4.000% (c)	10,000	433,734
272,728	Amerivon Holdings LLC, common equity units (c)	20,000	16,364
	<u>450,098</u>	14,800	450,098
			Financial Services — 3.7%
2,000	Bank of America Corp., 7.250%		2,544,480
40,000	Landmark Infrastructure Partners LP, 7.000% ...	40,000	922,800
2,000	Wells Fargo & Co., 7.500%	15,000	2,538,000
	<u>6,005,280</u>		6,005,280
			Food and Beverage — 0.8%
8,000	Post Holdings Inc., 2.500%		1,292,772
		27,747	Health Care — 1.1%
			Becton Dickinson and Co., 6.125%, 05/01/20
26,500	<u>1,573,835</u>		1,761,102
			Real Estate Investment Trusts — 1.0%
			Welltower Inc., 6.500%
			TOTAL CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS
	10,682,808	2,460	10,682,808
			MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES (e) — 16.9%
			Building and Construction — 0.7%
10,014	Stanley Black & Decker Inc., 5.375%, 05/15/20		1,116,561
			Computer Software and Services — 0.7%
10,000	MTS Systems Corp., 8.750%, 07/01/19	92	1,193,100
		17,842	
			Diversified Industrial — 1.2%
30,100	Rexnord Corp., 5.750%, 11/15/19		1,922,487
			Energy and Utilities — 5.0%
40,000	Dominion Energy, Inc., 6.750%, 08/15/19	784	1,927,600
			Financial Services — 6.6%
			2017 Mandatory Exchangeable Trust, 5.188%, 12/01/20
			1,226,250
			Alibaba - Mandatory Exchange Trust, 5.750%, 06/01/19 (a)
			4,204,462
			Assurant Inc., 6.500%, 03/15/21
			1,731,600
			New York Community Capital Trust V, 6.000%, 11/01/51
			1,990,000
			QTS Realty Trust Inc., 6.500%, 10/15/66
			1,591,350
			<u>10,743,662</u>
			Real Estate Investment Trusts — 1.6%
			Crown Castle International Corp., 6.875%, 08/01/20
			2,624,869
			TOTAL MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES
			27,469,846
			COMMON STOCKS — 0.4%
			Energy and Utilities — 0.4%
			Goodrich Petroleum Corp.†
			1,160
			Western Gas Equity Partners LP
			656,050
			<u>657,210</u>
			TOTAL COMMON STOCKS
			657,210
			WARRANTS — 0.0%
			Energy and Utilities — 0.0%
			Goodrich Petroleum Corp., expire 10/12/26†(c) ..
			0

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Schedule of Investments (Continued) — July 31, 2018 (Unaudited)

<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS — 0.2%	
\$ 366,000 U.S. Treasury Bills, 1.860% to 1.871%††, 08/09/18 to 08/23/18	\$ 365,721
TOTAL INVESTMENTS — 100.0%	
(Cost \$145,210,089)	<u>\$162,799,579</u>

- (a) Security exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. At July 31, 2018, the market value of Rule 144A securities amounted to \$42,461,654 or 26.08% of total investments.
- (b) At July 31, 2018, the Fund held investments in restricted and illiquid securities amounting to \$448,092 or 0.28% of total investments which were valued under methods approved by the Board of Trustees as follows:

<u>Acquisition Principal Amount</u>	<u>Issuer</u>	<u>Acquisition Date</u>	<u>Acquisition Cost</u>	<u>07/31/18 Carrying Value Per Bond</u>
\$259,000	Goodrich Petroleum Escrow Bond, Zero Coupon, 12/31/21	12/14/16	\$ 0	\$ 0.00
450,000	Maxwell Technologies Inc., 5.500%, 09/15/22	09/21/17	450,000	\$ 99.58

- (c) Security is valued using significant unobservable inputs and is classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.
- (d) Security in default.
- (e) Mandatory convertible securities are required to be converted on the dates listed; they generally may be converted prior to these dates at the option of the holder.
- † Non-income producing security.
- †† Represents annualized yields at dates of purchase.

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.

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Notes to Schedule of Investments (Unaudited)

As an investment company, the Fund follows the investment company accounting and reporting guidance, which is part of U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) that may require the use of management estimates and assumptions in the preparation of its schedule of investments. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund in the preparation of its schedule of investments.

Security Valuation. 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 of Trustees (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 Gabelli Funds, LLC (the “Adviser”).

Portfolio securities primarily traded on a foreign market are generally valued at the preceding closing values of such securities on the relevant market, but may be fair valued pursuant to procedures established by the Board if market conditions change significantly after the close of the foreign market, but prior to the close of business on the day the securities are being valued. Debt obligations for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the average of the latest bid and asked prices. If there were no asked prices quoted on such day, the security is valued using the closing bid price, unless the Board determines such amount does not reflect the securities’ fair value, in which case these securities will be fair valued as determined by the Board. 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. OTC futures and options on futures for which market quotations are readily available will be valued by quotations received from a pricing service or, if no quotations are available from a pricing service, by quotations obtained from one or more dealers in the instrument in question by the Adviser.

Securities and 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 with the equivalent U.S. dollar value American Depositary Receipt securities at the close of the U.S. exchange; and evaluation of any other information that could be indicative of the value of the security.

The inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value of the Fund’s investments are summarized into three levels as described in the hierarchy below:

- Level 1 — quoted prices in active markets for identical securities;
- Level 2 — other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.); and
- Level 3 — significant unobservable inputs (including the Board’s determinations as to the fair value of investments).

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A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input both individually and in the aggregate that is significant to the fair value measurement. The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The summary of the Fund's investments in securities by inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of July 31, 2018 is as follows:

	Valuation Inputs			Total Market Value at 7/31/18
	Level 1 Quoted Prices	Level 2 Other Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs	
INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES:				
ASSETS (Market Value):				
Convertible Corporate Bonds				
Energy and Utilities	—	\$ 7,517,998	\$ 0	\$ 7,517,998
Other Industries (a)	—	116,105,996	—	116,105,996
Total Convertible Corporate Bonds	—	123,623,994	0	123,623,994
Convertible Preferred Stocks:				
Business Services	—	—	450,098	450,098
Food and Beverage	—	1,292,772	—	1,292,772
Other Industries (a)	\$ 8,939,938	—	—	8,939,938
Total Convertible Preferred Stocks	8,939,938	1,292,772	450,098	10,682,808
Mandatory Convertible Securities:				
Computer Software and Services	—	1,193,100	—	1,193,100
Financial Services	5,312,950	5,430,712	—	10,743,662
Other Industries (a)	15,533,084	—	—	15,533,084
Total Mandatory Convertible Securities	20,846,034	6,623,812	—	27,469,846
Common Stocks (a)	657,210	—	—	657,210
Warrants (a)	—	—	0	0
U.S. Government Obligations	—	365,721	—	365,721
TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES	\$30,443,182	\$131,906,299	\$450,098	\$162,799,579

(a) Please refer to the Schedule of Investments ("SOI") for the industry classifications of these portfolio holdings.

Additional Information to Evaluate Qualitative Information.

General. The Fund uses recognized industry pricing services – approved by the Board and unaffiliated with the Adviser – to value most of its securities, and uses broker quotes provided by market makers of securities not valued by these and other recognized pricing sources. Several different pricing feeds are received to value domestic equity securities, international equity securities, preferred equity securities, and fixed income securities. The data within these feeds are ultimately sourced from major stock exchanges and trading systems where these securities trade. The prices supplied by external sources are checked by obtaining quotations or actual transaction prices from market participants. If a price obtained from the pricing source is deemed unreliable, prices will be sought from another pricing service or from a broker/dealer that trades that security or similar securities.

Fair Valuation. Fair valued securities may be common or preferred equities, warrants, options, rights, or fixed income obligations. Where appropriate, Level 3 securities are those for which market quotations are not available, such as securities not traded for several days, or for which current bids are not available, or which are restricted as to transfer. When fair valuing a security, factors to consider include recent prices of comparable securities that are publicly traded, reliable prices of securities not publicly traded, the use of valuation models, current analyst reports, valuing the income or cash flow of the issuer, or cost if the preceding factors do not

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apply. A significant change in the unobservable inputs could result in a lower or higher value in Level 3 securities. The circumstances of Level 3 securities are frequently monitored to determine if fair valuation measures continue to apply.

The Adviser reports quarterly to the Board the results of the application of fair valuation policies and procedures. These may include backtesting the prices realized in subsequent trades of these fair valued securities to fair values previously recognized.

Foreign Currency Translations. The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Foreign currencies, investments, and other assets and liabilities are translated into U.S. dollars at current exchange rates. Purchases and sales of investment securities, income, and expenses are translated at the exchange rate prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions. Unrealized gains and losses that result from changes in foreign exchange rates and/or changes in market prices of securities have been included in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments and foreign currency translations. Net realized foreign currency gains and losses resulting from changes in exchange rates include foreign currency gains and losses between trade date and settlement date on investment securities transactions, foreign currency transactions, and the difference between the amounts of interest and dividends recorded on the books of the Fund and the amounts actually received. The portion of foreign currency gains and losses related to fluctuation in exchange rates between the initial purchase trade date and subsequent sale trade date is included in realized gain/(loss) on investments.

Foreign Securities. The Fund may directly purchase securities of foreign issuers. Investing in securities of foreign issuers involves special risks not typically associated with investing in securities of U.S. issuers. The risks include possible revaluation of currencies, the inability to repatriate funds, less complete financial information about companies, and possible future adverse political and economic developments. Moreover, securities of many foreign issuers and their markets may be less liquid and their prices more volatile than securities of comparable U.S. issuers.

Foreign Taxes. The Fund may be subject to foreign taxes on income, gains on investments, or currency repatriation, a portion of which may be recoverable. The Fund will accrue such taxes and recoveries as applicable, based upon its current interpretation of tax rules and regulations that exist in the markets in which it invests.

Restricted Securities. The Fund may invest up to 15% of its net assets in securities for which the markets are restricted. Restricted securities include securities whose disposition is subject to substantial legal or contractual restrictions. The sale of restricted securities often requires more time and results in higher brokerage charges or dealer discounts and other selling expenses than the sale of securities eligible for trading on national securities exchanges or in the over-the-counter markets. Restricted securities may sell at a price lower than similar securities that are not subject to restrictions on resale. Securities freely saleable among qualified institutional investors under special rules adopted by the SEC may be treated as liquid if they satisfy liquidity standards established by the Board. The continued liquidity of such securities is not as well assured as that of publicly traded securities, and accordingly the Board will monitor their liquidity. For the restricted securities held as of July 31, 2018, please refer to the Schedule of Investments.

Tax Information. The Fund intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

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Portfolio Management Team Biographies

Thomas H. Dinsmore, CFA, joined Gabelli Funds, LLC in 2015. He currently serves as a portfolio manager of Gabelli Funds, LLC and manages several funds within the Gabelli/GAMCO Funds Complex. Previously Mr. Dinsmore was Chairman and CEO of Dinsmore Capital Management; CEO and Portfolio Manager of Bancroft Fund Ltd; and CEO, Portfolio Manager, and co-founder of Ellsworth Growth and Income Fund Ltd. He received a BS in Economics from the Wharton School of Business and an MA degree in Economics from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

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