

# The Gabelli Global Content & Connectivity Fund

## Shareholder Commentary September 30, 2018

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### To Our Shareholders,

For the quarter ended September 30, 2018, the net asset value (“NAV”) per Class AAA Share of The Gabelli Global Content and Connectivity Fund increased 3.5% compared with an increase of 5.1% for the Morgan Stanley Capital International (“MSCI”) All Country (“AC”) World Telecommunication Services Index. Other classes of shares are available. See page 2 for additional performance information for all classes.

Global equities advanced in the third quarter (with the MSCI AC World Index up 4.3%), led by health care, information technology, and industrials, with returns being driven primarily by the strength of the U.S. market (on positive corporate earnings momentum and solid economic growth). The telecom services sector, up 5.1% in the quarter, outperformed the broader market, with meaningful contributions by SoftBank (1.0% of net assets as of September 30, 2018), Verizon (3.9%), and AT&T (1.8%). The MSCI ACWI Information Technology index was up 6.1% in the quarter, while the media industry group was up 2.2%.

## Comparative Results

### Average Annual Returns through September 30, 2018 (a)

	Quarter	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year	15 Year	Since Inception (11/1/93)
<b>Class AAA (GABTX)</b> .....	3.53%	0.27%	3.57%	5.05%	6.52%	7.08%
MSCI AC World Telecommunication Services Index . . .	5.09	(2.35)	2.88	5.17	6.34	N/A
MSCI AC World Index .....	4.28	9.77	8.67	8.19	8.13	7.52(b)
<b>Class A (GTCAX)</b> .....	3.55	0.32	3.55	5.04	6.52	7.08
With sales charge (c) .....	(2.40)	(5.45)	2.33	4.42	6.10	6.83
<b>Class C (GTCCX)</b> .....	3.36	(0.45)	2.80	4.27	5.73	6.50
With contingent deferred sales charge (d) .....	2.36	(1.45)	2.80	4.27	5.73	6.50
<b>Class I (GTTIX)</b> .....	3.76	1.10	4.01	5.41	6.78	7.24

**In the current prospectuses dated April 30, 2018, the gross expense ratios for Class AAA, A, C, and I Shares are 1.73%, 1.73%, 2.48%, and 1.48%, respectively, and the net expense ratios for these share classes after contractual reimbursements by Gabelli Funds, LLC, (the "Adviser") are 1.73%, 1.73%, 2.48%, and 1.00%, respectively. Class AAA and Class I Shares do not have a sales charge. The maximum sales charge for Class A Shares, and Class C Shares is 5.75%, and 1.00%, respectively.**

- (a) *Returns represent past performance and do not guarantee future results. Total returns and average annual returns reflect changes in share price, reinvestment of distributions, and are net of expenses. Investment returns and the principal value of an investment will fluctuate. When shares are redeemed, 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. Returns for Class I Shares would have been lower had the Adviser not reimbursed certain expenses. The Fund imposes a 2% redemption fee on shares sold or exchanged within seven days of purchase. 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 prospectuses contain information about these and other matters and should be read carefully before investing. To obtain a prospectus, please visit our website at [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com). Investing in foreign securities involves risks not ordinarily associated with investments in domestic issues, including currency fluctuation, economic, and political risks. The Class AAA Share NAVs are used to calculate performance for the periods prior to the issuance of Class A Shares, Class C Shares, and Class I Shares on March 12, 2000, June 2, 2000, and January 11, 2008, respectively. The actual performance for the Class A Shares and Class C Shares would have been lower due to the additional fees and expenses associated with these classes of shares. The actual performance of the Class I Shares would have been higher due to lower expenses related to this class of shares. The MSCI AC World Telecommunication Services Index is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of the global telecommunication securities from around the world. The MSCI AC World Index is an unmanaged market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. The MSCI AC World Index consists of 45 country indices comprising 24 developed and 21 emerging market country indices. Dividends are considered reinvested. You cannot invest directly in an index.*
- (b) MSCI AC World Index since inception performance is a blend of Gross Performance excluding applicable taxes and Net Performance. This benchmark's Net Performance began on December 29, 2000.
- (c) Performance results include the effect of the maximum 5.75% sales charge at the beginning of the period.
- (d) Assuming payment of the 1% maximum contingent deferred sales charge imposed on redemptions made within one year of purchase.

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).

Telecom sector performance in the third quarter was characterized by the considerable geographic discrepancies seen across the globe. Results, in USD terms, ranged from a gain of 16.3% in Japan to a decline of 6.1% in Latin America. Importantly, the regional variation was not a reflection of moves in the broader markets, but rather resulted from sector-specific dynamics which drove the disparate results. In Europe the sector continued to sell off (down 3.9% in the quarter), bringing the year-to-date decline to 15.5%. While European telcos continue to spend billions of euros on upgrading their fixed networks to fiber and start getting ready for 5G buildouts, the competitive realities of the European markets are forcing network operators to offer ever-larger data bundles while being largely unable to increase tariffs (resulting in flat or declining revenues). There is no questioning the fact that the challenge in Europe is one of excessive competition. The E.U. (with the U.K.) has a population of 508 million and more than 20 major telecom carriers as well as dozens of smaller players and virtual operators. That compares to the four (possibly going to three?) national mobile operators in the U.S. (population of 326 million). So far, meaningful market consolidation has largely been thwarted by the E.U. competition authorities, arguing that fewer players would mean higher bills for consumers. While this may change over time, if regulators recognize that Europe is falling behind other regions in bandwidth infrastructure investment and the race to 5G, we remain cautious on European telcos in the near-term and continue to invest selectively in those names where value is most compelling.

Media sector performance was solid in the third quarter, as consolidation and improving fundamental trends buoyed shares. Second quarter earnings results served as a catalyst for media shares broadly in the third quarter. Operating trends improved sequentially with both pay-TV subscribers and the advertising market being strong in the U.S. Pay-TV subscribers, which have long suffered from secular decline, are stabilizing as virtual MVPD (internet-enabled basic-cable subscription services like Sling TV and DIRECTV NOW) growth offset much of the decline in traditional subscribers. The advertising market also showed strength with core advertising up low-single-digits and midterm political ad spending very strong. The 2016 election was somewhat anomalous as Trump's campaign did not use traditional media spending like typical candidates. The result was the decline of election advertising spending of 20%. It seems that the 2018 midterm elections will be very different, with both parties spending substantially, to the benefit of U.S. media companies.

## **5G: The Next Generation**

The world of connectivity is moving towards 5G, a broad term for the next generation of mobile network technology, which is expected to not only provide super-fast data speeds (in excess of 1 Gbps) and ultra-low latency (targeting network responsiveness as low as 1 millisecond), but also enable massive digital transformation of our society. It is expected to support rapidly growing Internet of Things (IoT) and provide a foundation for completely new use cases, including autonomous vehicles, immersive gaming with virtual and augmented reality elements, remote surgery, and unprecedented factory automation.

Companies from northeast Asia and North America appear to be ahead of the field in terms of deployment plans. While first major commercial deployments are expected in 2019, Verizon had launched 5G Home service on October 1 in four markets in the U.S., offering fixed-wireless broadband over millimeter-wave spectrum, with typical expected speeds of 300 megabits per second and peak speeds up to 1 Gbps.

To realize the future of 5G, mobile operators will require more spectrum and wider channels than in the past. 5G will utilize three frequency ranges: (a) Sub-1 GHz: to support broad coverage and enable IoT; (b) 1 to 6 GHz: with a balance of capacity and coverage; and (c) above 6 GHz: enabling super-fast data speeds, with the primary focus on millimeter-wave bands (mm-wave). Deployment of millimeter-waves, with significant capacity but poor propagation, will require telcos to meaningfully densify their networks, adding small cells, and increasingly using fiber backhaul to connect them to the core network.

Telecom regulators all over the world are working on releasing more spectrum for 5G use. Mid-band and mm-wave spectrum designated for 5G has already been auctioned in several European countries (Ireland, U.K., Spain, Italy) and South Korea. The FCC will hold its first 5G spectrum auction later this year. FCC Auction 101, in 28 GHz band, will commence on November 14, 2018. It will be immediately followed by Auction 102 (24 GHz). The Commission also plans to auction 39 GHz, upper 37 GHz, and 47 GHz bands in 2019 and is working towards making mid-band spectrum (3.5 GHz, C-band) available for 5G as well.

One group that will likely benefit in the 5G world is large-scale integrated telcos. Operators with significant mobile and fiber-rich fixed businesses as well as access to 5G-ready spectrum (including mm-wave) should be in a position to deploy extensive and dense 5G networks. In the U.S., Verizon fits this profile, combining the largest mobile operator in the U.S. (with over 116 million retail customers) with fiber-rich wired footprint in the Northeast and fiber assets outside of the incumbent area. Verizon's commercial launch of 5G Home (fixed-wireless broadband service) is powered by millimeter-wave spectrum that it secured through acquisitions of XO and Straight Path.

## **Content Consolidation**

The media landscape in the third quarter was dominated by the Comcast (3.4% of net assets as of September 30, 2018) - Disney-21st Century Fox (2.6%) - Sky drama. Netflix and Amazon have redefined scale in the media landscape; legacy media companies are responding with consolidation. Comcast and Disney's battle over, first, 21st Century Fox's cable and entertainment assets, and, second, Sky illustrate the growing importance of global scale.

On December 14, 2017, Disney announced a \$48 billion bid for Fox's assets which started a bidding war between Comcast and Disney. On July 19, 2018, Comcast announced it did not intend to further pursue the

acquisition of Twenty-First Century Fox assets. With the Disney/Fox deal approved by the DOJ and shareholder approval obtained, FOX expects the deal to close in the first half of 2019.

Comcast's decision to walk was not a surprise. Disney benefited from a significant bidding advantage throughout the process. The Murdochs, FOX's controlling family, clearly preferred tax benefits associated with Disney's equity consideration. The Department of Justice (DOJ) approved Disney's proposed acquisition of Fox's cable and entertainment assets (a horizontal merger), yet chose to appeal the AT&T/Time Warner decision (a vertical merger). We believe the vertical characteristic of a potential CMCSA/FOX combination also concerned the 21st Century Fox's board. Finally, the \$42 to \$32 move, or 21% decline, in CMCSA shares and the leverage implications of an overbid likely contributed to the company's decision to step aside. Disney will end up paying ~16x EBITDA for FOX's cable and entertainment assets, a 40% premium to its initial bid, versus the 13.5x AT&T paid for Time Warner.

We believe FOX's assets are a strategic necessity for Disney. The company needs scale to launch a direct-to-consumer (DTC) service to compete with Netflix and Amazon. FOX's television studio (which has both production capabilities and a library of owned content) and film studio will instantly give Disney's DTC product the quantity and quality of programming required to compete with Netflix. Twenty-First Century Fox's international cable assets will give Disney a global linear distribution network which will allow the company to dramatically and profitably increase its investment in original programming.

We saw a similar competition play out between DIS and CMCSA over Sky, the European pay-TV operator. After a series of bids and counter bids from Disney and Comcast, the U.K. takeover panel organized a three round auction. As a result, Comcast won, paying £17.28 or a 60% premium to FOX's original £10.75 bid. Sky brings 23 million European pay-TV subscribers and a platform on which to potentially launch a global direct-to-consumer product.

The highly competitive bidding process for both Fox's assets and Sky, and the final prices paid served to support the valuation of other media companies. We would highlight that smaller media companies still trade at substantial discounts to recent transactions: 7-9x EBITDA versus 13-16x.

We expect consolidation to continue. In October, speculation emerged that CBS (1.2%) might test the market for potential buyers. Short of an outright sale, we expect a CBS-Viacom merger could make sense and generate \$0.5-\$1.0 billion in potential synergies on a combined EBITDA base of \$6 billion. We also believe Discovery (3.5%) could make an attractive acquisition target, given its library of owned content and industry leading exposure to international Pay-TV markets.

## Performance Discussion – Third Quarter of 2018

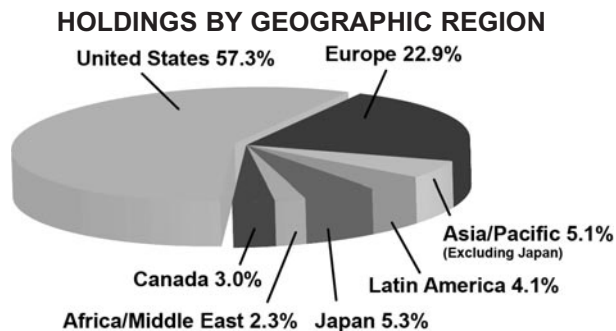
The Gabelli Global Content & Connectivity Fund rose by 3.5% in the third quarter, compared to a gain of 5.1% by the MSCI AC World Telecommunication Services Index.

U.S. names overwhelmingly dominated the list of top contributors to Fund performance in the quarter, led by T-Mobile U.S. (TMUS) (4.7% of net assets as of September 30, 2018) (0.4%). TMUS was up 17.5% in the third quarter on stronger than expected second quarter postpaid net additions and adjusted EBITDA reported in August, when the company also raised its 2018 guidance, as well as investors likely assigning higher probability to potential regulatory approvals of T-Mobile/Sprint (4.7%) (0.4%) transaction. Other U.S. telcos in the top 5 positive contributors included U.S. Cellular (2.0) (+20.9%) and CenturyLink (CTL) (2.4%) (+16.6%), as both companies had meaningful EBITDA beats in the second quarter and raised guidance. CTL is ahead of schedule on synergy realization from Level 3 transaction, as the company exited the second quarter with approximately \$675 million in annualized run-rate OPEX synergies. Discovery Communications was the second largest positive contributor in the quarter (+16.4%), due to the realization of acquisition-related synergies (from Scripps Networks transaction) and improved financial performance. In addition, sector consolidation and improving pay-TV subscriber trends drove independent media stocks' performance generally. One non-U.S. name among the top contributors was Softbank. In the third quarter, the stock gained 40.5% due to strong FY 1Q'19 results (helped by valuation gains at the tech-focused Vision Fund on sale of Flipkart to Walmart and an increase in the fair values of WeWork and other investments). Investors appear encouraged by the Vision Fund's success and investment focus areas. In addition, SoftBank's announcement that the company is preparing to list its Japanese telecom business later in the year further sparked investor optimism, as an IPO of the business could lead to narrowing of the discount to Net Asset Value (NAV).

The list of negative Fund contributors was much more mixed. Facebook (2.8%), declined 15.4% on weaker than expected second quarter revenue (with management guiding to top line growth deceleration in 2H'18) and continued anticipation of 50%-60% year-over-year expense growth in 2018 (on additional planned investments in security, AR/VR, marketing, content acquisition). In addition, investor concerns about the company's data privacy and protection practices as well as the related threat of potential regulation were further amplified as new security breaches post Cambridge Analytica came to light. Naspers (1.9%) (-15%), tracked the decline in value of its largest holding, a 31% stake in Tencent (a leading provider of Internet valued-added services in China), which was down 17.7% in U.S. dollar terms, in part, due to tepid quarterly results, with increased Chinese regulatory scrutiny of Tencent's gaming business impacting revenue. Two European giants, Vodafone (1.7%) (-10.7%) and Telefonica (1.0%) (-7.9%) remained under pressure. In a sense, both of these names exemplify general investor caution towards the European telecom sector and also share specific negative sentiment surrounding the market dynamics in Spain where promotional pricing has intensified.

## Global Allocation

The accompanying chart presents the Fund's holdings by geographic region as of September 30, 2018. The geographic allocation will change based on current global market conditions. Countries and/or regions represented in the chart may or may not be included in the Fund's future portfolio.



## Let's Talk Stocks:

The following are 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, 2018.

*Altaba Inc.* (2.1% of net assets as of September 30, 2018) (AABA – \$68.12 – NASDAQ), based in Sunnyvale, California, is an independent, publicly traded, non-diversified, closed-end management investment company. AABA's primary holdings include: 1) 283 million shares of Alibaba Group Holdings (BABA), 2) a patent portfolio, Excalibur IP, LLC, and 3) net cash of ~\$8.7 billion. Marking the company's public equities to market and valuing the patent portfolio at \$665 million, we estimate the company to be worth ~\$85 per share. We believe share repurchases and the tax-efficient monetization of BABA could act as a catalyst for shares. We also expect the stock to benefit from the appreciation of its underlying BABA stake.

*CenturyLink, Inc.* (2.4% of net assets as of September 30, 2018) (CTL – \$21.20 – NYSE), following its acquisition of Level 3 in November 2017, is the second-largest U.S. communications provider serving global enterprise customers (with approximately 75% of pro forma company revenues coming from business customers) and the owner of the third-largest fiber network in the country (with 450,000 fiber route miles globally). The company also serves 4.9 million consumer broadband connections. In August 2018, CTL reported meaningfully stronger than expected 2Q'18 adjusted EBITDA. The company is ahead of schedule on synergy realization from Level 3 transaction, as it exited 2Q with approximately \$675 million of annualized run-rate OPEX synergies (compared to \$215 million run-rate at the end of 1Q). This represents 79% of the company's original OPEX synergy target of \$850 million. As a result, CenturyLink raised its outlook for adjusted EBITDA and free cash flow. We continue to expect the Level 3 transaction to meaningfully enhance combined company's competitive position, growth profile, and cost structure over time.

*Discovery Communications, Inc. (3.5%) (DISCA/DISCK – \$32.00/\$29.58 – NASDAQ)*, located in Silver Spring, Maryland, is a global nonfiction media and entertainment company that provides programming to pay-TV distributors through network brands such as the Discovery Channel, TLC, Animal Planet, HGTV, Food Network, and ID. On September 12, 2018, Discovery reached a vMVPD distribution agreement with Hulu and announced a contract renewal with Dish Network which includes carriage on Dish’s Sling TV. In addition to providing ~2.5 million additional subscribers, the agreements highlight the value of Discovery’s content. The news should reduce investor concerns that Discovery is losing relevance in U.S. markets. Separately, management believes 1) Scripps synergies, estimated at \$600 million, are tracking ahead of expectations, 2) affiliate fees should see a significant step-up in 2019, and 3) the company will be at or below 4.0x debt to EBITDA by year-end. Discovery has an enviable business model. About 50% of revenue is generated from long-term agreements with pay-TV distributors and the company is exposed to secular growth in the international pay-TV industry. Industry leading margins are especially attractive given the low capital intensity of the cable network business. We expect the acquisition of Scripps Networks to provide meaningful cost synergies as well as improved scale. We also believe Discovery could be an attractive acquisition target for a number of larger media companies given the acceleration in industry consolidation. DISCA trades at 9.0x 2019P EBITDA, which compares favorably to recent transactions: Time Warner was purchased at 13x EBITDA and Disney is paying 15.5x EBITDA for FOX’s assets.

*Facebook (2.8%) (FB – \$164.46 – NYSE)* is an online social networking and social media service with over 2 billion monthly average users. FB generates substantially all of its revenue from advertising by displaying ad products on Facebook, Instagram, and affiliated websites and mobile applications. Other products include FB Messenger, WhatsApp, and Oculus. On July 25, 2018, Facebook reported results with revenue weaker than expected, increasing 42% year-over-year to \$13.2 billion. Monthly average users and daily active users increased 11% each, to 2.23 billion and 1.47 billion, respectively. Management guided to revenue growth deceleration during Q3 and Q4 in the high single-digits (taking revenue growth to the mid-20% range by Q4 from the current mid-40% growth rate). This revenue deceleration is driven by (a) currency headwinds, (b) increased focus on monetizing Instagram stories (which are currently a lower ARPU product), as well as (c) providing customers with more choice surrounding privacy / opt-out features. The company has also emphasized its intent to invest more in security, AR / VR, and marketing as well as content acquisition. These increased spending areas are set to result in 50%-60% expense growth year-over-year, while capital expenditures of \$15 billion are expected, driven by investment in servers, infrastructure, and privacy-related matters.

*Grupo Televisa (1.2%) (TV – \$17.74 – NYSE)* is Mexico’s largest media company with operations in television broadcasting, cable networks, television production, as well as satellite (through its 58.7% ownership of Sky Mexico) and cable distribution. Televisa also has a 38% interest in Univision Communications, the fifth-largest and most popular Spanish-language broadcast network in the U.S.. We view the company’s dominant position in Spanish-language content in Mexico’s free-to-air and pay-TV industry as attractive, and believe TV should benefit from growing demand for Spanish language content in the U.S. and Latin America. Televisa also has a



market-leading position in the growing Mexican pay-TV industry, serving ~11.8 million or ~65% of existing pay-TV subscribers through its satellite & cable operations. We believe the continued recovery in Mexican advertising spending as well as growth in pay-TV and broadband penetration could drive improved performance for TV.

*Naspers Ltd. (1.9%) (NPN – \$215.80/ZAR 3,051.64 – Johannesburg Stock Exchange)*, headquartered in Cape Town, South Africa, is a global Internet and entertainment group and one of the largest technology investors in the world. The company's largest asset is its 31% interest in Tencent Holdings, a leading provider of Internet value-added services in China. Other listed holdings include 28% stake in Mail.ru Group (one of the largest Internet companies in the Russian-speaking market), 22.5% stake in Delivery Hero (global online food ordering and delivery marketplace), 43% interest in MakeMyTrip (India's largest online travel company). Naspers also has a number of unlisted holdings in online classifieds, B2C, and payments space. The company also operates a media and video-entertainment business on the African continent, offering customers entertainment across multiple platforms, including digital terrestrial television, direct-to-home, and subscription video-on-demand. In December 2017, Naspers held an investor day where management outlined the group's priorities focused on positioning the portfolio for growth (including continuing to pursue scale in Classifieds, Food, and FinTech; accelerating path to profitability in core segments; investing selectively in new opportunities with high potential; optimizing value realization for non-strategic assets). In September 2018, Naspers announced its intention to spin off its Video Entertainment business to shareholders. The new company will be named MultiChoice Group and will be listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange. The spin-off aims to unlock value for Naspers shareholders, as the company continues to trade at a significant discount (nearly 40%) to the estimated sum of its parts.

*SoftBank Group (1.0%) (9984 – \$100.95 / ¥11,470 – Tokyo)* is an Internet-based conglomerate comprised of 1,141 subsidiaries operating in a wide range of businesses (Japanese telecommunications, chip designer ARM, listed equity holdings such as Sprint and Alibaba, the Vision Fund, etc.). On August 6, 2018, SoftBank Group reported strong FY Q1 2019 results, with revenue up 4% year-over-year and operating income (OI) increasing 49% year-over-year (due to a valuation gain at the Vision Fund and a one-time gain of ¥161 billion following the sale of a majority stake of ARM). SoftBank is currently preparing to list its Japanese telecom business on the Tokyo Stock Exchange and filed a preliminary application in July 2018. The Vision Fund contributed ¥239 billion to operating income during FY Q1, which represented 40% of total OI in the quarter.

*Swisscom (0.7%) (SCMWY – \$43.32 – OTC)* is Switzerland's leading telecom company. Outside Switzerland, Swisscom has a presence on the Italian market through Fastweb. The company generated sales of CHF 5.8 billion in the first half of 2018. In the domestic market, Swisscom has been aggressively migrating users to its inOne convergence offers. In the first half of 2018, over 430,000 Swisscom mobile users moved to inOne packages. The effect of this migration is initially dilutive, as bundles are discounted versus the stand-alone mobile and broadband tariffs. However, the convergence strategy is expected to deliver positive results over

time as a function of upselling the base and the lower churn which is already in evidence. The company believes that the impact of discounting (CHF44 million in 1H) will decline from 2H 2018. In Italy, in the first half of 2018, Fastweb posted an increase in net revenue of €88 million or 9.5% to €1.0 billion. Despite difficult market conditions, Fastweb's broadband customer base grew by 89,000 or 3.7% year-on-year to 2.5 million. Swisscom trades at a multiple of 7.4x 2018 EBITDA, reflective of its high margins and market share and offers a current return of 4.8%.

*VEON (0.5%) (VEON – \$2.90 – NYSE)* is among the top ten telecommunications operators worldwide, with operations spanning Russia and the CIS as well as Middle East/Asia. In the first half of 2018, 52% of group revenue and 47% of EBITDA was derived from Russia. The 3Q closing of the sale of VEON's 50% interest in Wind Tre of Italy to Hutchison for €2.45 billion is a pivotal catalyst for the company. With this transaction, VEON has simplified its internal structure, became a focused emerging market operator, substantially strengthened its balance sheet, and underpinned its commitment to paying a sustainable and progressive dividend. With the proceeds of the sale, VEON's net leverage has declined from 2.5x to 1.7x. 2Q operating performance showed continued recovery in Russia with revenue growth of 6.0% in local currency. Elsewhere the figures were mixed, with strong gains in Ukraine and CIS, but competitive pressures continuing in Algeria and Bangladesh (which saw top line declines of 8.5% and 8.4%, respectively). A pending corporate catalyst would see VEON acquire the stakes in each of Pakistan and Bangladesh currently held by VEON's Global Telecom Holding subsidiary. While it remains unclear whether this transaction will gain approval, in the long term, we view it as likely that there will be further restructuring of the group. While VEON shares have recovered substantially from their mid-year lows, the valuation remains attractive at 4.7x 2018 EBITA with a current return of 9.7%.

*Verizon (3.9%) (VZ – \$53.39 – NYSE)* is one of the world's leading telecommunications services companies. Its wholly-owned subsidiary, Verizon Wireless (VZW), is the largest mobile operator in the United States with over 116 million retail customers. In July 2018, Verizon reported stronger than expected 2Q revenues and wireless postpaid net additions along with in-line Adjusted EBITDA. The company also raised its 2018 revenue guidance to "low-to-mid single-digit" growth from prior expectation of low single digits (primarily due to better than expected wireless equipment revenue trends). On August 1, Hans Vestberg, previously the company's CTO and Head of Global Networks (and former CEO of Ericsson), officially succeeded Lowell McAdam as CEO of Verizon. It appears that the company's network-centric strategy will remain largely unchanged over the medium term, as Hans transitions the company to the 5G era. On October 1, 2018, Verizon launched the world's first commercial 5G service, although in a fixed-wireless setting. Verizon 5G Home is available in parts of Houston, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, and Sacramento. This fixed-wireless broadband service utilizes millimeter-wave spectrum and is expected to provide typical speeds of 300 Mbps and peak speeds up to 1 Gbps. This launch is expected to be followed by a broader rollout in 2019 (on standards-based equipment). Verizon estimates the market opportunity for initial 5G residential broadband services to be ~30 million households.

October 24, 2018

**Top Ten Holdings (Percent of Net Assets)**  
**September 30, 2018**

T-Mobile U.S. Inc.	4.7%	Alphabet Inc.	3.3%
Verizon Communications Inc.	3.9%	Kinnevik AB	2.9%
GCI Liberty Inc.	3.5%	Facebook Inc.	2.8%
Discovery Inc.	3.5%	Twenty-First Century Fox Inc.	2.6%
Comcast Corp.	3.4%	CenturyLink Inc.	2.4%

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### **Multi-Class Shares**

The GAMCO Global Series Funds, Inc. began offering additional classes of Fund shares in March 2000. Class AAA Shares are no-load shares offered directly through selected broker/dealers. Class A and Class C Shares are targeted to the needs of investors who seek advice through financial consultants. Class I Shares are available directly through the Fund's distributor or brokers that have entered into selling agreements specifically with respect to Class I Shares. The Board of Directors determined that expanding the types of Fund shares available through various distribution options will enhance the ability of the Fund to attract additional investors.

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## **Gabelli/GAMCO Funds and Your Personal Privacy**

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### **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 and GAMCO Asset Management Inc., which are 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?**

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 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.

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**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.

**Evan D. Miller, CFA**, joined G.research, Inc. in 2002 as a research analyst following the telecommunications industry on a global basis. Currently, he continues to specialize in the industry and also serves as a portfolio manager of Gabelli Funds, LLC and of the Fund. Prior to joining Gabelli, his career spanned nearly a quarter century in the telecommunications industry with corporate strategy and business development positions. Mr. Miller holds an MBA in Finance from the University of Chicago and a B.A. in Economics from Northwestern University.

**Sergey Dluzhevskiy, CFA, CPA**, joined G.research, Inc. in 2005 as a research analyst covering the North American telecommunications industry. Currently, he continues to specialize in the industry and also serves as a portfolio manager of Gabelli Funds, LLC and of the Fund. Prior to joining Gabelli, Mr. Dluzhevskiy was a senior accountant at Deloitte. He received his undergraduate degree from Case Western Reserve University and an MBA at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

**Brett Harriss** joined G.research, Inc. as a research analyst in 2008 covering Media and Entertainment. Currently, he oversees the digital research team responsible for covering the Telecommunications, Media, Technology, and Gaming & Lodging industries, and also serves as a portfolio manager of Gabelli Funds, LLC and the Fund. Previously, he worked as a financial analyst at Jetblue and as an Investment Banker at JPMorgan. Brett received his B.A. at Columbia University in Economics in 2003 and his MBA from Columbia Business School in 2008 in Finance and Economics.

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# THE GABELLI GLOBAL CONTENT & CONNECTIVITY FUND

*Shareholder Commentary*  
*September 30, 2018*

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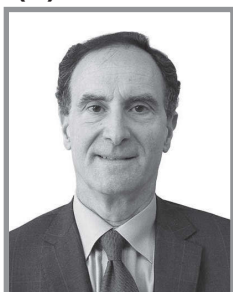
# The Gabelli Global Content & Connectivity Fund

Third Quarter Report — September 30, 2018

(Y)our Portfolio Management Team



**Mario J. Gabelli, CFA**  
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## To Our Shareholders,

For the quarter ended September 30, 2018, the net asset value (NAV) per Class AAA Share of The Gabelli Global Content & Connectivity Fund increased 3.5% compared with an increase of 5.1% for the Morgan Stanley Capital International (MSCI) All Country (AC) World Telecommunication Services Index. Other classes of shares are available. See page 2 for performance information for all classes.

Enclosed is the schedule of investments as of September 30, 2018.

## Comparative Results

### Average Annual Returns through September 30, 2018 (a) (Unaudited)

	Quarter	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year	15 Year	Since Inception (11/1/93)
<b>Class AAA (GABTX)</b> . . . . .	3.53%	0.27%	3.57%	5.05%	6.52%	7.08%
MSCI AC World Telecommunication Services Index . . . . .	5.09	(2.35)	2.88	5.17	6.34	N/A
MSCI AC World Index . . . . .	4.28	9.77	8.67	8.19	8.13	7.52(b)
<b>Class A (GTCAX)</b> . . . . .	3.55	0.32	3.55	5.04	6.52	7.08
With sales charge (c) . . . . .	(2.40)	(5.45)	2.33	4.42	6.10	6.83
<b>Class C (GTCCX)</b> . . . . .	3.36	(0.45)	2.80	4.27	5.73	6.50
With contingent deferred sales charge (d) . . . . .	2.36	(1.45)	2.80	4.27	5.73	6.50
<b>Class I (GTTIX)</b> . . . . .	3.76	1.10	4.01	5.41	6.78	7.24

In the current prospectuses dated April 30, 2018, the gross expense ratios for Class AAA, A, C, and I Shares are 1.73%, 1.73%, 2.48%, and 1.48%, respectively, and the net expense ratios for these share classes after contractual reimbursements by Gabelli Funds, LLC, (the Adviser) are 1.73%, 1.73%, 2.48%, and 1.00%, respectively. Class AAA and Class I Shares do not have a sales charge. The maximum sales charge for Class A Shares and Class C Shares is 5.75%, and 1.00%, respectively.

- (a) Returns represent past performance and do not guarantee future results. Total returns and average annual returns reflect changes in share price, reinvestment of distributions, and are net of expenses. Investment returns and the principal value of an investment will fluctuate. When shares are redeemed, 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. Returns for Class I Shares would have been lower had the Adviser not reimbursed certain expenses. The Fund imposes a 2% redemption fee on shares sold or exchanged within seven days of purchase. 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 prospectuses contain information about these and other matters and should be read carefully before investing. To obtain a prospectus, please visit our website at [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com). Investing in foreign securities involves risks not ordinarily associated with investments in domestic issues, including currency fluctuation, economic, and political risks. The Class AAA Share NAVs are used to calculate performance for the periods prior to the issuance of Class A Shares, Class C Shares, and Class I Shares on March 12, 2000, June 2, 2000, and January 11, 2008, respectively. The actual performance for the Class A Shares and Class C Shares would have been lower due to the additional fees and expenses associated with these classes of shares. The actual performance of the Class I Shares would have been higher due to lower expenses related to this class of shares. The MSCI AC World Telecommunication Services Index is an unmanaged index that measures the performance of the global telecommunication securities from around the world. The MSCI AC World Index is an unmanaged market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging markets. The MSCI AC World Index consists of 45 country indices comprising 24 developed and 21 emerging market country indices. Dividends are considered reinvested. You cannot invest directly in an index.
- (b) The MSCI AC World Index is a blend of Gross Performance excluding applicable taxes and Net Performance. This benchmark's Net Performance began on December 29, 2000.
- (c) Performance results include the effect of the maximum 5.75% sales charge at the beginning of the period.
- (d) Assuming payment of the 1% maximum contingent deferred sales charge imposed on redemptions made within one year of purchase.

# The Gabelli Global Content & Connectivity Fund

## Schedule of Investments — September 30, 2018 (Unaudited)

Shares	Market Value	Shares	Market Value
<b>COMMON STOCKS — 97.4%</b>		<b>TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES — 47.8%</b>	
<b>TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES — 47.8%</b>		<b>Alternative Carriers — 3.1%</b>	
210,000	Asia Satellite Telecommunications Holdings Ltd. .... \$ 164,172	1,958,977	True Corp. Public Co. Ltd. .... \$ 366,475
102,500	CenturyLink Inc. .... 2,173,000	24,225	TT&T Public Co. Ltd.†(a)(b)(c) ..... 0
300	Iliad SA ..... 39,185	65,000	Verizon Communications Inc. .... 3,470,350
6,500	Intelsat SA† ..... 195,000		<u>20,017,193</u>
28,000	TIME dotCom Berhad ..... 56,088	<b>Wireless Telecommunication Services — 22.1%</b>	
3,000	Zayo Group Holdings Inc.† ..... 104,160	72,500	America Movil SAB de CV, Cl. L, ADR ..... 1,164,350
	<u>2,731,605</u>	95,000	Axiata Group Berhad ..... 104,676
<b>Integrated Telecommunication Services — 22.6%</b>		9,500	China Mobile Ltd., ADR ..... 464,835
48,500	AT&T Inc. .... 1,628,630	9,600	DiGi.Com Berhad ..... 11,181
2,500	ATN International Inc. .... 184,700	72,808	Econet Wireless Zimbabwe Ltd. .... 89,991
37,415,054	Cable & Wireless Jamaica Ltd.† ..... 410,182	850,000	Global Telecom Holding SAE† ..... 157,478
16,400	China Unicom Hong Kong Ltd., ADR ..... 191,716	78,000	KDDI Corp. .... 2,154,920
31,000	Cincinnati Bell Inc.† ..... 494,450	29,000	Millicom International Cellular SA, SDR ..... 1,665,785
110,000	Deutsche Telekom AG, ADR ..... 1,762,750	24,200	NTT DoCoMo Inc. .... 650,687
3,107	Hellenic Telecommunications Organization SA ..... 38,130	29,100	Nuvera Communications Inc. .... 559,447
2,000	Hellenic Telecommunications Organization SA, ADR ..... 12,180	175,000	Orascom Investment Holding, GDR† ..... 35,000
666	Hutchison Telecommunications Hong Kong Holdings Ltd. .... 263	18,000	PLDT Inc., ADR ..... 462,600
15,000	Koninklijke KPN NV ..... 39,568	240,000	PT Indosat Tbk ..... 49,123
30,000	Maroc Telecom ..... 454,551	17,900	Rogers Communications Inc., Cl. B ..... 920,239
10,200	Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp. .... 460,715	10,000	Shenandoah Telecommunications Co. .... 387,500
2,000	Nippon Telegraph & Telephone Corp., ADR ..... 90,090	105,000	Sistema PJSC FC, GDR ..... 275,940
1,700	Oi SA, ADR ..... 779	16,700	SK Telecom Co. Ltd., ADR ..... 465,596
19,100	Orange SA, ADR ..... 303,499	9,100	SoftBank Group Corp. .... 918,650
200,000	Pakistan Telecommunication Co. Ltd. .... 16,106	60,000	Sprint Corp.† ..... 392,400
90,000	PCCW Ltd. .... 52,425	60,000	Tim Participacoes SA ..... 174,568
50,000	Pharol SGPS SA† ..... 10,275	15,156	Tim Participacoes SA, ADR ..... 219,610
45,500	Pharol SGPS SA, ADR† ..... 7,186	59,000	T-Mobile US Inc.† ..... 4,140,620
12,000	Proximus SA ..... 286,733	104,000	Turkcell Iletisim Hizmetleri A/S, ADR ..... 501,280
9,700	PT Telekomunikasi Indonesia Persero Tbk, ADR ..... 237,456	39,000	United States Cellular Corp.† ..... 1,746,420
5,000	Rostelecom PJSC, ADR ..... 32,041	140,000	VEON Ltd., ADR ..... 406,000
332,500	Singapore Telecommunications Ltd. .... 788,047	70,000	Vodafone Group plc, ADR ..... 1,519,000
12,800	Swisscom AG, ADR ..... 580,096		<u>19,637,896</u>
25,000	Telecom Argentina SA, ADR ..... 435,500	<b>TOTAL TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES ..... 42,386,694</b>	
230,000	Telecom Italia SpA† ..... 139,663	<b>MEDIA — 27.9%</b>	
11,500	Telecom Italia SpA, ADR† ..... 69,000	<b>Advertising — 0.1%</b>	
395	Telefonica Brasil SA ..... 3,609	10,000	National CineMedia Inc. .... 105,900
5,021	Telefonica Brasil SA, ADR ..... 48,854	<b>Broadcasting — 7.2%</b>	
2,266	Telefonica Brasil SA, Preference ..... 21,972	2,300	AMC Networks Inc., Cl. A† ..... 152,582
3,935	Telefonica SA ..... 31,150	18,500	CBS Corp., Cl. B, Non-Voting ..... 1,062,825
114,000	Telefonica SA, ADR ..... 896,040	18,000	Discovery Inc., Cl. A† ..... 576,000
84,800	Telekom Austria AG ..... 656,708	85,000	Discovery Inc., Cl. C† ..... 2,514,300
260,000	Telekom Malaysia Berhad ..... 202,295	61,000	Grupo Televisa SAB, ADR ..... 1,082,140
43,300	Telenor ASA ..... 846,448	6,000	Sinclair Broadcast Group Inc., Cl. A ..... 170,100
66,000	Telephone & Data Systems Inc. .... 2,008,380	15,000	Tokyo Broadcasting System Holdings Inc. .... 312,093
128,000	Telesites SAB de CV† ..... 99,998	12,500	Tribune Media Co., Cl. A ..... 480,375
259,000	Telia Co. AB ..... 1,189,592		<u>6,350,415</u>
39,300	TELUS Corp., Toronto ..... 1,448,591	<b>Cable and Satellite — 16.1%</b>	
		600	Charter Communications Inc., Cl. A† ..... 195,528
		6,200	Cogeco Inc. .... 279,652

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.

# The Gabelli Global Content & Connectivity Fund

## Schedule of Investments (Continued) — September 30, 2018 (Unaudited)

Shares		Market Value	Shares		Market Value
	<b>COMMON STOCKS (Continued)</b>				
	<b>MEDIA (Continued)</b>		504	Meikles Ltd.†	\$ 202
	<b>Cable and Satellite (Continued)</b>		200	National Grid plc, ADR	10,372
84,500	Comcast Corp., Cl. A	\$ 2,992,145	18,035	PostNL NV	64,494
54,500	DISH Network Corp., Cl. A†	1,948,920	16,000	Qurate Retail Inc.†	355,360
242,199	Dish TV India Ltd., GDR†	174,407	12,000	Waterloo Investment Holdings Ltd.†(b)	3,000
58,860	GCI Liberty Inc., Cl. A†	3,001,860			<u>7,727,885</u>
2,525	Liberty Broadband Corp., Cl. A†	212,933		<b>Real Estate — 4.1%</b>	
3,250	Liberty Broadband Corp., Cl. C†	273,975	13,000	CyrusOne Inc., REIT	824,200
21,840	Liberty Global plc, Cl. A†	631,831	3,000	Equinix Inc., REIT	1,298,670
67,600	Liberty Global plc, Cl. C†	1,903,616	76,000	Uniti Group Inc., REIT†	1,531,400
3,000	Liberty Latin America Ltd., Cl. A†	62,520			<u>3,654,270</u>
3,444	Liberty Latin America Ltd., Cl. C†	71,050		<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>	<u>11,382,155</u>
6,500	Liberty Media Corp. - Liberty SiriusXM, Cl. A†	282,360		<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY — 8.9%</b>	
6,000	Liberty Media Corp. - Liberty SiriusXM, Cl. C†	260,700		<b>Data Processing &amp; Outsourced Services — 0.9%</b>	
11,000	MSG Networks Inc., Cl. A†	283,800		Mastercard Inc., Cl. A	445,220
8,000	Naspers Ltd., Cl. N	1,726,376	2,000	Visa Inc., Cl. A	300,180
1,000	NOS SGPS SA	5,991	2,000		<u>745,400</u>
		<u>14,307,664</u>			
	<b>Movies and Entertainment — 4.4%</b>			<b>Electronic Equipment &amp; Instruments — 0.1%</b>	
1,600	Liberty Media Corp. - Liberty Braves, Cl. A†	43,648	600	Sony Corp., ADR	36,390
10,500	Liberty Media Corp. - Liberty Braves, Cl. C†	286,125		<b>Internet Software and Services — 6.4%</b>	
2,519	RLJ Entertainment Inc.†	15,618		Alphabet Inc., Cl. C†	2,953,838
2,600	The Madison Square Garden Co, Cl. A†	819,832	2,475	Dropbox Inc., Cl. A†	13,415
49,500	Twenty-First Century Fox Inc., Cl. B	2,268,090	500	Facebook Inc., Cl. A†	2,466,900
13,500	Viacom Inc., Cl. B	455,760	15,000	Gogo Inc.†	114,180
		<u>3,889,073</u>	22,000	Internap Corp.†	29,428
			2,330	Liberty Expedia Holdings Inc., Cl. A†	9,408
	<b>Publishing — 0.1%</b>		200	Modern Times Group MTG AB, Cl. B	125,706
19,000	Telegraaf Media Groep NV†(b)	132,360	3,427		<u>5,712,875</u>
	<b>TOTAL MEDIA</b>	<u>24,785,412</u>		<b>IT Consulting and Other Services — 0.0%</b>	
	<b>OTHER — 12.8%</b>			Dagang NeXchange Berhad	27,063
	<b>Other — 8.7%</b>		280,000		
8,000	American Express Co.	851,920		<b>Systems Software — 0.5%</b>	
10,000	Bouygues SA	432,259		Microsoft Corp.	457,480
68,000	C.P. Pokphand Co. Ltd., ADR	152,082	4,000		
27,360	CK Asset Holdings Ltd.	205,331		<b>Technology Hardware — 1.0%</b>	
27,360	CK Hutchison Holdings Ltd.	315,248	4,000	Apple Inc.	902,960
9,500	EchoStar Corp., Cl. A†	440,515		<b>TOTAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>	<u>7,882,168</u>
97,500	First Pacific Co. Ltd.	48,075		<b>TOTAL COMMON STOCKS</b>	<u>86,436,429</u>
4,100	First Pacific Co. Ltd., ADR	9,901		<b>CLOSED-END FUNDS — 2.1%</b>	
2,700	Furukawa Electric Co. Ltd.	89,826		<b>Information Technology — 2.1%</b>	
45,000	G4S plc.	141,941		Altaba Inc.†	1,839,240
14,100	GN Store Nord A/S	686,900		<b>PREFERRED STOCKS — 0.1%</b>	
1,768	Gusbourne plc†	1,855	27,000	<b>MEDIA — 0.1%</b>	
18,000	InterXion Holding NV†	1,211,400		<b>Cable and Satellite — 0.1%</b>	
1,600	Kinnevik AB, Cl. A	49,238		GCI Liberty Inc., 7.000%	110,308
84,000	Kinnevik AB, Cl. B	2,543,421			
950	Liberty Media Corp. - Liberty Formula One, Cl. A†	33,801			
2,000	Liberty Media Corp. - Liberty Formula One, Cl. C†	74,380	4,400		
900	Marlowe plc†	6,364			

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.

# The Gabelli Global Content & Connectivity Fund

## Schedule of Investments (Continued) — September 30, 2018 (Unaudited)

<u>Shares</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
<b>WARRANTS — 0.4%</b>	
<b>TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES — 0.4%</b>	
<b>Wireless Telecommunication Services — 0.4%</b>	
81,000	Bharti Airtel Ltd., expire 11/30/20†(a) ..... \$ 377,460
<u>Principal Amount</u>	
<b>CORPORATE BONDS — 0.0%</b>	
<b>Telecommunication Services — 0.0%</b>	
\$ 32,808	Econet Wireless Zimbabwe Ltd., 5.000%, 03/17/23(b) ..... 1,532
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS — 100.0%</b>	
	(Cost \$63,530,242) ..... <u>\$88,764,969</u>

- (a) Security exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. This security may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers. At September 30, 2018, the market value of the Rule 144A security amounted to \$377,460 or 0.43% of total investments.
- (b) Security is valued using significant unobservable inputs and is classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.
- (c) At September 30, 2018, the Fund held an investment in a restricted and illiquid security amounting to \$0 or 0.0% of total investments, which was valued under methods approved by the Board of Directors as follows:

<u>Acquisition Shares</u>	<u>Issuer</u>	<u>Acquisition Date</u>	<u>Acquisition Cost</u>	<u>9/30/18 Carrying Value Per Share</u>
24,225	TT&T Public Co. Ltd. ....	03/31/94	\$ 100,542	—

- † Non-income producing security.  
 ADR American Depositary Receipt  
 GDR Global Depositary Receipt  
 REIT Real Estate Investment Trust  
 SDR Swedish Depositary Receipt

<u>Geographic Diversification</u>	<u>% of Market Value</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
North America . . . . .	60.3%	\$53,529,820
Europe . . . . .	22.9	20,283,008
Japan . . . . .	5.3	4,713,370
Asia/Pacific. . . . .	5.1	4,565,162
Latin America . . . . .	4.1	3,664,563
Africa/Middle East . . . . .	2.3	2,009,046
	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>\$88,764,969</u>

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.

## The Gabelli Global Content & Connectivity Fund

### Notes to Schedule of Investments (Unaudited)

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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 Directors (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. Such debt obligations are valued through prices provided by a pricing service approved by the Board. Certain securities are valued principally using dealer quotations.

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 September 30, 2018 is as follows:

	Valuation Inputs			Total Market Value at 9/30/18
	Level 1 Quoted Prices	Level 2 Other Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs	
<b>INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES:</b>				
<b>ASSETS (Market Value):</b>				
Common Stocks				
Media	\$24,653,052	—	\$132,360	\$24,785,412
Telecommunications Services	41,018,549	\$1,368,145	0	42,386,694
Other (a)	11,226,871	152,284	3,000	11,382,155
Other Industries (a)	7,882,168	—	—	7,882,168
Total Common Stocks	84,780,640	1,520,429	135,360	86,436,429
Preferred Stock (a)	110,308	—	—	110,308
Closed-End Funds (a)	1,839,240	—	—	1,839,240
Warrants (a)	—	377,460	—	377,460
Corporate Bonds (a)	—	—	1,532	1,532
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES – ASSETS</b>	<b>\$86,730,188</b>	<b>\$1,897,889</b>	<b>\$136,892</b>	<b>\$88,764,969</b>

(a) Please refer to the Schedule of Investments 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 and 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 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.

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### Notes to Schedule of Investments (Unaudited) (Continued)

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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 does the sale of securities eligible for trading on national securities exchanges or in the over-the-counter markets. Restricted securities may sell at a price lower than similar securities that are not subject to restrictions on resale. Securities freely saleable among qualified institutional investors under special rules adopted by the 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 the Fund held as of September 30, 2018, 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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**Evan D. Miller, CFA**, joined G.research, LLC in 2002 as a research analyst following the telecommunications industry on a global basis. Currently, he continues to specialize in the industry and also serves as a portfolio manager of Gabelli Funds, LLC and the Fund. Prior to joining Gabelli, his career spanned nearly a quarter century in the telecommunications industry with corporate strategy and business development positions. Mr. Miller holds an MBA in Finance from the University of Chicago and a BA in Economics from Northwestern University.

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**Brett Harris** joined G. Research as a research analyst in 2008 covering Media and Entertainment. Currently, he oversees the digital research team responsible for covering the Telecommunication, Media, Technology, and Gaming & Lodging industries, and also serves as a portfolio manager of Gabelli Funds, LLC and the Fund. Previously, he worked as a financial analyst at JetBlue and as an investment banker at JPMorgan Chase. Brett received his BA from Columbia University in Economics and his MBA from Columbia Business School in Finance and Economics.

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).

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