

The Gabelli Asset Fund

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To Our Shareholders,

For the quarter ended December 31, 2018, the net asset value (NAV) per Class AAA Share of The Gabelli Asset Fund decreased 12.9% compared with a decrease of 13.5% for the Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500 Index. Other classes of shares are available. See page 2 for additional performance information for all classes.

Introduction

For most of the last decade we have lived in what has often been termed a “Goldilocks economy.” Much as the fair-haired, home-invading subject of the children’s story found one bowl of porridge to be “just right,” economic growth and inflation has been neither too hot nor too cold¹. During this time, coordinated action by the world’s central banks kept interest rates near zero and the prices of nearly all asset classes high. The U.S. economy is in its 113th month of expansion, seven months short of the record. Until the fourth quarter stumble, U.S. equities were 119 months into the longest-ever bull market, led mostly by growth stocks riding a global wave of technological innovation and expanding prosperity. Except for growth scares in 2011, 2015, and perhaps one day in November 2016, the market’s volatility has been low and its upward trajectory largely uninterrupted. There are signs, however, that the narrative may be changing, as a turn in the aging business cycle may be accompanied by a wholesale shift in socio-political regimes from globalism to nationalism and capital to labor. Populism is on the march around the world with long-term effects that are unclear, but unlikely to be positive for equities. As in the story, the bears will eventually return home; their timing and mood is uncertain, as is how much of this eventuality the market has already discounted. Against this backdrop we believe bottom-up, fundamental stock selection of the type we have practiced for over 40 years remains more important than ever.

¹“Goldilocks and the Three Bears” was a hoary tale first recorded by poet Robert Southey in 1837. Market commentator use of the analogy dates to at least the late-1990s expansion.

Comparative Results

Average Annual Returns through December 31, 2018 (a)

	Quarter	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year	15 Year	Since Inception (3/3/86)
Class AAA (GABAX)	(12.94)%	(7.69)%	4.09%	11.62%	7.89%	11.33%
S&P 500 Index	(13.52)	(4.38)	8.49	13.12	7.77	10.07(b)
Dow Jones Industrial Average	(11.31)	(3.50)	9.65	13.11	8.17	11.13(b)
Nasdaq Composite Index	(17.28)	(2.80)	11.05	16.85	9.56	9.85(b)
Class A (GATAX)	(12.94)	(7.69)	4.09	11.62	7.89	11.33
With sales charge (c)	(17.95)	(13.00)	2.87	10.96	7.47	11.12
Class C (GATCX)	(13.10)	(8.38)	3.31	10.79	7.09	10.95
With contingent deferred sales charge (d)	(13.97)	(9.30)	3.31	10.79	7.09	10.95
Class I (GABIX)	(12.88)	(7.46)	4.35	11.90	8.09	11.42

In the current prospectuses dated April 30, 2018, the expense ratios for Class AAA, A, C, and I Shares are 1.35%, 1.35%, 2.10%, and 1.10%, 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 for performance information as of the most recent month end. Returns would have been lower had Gabelli Funds, LLC (the "Adviser") not reimbursed certain expenses of the Fund for periods prior to December 31, 1988. 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. The S&P 500 Index is a market capitalization weighted index of 500 large capitalization stocks commonly used to represent the U.S. equity market. The Dow Jones Industrial Average and the Nasdaq Composite Index are unmanaged indicators of stock market performance. Dividends are considered reinvested, except for the Nasdaq Composite Index. You cannot invest directly in an index. The Class AAA Share NAVs are used to calculate performance for the periods prior to the issuance of Class A Shares and Class C Shares on December 31, 2003, and Class I Shares on January 11, 2008. The actual performance of 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.*
- (b) S&P 500 Index, Dow Jones Industrial Average, and Nasdaq Composite Index since inception performance results are as of February 28, 1986.
- (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.

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Barron's 2019 Roundtable

Mario J. Gabelli, our Chief Investment Officer, has appeared in the prestigious Barron's Roundtable discussion annually since 1980. Many of our readers enjoyed the inclusion of selected and edited comments from Barron's Roundtable in previous reports to shareholders. As is our custom, we are including selected comments of Mario Gabelli from Barron's 2019 Roundtable Part 1 and Part 2, published on January 12 and January 19, 2019, respectively.

The 2019 Roundtable BARRON'S

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Mario, head of Gabelli Funds and its parent firm, is a Wall Street legend, for good reason. He's a shrewd thematic investor with a love of deals, an eye for steals, and an encyclopedic knowledge of multiple businesses and the people who built them.

Barron's: What is the stock market telling us now, and should we believe it? **Mario,** what are your thoughts?

Gabelli: A year ago, no one thought the economy could grow by 4% on a real [inflation adjusted] basis. This rate unfolded in the second and third quarters of last year. Forecasters missed the cyclical improvement. Now everyone expects the economy to slow, and some even forecast a recession.

I'm in the camp that says we'll see 4% to 4.2% nominal GDP growth this year. Plenty of Democrats and some Republicans are going to run for president in 2020, and everyone is going to ask, "How do we stimulate the economy?" Within that context, job growth is strong, wages are rising, and the consumer is feeling better. The only hiccup is that stock markets took \$10 trillion out of global wealth in the fourth quarter, of which \$5.4 trillion came out of the U.S. consumer.

In the industrial sector, housing is a challenge. As Bill discussed, student loans crimp the ability to buy houses. But there is latent demand for housing, based on cyclical and secular trends. Then, there is a need to repair infrastructure. We

have 614,000 bridges in this country. The American Society of Civil Engineers says 39% are over 50 years old and 9% are structurally deficient as of 2016. The first time a bridge collapses, how will legislators of either party be able to look constituents in the eye and say they voted against an infrastructure bill? I see action on infrastructure spending as a plus for the economy in the second half of 2019 and into 2020.

Meanwhile, stocks are discounting a lot. I'm able to buy companies again at six times EBITDA [earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization], a sustainable multiple, whereas nine-times-plus EBITDA wasn't sustainable, especially if long

interest rates are going up. On tariffs, Bill got it right, except for Abby's comment that the Chinese haven't played fair. Then, there are interest rates. The 10-year Treasury note yield is down to 2.66% from a high of 3.23% in November. Last year, I thought rates would climb to 3%, and I'm still at 3%.

Corporate tax cuts are a game changer. The U.S. used to collect around \$300 billion of taxes from \$3.3 trillion of tax revenue. The tax cut has taken out less than \$100 billion of that. It isn't a big drop, relative to the benefits. You have to fasten your seat belt this year and keep it fastened, but at the end of the year, I expect the market to be up.

Barron's: Mario, it's your turn at bat.

Gabelli: Baseball! Sports, to me, is baseball, football and hockey, so I'm recommending Liberty Braves Group [ticker: BATRA], which I have mentioned here before. The stock is selling for \$25. There are 60 million shares, for a market cap of \$1.5 billion, and \$400 million of net debt. The company, a holding of John Malone's Liberty Media, owns the Atlanta Braves and related minor league franchises; SunTrust Park, where the Braves play; and real estate around the park. Everyone should own a baseball team, and this is a way to do it cheaply.

Two new developments are noteworthy about Liberty Braves. The Supreme Court effectively struck down the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act last year, which limited sports betting. This is a game changer for professional sports. The National Football League recently decided to allow franchise owners to buy another professional team in the same market. Liberty Braves could buy the Atlanta Falcons, or the Falcons could buy the Braves, which is more likely. We look for the stock to increase 50% over the next several years. Also, John Malone is likely to undertake a transaction involving Liberty Braves.

Next, a couple of people recommended Walt Disney [DIS] today. I'm going to recommend new Fox, the company that will be spun off after 21st Century Fox [FOX] is bought by Disney. [Fox and Barron's parent, News Corp, share common ownership.]

Are you recommending the Class A or Class B shares?

Gabelli: I would buy the B. These are the voting shares, and they are cheaper than the A. Fox trades for \$48 a share and holders have the option of \$38 a share in cash or Disney shares when the deal closes, probably in the next 90 days. You're creating new Fox at \$10 a share. Multiply that by 1.8 billion shares outstanding and the market cap is \$18 billion, and add



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about \$4.7 billion of net debt. So what do you get? The Fox television network, TV stations, Fox News, and Fox Business. The 2020 election is going to create a tsunami of advertising for broadcasters.

New Fox will generate about \$10 billion of revenue and \$2.9 billion of EBITDA for the fiscal year ending on June 30. I assume the new company will have about \$4.7 billion of net debt, and it has some additional assets, including a stake in Roku [ROKU] and some Los Angeles real estate. The spinoff is structured as a taxable transaction.

Will you elect to take cash or Disney paper?

Gabelli: I have no problem owning Disney, I expect new Fox to trade up to \$18 to \$20 a share two years from now.

Henry Ellenbogen: Are you valuing Fox based on EBITDA?

Gabelli: Yes. I am applying a multiple of what I think the TV stations and cable networks and news and sports assets are worth. You can't

get all of this on Netflix. I expect Fox to be a sizable cash generator over the next four or five years.

Next, equipment rental is a \$55 billion industry in the U.S. It is growing by 6% a year. Herc Holdings [HRI] was spun out of Hertz Global Holdings [HTZ] 2½ years ago at \$33 a share. I recommended the stock two years ago at about \$40. It rose to just over \$70. Last month, it dropped to \$24 and now it's around \$30, partly due to tax-selling pressure and liquidation by a major holder. The market cap is \$850 million. The management is terrific; CEO Lawrence Silber has transformed the fleet toward capital equipment that brings higher dollar utilization and infrastructure end-market exposure. The knock on Herc is debt; the company inherited \$2 billion of debt when it was spun out of Hertz. Annual revenue is about \$2.1 billion. EBITDA in 2019 will be about \$750 million, and capital expenditure around \$500 million is still elevated for Herc's fleet refresh. We think the stock could double. The industry is highly fragmented and consolidation has been increasing, with United Rentals (URI) so far being the most acquisitive. Also, we expect incremental spending on infrastructure.

My next pick is MGM Resorts International [MGM]. I recommended it last year and the stock fell, partly due to concerns about gambling license renewals in Macau. They come up in two years,

and one question is what percentage of gross gambling revenues the Chinese government might take. That said, MGM has recently completed upgrades in Las Vegas. The stock trades for \$25, and there are 527 million shares outstanding. On a marked-to-market basis, the company's Macau properties are worth approximately \$6 a share. The real estate assets, or MGM Properties, are worth \$9, so I am creating the rest of the business for \$10. The debt on their U.S. operations is \$7 billion. EBITDA for the U.S. will be around \$1.8 billion this year. The company has 11 Las Vegas properties; it recently renovated the Monte Carlo into the NoMad and Park MGM. MGM opened a casino in Springfield, Massachusetts, last year, and is buying Yonkers Raceway in New York for \$850 million and the Hard Rock Rocksino near Cleveland. Now, why would they want to own Yonkers Raceway and the Hard Rock Rocksino?

You tell us.

Gabelli: In anticipation of New York State and Ohio allowing online sports gambling. MGM also cut partnership deals with Major League Baseball, the National Hockey League, and the National Basketball Association that give it marketing rights and access to data. And it formed a joint venture with London-based GVC, the owner of Ladbrokes, to create a sports-betting and interactive gaming platform in the U.S. The key to sports gambling for MGM isn't making a bet on a pitch. It is making a bet on the eyeballs betting on pitches, so that the advertiser stays longer. That's the big money maker for some of these sports teams.

MGM management has said that for them, sports betting is about using the interactions that sports create to complement the other gaming and entertainment elements of its business.

MARIO GABELLI'S PICKS

<u>Company</u>	<u>Ticker</u>	<u>Price 1/4/2019</u>
Liberty Braves Group	BATRA	\$24.90
Twenty-First Century Fox	FOX	47.78
Herc Holdings	HRI	29.48
MGM International	MGM	25.77
Navistar International	NAV	27.16
Griffon	GFF	11.30
Energizer Holdings	ENR	46.53

Source: Bloomberg

Next, we like Navistar International [NAV]. There are 98.9 million shares outstanding. The stock trades for \$27. Carl Icahn owns 16.7 million shares, Mark Rechesky owns 16.2 million, and Volkswagen [VOW3.Germany] owns 16.6 million. Volkswagen is spinning off its truck and bus business as Traton Group. Volkswagen, through Traton, controls 30% of the European 16-ton heavy truck market, selling MAN and Scania trucks. Volvo [VOLV.A.Sweden] has 24%. Volkswagen wants to own Navistar. Why? Because they have no commercial truck presence in the United States and want to leverage their engine technology on a global basis. The U.S. has 2.8 million Class 8 trucks on the road. The average age is six years, a little higher than it had been. This is partly because of tax rules; trucking companies can write off 100% of new and used purchased equipment. We expect Traton to buy Navistar within 18 months.

At what price?

Gabelli: I'll let Carl and the board negotiate that and we'd comment after. I'll note that cash flow is improving, and earnings are improving dramatically. Brazil and other Navistar markets are improving, and the company has cut an intriguing deal for buses with electric engines.

My next pick is a small-cap—Griffon [GFF], which makes home and building products. The stock is

trading for \$11.30 a share, and there are 45.7 million shares outstanding. Net debt, unfortunately, is \$1 billion. Revenue for the fiscal year ending on Sept. 30 will be about \$2.1 billion, compared with \$1.98 billion in fiscal 2018. Next year, the company could do \$2.3 billion, even with a flattish housing market, in part because it is making acquisitions around the world. Over the next few years, EBITDA could total \$800 million, and capital spending about \$200 million. Griffon will be able to pay down about \$300 million of debt. Management has done OK, but not great, with deals. In addition to building products, Griffon has a defense electronics business that makes surveillance solutions for detection of submarines. If I ran the company, I would sell it.

Scott Black: Is this the same Griffon that made diaper linings?

Gabelli: Yes. The company sold that business to Berry Plastics for around \$410 million and used the proceeds to fund two acquisitions.

Abby Joseph Cohen: What is the catalyst for the stock?

Gabelli: There has been confusion about the changing nature of the business. The stock was dumped at year end for tax-selling concerns. It's a cheap stock, and we think it could double in the next two or three years as

earnings come through and debt is paid down.

Energizer Holdings [ENR] is my last name. The company bought Spectrum Brands' [SPB] battery and portable lighting business for \$2 billion, notably the Rayovac battery brand. Energizer is required to sell Rayovac's Varta operations as part of the acquisition. We think the operation will be sold for around \$550 million. The most intriguing part of the Rayovac deal is a rapidly growing \$200 million hearing-aid battery business. Energizer is also buying Spectrum's auto care business for cash and stock, which will increase shares outstanding to 74 million, pro forma. Debt is \$3 billion after the acquisitions. Spectrum Brands, which fell from \$100 a share to \$40, is also intriguing, but that's a discussion for another day.

We see enormous EBITDA growth for Energizer, and de minimis capital spending. Over the next three years, EBITDA could approach \$700 million and capex around \$50 million. Debt will be reduced at a significant rate. The stock trades for \$47 and eventually could fetch 18 times estimated earnings of \$3.95 a share, or around \$67. Management is excellent; they understand marketing and distribution. That's it.

Thanks, Mario.

A Fresh Look at the 2018 Barron's Roundtable's Worst Stock Picks

Mario Gabelli: GCP Applied Technologies [GCP] is a producer of cement, concrete additives, and weatherproofing, mostly for commercial construction. It still benefits from the overall construction environment. Furthermore, Swiss-based Sika [SIKA. Switzerland] is

acquiring France's Parex, and its CEO mentioned the company's intention to participate in the industry consolidation. As a small player, GCP is a potential target. The stock has fallen from \$33 to \$25 and I am a buyer.

I'm a buyer of Textron [TXT] at \$46. The long cycle in business jets will continue with new models being introduced, and Textron is contin-

uing to gradually take share. The Future Vertical Lift opportunity [to develop a family of military helicopters for the U.S. Armed Forces] could be worth well into the billions, although selection might not be until 2023. The company has excellent management.

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The Political Economy of 2018

The most salient issue for the market is growth - with corporate tax cuts behind us and little slack left in the economy, real growth will almost certainly slow from the 3.4% posted in Q3 2018. That does not necessarily imply a recession, defined as two consecutive quarters of contraction, is on the immediate horizon. How far above or below the approximately 2% real growth that population and productivity gains suggest is “just right” depends on many factors, including what we have described variously as Three T’s: Trade, Treasuries, and Trump.

Trade

President Trump made “fair trade” the centerpiece of his election campaign, and he has thus far made good on his promise to challenge the prevailing post-war “free trade” orthodoxy (however illusory that reality might have been). Hope for a trade deal with China rose when the administration renegotiated NAFTA, now called USMCA (the initials of its U.S., Mexican and Canadian signatories), the market understandably zags with each hint that a China deal could emerge since China accounts for nearly half of the \$600 billion U.S. trade deficit, and remains our third largest export destination. The situation takes on even greater significance due to China’s role as an engine for global growth. China is slowing as it faces domestic structural imbalances. Pressure from President Trump exacerbates those issues, but a deal will not solve them nor heal the lasting damage done to the Sino-American symbiosis.

Treasuries

Also critical to the outlook for the economy and stocks are the level and trajectory of interest rates. Since the Federal Reserve began its taper four years ago in October 2014, the ten-year U.S. Treasury rate breached 3% this year for the first time since 2013, standing now just below that level. Higher interest rates have real world impacts – they make the purchases of new homes, cars, capital equipment, and companies more expensive to finance. All else equal, higher rates reduce the value of risk assets by making the alternative home for capital, “riskless” Treasuries, more attractive. The term structure of interest rates (aka the yield curve) has also been ascribed predictive powers. Inverted curves – situations in which the two-year yield exceeds the ten-year yield – have predicted all nine recessions since 1955, albeit with two false positives and a wide variation in timing. The virtually flat yield curve today thus worries some observers.

Trump

While there has always been a healthy interplay between markets and political figures, President Trump’s twitter habit, unpredictability, and the potential legal challenges to his presidency have made him more of a focus than past leaders. Among the concerns for the next two years is how a Democratic Congress with no interest in helping Trump get re-elected approves the USMCA, a debt ceiling extension, and further fiscal stimulus, especially when the ask may be a tweak to the tax cuts. Interestingly, the War on Tech (i.e., privacy and anti-trust investigations of Facebook, Google (0.2% of net assets as of December 31, 2018), Amazon, and others) seems to be one of the few issues with bipartisan support and worth watching in 2019. Geopolitical disruption is not unique to the U.S.: if and how the U.K. exits the European Union, the precarious positions of leaders in Germany, France, and Italy, not to mention the typical entanglements in the Middle East, also remain a focus.

Skeptics Could Be Wrong If Things Go Right

Not all news – whether real or fake – is bad of course. In fact, many economic indicators are quite strong, with 3.7% unemployment the lowest since the tumult of 1969, record consumer net worth (\$109 trillion) and interest rates and inflation that, viewed over a longer time frame, remain quite tame. The Federal Reserve and the President are probably not past the point of no return and still have not lost policy control: President Trump, who possesses a keen sensitivity to the stock market, could resolve the trade war and the Fed could blink on 2019 rate hikes. That would leave reason to believe the expansion could continue and that the current state of the market is the pause, like the previous ones in this cycle, that refreshes.

Mr. Market

Causation, Correlation or Neither

The S&P 500 finished 2018 down 4.4% and the small capitalization Russell 2000 index was down 11%, with each off 13.5% and 20.2% in the fourth quarter, respectively. The performance of the S&P 500, dominated by six technology stocks (Facebook, Amazon, Netflix, Google, Microsoft (less than 0.1%), and Apple (0.1%) – the “FANGMA”) that comprise 15% of its weight, masked the more significant declines posted by a broader group of stocks. Approximately two-thirds of stocks in the S&P 500 are negative this year, with one-third down more than 20%. Even the vaunted FANGMA is now 25% off its highs, adding credence to the notion that the global growth trend may be broken. “Buy the Dip” has morphed to “Sell the Rip.”

Market declines of this magnitude could be expected to impart a negative wealth effect, i.e., consumers with slimmer brokerage statements feeling less inclined to make discretionary purchases, which could exacerbate an economic slowdown, but market declines are more often simply a precursor, not a trigger, of recessions. Since 1929, there have been sixteen bear markets with most, though not all, pacing a recession by approximately one year, with the recession-less crash of October 1987 a notable exception. It is also worth stating that the market does not equal the economy. Just as some have suggested Wall Street prospered without much of Main Street over the last decade, the reverse could conceivably prove true.

Valuation Today vs. Five Years Out

In any case, stocks are already pricing a slowdown and/or higher rates. A flat year-to-date equity market, compared with estimated EPS gains of 22% in 2018 and 8% in 2019, implies a contraction in forward multiples from 18x at the end of 2017 to roughly 15x today. That is at the low end of historical multiples during periods with inflation in the 0%-3% area. This suggests that the market as a whole does not appear expensive. We do not buy the “market,” but we are finding a lot of bargains in individual stocks recently.

Rx for Investors

What is an investor in a choppy environment, lacking a reliable crystal ball, to do? Historically, it has proven foolish to attempt to time the market, especially based on macroeconomic data. In 2009, for example, the market rallied 36% between its bottom in March and the June end to the recession. None of this is to suggest investors should ignore their positioning in an evolving environment.

Indeed, we believe we are poised to capitalize from change. Historically we have gravitated toward companies with characteristics such as pricing power, stable cash flows, solid managements and resilient balance sheets – factors which may not have been appreciated in a zero inflation, easy money world. Higher interest rates and greater market volatility substantially increase the cost of capital even for the large internet companies. Combined with a possible economic slowdown, this should flush excess capital from the system, eliminating many of the seemingly disruptive companies backed by venture capital and accommodative capital markets to the benefit of those with truly sound business models and actual cash flow, rather than the promise of future cash flow. Finally, a change in market structure over the last decade, with an estimated 15% of U.S. equities managed passively, could accentuate any downside as withdrawals from ETFs retrace what was relentlessly bought on the way up. Our portfolio, which tends not to resemble what is represented in the popular ETFs, should be less susceptible to those forces, and the volatility that could be caused by a rush to the exit would present buying opportunities for active managers who conduct old fashioned research to uncover value.

Deals, Deals & More Deals

Deal activity slowed through the year as political uncertainty weighed, but the underpinnings for mergers (low interest rates and a lack of organic growth opportunities) remain and the potentially waning days of the present administration may encourage activity sooner rather than later. Spin-offs rebounded in 2018 (26 by our count), including two by Honeywell (1.6%) and one pre-takeover spin-off by KLX (less than 0.1%). Notable upcoming announced separations include Madison Square Garden's spin of its sports teams, Twenty-First Century Fox's pre-deal spin of its news and broadcast assets, and three-way spins by DowDuPont (0.1%) and United Technologies. As discussed in the past, we like spin-offs because they not only tend to surface value but often serve as the source of new ideas for the Fund.

Investment Scorecard

After strong performance in 2016 and 2017, 2018 was mostly forgettable from a stock perspective. On the positive side was the bidding war for large, long-time holding Twenty-First Century Fox (3.8% of net assets as of December 31, 2018) (+41% return) where the Walt Disney Co. prevailed over Comcast (0.6%) for Fox's global entertainment assets. That deal was itself facilitated by judicial clearance of the acquisition by AT&T of former holding Time Warner. Also during the year, Dr. Pepper Snapple (+49%) agreed to be acquired by coffee innovator Keurig Green Mountain. Outside of M&A, the Fund saw strong performance from sports/live entertainment investment Madison Square Garden (1.7%) (+27%), financial technology provider MasterCard (1.3%), (+25%), Japanese food products company Kikkoman (1.1%), (+34%) and automotive parts retailer O'Reilly Automotive (0.6%)(+43%). Less economically sensitive holdings, such as pest control company Rollins (0.7%) (+18%), Roto-Rooter owner Chemed (0.2%) (+18%), and waste disposal firm Republic Services (1.9%) (+9%), added stability to the Fund.

Detractors from performance were concentrated among industrial stocks with economic and trade sensitivity, including truck maker Navistar (0.5%) (-39%), truck components company Dana (0.2%) (-56%), diversified machinery company CNH Industrial (0.7%) (-30%), and equipment rental firm HERC Holdings (0.1%) (-58%). With some exceptions, consumer staples stocks such as General Mills (0.7%) (-32%), Conagra Brands (0.4%) (-42%), and Edgewell Personal Care (0.4%) (-37%) were weak as they faced changing consumer tastes, new competition and headwinds from higher interest rates as former "bond

proxies.” Banks, including Wells Fargo (0.8%) (-22%) and State Street (0.4%) (-34%), were the victims of the aforementioned flattening yield curve and more recent concerns around deteriorating credit. Another good idea at the time was DISH Network (0.4%) (-48%) which has accumulated the largest swath of unused spectrum in the U.S.; financial leverage, additional spectrum supply, and a potentially dwindling number of partners for a spectrum build are challenges DISH will have to overcome in 2019.

Conclusion

In our Q4 2017 letter we expressed surprise that a strong market was overlooking what seemed to be mounting risks late in the economic cycle. As many of those challenges - trade disputes, higher interest rates, political discord - play out, we wonder if the market is now ignoring what continue to be decent corporate fundamentals. Ultimately our job is to do the work on the microeconomic elements of each company and industry we cover, examine how the changing macroeconomic environment impacts those variables and make buy and sell decisions that balance the resulting opportunities and risks. Since the bears inevitably come home in each cycle, we have always erred on the side of capital preservation and that will especially be the case going forward. Children’s stories don’t always have happy endings but they serve as cautionary examples that we have heeded well.

Let’s Talk Stocks

The following are stock specifics on selected holdings of our Fund. Favorable earnings prospects do not necessarily translate into higher stock prices, but they do express a positive trend that we believe will develop over time. Individual securities mentioned are not necessarily representative of the entire portfolio. For the following holdings, the share prices are listed first in United States dollars (USD) and second in the local currency, where applicable, and are presented as of December 31, 2018.

American Express Co. (1.2% of net assets as of December 31, 2018) (AXP – \$95.32 – NYSE) is the largest closed loop credit card company in the world. The company operates its eponymous premiere branded payment network and lends to its largely affluent customer base. As of December 2018, American Express has 114 million cards in force and nearly \$82 billion in loans, while its customers charged approximately \$1.2 trillion of spending on their cards in 2018. The company’s strong consumer brand has allowed American Express to enter the deposit gathering market as an alternate source of funding, while the company’s affluent customers have picked up spending. Longer term, American Express should capitalize on its higher spending customer base and continue to expand into other payment related businesses, such as corporate purchasing, while also growing in emerging markets. Similarly, the company is looking at the growing success of social media as an opportunity to expand its product base and payment options.

AMETEK (2.2%) (AME – \$67.70 – NYSE) is a diversified supplier of highly engineered equipment used in a broad array of industrial end markets. The company offers a diverse product portfolio, including test and measurement, metrology, and precision motion control equipment, in addition to specialty materials and aftermarket services. Through November 2018, AMETEK has spent \$1.1 billion acquiring six businesses (following \$560 million spent on three acquisitions during full year 2017). The company still has approximately \$1.3 billion of cash and availability under its revolver to deploy on future acquisitions, a key part of AMETEK’s growth strategy. Organic sales growth has also been strong, up 8% year-over-year during the first nine months of 2018, and the company finished Q3 2018 with a solid backlog of \$1.6 billion (in line with the record level of Q2 2018). The stock was weak during the fourth quarter, driven by concerns over the sustainability of global growth and a slowdown in China’s industrial sector.

Bank of New York Mellon Corp. (1.4%) (BK – \$47.07 – NYSE) is a global leader in providing financial services to institutions and individuals. The company operates in more than one hundred markets worldwide and strives to be the global provider of choice for investment management and investment services. As of December 2018, the firm had \$33.1 trillion in assets under custody and \$1.7 trillion in assets under management. Going forward, we expect BK to benefit from rising global incomes and the cross border movement of financial transactions. We believe BK is also well positioned to grow earnings in a rising interest rate environment, given its large customer cash deposits and significant loan book

Brown-Forman Corp. (2.6%) (BF/A and BF/B – \$47.42/\$47.58 – NYSE) is a leading global distilled spirits producer. Spirits is an advantaged category that enjoys high margins, low capital requirements, strong free cash flow generation, and good pricing power. The company's global brands include Jack Daniel's Tennessee whiskey, Finlandia vodka, Woodford Reserve bourbon, and el Jimador and Herradura tequilas. Jack Daniel's is one of the world's most valuable spirits brands, enjoying strong growth both in the U.S. and internationally, as consumers increasingly choose to drink American whiskies. The company has also successfully expanded the brand into the fast growing flavored whiskey category. While Brown-Forman does face some near term headwinds from ongoing trade disputes, emerging market sales have returned to growth, and the company is positioned to grow revenues and profits substantially over the next several years, and has significant balance sheet flexibility. While the company is family controlled, we believe that if it ever became available for sale it would be highly coveted by other large global spirits players.

CNH Industrial NV (0.7%) CNH Industrial NV (CNHI – \$9.21/€7.85 – NYSE/Borsa Italiana Milan), with headquarters in London, England, and Burr Ridge, Illinois, is a global capital equipment manufacturer that was demerged from parent Fiat in 2013. CNHI is unique in that it has leading positions in a variety of global machinery markets. It is best known for its agricultural equipment business, consisting of Case IH, New Holland Agriculture, and Steyr brands. The company's other businesses include IVECO, a leading global truck and bus manufacturer, as well as Case and New Holland construction machinery. Finally, FPT Industrial provides engines and transmissions for the company's captive businesses and also sells to other machinery manufacturers. CNHI is well positioned, not only for a cyclical recovery in its agricultural and equipment end markets, but also for significant cash flow generation in the years ahead. We believe CNHI can surface value through financial engineering, with Iveco being a particularly attractive asset for other global machinery manufacturers.

Madison Square Garden Co. (1.7%) (MSG – \$267.70 – NYSE) is an integrated sports and entertainment company that owns the New York Knicks, the New York Rangers, the Radio City Christmas Spectacular, The Forum, and that iconic New York venue, Madison Square Garden. These evergreen content and venue assets benefit from sustainable barriers to entry and long term secular growth. MSG completed the separation of its associated regional sports networks in September 2015, leaving a reliable cash flow stream for MSG to reinvest and repurchase shares. The company announced that it would spin-off of its teams in the middle of 2019, which we think could further surface value, especially as MSG expands its venue portfolio.

Republic Services Inc. (1.9%) (RSG – \$72.09 – NYSE), based in Phoenix, Arizona, became the second largest solid waste company in North America after its acquisition of Allied Waste Industries in December 2008. Republic provides nonhazardous solid waste collection services for commercial, industrial, municipal, and residential customers in 40 states and Puerto Rico. Republic serves more than 2,800 municipalities and operates 191 landfills, 207 transfer stations, 348 collection operations, and 91 recycling facilities. Since the Allied merger, Republic has benefited from synergies driven by route density, beneficial use of acquired assets,

and reduction in redundant corporate overhead. Republic is committed to its core solid waste business. While other providers have strayed into alternative waste resource technologies and strategies, we view Republic's plan to remain steadfast in the traditional solid waste business positively. We expect continued solid waste growth acquisitions, earnings improvement, and incremental route density and internalization growth in already established markets to generate real value in the near to medium term, highlighting the company's potential.

Sony Corp. (2.0%) (SNE – \$48.28 – NYSE) is a diversified electronics and entertainment company based in Tokyo, Japan. The company manufactures image sensors, PlayStation videogame consoles, mobile devices, consumer electronics, and mirrorless and professional cameras. It also operates the Columbia film studio and Sony Music entertainment group, and holds majority ownership of Sony Financial Services. We expect growth opportunities in the image sensor and game businesses, and operational improvements in consumer electronics and entertainment to generate EBITDA growth through 2020.

Swedish Match AB (1.5%) (SWMA – \$39.39/SEK349.10 – Stockholm Stock Exchange) produces tobacco products that include snus and snuff, chewing tobacco, cigars, and lights. The company has been benefiting from the growth of the smokeless tobacco market in both Scandinavia and the U.S., as public smoking bans and health concerns are driving consumers to seek alternative tobacco products to cigarettes. In October 2010, Swedish Match combined its European and premium cigar portfolios with Scandinavian cigar and pipe tobacco company STG, creating a new company that should benefit from enhanced scale and synergies. In February 2016, STG went public via an IPO on the Copenhagen Stock Exchange, with Swedish Match partially monetizing its stake. Swedish Match fully monetized its stake in STG in 2017. The company has a new tobacco-free nicotine pouch product called ZYN that is growing rapidly in the U.S. and Scandinavia, and is driving growth in its mass market cigar business through its new natural leaf products. We expect Swedish Match to continue to grow its cigar and smokeless business globally, and the company could be an attractive takeover candidate for a global tobacco company that wants to increase its presence in the smokeless segment.

Twenty-First Century Fox (3.7%) (FOXA/FOX – \$48.12/\$47.78 – NASDAQ) is a diversified media company with operations in cable network television, television broadcasting, and filmed entertainment. We expect FOX to complete the transaction with Disney early in 2019. On November 19, 2018, Disney received an approval from Chinese regulators to acquire FOX's assets. Given ongoing trade tensions with the U.S., some investors were concerned the deal could be held up for political reasons. With Department of Justice and European approval obtained, Brazil is left as the final jurisdiction remaining to make a decision. Even prior to obtaining Chinese approval, Disney felt confident the deal would close "meaningfully earlier" than the original target of June 2019. New Fox, the collection of assets not sold to Disney, will consist of: 1) Fox News, the most watched cable news channel in the U.S.; 2) The Fox Broadcast Network, one of the Big Four broadcast networks with substantial portfolio of sports rights including the NFL and MLB; 3) FS1, the national sports network launched in 2013 to compete with ESPN; and 4) other cable networks, such as the Big Ten Network. The company will be highly reliant on news and sports programming, which is watched live and not subject to the kind of ratings pressure seen in general entertainment networks. Given the "must carry" nature of both the Fox Broadcast Network and Fox News, we expect the company will be able to grow affiliate fees from distributors substantially faster than its peers.

January 23, 2019

Top Ten Holdings (Percent of Net Assets)
December 31, 2018

Twenty-First Century Fox Inc.	3.8%	Genuine Parts Co.	1.8%
Brown-Forman Corp.	2.6%	Berkshire Hathaway Inc.	1.7%
Ametek Inc.	2.2%	Diageo plc	1.7%
Sony Corp.	2.0%	Madison Square Garden Co.	1.7%
Republic Services Inc.	1.9%	Honeywell International Inc.	1.6%

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

Minimum Initial Investment – \$1,000

The Fund's minimum initial investment for regular accounts is \$1,000. There are no subsequent investment minimums. No initial minimum is required for those establishing an Automatic Investment Plan. Additionally, the Fund and other Gabelli/GAMCO Funds are available through the no-transaction fee programs at many major brokerage firms. The Fund imposes a 2% redemption fee on shares sold or exchanged within seven days after the date of purchase. See the prospectuses for more details.

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Multi-Class Shares

The Gabelli Asset Fund began offering additional classes of Fund shares on December 31, 2003. 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 Trustees 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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Mario J. Gabelli, CFA, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Investment Officer – Value Portfolios of GAMCO Investors, Inc. that he founded in 1977, and Chief Investment Officer – Value Portfolios of Gabelli Funds, LLC and GAMCO Asset Management Inc. He is also Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors of Associated Capital Group, Inc. Mr. Gabelli is a summa cum laude graduate of Fordham University and holds an MBA degree from Columbia Business School, and Honorary Doctorates from Fordham University and Roger Williams University.

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

Kevin V. Dreyer joined Gabelli in 2005 as a research analyst covering companies within the consumer sector. Currently he is a Managing Director and Co-Chief Investment Officer for GAMCO Investors, Inc.'s Value team. In addition, he currently serves as a portfolio manager of Gabelli Funds, LLC and manages several funds within the Gabelli/GAMCO Funds Complex. Mr. Dreyer received a BSE from the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA from Columbia Business School.

Jeffrey J. Jonas, CFA, joined Gabelli in 2003 as a research analyst. He focuses on companies in the cardiovascular, healthcare services, and pharmacy benefits management sectors, among others. He also serves as a portfolio manager of Gabelli Funds, LLC and manages several funds within the Gabelli/GAMCO Funds Complex. Mr. Jonas was a Presidential Scholar at Boston College, where he received a BS in Finance and Management Information Systems.

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Shareholder Commentary
December 31, 2018

The Gabelli Asset Fund

Annual Report — December 31, 2018

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To Our Shareholders,

For the year ended December 31, 2018, the net asset value (NAV) per class AAA Share of The Gabelli Asset Fund decreased 7.7% compared with a decrease of 4.4% for the Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500 Index. Other classes of shares are available. See page 3 for the performance information for all classes.

Enclosed are the financial statements, including the schedule of investments, as of December 31, 2018.

Performance Discussion (Unaudited)

The Fund's investment objective is to provide growth of capital. The Fund's secondary goal is to provide current income.

The Fund's investment strategy is to primarily invest in common and preferred stocks. The Fund focuses on companies which appear underpriced relative to their private market value (PMV). PMV is the value the Fund's investment adviser, Gabelli Funds, LLC, believes informed investors would be willing to pay for a company. Under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 80% of its assets in stocks that are listed on a recognized securities exchange or similar market. The portfolio managers will invest in companies that, in the public market, are selling at a significant discount to the portfolio managers' assessment of their PMV. The portfolio managers consider factors such as price, earnings expectations, earnings and price histories, balance sheet characteristics, and perceived management skills. The portfolio managers also consider changes in economic and political outlooks as well as individual corporate developments.

Beginning on January 1, 2021, as permitted by regulations adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, paper copies of the Fund's annual and semiannual shareholder reports will no longer be sent by mail, unless you specifically request paper copies of the reports. Instead, the reports will be made available on the Fund's website (www.gabelli.com), and you will be notified by mail each time a report is posted and provided with a website link to access the report. If you already elected to receive shareholder reports electronically, you will not be affected by this change and you need not take any action. To elect to receive all future reports in paper free of charge, please contact your financial intermediary, or, if you invest directly with the Fund, you may call 800-422-3554 or send an email request to info@gabelli.com.

January 2018 saw the stock market continue its nearly uninterrupted climb, but volatility finally returned with a sharp decline in February and continued choppiness in March, leading to major averages posting their first quarterly declines since 2015. Economic fundamentals continued to be largely positive – synchronous global growth, low unemployment, corporate profits boosted by tax reform and lower personal taxes for many Americans – but a new set of worries came to the fore for investors already uneasy about stretched valuations: trade wars, regulatory risks in the technology sector, and the U.S. Federal Reserve’s gradual liquidity reduction and rising interest rate policy.

During the second quarter of 2018, markets recouped first quarter losses to finish the first half of the year modestly higher. Economic indicators, including the lowest unemployment rate since 2000, remained favorable. The Federal Reserve’s program of interest rate normalization was back on track after two hikes earlier in the year. The market appeared to handle the strong trade rhetoric from the Trump administration.

Markets continued to charge ahead in the third quarter, with the S&P 500 again setting record highs in late September. Financial and economic data continued to support the rally: U.S. second quarter GDP growth registered 4.2%, the unemployment rate fell to a 49 year low at 3.7% in September, and corporate profits soared, with growth of over 16%.

During the fourth quarter of 2018, the stock market suffered a major pullback, with the S&P 500 Index down over 13% on a total return basis. That weak showing pushed the S&P 500 down for the full year after a very strong showing in 2017, leading to a negative impact on the Fund.

The top contributor to the Fund’s performance in 2018 was Twenty-First Century Fox (3.5% of net assets as of December 31, 2018), a diversified media company with operations in cable network television, television broadcasting, and filmed entertainment. The stock benefited from a bidding war between Disney and Comcast over its cable, international, and entertainment assets. Madison Square Garden Co. (MSG) (1.7%) also aided in the performance of the portfolio. The stock increased in the second quarter when it was announced that the company is exploring a spinoff to create a separate public company for its sports teams. Kikkoman Corp. (1.1%), a Japanese food manufacturer whose main products and services include soy sauce and food seasoning flavoring, saw growth in its soy sauce and domestic soy milk segments, which drove margin expansion and lifted profit growth.

One of our weaker performing stocks during the year was Dish Network (0.4%), which provides service to approximately 13.3 million pay TV subscribers. The company continues to be impacted by increased competition from over the top content video offerings. General Mills (0.7%) was also a detractor to performance. Higher transportation costs affected third quarter margins. Furthermore, in April, Blue Buffalo was acquired, bringing General Mills into the pet food business for the cost of nearly 25 times their adjusted EBITDA in 2017. Navistar International Corp. (0.5%) manufactures trucks, buses, and defense vehicles, as well as diesel engines and parts for the commercial trucking industry. With a surplus in trucks and a shortage of drivers, truck orders and Navistar stock price fell in 2018.

Thank you for your investment in The Gabelli Asset Fund.

We appreciate your confidence and trust.

Comparative Results

Average Annual Returns through December 31, 2018 (a) (Unaudited)

	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year	15 Year	Since Inception (3/3/86)
Class AAA (GABAX)	(7.69)%	4.09%	11.62%	7.89%	11.33%
S&P 500 Index	(4.38)	8.49	13.12	7.77	10.07(d)
Dow Jones Industrial Average	(3.50)	9.65	13.11	8.17	11.13(d)
Nasdaq Composite Index	(2.80)	11.05	16.85	9.56	9.85(d)
Class A (GATAX)	(7.69)	4.09	11.62	7.89	11.33
With sales charge (b)	(13.00)	2.87	10.96	7.47	11.12
Class C (GATCX)	(8.38)	3.31	10.79	7.09	10.95
With contingent deferred sales charge (c)	(9.30)	3.31	10.79	7.09	10.95
Class I (GABIX)	(7.46)	4.35	11.90	8.09	11.42

In the current prospectuses dated April 30, 2018, the expense ratios for Class AAA, A, C, and I are 1.35%, 1.35%, 2.10%, and 1.10%, respectively. See page 15 for the expense ratios for the year ended December 31, 2018. 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.

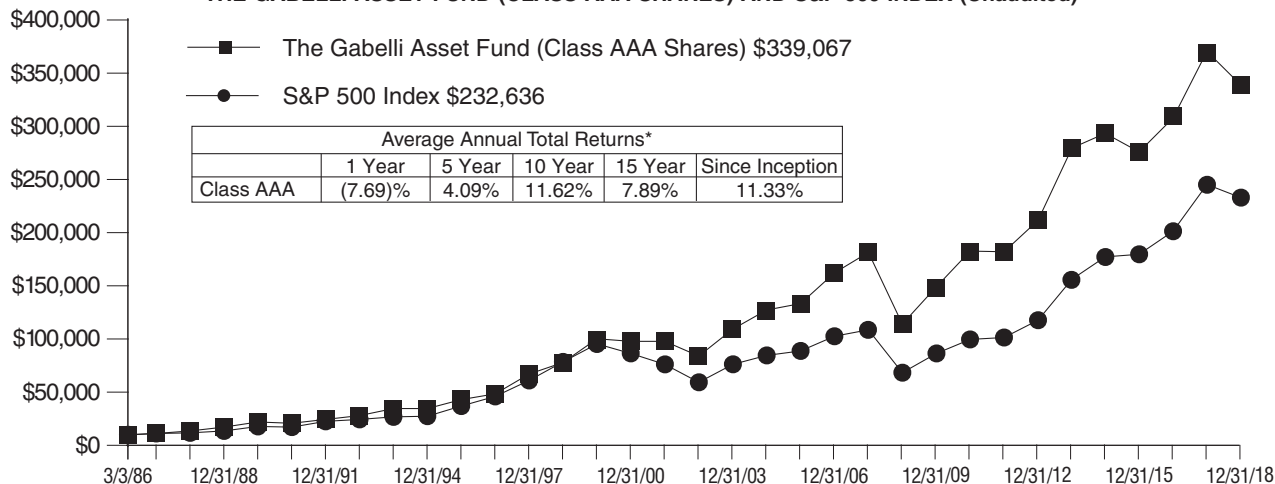
(a) Returns represent past performance and do not guarantee future results. Total returns and average annual returns reflect changes in share price, reinvestment of distributions, and are net of expenses. Investment returns and the principal value of an investment will fluctuate. When shares are redeemed, 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 for performance information as of the most recent month end. Returns would have been lower had Gabelli Funds, LLC (the Adviser) not reimbursed certain expenses of the Fund for periods prior to December 31, 1988. The Fund imposes a 2% redemption fee on shares sold or exchanged within seven days of purchase. 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. The S&P 500 Index is a market capitalization weighted index of 500 large capitalization stocks commonly used to represent the U.S. equity market. The Dow Jones Industrial Average and the Nasdaq Composite Index are unmanaged indicators of stock market performance. Dividends are considered reinvested, except for the Nasdaq Composite Index. You cannot invest directly in an index. The Class AAA Share NAVs are used to calculate performance for the periods prior to the issuance of Class A Shares and Class C Shares on December 31, 2003 and Class I Shares on January 11, 2008. The actual performance of 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.

(b) Performance results include the effect of the maximum 5.75% sales charge at the beginning of the period.

(c) Assuming payment of the 1% maximum contingent deferred sales charge imposed on redemptions made within one year of purchase.

(d) S&P 500 Index, Dow Jones Industrial Average, and Nasdaq Composite Index since inception performance results are as of February 28, 1986.

COMPARISON OF CHANGE IN VALUE OF A \$10,000 INVESTMENT IN THE GABELLI ASSET FUND (CLASS AAA SHARES) AND S&P 500 INDEX (Unaudited)



* Past performance is not predictive of future results. The performance tables and graph do not reflect the deduction of taxes that a shareholder would pay on Fund distributions or the redemption of Fund shares.

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Disclosure of Fund Expenses (Unaudited)

For the Six Month Period from July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

Expense Table

We believe it is important for you to understand the impact of fees and expenses regarding your investment. All mutual funds have operating expenses. As a shareholder of a fund, you incur ongoing costs, which include costs for portfolio management, administrative services, and shareholder reports (like this one), among others. Operating expenses, which are deducted from a fund's gross income, directly reduce the investment return of a fund. When a fund's expenses are expressed as a percentage of its average net assets, this figure is known as the expense ratio. The following examples are intended to help you understand the ongoing costs (in dollars) of investing in your Fund and to compare these costs with those of other mutual funds. The examples are based on an investment of \$1,000 made at the beginning of the period shown and held for the entire period.

The Expense Table below illustrates your Fund's costs in two ways:

Actual Fund Return: This section provides information about actual account values and actual expenses. You may use this section to help you to estimate the actual expenses that you paid over the period after any fee waivers and expense reimbursements. The "Ending Account Value" shown is derived from the Fund's **actual** return during the past six months, and the "Expenses Paid During Period" shows the dollar amount that would have been paid by an investor who started with \$1,000 in the Fund. You may use this information, together with the amount you invested, to estimate the expenses that you paid over the period.

To do so, simply divide your account value by \$1,000 (for example, an \$8,600 account value divided by \$1,000 = 8.6), then multiply the result by the number given for your Fund under the heading "Expenses Paid During Period" to estimate the expenses you paid during this period.

Hypothetical 5% Return: This section provides information about hypothetical account values and hypothetical expenses based on the Fund's actual expense

ratio. It assumes a hypothetical annualized return of 5% before expenses during the period shown. In this case – because the hypothetical return used is **not** the Fund's actual return – the results do not apply to your investment and you cannot use the hypothetical account value and expense to estimate the actual ending account balance or expenses you paid for the period. This example is useful in making comparisons of the ongoing costs of investing in the Fund and other funds. To do so, compare this 5% hypothetical example with the 5% hypothetical examples that appear in shareholder reports of other funds.

Please note that the expenses shown in the table are meant to highlight your ongoing costs only and do not reflect any transactional costs such as sales charges (loads), redemption fees, or exchange fees, if any, which are described in the Prospectus. If these costs were applied to your account, your costs would be higher. Therefore, the 5% hypothetical return is useful in comparing ongoing costs only, and will not help you determine the relative total costs of owning different funds. The "Annualized Expense Ratio" represents the actual expenses for the last six months and may be different from the expense ratio in the Financial Highlights which is for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018.

	Beginning Account Value 07/01/18	Ending Account Value 12/31/18	Annualized Expense Ratio	Expenses Paid During Period*
The Gabelli Asset Fund				
Actual Fund Return				
Class AAA	\$1,000.00	\$ 915.10	1.37%	\$ 6.61
Class A	\$1,000.00	\$ 914.90	1.37%	\$ 6.61
Class C	\$1,000.00	\$ 911.70	2.12%	\$10.22
Class I	\$1,000.00	\$ 916.20	1.12%	\$ 5.41
Hypothetical 5% Return				
Class AAA	\$1,000.00	\$1,018.30	1.37%	\$ 6.97
Class A	\$1,000.00	\$1,018.30	1.37%	\$ 6.97
Class C	\$1,000.00	\$1,014.52	2.12%	\$10.76
Class I	\$1,000.00	\$1,019.56	1.12%	\$ 5.70

* Expenses are equal to the Fund's annualized expense ratio for the last six months multiplied by the average account value over the period, multiplied by the number of days in the most recent fiscal half year (184 days), then divided by 365.

Summary of Portfolio Holdings (Unaudited)

The following table presents portfolio holdings as a percent of net assets as of December 31, 2018:

The Gabelli Asset Fund

Food and Beverage	15.3%	Specialty Chemicals	1.5%
Financial Services	10.2%	Computer Software and Services	1.2%
Equipment and Supplies	7.7%	Publishing	1.2%
Entertainment	7.5%	Transportation	0.9%
Diversified Industrial	5.2%	Building and Construction	0.9%
Health Care	5.1%	Wireless Communications	0.8%
Machinery	4.2%	Automotive	0.8%
Consumer Products	4.0%	Aviation: Parts and Services	0.7%
Cable and Satellite	3.7%	Real Estate	0.7%
Automotive: Parts and Accessories	3.2%	Agriculture	0.5%
Environmental Services	3.1%	Communications Equipment	0.3%
Electronics	3.0%	Closed-End Funds	0.3%
Energy and Utilities	3.0%	Manufactured Housing and Recreational Vehicles	0.2%
Business Services	2.9%	Computer Hardware	0.1%
Telecommunications	2.5%	Airlines	0.0%*
Broadcasting	2.4%	Other Assets and Liabilities (Net)	<u>(1.7)%</u>
Metals and Mining	2.0%		<u>100.0%</u>
Retail	1.9%		
Consumer Services	1.6%		
Aerospace	1.6%		
Hotels and Gaming	1.5%		

* Amount represents less than 0.05%.

The Fund files a complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. Shareholders may obtain this information at www.gabelli.com or by calling the Fund at 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554). The Fund's Form N-Q is available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov and may also be reviewed and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling 800-SEC-0330.

Proxy Voting

The Fund files Form N-PX with its complete proxy voting record for the twelve months ended June 30, no later than August 31 of each year. A description of the Fund's proxy voting policies, procedures, and how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities is available without charge, upon request, by (i) calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554); (ii) writing to The Gabelli Funds at One Corporate Center, Rye, NY 10580-1422; or (iii) visiting the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

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Shares		Cost	Market Value	Shares		Cost	Market Value
	COMMON STOCKS (Continued)						
	Business Services (Continued)			3,400	Givaudan SA.....	\$ 1,182,809	\$ 7,873,029
24,000	Vectrus Inc.†.....	\$ 116,767	\$ 517,920	30,000	Harley-Davidson Inc.....	75,562	1,023,600
61,000	Visa Inc., Cl. A.....	791,911	8,048,340	2,000	Hermes International.....	694,184	1,110,920
		<u>11,772,087</u>	<u>62,530,330</u>	5,000	National Presto Industries Inc.....	143,767	584,600
	Cable and Satellite — 3.7%			42,000	Reckitt Benckiser Group plc...	1,288,438	3,218,951
129,000	AMC Networks Inc., Cl. A†....	21,473	7,079,520	100,000	Sally Beauty Holdings Inc.†...	800,712	1,705,000
8,500	Charter Communications Inc., Cl. A†.....	868,934	2,422,245	10,000	Svenska Cellulosa AB, Cl. A...	35,640	80,673
395,000	Comcast Corp., Cl. A.....	3,615,040	13,449,750	42,000	Svenska Cellulosa AB, Cl. B...	117,839	325,652
318,200	DISH Network Corp., Cl. A†...	7,019,113	7,945,454	826,400	Swedish Match AB.....	8,505,279	32,550,814
88,000	EchoStar Corp., Cl. A†.....	2,520,887	3,231,360	4,000	The Estee Lauder Companies Inc., Cl. A.....	180,995	520,400
147,900	Liberty Global plc, Cl. A†.....	525,759	3,156,186	48,000	The Procter & Gamble Co.	1,486,088	4,412,160
387,000	Liberty Global plc, Cl. C†.....	3,828,849	7,987,680	30,000	Unilever plc, ADR.....	947,306	1,567,500
20,857	Liberty Latin America Ltd., Cl. A†.....	77,222	302,009	35,000	Wolverine World Wide Inc.....	162,769	1,116,150
40,000	Liberty Latin America Ltd., Cl. C†.....	214,510	582,800			<u>23,574,033</u>	<u>84,701,788</u>
575,000	Rogers Communications Inc., New York, Cl. B.....	2,819,182	29,474,500		Consumer Services — 1.6%	50,325	398,550
238,000	Shaw Communications Inc., New York, Cl. B.....	393,482	4,305,420	5,000	Allegion plc.....	2,235,383	3,910,200
		<u>21,904,451</u>	<u>79,936,924</u>	95,000	GCI Liberty Inc., Cl. A†.....	504,985	8,968,960
	Communications Equipment — 0.3%			49,000	IAC/InterActiveCorp.†.....	89,074	782,200
130,000	Corning Inc.....	491,859	3,927,300	20,000	Liberty Expedia Holdings Inc., Cl. A†.....	89,074	782,200
26,000	Harris Corp.....	2,064,982	3,500,900	11,550	Marriott Vacations Worldwide Corp.....	366,324	814,391
		<u>2,556,841</u>	<u>7,428,200</u>	281,600	Qurate Retail Inc.†.....	1,057,796	5,496,832
	Computer Hardware — 0.1%			405,000	Rollins Inc.....	568,847	14,620,500
7,000	Apple Inc.....	661,508	1,104,180			<u>4,872,734</u>	<u>34,991,633</u>
	Computer Software and Services — 1.2%				Diversified Industrial — 5.2%	5,901	57,475
5,000	Alphabet Inc., Cl. C†.....	2,544,024	5,178,050	500	Acuity Brands Inc.....	45,044	271,550
90,000	eBay Inc.†.....	1,736,408	2,526,300	5,000	Anixter International Inc.†....	4,816,229	22,570,686
42,000	Fidelity National Information Services Inc.....	721,986	4,307,100	312,700	Crane Co.....	4,116,617	6,660,020
315,000	Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co.....	3,102,379	4,161,150	97,000	Eaton Corp. plc.....	941,010	841,400
70,000	Internap Corp.†.....	974,759	290,500	14,000	EnPro Industries Inc.....	3,098,343	5,046,960
5,000	Microsoft Corp.....	158,896	507,850	136,000	Greif Inc., Cl. A.....	6,706,188	33,030,000
7,992	NetScout Systems Inc.†.....	29,395	188,851	250,000	Honeywell International Inc....	355,983	2,189,520
55,000	Rockwell Automation Inc.....	1,567,537	8,276,400	24,000	Ingersoll-Rand plc.....	1,507,788	10,619,400
		<u>10,835,384</u>	<u>25,436,201</u>	220,000	ITT Inc.....	1,557,901	2,087,400
	Consumer Products — 4.0%			30,000	Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd.....	2,937,194	4,552,040
30,000	Brunswick Corp.....	735,843	1,393,500	250,000	Jardine Strategic Holdings Ltd.....	1,600,550	3,777,500
11,000	Christian Dior SE.....	307,335	4,208,229	30,000	Myers Industries Inc.....	331,439	673,800
56,000	Church & Dwight Co. Inc.....	86,413	3,682,560	30,000	nVent Electric plc.....	707,966	1,133,400
200,000	Edgewell Personal Care Co.†..	2,987,136	7,470,000	12,000	Pentair plc.....	1,120,675	952,895
230,000	Energizer Holdings Inc.....	3,005,072	10,384,500	185,000	Sulzer AG.....	2,513,177	8,508,150
10,000	Essity AB, Cl. A.....	134,075	245,968	320,000	Textron Inc.....	2,290,603	2,253,912
50,000	Essity AB, Cl. B.....	696,771	1,227,582	230,000	Toray Industries Inc.....	922,000	4,735,700
				4,000	Trinity Industries Inc.....	299,744	754,600
						<u>35,874,352</u>	<u>110,716,408</u>

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COMMON STOCKS (Continued)					
Electronics — 3.0%					
78,000	Cypress Semiconductor Corp., \$	662,074	\$	992,160	
1,800	Fortive Corp.	7,618		121,788	
8,000	Kyocera Corp., ADR	111,725		398,680	
1,500	Mettler-Toledo International Inc.†	212,220		848,370	
84,667	Resideo Technologies Inc.†	1,128,015		1,739,907	
2,200	Samsung Electronics Co. Ltd., GDR	401,884		1,907,400	
865,000	Sony Corp., ADR	17,059,664		41,762,200	
37,000	TE Connectivity Ltd.	929,999		2,798,310	
100,000	Texas Instruments Inc.	2,334,642		9,450,000	
17,500	Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	2,151,647		3,916,325	
		<u>24,999,488</u>		<u>63,935,140</u>	
Energy and Utilities — 3.0%					
10,000	Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	588,355		438,400	
100,000	BP plc, ADR	2,411,469		3,792,000	
97,000	Chevron Corp.	3,124,445		10,552,630	
9,000	ConocoPhillips	162,773		561,150	
113,000	Devon Energy Corp.	1,571,968		2,547,020	
3,000	Edison International	51,000		170,310	
199,000	El Paso Electric Co.	2,452,488		9,975,870	
34,000	Enbridge Inc.	782,276		1,056,720	
90,000	EOG Resources Inc.	206,089		7,848,900	
27,000	Exxon Mobil Corp.	387,700		1,841,130	
130,000	GenOn Energy Inc., Escrow†(a)	0		0	
165,000	Halliburton Co.	5,377,156		4,385,700	
65,000	Kinder Morgan Inc.	1,263,191		999,700	
27,000	KLX Energy Services Holdings Inc.†	792,229		633,150	
13,000	Marathon Petroleum Corp.	625,725		767,130	
226,800	National Fuel Gas Co.	11,002,252		11,607,624	
49,200	Oceaneering International Inc.†	1,265,550		595,320	
5,000	Phillips 66	189,129		430,750	
47,727	Southwest Gas Holdings Inc.	823,951		3,651,115	
95,000	The AES Corp.	263,150		1,373,700	
10,000	Wartsila OYJ Abp	155,894		159,202	
		<u>33,496,790</u>		<u>63,387,521</u>	
Entertainment — 7.5%					
195,500	Discovery Inc., Cl. A†	1,037,519		4,836,670	
547,000	Discovery Inc., Cl. C†	2,933,730		12,624,760	
630,000	Grupo Televisa SAB, ADR	5,919,555		7,925,400	
45,000	Liberty Media Corp.- Liberty Braves, Cl. A†	747,445		1,122,300	
138,071	Liberty Media Corp.- Liberty Braves, Cl. C†	2,054,328		3,436,587	
16,000	Lions Gate Entertainment Corp., Cl. B.	417,600		238,080	
2,380	Modern Times Group MTG AB, Cl. B		\$	83,313	\$ 78,680
133,433	The Madison Square Garden Co., Cl. A†			723,396	35,720,014
1,560,000	Twenty-First Century Fox Inc., Cl. A			8,443,448	75,067,200
95,000	Twenty-First Century Fox Inc., Cl. B			2,940,709	4,539,100
416,500	Viacom Inc., Cl. A			11,918,098	11,582,865
39,000	Viacom Inc., Cl. B			1,093,681	1,002,300
50,000	Vivendi SA			1,170,712	1,219,079
				<u>39,483,534</u>	<u>159,393,035</u>
Environmental Services — 3.1%					
545,000	Republic Services Inc.	5,909,741		39,289,050	
20,000	Stericycle Inc.†	1,268,535		733,800	
85,000	Waste Connections Inc.	2,968,029		6,311,250	
220,000	Waste Management Inc.	3,355,929		19,577,800	
				<u>13,502,234</u>	<u>65,911,900</u>
Equipment and Supplies — 7.7%					
697,000	AMETEK Inc.	1,078,695		47,186,900	
12,000	Amphenol Corp., Cl. A	23,162		972,240	
12,000	AZZ Inc.	478,338		484,320	
91,000	CIRCOR International Inc.†	853,326		1,938,300	
110,000	Crown Holdings Inc.†	495,913		4,572,700	
155,000	CTS Corp.	874,137		4,012,950	
4,670	Danaher Corp.	31,340		481,570	
513,900	Donaldson Co. Inc.	841,209		22,298,121	
540,000	Flowserve Corp.	2,395,654		20,530,800	
157,000	Graco Inc.	2,619,786		6,570,450	
185,400	IDEX Corp.	679,342		23,408,604	
50,000	Interpump Group SpA	196,504		1,489,476	
16,000	Lawson Products Inc.†	267,152		505,600	
130,000	Mueller Industries Inc.	3,471,364		3,036,800	
170,000	Sealed Air Corp.	3,630,350		5,922,800	
23,250	The Manitowoc Co. Inc.†	52,334		343,403	
50,000	The Timken Co.	1,857,522		1,866,000	
20,000	The Toro Co.	345,464		1,117,600	
75,000	The Weir Group plc	315,592		1,240,823	
22,500	Valmont Industries Inc.	180,803		2,496,375	
217,000	Watts Water Technologies Inc., Cl. A	2,454,066		14,003,010	
				<u>23,142,053</u>	<u>164,478,842</u>
Financial Services — 10.2%					
12,800	Allegheny Corp.	2,000,678		7,978,496	
54,000	AllianceBernstein Holding LP	397,863		1,475,280	
258,000	American Express Co.	5,296,850		24,592,560	
3,000	Ameriprise Financial Inc.	95,388		313,110	
36,800	Argo Group International Holdings Ltd.	833,710		2,474,800	
60,000	Bank of America Corp.	565,016		1,478,400	

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	COMMON STOCKS (Continued)		350,000	Conagra Brands Inc.	\$ 8,658,222 \$ 7,476,000
	Financial Services (Continued)		29,000	Constellation Brands Inc., Cl. A	682,357 4,663,780
120	Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Cl. A†	\$ 363,030 \$ 36,720,000	40,000	Crimson Wine Group Ltd.†	315,347 313,000
5,000	BKF Capital Group Inc.†	121,860 57,675	205,000	Danone SA	9,308,552 14,447,404
34,000	Citigroup Inc.	1,023,140 1,770,040	826,200	Davide Campari-Milano SpA ...	2,623,199 6,990,785
84,000	GAM Holding AG.	814,353 329,539	258,000	Diageo plc, ADR	9,162,000 36,584,400
100,000	H&R Block Inc.	1,437,043 2,537,000	80,000	Farmer Brothers Co.†	983,002 1,866,400
25,000	Health Insurance Innovations Inc., Cl. A†	772,212 668,250	315,000	Flowers Foods Inc.	637,434 5,818,050
46,000	Interactive Brokers Group Inc., Cl. A	749,277 2,513,900	40,000	Fomento Economico Mexicano SAB de CV, ADR	1,367,763 3,442,000
35,000	Jefferies Financial Group Inc. ...	324,217 607,600	380,000	General Mills Inc.	6,524,741 14,797,200
129,800	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	4,696,230 12,671,076	1,900,000	Grupo Bimbo SAB de CV, Cl. A	789,305 3,789,993
79,432	Kinnevik AB, Cl. A	1,560,480 1,891,035	10,000	Heineken Holding NV	407,450 844,991
60,000	Kinnevik AB, Cl. B	1,144,247 1,446,697	86,500	Heineken NV	3,933,214 7,651,096
169,000	KKR & Co. Inc., Cl. A	2,290,318 3,317,470	20,000	Heineken NV, ADR	481,150 879,400
163,000	Legg Mason Inc.	3,354,308 4,158,130	2,000	Ingredion Inc.	24,050 182,800
2,500	LendingTree Inc.†	19,820 548,925	160,000	ITO EN Ltd.	3,457,147 7,189,453
40,000	Loews Corp.	1,577,090 1,820,800	11,000	John Bean Technologies Corp.	172,494 789,910
39,000	M&T Bank Corp.	2,750,938 5,582,070	33,000	Kellogg Co.	889,687 1,881,330
98,000	Marsh & McLennan Companies Inc.	2,769,738 7,815,500	74,300	Kerry Group plc, Cl. A	971,930 7,299,837
89,000	PayPal Holdings Inc.†	2,842,191 7,484,010	50,000	Keurig Dr Pepper Inc.	0 1,282,000
20,000	Popular Inc.	332,004 944,400	414,000	Kirkman Corp.	4,690,385 22,323,252
144,000	State Street Corp.	4,365,944 9,082,080	120,000	Lamb Weston Holdings Inc.	2,541,814 8,827,200
19,000	SunTrust Banks Inc.	400,354 958,360	19,800	LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE	701,482 5,857,491
32,000	T. Rowe Price Group Inc.	517,894 2,954,240	65,000	Maple Leaf Foods Inc.	1,156,872 1,301,238
630,000	The Bank of New York Mellon Corp.	17,680,829 29,654,100	25,000	MEIJI Holdings Co. Ltd.	551,956 2,043,702
78,000	The Blackstone Group LP	1,306,871 2,325,180	435,000	Mondelēz International Inc., Cl. A	10,128,118 17,413,050
13,500	The Goldman Sachs Group Inc.	1,573,808 2,255,175	48,000	Morinaga Milk Industry Co. Ltd.	886,651 1,348,844
75,000	The Hartford Financial Services Group Inc.	2,352,363 3,333,750	1,000	National Beverage Corp.	79,497 71,770
130,000	The PNC Financial Services Group Inc.	7,423,889 15,198,300	54,000	Nestlé SA	3,264,674 4,384,169
10,000	Value Line Inc.	137,382 260,100	135,000	Nissin Foods Holdings Co. Ltd.	4,566,582 8,498,700
10,000	W. R. Berkley Corp.	361,815 739,100	73,000	PepsiCo Inc.	2,411,597 8,065,040
136,500	Waddell & Reed Financial Inc., Cl. A	2,679,991 2,467,920	67,000	Pernod Ricard SA	5,953,420 11,000,470
370,000	Wells Fargo & Co.	10,770,196 17,049,600	126,000	Post Holdings Inc.†	2,999,420 11,230,380
		<u>87,703,337</u> <u>217,474,668</u>	93,000	Remy Cointreau SA	5,655,846 10,543,602
			17,000	Suntory Beverage & Food Ltd. .	541,830 769,308
			33,000	The Coca-Cola Co.	723,494 1,562,550
			35,000	The Hain Celestial Group Inc.†	367,693 555,100
915,900	Brown-Forman Corp., Cl. A ...	4,171,807 43,431,978	22,000	The J.M. Smucker Co.	838,139 2,056,780
231,600	Brown-Forman Corp., Cl. B ...	1,047,087 11,019,528	24,000	The Kraft Heinz Co.	1,453,563 1,032,960
46,000	Campbell Soup Co.	1,336,867 1,517,540	340,000	Tingyi (Cayman Islands) Holding Corp.	796,553 454,173
800,000	China Mengniu Dairy Co. Ltd. .	1,191,136 2,492,817	135,000	Tootsie Roll Industries Inc.	1,172,900 4,509,000
35,000	Chr. Hansen Holding A/S	1,502,296 3,096,908	5,000	Tyson Foods Inc., Cl. A	39,954 267,000
25,000	Coca-Cola European Partners plc	489,113 1,146,250			
16,500	Coca-Cola HBC AG	231,193 515,678			

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COMMON STOCKS (Continued)							
Metals and Mining (Continued)							
15,000	Cleveland-Cliffs Inc.†	\$ 94,012	\$ 115,350	25,000	Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc. .	\$ 1,322,106	\$ 1,708,250
90,000	Franco-Nevada Corp.	3,113,147	6,315,300			14,114,346	40,446,451
140,000	Freeport-McMoRan Inc.	1,521,338	1,443,400	Specialty Chemicals — 1.5%			
45,000	Kinross Gold Corp.†	251,762	145,800	20,000	Ashland Global Holdings Inc.	747,123	1,419,200
24,000	New Hope Corp. Ltd.	32,183	57,644	52,000	DowDuPont Inc.	3,659,464	2,780,960
518,000	Newmont Mining Corp.	10,581,493	17,948,700	440,000	Ferro Corp.†	2,607,818	6,899,200
120,000	Royal Gold Inc.	5,183,543	10,278,000	115,500	H.B. Fuller Co.	2,954,619	4,928,385
70,009	TimkenSteel Corp.†	900,792	611,879	59,000	International Flavors & Fragrances Inc.	2,536,652	7,921,930
150,000	Turquoise Hill Resources Ltd.†	440,849	247,500	9,000	Linde plc	1,455,660	1,404,360
84,000	Wheaton Precious Metals Corp.	1,589,928	1,640,520	340,000	OMNOVA Solutions Inc.†	930,956	2,492,200
		27,242,555	43,354,753	50,000	Sensient Technologies Corp.	819,513	2,792,500
				38,000	SGL Carbon SE†	497,292	265,367
				50,000	Valvoline Inc.	639,769	967,500
						16,848,866	31,871,602
Publishing — 1.2%							
52,000	Meredith Corp.	1,083,832	2,700,880	Telecommunications — 2.5%			
128,000	News Corp., Cl. A	638,332	1,452,800	65,000	CenturyLink Inc.	951,991	984,750
104,000	S&P Global Inc.	802,364	17,673,760	151,000	Cincinnati Bell Inc.†	2,333,807	1,174,780
215,000	The E.W. Scripps Co., Cl. A	2,665,801	3,381,950	160,000	Deutsche Telekom AG, ADR	2,418,914	2,716,800
10,000	The New York Times Co., Cl. A	89,319	222,900	30,000	Hellenic Telecommunications Organization SA	435,110	327,226
		5,279,648	25,432,290	25,000	Hellenic Telecommunications Organization SA, ADR	111,368	134,500
				16,000	Intelsat SA†	362,450	342,240
				87,607	Loral Space & Communications Inc.†	3,431,050	3,263,361
Real Estate — 0.7%							
16,500	Brookfield Asset Management Inc., Cl. A	291,551	632,775	6,000	Orange SA, ADR	63,335	97,140
104,000	Griffin Industrial Realty Inc.	1,510,666	3,317,600	400,000	Sprint Corp.†	2,181,132	2,328,000
10,000	Host Hotels & Resorts Inc., REIT	200,228	166,700	2,815,600	Telecom Italia SpA†	1,527,200	1,559,114
80,000	Ryman Hospitality Properties Inc., REIT	3,407,919	5,335,200	175,000	Telecom Italia SpA, ADR†	1,222,253	971,250
240,000	The St. Joe Co.†	1,849,359	3,160,800	39,981	Telefonica Brasil SA, ADR	373,700	476,973
100,000	Weyerhaeuser Co., REIT	2,070,571	2,186,000	245,000	Telefonica SA, ADR	2,812,942	2,072,700
		9,330,294	14,799,075	950,510	Telephone & Data Systems Inc.	19,046,554	30,929,595
				230,000	Telesites SAB de CV†	154,371	136,817
				145,000	VEON Ltd., ADR	603,407	339,300
				100,000	Verizon Communications Inc.	3,158,369	5,622,000
						41,187,953	53,476,546
Retail — 1.9%							
40,000	Aaron's Inc.	65,312	1,682,000	Transportation — 0.9%			
104,000	AutoNation Inc.†	843,097	3,712,800	272,000	GATX Corp.	6,865,313	19,260,320
49,000	Costco Wholesale Corp.	2,449,516	9,981,790	4,000	Kansas City Southern	7,317	381,800
130,000	CVS Health Corp.	4,166,986	8,517,600			6,872,630	19,642,120
200,000	Lianhua Supermarket Holdings Ltd., Cl. H†	87,948	30,649	Wireless Communications — 0.8%			
110,000	Macy's Inc.	1,255,916	3,275,800	115,000	America Movil SAB de CV, Cl. L, ADR	351,470	1,638,750
20,000	Murphy USA Inc.†	816,948	1,532,800	14,000	Millicom International Cellular SA	885,695	891,240
15,100	Penske Automotive Group Inc.	584,946	608,832	54,000	Millicom International Cellular SA, SDR	3,139,295	3,421,096
8,000	Rush Enterprises Inc., Cl. B	181,967	284,800				
43,000	The Cheesecake Factory Inc.	1,269,965	1,870,930				
22,500	The Home Depot Inc.	697,364	3,865,950				
122,700	The Kroger Co.	372,275	3,374,250				

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Schedule of Investments (Continued) — December 31, 2018

Shares		Cost	Market Value
COMMON STOCKS (Continued)			
Wireless Communications (Continued)			
208,000	NTT DoCoMo Inc.....	\$ 2,956,445	\$ 4,692,122
20,000	Tim Participacoes SA, ADR....	148,920	306,800
50,000	T-Mobile US Inc.†.....	1,496,458	3,180,500
56,000	United States Cellular Corp.†..	2,357,731	2,910,320
		<u>11,336,014</u>	<u>17,040,828</u>
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	756,241,574	2,163,520,507
CLOSED-END FUNDS — 0.3%			
84,000	Altaba Inc.†.....	1,201,084	4,866,960
11,417	Royce Global Value Trust Inc. .	99,328	101,383
87,450	Royce Value Trust Inc.	1,094,146	1,031,910
		<u>2,394,558</u>	<u>6,000,253</u>
	TOTAL CLOSED-END FUNDS ..	2,394,558	6,000,253
PREFERRED STOCKS — 0.0%			
Health Care — 0.0%			
31,580	The Phoenix Companies Inc., 7.450%, 01/15/32	674,937	497,385
RIGHTS — 0.0%			
Health Care — 0.0%			
20,000	American Medical Alert Corp.†	0	200
WARRANTS — 0.0%			
Hotels and Gaming — 0.0%			
195,000	The Indian Hotels Co. Ltd., expire 05/15/19†(b)	321,048	413,400
TOTAL			
	INVESTMENTS — 101.7% .	\$ 759,632,117	2,170,431,745
	Other Assets and Liabilities (Net) — (1.7)% .		(35,871,789)
	NET ASSETS — 100.0%		\$2,134,559,956

- (a) Security is valued using significant unobservable inputs and is classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.
- (b) 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 December 31, 2018, the market value of the Rule 144A security amounted to \$413,400 or 0.02% of net assets.
- † Non-income producing security.
- ADR American Depositary Receipt
GDR Global Depositary Receipt
REIT Real Estate Investment Trust
SDR Swedish Depositary Receipt

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities December 31, 2018

Assets:	
Investments, at value (cost \$759,632,117)	\$2,170,431,745
Receivable for investments sold	7,821,223
Receivable for Fund shares sold	622,941
Dividends and interest receivable	2,957,660
Prepaid expenses	39,342
Total Assets	<u>2,181,872,911</u>
Liabilities:	
Payable to custodian	12,187,752
Payable for investments purchased	656,886
Payable for Fund shares redeemed	4,370,281
Payable for investment advisory fees	1,902,879
Payable for distribution fees	391,758
Payable for accounting fees	7,500
Line of credit payable	27,260,000
Other accrued expenses	535,899
Total Liabilities	<u>47,312,955</u>
Net Assets	
(applicable to 43,295,763 shares outstanding)	<u>\$2,134,559,956</u>
Net Assets Consist of:	
Paid-in capital	\$ 730,273,026
Total distributable earnings(a)	<u>1,404,286,930</u>
Net Assets	<u>\$2,134,559,956</u>
Shares of Beneficial Interest, each at \$0.01 par value; unlimited number of shares authorized:	
Class AAA:	
Net Asset Value, offering, and redemption price per share (\$1,566,040,132 ÷ 31,677,612 shares outstanding)	<u>\$49.44</u>
Class A:	
Net Asset Value and redemption price per share (\$29,477,163 ÷ 603,052 shares outstanding)	<u>\$48.88</u>
Maximum offering price per share (NAV ÷ 0.9425, based on maximum sales charge of 5.75% of the offering price)	<u>\$51.86</u>
Class C:	
Net Asset Value and offering price per share (\$40,548,987 ÷ 902,993 shares outstanding)	<u>\$44.91(b)</u>
Class I:	
Net Asset Value, offering, and redemption price per share (\$498,493,674 ÷ 10,112,106 shares outstanding)	<u>\$49.30</u>

- (a) Effective December 31, 2018, the Fund has adopted disclosure requirements conforming to SEC Rule 6-04.17 of Regulation S-X and discloses total distributable earnings. See Note 2 for further details.
- (b) Redemption price varies based on the length of time held.

Statement of Operations For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

Investment Income:	
Dividends (net of foreign withholding taxes of \$1,044,554)	\$ 42,384,588
Interest	21,900
Total Income	<u>42,406,488</u>
Expenses:	
Investment advisory fees	25,305,347
Distribution fees - Class AAA	4,642,306
Distribution fees - Class A	85,767
Distribution fees - Class C	538,461
Distribution fees - Class T	2
Shareholder services fees	1,483,878
Custodian fees	304,478
Shareholder communications expenses	211,321
Trustees' fees	187,000
Interest expense	98,034
Registration expenses	94,380
Legal and audit fees	87,264
Accounting fees	45,000
Miscellaneous expenses	142,955
Total Expenses	<u>33,226,193</u>
Less:	
Expenses paid indirectly by broker (See Note 6)	<u>(18,482)</u>
Net Expenses	<u>33,207,711</u>
Net Investment Income	<u>9,198,777</u>
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments and Foreign Currency:	
Net realized gain on investments	212,174,718
Net realized loss on foreign currency transactions	<u>(86,044)</u>
Net realized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions	<u>212,088,674</u>
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation:	
on investments	(398,138,398)
on foreign currency translations	<u>(6,129)</u>
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments and foreign currency translations	<u>(398,144,527)</u>
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments and Foreign Currency	<u>(186,055,853)</u>
Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	<u>\$(176,857,076)</u>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets

	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>December 31, 2018</u>	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>December 31, 2017</u>
Operations:		
Net investment income.....	\$ 9,198,777	\$ 4,893,261
Net realized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions	212,088,674	232,170,521
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments and foreign currency translations.....	<u>(398,144,527)</u>	<u>248,708,317</u>
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	<u>(176,857,076)</u>	<u>485,772,099</u>
Distributions to Shareholders:		
Accumulated earnings		
Class AAA.....	(144,412,932)	(159,614,188)
Class A	(2,562,379)	(3,229,484)
Class C	(3,977,895)	(5,476,594)
Class I	(47,573,628)	(50,444,425)
Class T*.....	<u>—</u>	<u>(89)</u>
Total Distributions to Shareholders(a)	<u>(198,526,834)</u>	<u>(218,764,780)(b)</u>
Shares of Beneficial Interest Transactions:		
Class AAA.....	(133,265,773)	(195,754,410)
Class A	(5,437,841)	(22,503,465)
Class C	(15,546,195)	(15,644,906)
Class I	(1,035,992)	41,907,833
Class T*.....	<u>(1,176)</u>	<u>1,089</u>
Net Decrease in Net Assets from Shares of Beneficial Interest Transactions	<u>(155,286,977)</u>	<u>(191,993,859)</u>
Redemption Fees	<u>1,445</u>	<u>644</u>
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets	<u>(530,669,442)</u>	<u>75,014,104</u>
Net Assets:		
Beginning of year	<u>2,665,229,398</u>	<u>2,590,215,294</u>
End of year	<u>\$2,134,559,956</u>	<u>\$2,665,229,398</u>

(a) Effective December 31, 2018, the Fund has adopted disclosure requirements conforming to SEC Rule 6-04.17 of Regulation S-X. See Note 2 for further details.

(b) For the year ended December 31, 2017, the distributions to shareholders from net investment income were \$2,821,975 (Class AAA), \$44,974 (Class A), \$2,373,743 (Class I) and \$3 (Class T*) and net realized gain were \$156,792,213 (Class AAA), \$3,184,510 (Class A), \$5,476,594 (Class C), \$48,070,682 (Class I) and \$86 (Class T*).

* Class T Shares were liquidated on September 21, 2018.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Financial Highlights

Selected data for a share of beneficial interest outstanding throughout each year:

Year Ended December 31	Income (Loss) from Investment Operations					Distributions			Ratios to Average Net Assets/ Supplemental Data					
	Net Asset Value, Beginning of Year	Net Investment Income (Loss)(a)	Realized Gain on Investments	Total from Investment Operations	Net Investment Income	Net Realized Gain on Investments	Total Distributions	Redemption Fees (a)(b)	Net Asset Value, End of Year	Total Return†	Net Assets End of Year (in 000's)	Net Investment Income (Loss)	Operating Expenses	Portfolio Turnover Rate
Class AAA														
2018	\$58.97	\$ 0.19	\$ (4.77)	\$ (4.58)	\$(0.17)	\$(4.78)	\$(4.95)	\$0.00	\$49.44	(7.7)%	\$1,566,040	0.32%	1.35%(c)	2%
2017	53.33	0.09	10.67	10.76	(0.09)	(5.03)	(5.12)	0.00	58.97	20.2	1,973,845	0.15	1.35(c)	2
2016	54.10	0.33	5.96	6.29	(0.42)	(6.64)	(7.06)	0.00	53.33	11.6	1,966,374	0.59	1.36(c)	3
2015	65.39	0.20	(3.93)	(3.73)	(0.21)	(7.35)	(7.56)	0.00	54.10	(5.9)	2,160,274	0.31	1.35(c)	3
2014	65.31	0.19	3.04	3.23	(0.17)	(2.98)	(3.15)	0.00	65.39	4.9	3,011,541	0.28	1.35	5
Class A														
2018	\$58.36	\$ 0.19	\$ (4.72)	\$ (4.53)	\$(0.17)	\$(4.78)	\$(4.95)	\$0.00	\$48.88	(7.7)%	\$ 29,477	0.32%	1.35%(c)	2%
2017	52.80	0.09	10.57	10.66	(0.07)	(5.03)	(5.10)	0.00	58.36	20.2	39,598	0.15	1.35(c)	2
2016	53.62	0.33	5.90	6.23	(0.41)	(6.64)	(7.05)	0.00	52.80	11.6	56,913	0.59	1.36(c)	3
2015	64.88	0.20	(3.91)	(3.71)	(0.20)	(7.35)	(7.55)	0.00	53.62	(5.9)	74,447	0.31	1.35(c)	3
2014	64.82	0.19	3.02	3.21	(0.17)	(2.98)	(3.15)	0.00	64.88	4.9	110,428	0.28	1.35	5
Class C														
2018	\$54.28	\$(0.23)	\$ (4.36)	\$ (4.59)	—	\$(4.78)	\$(4.78)	\$0.00	\$44.91	(8.4)%	\$ 40,549	(0.43)%	2.10%(c)	2%
2017	49.72	(0.32)	9.91	9.59	—	(5.03)	(5.03)	0.00	54.28	19.3	63,821	(0.59)	2.10(c)	2
2016	50.87	(0.08)	5.57	5.49	—	(6.64)	(6.64)	0.00	49.72	10.8	72,850	(0.16)	2.11(c)	3
2015	62.21	(0.27)	(3.72)	(3.99)	—	(7.35)	(7.35)	0.00	50.87	(6.6)	96,670	(0.44)	2.10(c)	3
2014	62.58	(0.30)	2.91	2.61	—	(2.98)	(2.98)	0.00	62.21	4.1	125,548	(0.47)	2.10(c)	5
Class I														
2018	\$58.85	\$ 0.34	\$ (4.78)	\$ (4.44)	\$(0.33)	\$(4.78)	\$(5.11)	\$0.00	\$49.30	(7.5)%	\$ 498,494	0.57%	1.10%(c)	2%
2017	53.22	0.23	10.68	10.91	(0.25)	(5.03)	(5.28)	0.00	58.85	20.5	587,964	0.40	1.10(c)	2
2016	54.01	0.47	5.95	6.42	(0.57)	(6.64)	(7.21)	0.00	53.22	11.8	494,078	0.84	1.11(c)	3
2015	65.33	0.37	(3.94)	(3.57)	(0.40)	(7.35)	(7.75)	0.00	54.01	(5.6)	480,480	0.57	1.10(c)	3
2014	65.25	0.35	3.06	3.41	(0.35)	(2.98)	(3.33)	0.00	65.33	5.2	374,638	0.52	1.10	5

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

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

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

(c) The Fund received credits from a designated broker who agreed to pay certain Fund operating expenses. For the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017, 2016, and 2015, there was no impact on the expense ratios.

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1. Organization. The Gabelli Asset Fund was organized on November 25, 1985 as a Massachusetts business trust and commenced investment operations on March 3, 1986. The Fund is a diversified open-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). The Fund's primary objective is growth of capital. The Fund's secondary goal is to provide current income.

2. Significant Accounting Policies. 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 financial statements. 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 financial statements.

New Accounting Pronouncements. The SEC recently adopted changes to Regulation S-X to simplify the reporting of information by registered investment companies in financial statements. The amendments require presentation of the total, rather than the components, of distributable earnings on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities and also require presentation of the total, rather than the components, of distributions to shareholders, except for tax return of capital distributions, if any, on the Statement of Changes in Net Assets. The amendments also removed the requirement for parenthetical disclosure of undistributed net investment income on the Statement of Changes in Net Assets. These Regulation S-X amendments are reflected in the Fund's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2018. As a result of adopting these amendments, the distributions to shareholders in the December 31, 2017 Statement of Changes in Net Assets presented herein have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

To improve the effectiveness of fair value disclosure requirements, the Financial Accounting Standards Board recently issued Accounting Standard Update (ASU) 2018-13, Fair Value Measurement Disclosure Framework – Changes to the Disclosure Requirements for Fair Value Measurement (ASU 2018-13), which adds, removes, and modifies certain aspects relating to fair value disclosure. ASU 2018-13 is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019; early adoption of the additions relating to ASU 2018-13 is not required, even if early adoption is elected for the removals under ASU 2018-13. Management has early adopted the removals set forth in ASU 2018-13 in these financial statements and has not early adopted the additions set forth in ASU 2018-13.

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

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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 December 31, 2018 is as follows:

	Valuation Inputs			Total Market Value at 12/31/18
	Level 1 Quoted Prices	Level 2 Other Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs	
INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES:				
ASSETS (Market Value):				
Common Stocks:				
Aerospace	\$ 34,156,098	—	\$85,960	\$ 34,242,058
Airlines	—	\$ 145,000	—	145,000
Energy and Utilities	63,387,521	—	0	63,387,521
Financial Services	217,416,993	57,675	—	217,474,668
Manufactured Housing and Recreational Vehicles	4,544,732	400,000	—	4,944,732
Other Industries (a)	1,843,326,528	—	—	1,843,326,528
Total Common Stocks	2,162,831,872	602,675	85,960	2,163,520,507
Closed End Funds (a)	6,000,253	—	—	6,000,253
Preferred Stocks (a)	—	497,385	—	497,385
Rights (a)	—	—	200	200
Warrants (a)	—	413,400	—	413,400
TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES – ASSETS	\$2,168,832,125	\$1,513,460	\$86,160	\$2,170,431,745

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

During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Fund did not have transfers into or out of Level 3.

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. Among the factors to be considered to fair value a security are 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

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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 10% 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 at December 31, 2018, refer to the Schedule of Investments.

Investments in other Investment Companies. The Fund may invest, from time to time, in shares of other investment companies (or entities that would be considered investment companies but are excluded from the definition pursuant to certain exceptions under the 1940 Act) (the Acquired Funds) in accordance with the 1940 Act and related rules. Shareholders in the Fund would bear the pro rata portion of the periodic expenses of

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the Acquired Funds in addition to the Fund's expenses. For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Fund's pro rata portion of the periodic expenses charged by the Acquired Funds was less than one basis point.

Securities Transactions and Investment Income. Securities transactions are accounted for on the trade date with realized gain/(loss) on investments determined by using the identified cost method. Interest income (including amortization of premium and accretion of discount) is recorded on an accrual basis. Premiums and discounts on debt securities are amortized using the effective yield to maturity method. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date, except for certain dividends from foreign securities that are recorded as soon after the ex-dividend date as the Fund becomes aware of such dividends.

Determination of Net Asset Value and Calculation of Expenses. Certain administrative expenses are common to, and allocated among, various affiliated funds. Such allocations are made on the basis of each fund's average net assets or other criteria directly affecting the expenses as determined by the Adviser pursuant to procedures established by the Board.

In calculating the NAV per share of each class, investment income, realized and unrealized gains and losses, redemption fees, and expenses other than class specific expenses are allocated daily to each class of shares based upon the proportion of net assets of each class at the beginning of each day. Distribution expenses are borne solely by the class incurring the expense.

Distributions to Shareholders. Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Distributions to shareholders are based on income and capital gains as determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from income and capital gains as determined under GAAP. These differences are primarily due to differing treatments of income and gains on various investment securities and foreign currency transactions held by the Fund, timing differences, and differing characterizations of distributions made by the Fund. Distributions from net investment income for federal income tax purposes include net realized gains on foreign currency transactions. These book/tax differences are either temporary or permanent in nature. To the extent these differences are permanent, adjustments are made to the appropriate capital accounts in the period when the differences arise. Permanent differences were primarily due to utilization of tax equalization and prior year long term capital gain reversal on real estate investment trusts. These reclassifications have no impact on the NAV of the Fund. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, reclassifications were made to increase paid-in capital by \$17,228,240, with an offsetting adjustment to total distributable earnings.

The tax character of distributions paid during the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 was as follows:

	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>December 31, 2018</u>	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>December 31, 2017</u>
Distributions paid from:*		
Ordinary income (inclusive of short term capital gains)	\$ 9,562,188	\$ 5,513,510
Net long term capital gains	206,021,065	232,578,711
Total distributions paid	<u>\$215,583,253</u>	<u>\$238,092,221</u>

* Total distributions paid differs from the Statement of Changes in Net Assets due to the utilization of equalization.

Provision For Income Taxes. The Fund intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code). It is the policy of the Fund to comply with the requirements of the Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute

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substantially all of its net investment company taxable income and net capital gains. Therefore, no provision for federal income taxes is required.

As of December 31, 2018, the components of accumulated earnings/losses on a tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed long term capital gains	\$ 3,635,043
Net unrealized appreciation on investments and foreign currency translations	1,400,651,887
Total	<u>\$1,404,286,930</u>

At December 31, 2018, the differences between book basis and tax basis net unrealized appreciation were primarily due to mark-to-market adjustments on investments considered passive foreign investment companies and basis adjustments on investments in partnerships.

The following summarizes the tax cost of investments and the related net unrealized appreciation at December 31, 2018:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Appreciation</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Depreciation</u>	<u>Net Unrealized Appreciation</u>
Investments	\$769,776,648	\$1,441,087,863	\$(40,432,766)	\$1,400,655,097

The Fund is required to evaluate tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Fund's tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are "more-likely-than-not" of being sustained by the applicable tax authority. Income tax and related interest and penalties would be recognized by the Fund as tax expense in the Statement of Operations if the tax positions were deemed not to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold. For the year ended December 31, 2018, the Fund did not incur any income tax, interest, or penalties. As of December 31, 2018, the Adviser has reviewed all open tax years and concluded that there was no impact to the Fund's net assets or results of operations. The Fund's federal and state tax returns for the prior three fiscal years remain open, subject to examination. On an ongoing basis, the Adviser will monitor the Fund's tax positions to determine if adjustments to this conclusion are necessary.

3. Investment Advisory Agreement and Other Transactions. The Fund has entered into an investment advisory agreement (the Advisory Agreement) with the Adviser which provides that the Fund will pay the Adviser a fee, computed daily and paid monthly, at the annual rate of 1.00% of the value of its average daily net assets. In accordance with the Advisory Agreement, the Adviser provides a continuous investment program for the Fund's portfolio, oversees the administration of all aspects of the Fund's business and affairs, and pays the compensation of all Officers and Trustees of the Fund who are affiliated persons of the Adviser.

The Fund pays each Trustee who is not considered an affiliated person an annual retainer of \$18,000 plus \$2,000 for each Board meeting attended. Each Trustee is reimbursed by the Fund for any out of pocket expenses incurred in attending meetings. All Board committee members receive \$500 per meeting attended and the Chairman of the Audit Committee and the Lead Trustee each receives an annual fee of \$2,000. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee receives \$1,000 annually. A Trustee may receive a single meeting fee, allocated among the participating funds, for participation in certain meetings held on behalf of multiple funds. Trustees who are directors or employees of the Adviser or an affiliated company receive no compensation or expense reimbursement from the Fund.

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4. Distribution Plan. The Fund's Board has adopted a distribution plan (the Plan) for each class of shares, except Class I Shares, pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act. Under the Class AAA, Class A, and Class C Share Plans, payments are authorized to G.distributors, LLC (the Distributor), an affiliate of the Adviser, at annual rates of 0.25%, 0.25%, and 1.00%, respectively, of the average daily net assets of those classes, the annual limitations under each Plan. Such payments are accrued daily and paid monthly.

5. Portfolio Securities. Purchases and sales of securities during the year ended December 31, 2018, other than short term securities and U.S. Government Obligations, aggregated \$44,103,937 and \$399,432,157, respectively.

6. Transactions with Affiliates and Other Arrangements. During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Fund paid \$115,861 in brokerage commissions on security trades to G.research, LLC, an affiliate of the Adviser. Additionally, the Distributor retained a total of \$10,895 from investors representing commissions (sales charges and underwriting fees) on sales and redemptions of Fund shares.

During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Fund received credits from a designated broker who agreed to pay certain Fund operating expenses. The amount of such expenses paid through this directed broker arrangement during this period was \$18,482.

The cost of calculating the Fund's NAV per share is a Fund expense pursuant to the Advisory Agreement. During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Fund accrued \$45,000 in accounting fees in the Statement of Operations.

7. Line of Credit. The Fund participates in an unsecured line of credit, which expires on March 6, 2019 and may be renewed annually, of up to \$75,000,000 under which it may borrow up to 10% of its net assets from the custodian for temporary borrowing purposes. Borrowings under this arrangement bear interest at a floating rate equal to the higher of the overnight Federal Funds rate plus 125 basis points or the 30 day ICE LIBOR plus 125 basis points in effect on that day. This amount, if any, would be included in "Interest expense" in the Statement of Operations. At December 31, 2018, there was \$27,260,000 outstanding under the line of credit.

The average daily amount of borrowings outstanding under the line of credit during the year ended December 31, 2018 was \$3,710,052 with a weighted average interest rate of 3.32%. The maximum amount borrowed at any time during the year ended December 31, 2018 was \$57,732,000.

8. Shares of Beneficial Interest. The Fund offers four classes of shares – Class AAA Shares, Class A Shares, Class C Shares, and Class I Shares. Class AAA and Class I Shares are offered without a sales charge. Class A Shares are subject to a maximum front-end sales charge of 5.75%. Class C Shares are subject to a 1.00% contingent deferred sales charge for one year after purchase.

The Fund imposes a redemption fee of 2.00% on all classes of shares that are redeemed or exchanged on or before the seventh day after the date of a purchase. The redemption fee is deducted from the proceeds otherwise payable to the redeeming shareholders and is retained by the Fund as an increase in paid-in capital. The redemption fees retained by the Fund during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, if any, can be found in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets under Redemption Fees.

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Transactions in shares of beneficial interest were as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, 2018		Year Ended December 31, 2017	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Class AAA				
Shares sold.....	376,365	\$ 22,027,493	457,799	\$ 26,337,153
Shares issued upon reinvestment of distributions.....	2,788,826	136,609,152	2,559,280	151,256,170
Shares redeemed	(4,957,588)	(291,902,418)	(6,421,901)	(373,347,733)
Net decrease	<u>(1,792,397)</u>	<u>\$(133,265,773)</u>	<u>(3,404,822)</u>	<u>\$(195,754,410)</u>
Class A				
Shares sold.....	109,905	\$ 6,039,598	61,828	\$ 3,551,182
Shares issued upon reinvestment of distributions.....	48,229	2,335,787	50,505	2,954,019
Shares redeemed	(233,549)	(13,813,226)	(511,739)	(29,008,666)
Net decrease	<u>(75,415)</u>	<u>\$ (5,437,841)</u>	<u>(399,406)</u>	<u>\$ (22,503,465)</u>
Class C				
Shares sold.....	82,728	\$ 4,404,893	88,247	\$ 4,743,068
Shares issued upon reinvestment of distributions.....	81,680	3,634,745	88,624	4,822,031
Shares redeemed	(437,185)	(23,585,833)	(466,453)	(25,210,005)
Net decrease	<u>(272,777)</u>	<u>\$ (15,546,195)</u>	<u>(289,582)</u>	<u>\$ (15,644,906)</u>
Class I				
Shares sold.....	1,377,477	\$ 81,871,346	2,005,140	\$ 116,932,196
Shares issued upon reinvestment of distributions.....	894,832	43,703,607	782,917	46,176,445
Shares redeemed	(2,151,276)	(126,610,945)	(2,080,694)	(121,200,808)
Net increase/(decrease).....	<u>121,033</u>	<u>\$ (1,035,992)</u>	<u>707,363</u>	<u>\$ 41,907,833</u>
Class T*				
Shares sold.....	—	—	17	\$ 1,000
Shares issued upon reinvestment of distributions.....	—	—	2	89
Shares redeemed	(19)	\$ (1,176)	—	—
Net increase/(decrease).....	<u>(19)</u>	<u>\$ (1,176)</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>\$ 1,089</u>

* Class T Shares were liquidated on September 21, 2018.

9. Indemnifications. The Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown. However, the Fund has not had prior claims or losses pursuant to these contracts. Management has reviewed the Fund's existing contracts and expects the risk of loss to be remote.

10. Subsequent Events. Management has evaluated the impact on the Fund of all subsequent events occurring through the date the financial statements were issued and has determined that there were no subsequent events requiring recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

The Gabelli Asset Fund

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Trustees and
Shareholders of The Gabelli Asset Fund:

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, of The Gabelli Asset Fund (the “Fund”) as of December 31, 2018, the related statement of operations for the year ended December 31, 2018, the statement of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2018, including the related notes, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2018 (collectively referred to as the “financial statements”). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund as of December 31, 2018, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2018 and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2018 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Fund’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund’s financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Fund in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2018 by correspondence with the custodian and brokers; when replies were not received from brokers, we performed other auditing procedures. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
New York, New York
February 28, 2019

We have served as the auditor of one or more investment companies in Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex since 1986.

The Gabelli Asset Fund

Additional Fund Information (Unaudited)

The business and affairs of the Fund are managed under the direction of the Fund's Board of Trustees. Information pertaining to the Trustees and officers of the Fund is set forth below. The Fund's Statement of Additional Information includes additional information about the Fund's Trustees and is available without charge, upon request, by calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) or by writing to The Gabelli Asset Fund at One Corporate Center, Rye, NY 10580-1422.

<u>Name, Position(s) Address¹ and Age</u>	<u>Term of Office and Length of Time Served²</u>	<u>Number of Funds in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee</u>	<u>Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years</u>	<u>Other Directorships Held by Trustee³</u>
INTERESTED TRUSTEES⁴:				
Mario J. Gabelli, CFA Trustee and Chief Investment Officer Age: 76	Since 1986	35	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Investment Officer— Value Portfolios of GAMCO Investors, Inc. and Chief Investment Officer— Value Portfolios of Gabelli Funds, LLC and GAMCO Asset Management Inc.; Director/ Trustee or Chief Investment Officer of other registered investment companies within the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex; Chief Executive Officer of GGCP, Inc.; Executive Chairman of Associated Capital Group, Inc.	Director of Morgan Group Holdings, Inc. (holding company); Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of LICT Corp. (multimedia and communication services company); Director of CIBL, Inc. (broadcasting and wireless communications); Director of ICTC Group Inc. (communications)
John D. Gabelli Trustee Age: 74	Since 1999	12	Senior Vice President of G.research, LLC	—
INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES⁵:				
Anthony J. Colavita Trustee Age: 83	Since 1989	20	President of the law firm of Anthony J. Colavita, P.C.	—
James P. Conn Trustee Age: 80	Since 1992	26	Former Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer of Financial Security Assurance Holdings Ltd. (1992-1998)	—
Kuni Nakamura⁶ Trustee Age: 50	Since 2009	37	President of Advanced Polymer, Inc. (chemical manufacturing company); President of KEN Enterprises, Inc. (real estate)	—
Anthony R. Pustorino Trustee Age: 93	Since 1986	10	Certified Public Accountant; Professor Emeritus, Pace University	Director of The LGL Group, Inc. (diversified manufacturing) (2004-2011)
Werner J. Roeder Trustee Age: 78	Since 2001	23	Retired physician; Former Vice President of Medical Affairs (Medical Director) of New York Presbyterian/Lawrence Hospital (1999-2014)	—
Anthonie C. van Ekris⁶ Trustee Age: 84	1986-1989 1992-present	23	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of BALMAC International, Inc. (global import/export company)	—
Salvatore J. Zizza Trustee Age: 73	1986-1996 2000-present	32	President of Zizza & Associates Corp. (private holding company); Chairman of BAM (semiconductor and aerospace manufacturing); President of Bergen Cove Realty Inc.; Chairman of Metropolitan Paper Recycling Inc. (recycling) (2005-2014)	Director and Chairman of Trans-Lux Corporation (business services); Director and Chairman of Harbor Diversified Inc. (pharmaceuticals) (2009-2018)

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Additional Fund Information (Continued) (Unaudited)

<u>Name, Position(s) Address¹ and Age</u>	<u>Term of Office and Length of Time Served²</u>	<u>Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years</u>
OFFICERS:		
Bruce N. Alpert President Age: 67	Since 1988	Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Gabelli Funds, LLC since 1988; Officer of registered investment companies within the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex; Senior Vice President of GAMCO Investors, Inc. since 2008
John C. Ball Treasurer Age: 42	Since 2017	Treasurer of funds within the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex since 2017; Vice President and Assistant Treasurer of AMG Funds, 2014-2017; Vice President of State Street Corporation, 2007-2014
Agnes Mullady Vice President Age: 60	Since 2006	Officer of registered investment companies within the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex since 2006; President and Chief Operating Officer of the Fund Division of Gabelli Funds, LLC since 2015; Chief Executive Officer of G.distributors, LLC since 2010; Senior Vice President of GAMCO Investors, Inc. since 2009; Vice President of Gabelli Funds, LLC since 2007; Executive Vice President of Associated Capital Group, Inc. since 2016
Andrea R. Mango Secretary Age: 46	Since 2013	Vice President of GAMCO Investors, Inc. since 2016; Counsel of Gabelli Funds, LLC since 2013; Secretary of registered investment companies within the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex since 2013; Vice President of closed-end funds within the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex since 2014; Corporate Vice President within the Corporate Compliance Department of New York Life Insurance Company, 2011-2013
Richard J. Walz Chief Compliance Officer Age: 59	Since 2013	Chief Compliance Officer of registered investment companies within the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex since 2013; Chief Compliance Officer of AEGON USA Investment Management, 2011-2013

¹ Address: One Corporate Center, Rye, NY 10580-1422, unless otherwise noted.

² Each Trustee will hold office for an indefinite term until the earliest of (i) the next meeting of shareholders, if any, called for the purpose of considering the election or re-election of such Trustee and until the election and qualification of his or her successor, if any, elected at such meeting, or (ii) the date a Trustee resigns or retires, or a Trustee is removed by the Board of Trustees or shareholders, in accordance with the Fund's By-Laws and Declaration of Trust. Each officer will hold office for an indefinite term until the date he or she resigns or retires or until his or her successor is elected and qualified. For officers, includes time served in previous officer positions with the Fund.

³ This column includes only directorships of companies required to report to the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, i.e., public companies, or other investment companies registered under the 1940 Act.

⁴ "Interested person" of the Fund as defined in the 1940 Act. Messrs. Mario J. Gabelli and John D. Gabelli, who are brothers, are each considered an "interested person" because of their affiliation with Gabelli Funds, LLC which acts as the Fund's investment adviser.

⁵ Trustees who are not interested persons are considered "Independent" Trustees.

⁶ Mr. van Ekris is an independent director of Gabelli International Ltd., Gabelli Fund LDC, Gama Capital Opportunities Master Ltd., and GAMCO International SICAV, and Mr. Nakamura is a director of Gabelli Merger Plus+ Trust Plc, all of which may be deemed to be controlled by Mario J. Gabelli and/or affiliates and, in that event, would be deemed to be under common control with the Fund's Adviser.

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2018 TAX NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS (Unaudited)

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, the Fund paid to shareholders ordinary income distributions (comprised of net investment income and short term capital gains) totaling \$0.1875, \$0.1811, \$0.0152, and \$0.3465 per share for Class AAA, Class A, Class C, and Class I, respectively, and long term capital gains totaling \$206,021,065, or the maximum allowable. The distribution of long term capital gains has been designated as a capital gain dividend by the Fund's Board of Trustees. For the year ended December 31, 2018, 100% of the ordinary income distribution qualifies for the dividends received deduction available to corporations. The Fund designates 100% of the ordinary income distribution as qualified dividend income pursuant to the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003. The Fund designates 0.05% of the ordinary income distribution as qualified interest income pursuant to the Tax Relief, Unemployment Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010. The Fund designates 100.00% of the ordinary income distribution as qualified short term gain pursuant to the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004.

U.S. Government Income:

The percentage of the ordinary income distribution paid by the Fund during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 which was derived from U.S. Treasury securities was 0.04%. Such income is exempt from state and local tax in all states. However, many states, including New York and California, allow a tax exemption for a portion of the income earned only if a mutual fund has invested at least 50% of its assets at the end of each quarter of the Fund's fiscal year in U.S. Government securities. The Gabelli Asset Fund did not meet this strict requirement in 2018. The percentage of U.S. Government securities held as of December 31, 2018 was 0.00%. Due to the diversity in state and local tax law, it is recommended that you consult your personal tax adviser as to the applicability of the information provided to your specific situation.

All designations are based on financial information available as of the date of this annual report and, accordingly, are subject to change. For each item, it is the intention of the Fund to designate the maximum amount permitted under the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder.

Gabelli/GAMCO Funds and Your Personal Privacy

Who are we?

The Gabelli/GAMCO Funds are investment companies registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Company Act of 1940. We are managed by Gabelli Funds, LLC, which is affiliated with GAMCO Investors, Inc., a publicly held company with 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.

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 Associated Capital Group, Inc. Mr. Gabelli is a summa cum laude graduate of Fordham University and holds an MBA degree from Columbia Business School and Honorary Doctorates from Fordham University and Roger Williams University.

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

Kevin V. Dreyer joined Gabelli in 2005 as a research analyst covering companies within the consumer sector. Currently he is a Managing Director and Co-Chief Investment Officer for GAMCO Investors, Inc.'s Value team. In addition, he serves as a portfolio manager of Gabelli Funds, LLC and manages several funds within the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex. Mr. Dreyer received a BSE from the University of Pennsylvania and an MBA degree from Columbia Business School.

Jeffrey J. Jonas, CFA, joined Gabelli in 2003 as a research analyst focusing on companies across the healthcare industry. In 2006, he began serving as a portfolio manager of Gabelli Funds, LLC and manages several funds within the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex. Mr. Jonas was a Presidential Scholar at Boston College, where he received a BS in Finance and Management Information Systems.

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.

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