

GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC
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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

**QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

Investment Company Act file number 811-04700

The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

One Corporate Center

Rye, New York 10580-1422

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Bruce N. Alpert

Gabelli Funds, LLC

One Corporate Center

Rye, New York 10580-1422

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 1-800-422-3554

Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: September 30, 2016

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments.

The Schedule(s) of Investments is attached herewith.

The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.

Third Quarter Report September 30, 2016

(Y)our Portfolio Management Team

To Our Shareholders,

For the quarter ended September 30, 2016, the net asset value (NAV) total return of The Gabelli Equity Trust (the Fund) was 3.7%, compared with total returns of 3.9% and 2.8% for the Standard & Poor s (S&P) 500 Index and the Dow Jones Industrial Average, respectively. The total return for the Fund s publicly traded shares was 5.5%. The Fund s NAV per share was \$5.83, while the price of the publicly traded shares closed at \$5.64 on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). See below for additional performance information.

Enclosed is the schedule of investments as of September 30, 2016.

Comparative Results

Average Annual Returns through September 30, 2016 (a) (Unaudited)

| | Quarter | 1 Year | 5 Year | 10 Year | 15 Year | 20 Year | 25 Year | Since Inception (08/21/86) |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------------|
| Gabelli Equity Trust | | | | | | | | |
| NAV Total Return (b) | 3.73% | 14.92% | 16.24% | 7.85% | 9.53% | 9.57% | 10.29% | 10.63% |
| Investment Total Return (c) | 5.48 | 21.33 | 15.12 | 7.52 | 7.82 | 9.53 | 10.11 | 10.25 |
| S&P 500 Index | 3.85 | 15.43 | 16.37 | 7.24 | 7.15 | 7.91 | 9.37 | 9.88(d) |
| Dow Jones Industrial Average | 2.75 | 15.35 | 13.69 | 7.35 | 7.59 | 8.29 | 10.07 | 10.66(d) |
| Nasdaq Composite Index | 10.01 | 16.45 | 18.62 | 10.15 | 9.92 | 8.52 | 9.68 | 8.39(e) |

(a) Returns represent past performance and do not guarantee future results. Investment returns and the principal value of an investment will fluctuate. When shares are sold, they may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data presented. Visit www.gabelli.com for performance information as of the most recent month end. Performance returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the Fund before investing. The Dow Jones Industrial Average is an unmanaged index of 30 large capitalization stocks. The S&P 500 and the Nasdaq Composite Indices are unmanaged indicators of stock market performance. Dividends are considered reinvested except for the Nasdaq Composite Index. You cannot invest directly in an index.

(b) Total returns and average annual returns reflect changes in the NAV per share, reinvestment of distributions at NAV on the ex-dividend date, adjustments for rights offerings, spin-offs, and taxes paid on undistributed long term capital gains and are net of expenses. Since inception return is based on an initial NAV of \$9.34.

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(c) Total returns and average annual returns reflect changes in closing market values on the NYSE, reinvestment of distributions, and adjustments for rights offerings, spin-offs, and taxes paid on undistributed long term capital gains. Since inception return is based on an initial offering price of \$10.00.

(d) From August 31, 1986, the date closest to the Fund's inception for which data is available.

(e) From September 30, 1986, the date closest to the Fund's inception for which data is available.

The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.**Portfolio Changes Quarter Ended September 30, 2016 (Unaudited)**

| | Shares | Ownership at September 30, 2016 |
|---|---------|---------------------------------------|
| NET PURCHASES | | |
| Common Stocks | | |
| Alcoa Inc. | 15,000 | 125,000 |
| Alere Inc. | 1,500 | 70,000 |
| Allergan plc | 2,000 | 14,500 |
| Ascena Retail Group Inc. | 96,811 | 96,811 |
| Ashland Global Holdings Inc. | 10,000 | 10,000 |
| BioScrip Inc. | 25,000 | 1,930,453 |
| Blackhawk Network Holdings Inc. | 16,300 | 16,300 |
| Brown-Forman Corp., Cl. A(a) | 52,659 | 106,200 |
| Brown-Forman Corp., Cl. B(b) | 17,975 | 35,950 |
| Canadian Solar Inc. | 70,000 | 70,000 |
| Church & Dwight Co. Inc.(c) | 14,000 | 28,000 |
| CommerceHub Inc., Cl. C | 13,466 | 13,466 |
| CommerceHub Inc., Cl. A | 4,733 | 4,733 |
| Dana Inc. | 6,800 | 240,900 |
| Deutsche Bank AG | 3,223 | 16,000 |
| Diebold Inc. | 5,000 | 95,000 |
| DISH Network Corp., Cl. A | 5,000 | 77,900 |
| EchoStar Corp., Cl. A | 5,000 | 80,300 |
| Endo International plc | 25,000 | 25,000 |
| Financial Engines Inc. | 2,000 | 8,000 |
| H&R Block Inc. | 3,000 | 61,000 |
| Herc Holdings Inc. | 42,000 | 42,000 |
| Hertz Global Holdings Inc. | 62,000 | 62,000 |
| Internap Corp. | 477,150 | 1,042,862 |
| Jason Industries Inc. | 127,885 | 192,885 |
| Johnson Controls International plc(d) | 347,178 | 347,178 |
| Liberty Braves Group., Cl. C | 2,116 | 73,758 |
| Liberty Braves Group., Cl. A | 1,000 | 10,700 |
| Liberty Broadband Corp., Cl. C | 2,145 | 64,192 |
| Liberty Global plc., Cl. C | 5,000 | 417,893 |
| Liberty Interactive Corp. QVC Group., Cl. A | 13,200 | 218,200 |
| Liberty Media Group., Cl. C | 4,000 | 52,250 |
| LinkedIn Corp., Cl. A | 10,000 | 25,000 |
| Loral Space & Communications Inc. | 4,000 | 21,000 |
| Marriott International, Inc., Cl. A | 23,200 | 23,200 |
| Millicom International Cellular SA | 9,000 | 56,000 |
| Navistar International Corp. | 126 | 158,000 |

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|---|---------|---------|
| Och-Ziff Capital Management Group LLC., Cl. A | 28,000 | 50,000 |
| ServiceMaster Global Holdings Inc. | 14,000 | 14,000 |
| Telesites SAB de CV | 105,000 | 105,000 |
| Terex Corp. | 5,000 | 5,000 |
| The E.W. Scripps Co., Cl. A | 15,000 | 40,000 |
| The New Germany Fund Inc.(e) | 3,808 | 135,374 |
| The WhiteWave Foods Co. | 15,000 | 57,000 |

| | Shares | Ownership at September 30, 2016 |
|--------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------|
| TimkenSteel Corp. | 55,000 | 120,000 |
| Twenty-First Century Fox Inc., Cl. B | 1,000 | 370,000 |
| Viacom Inc., Cl. A | 3,021 | 279,521 |
| Vodafone Group plc | 8,000 | 48,027 |
| Waddell & Reed Financial Inc., Cl. A | 13,000 | 70,000 |
| Wynn Resorts Ltd. | 2,500 | 5,000 |

NET SALES

Common Stocks

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| AMETEK Inc. | (1,000) | 436,000 |
| Ascent Capital Group Inc., Cl. A | (10,000) | 12,000 |
| Ashland Inc. | (10,000) | |
| AT&T Inc. | (10,000) | 195,000 |
| Avon Products Inc. | (5,000) | 125,000 |
| Baxter International Inc. | (5,000) | 17,000 |
| BioMarin Pharmaceutical Inc. | (7,500) | |
| Cempra Inc. | (20,000) | 68,400 |
| CIT Group Inc. | (6,000) | 12,800 |
| Corning Inc. | (5,000) | 435,000 |
| CST Brands Inc. | (15,000) | 110,500 |
| Deere & Co. | (3,395) | 271,000 |
| DigitalGlobe Inc. | (12,000) | 23,000 |
| Discovery Communications Inc., Cl. C | (5,000) | 239,800 |
| Donaldson Co. Inc. | (11,000) | 343,893 |
| Energizer Holdings Inc. | (4,000) | 148,000 |
| Flowserve Corp. | (18,181) | 225,000 |
| Fortinet Inc. | (5,000) | 20,000 |
| Gaming and Leisure Properties Inc. | (5,400) | 15,000 |
| Gogo Inc. | (10,000) | 190,000 |
| Grupo Televisa SAB | (9,000) | 542,000 |
| Hertz Global Holdings Inc. | (290,000) | |
| Inventure Foods Inc. | (61,653) | 138,347 |
| Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd. | (1,300) | 16,000 |
| Johnson Controls Inc.(d) | (160,600) | |
| Liberty Global plc LiLAC., Cl. A | (736) | 21,712 |
| Liberty Global plc LiLAC., Cl. C | (14,348) | 42,918 |
| Liberty SiriusXM Group., Cl. C | (7,000) | 173,000 |
| Macy's Inc. | (10,000) | 326,000 |
| Medtronic plc | (6,000) | 14,000 |

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|-------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| MeredithCorp. | (4,000) | 96,300 |
| Methanex Corp. | (10,000) | 75,000 |
| MSG Networks Inc., Cl. A | (5,000) | 292,400 |
| Mylan NV | (4,000) | 5,000 |
| O Reilly Automotive Inc. | (3,000) | 77,000 |
| Penske Automotive Group Inc. | (2,000) | 30,000 |
| Quinpario Acquisition Corp. 2 | (17,100) | 32,900 |
| Rollins Inc. | (16,000) | 1,709,577 |

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.

The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.**Portfolio Changes (Continued) Quarter Ended September 30, 2016 (Unaudited)**

| | Shares | Ownership at September 30, 2016 |
|--|---------------|--|
| Rolls-Royce Holdings plc., Cl. C(f) | (85,839,000) | |
| Rowan Companies plc., Cl. A | (5,000) | 130,000 |
| Shire plc | (426) | 1,500 |
| Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc.(g) | (29,000) | |
| Telesites SAB | (105,000) | |
| Tyco International plc(d) | (223,000) | |
| United Natural Foods Inc. | (15,000) | 32,000 |
| UnitedHealth Group Inc. | (5,000) | 79,000 |
| Vivendi SA | (5,000) | 295,000 |
| <u>William Demant Holding A/S</u> | (4,500) | 268,000 |
| (a) Stock Split - 2 new shares for every 1 share held of Brown-Forman Corp., Cl. A | | |
| (b) Stock Split - 2 new shares for every 1 share held of Brown-Forman Corp., Cl. B | | |
| (c) Stock Split - 2 new shares for every 1 share held of Church & Dwight Co. Inc. | | |
| (d) Merger - \$5.7293 cash plus 0.8357 shares of Johnson Controls International plc for every 1 share of Johnson Controls Inc. | | |
| (e) Stock dividend - 0.0289 shares of The New Germany Fund Inc. for every 1 share held. | | |
| (f) Cash Merger - GBP 0.001 in cash for every 1 share held | | |
| (g) Merger - \$21 cash plus 0.80 shares of Marriott International Inc. Class A for every 1 share of Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc. | | |

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.

The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.**Schedule of Investments September 30, 2016 (Unaudited)**

| Shares | | Market Value |
|-----------|---|-----------------|
| | COMMON STOCKS 96.8% | |
| | Food and Beverage 11.9% | |
| 3,000 | Ajinomoto Co. Inc. | \$ 66,343 |
| 106,200 | Brown-Forman Corp., Cl. A | 5,283,450 |
| 35,950 | Brown-Forman Corp., Cl. B | 1,705,468 |
| 63,800 | Campbell Soup Co. | 3,489,860 |
| 65,000 | Chr. Hansen Holding A/S | 3,863,969 |
| 15,000 | Coca-Cola European Partners plc | 598,500 |
| 125,000 | ConAgra Foods Inc. | 5,888,750 |
| 30,000 | Constellation Brands Inc., Cl. A | 4,994,700 |
| 18,000 | Crimson Wine Group Ltd. | 155,700 |
| 201,500 | Danone SA | 14,950,825 |
| 652,800 | Davide Campari-Milano SpA | 7,355,266 |
| 188,000 | Diageo plc, ADR | 21,815,520 |
| 85,400 | Dr Pepper Snapple Group Inc. | 7,797,874 |
| 80,000 | Flowers Foods Inc. | 1,209,600 |
| 76,200 | Fomento Economico Mexicano SAB de CV, ADR | 7,013,448 |
| 55,000 | General Mills Inc. | 3,513,400 |
| 1,848,400 | Grupo Bimbo SAB de CV, Cl. A | 4,890,363 |
| 41,300 | Heineken NV | 3,633,160 |
| 11,000 | Ingredion Inc. | 1,463,660 |
| 138,347 | Inventure Foods Inc. | 1,300,462 |
| 105,000 | ITO EN Ltd. | 3,706,918 |
| 22,800 | Kellogg Co. | 1,766,316 |
| 64,000 | Kerry Group plc, Cl. A | 5,265,573 |
| 9,700 | LVMH Moët Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE | 1,654,096 |
| 45,000 | Maple Leaf Foods Inc. | 1,032,776 |
| 290,000 | Mondelēz International Inc., Cl. A | 12,731,000 |
| 70,000 | Morinaga Milk Industry Co. Ltd. | 557,073 |
| 42,900 | Nestlé SA | 3,380,335 |
| 198,000 | PepsiCo Inc. | 21,536,460 |
| 39,200 | Pernod Ricard SA | 4,639,144 |
| 26,000 | Post Holdings Inc. | 2,006,420 |
| 40,000 | Remy Cointreau SA | 3,413,653 |
| 55,333 | The Kraft Heinz Co. | 4,952,857 |
| 117,600 | The Coca-Cola Co. | 4,976,832 |
| 32,000 | The Hain Celestial Group Inc. | 1,138,560 |
| 3,000 | The J.M. Smucker Co. | 406,620 |
| 57,000 | The WhiteWave Foods Co. | 3,102,510 |

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| 128,941 | Tootsie Roll Industries Inc. | 4,748,897 |
| 50,000 | Tyson Foods Inc., Cl. A | 3,733,500 |
| 341,000 | Yakult Honsha Co. Ltd. | 15,266,900 |
| | | 201,006,758 |

Financial Services 8.6%

| | | |
|---------|--|------------|
| 417,000 | American Express Co.(a) | 26,704,680 |
| 25,000 | American International Group Inc. | 1,483,500 |
| 14,520 | Argo Group International Holdings Ltd. | 819,218 |
| 72,000 | Banco Santander SA, ADR | 317,520 |
| 123 | Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Cl. A | 26,595,060 |
| 16,300 | Blackhawk Network Holdings Inc. | 491,771 |
| 10,000 | Calamos Asset Management Inc., Cl. A | 68,200 |

Market

| Shares | | Value |
|---------|--|------------|
| 12,800 | CIT Group Inc. | \$ 464,640 |
| 88,000 | Citigroup Inc. | 4,156,240 |
| 9,000 | Cullen/Frost Bankers Inc. | 647,460 |
| 16,000 | Deutsche Bank AG | 209,440 |
| 8,000 | Financial Engines Inc. | 237,680 |
| 50,000 | Fortress Investment Group LLC, Cl. A | 247,000 |
| 61,000 | H&R Block Inc. | 1,412,150 |
| 20,000 | Hennessy Capital Acquisition Corp. II | 203,500 |
| 40,000 | Interactive Brokers Group Inc., Cl. A | 1,410,800 |
| 340,100 | Janus Capital Group Inc. | 4,764,801 |
| 61,400 | JPMorgan Chase & Co. | 4,088,626 |
| 32,400 | Kinnevik AB, Cl. A | 901,133 |
| 125,000 | Legg Mason Inc. | 4,185,000 |
| 95,900 | Leucadia National Corp. | 1,825,936 |
| 14,000 | Loews Corp. | 576,100 |
| 125,000 | Marsh & McLennan Companies Inc. | 8,406,250 |
| 9,000 | Moody's Corp. | 974,520 |
| 50,000 | Och-Ziff Capital Management Group LLC, Cl. A | 217,000 |
| 20,000 | PayPal Holdings Inc. | 819,400 |
| 32,900 | Quinpario Acquisition Corp. 2 | 333,442 |
| 105,300 | S&P Global Inc. | 13,326,768 |
| 124,100 | State Street Corp. | 8,641,083 |
| 17,000 | SunTrust Banks Inc. | 744,600 |
| 103,400 | T. Rowe Price Group Inc. | 6,876,100 |
| 210,500 | The Bank of New York Mellon Corp. | 8,394,740 |
| 20,000 | The Charles Schwab Corp. | 631,400 |
| 12,300 | The Dun & Bradstreet Corp. | 1,680,426 |
| 10,000 | The PNC Financial Services Group Inc. | 900,900 |
| 13,000 | W. R. Berkley Corp. | 750,880 |
| 70,000 | Waddell & Reed Financial Inc., Cl. A | 1,271,200 |
| 235,000 | Wells Fargo & Co. | 10,405,800 |

146,184,964

| Entertainment 6.7% | | |
|---------------------------|---|-------------|
| 30,812 | Charter Communications Inc., Cl. A | 8,318,316 |
| 41,600 | Discovery Communications Inc., Cl. A | 1,119,872 |
| 239,800 | Discovery Communications Inc., Cl. C | 6,309,138 |
| 542,000 | Grupo Televisa SAB, ADR | 13,923,980 |
| 10,700 | Liberty Braves Group, Cl. A | 186,715 |
| 73,758 | Liberty Braves Group, Cl. C | 1,281,914 |
| 143,123 | Media General Inc. | 2,637,757 |
| 24,000 | Pinnacle Entertainment Inc. | 296,160 |
| 71,700 | Starz, Cl. A | 2,236,323 |
| 103,134 | The Madison Square Garden Co, Cl. A | 17,471,931 |
| 201,800 | Time Warner Inc. | 16,065,298 |
| 40,000 | Tokyo Broadcasting System Holdings Inc. | 619,693 |
| 560,200 | Twenty-First Century Fox Inc., Cl. A | 13,568,044 |
| 370,000 | Twenty-First Century Fox Inc., Cl. B | 9,153,800 |
| 70,000 | Universal Entertainment Corp. | 2,064,691 |
| 279,521 | Viacom Inc., Cl. A | 11,969,089 |
| 295,000 | Vivendi SA | 5,948,449 |
| | | 113,171,170 |

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The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.**Schedule of Investments (Continued) September 30, 2016 (Unaudited)**

| Shares | | Market Value |
|------------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| COMMON STOCKS (Continued) | | |
| Equipment and Supplies 5.6% | | |
| 436,000 | AMETEK Inc. | \$ 20,832,080 |
| 7,000 | Amphenol Corp., Cl. A | 454,440 |
| 94,000 | CIRCOR International Inc. | 5,598,640 |
| 343,893 | Donaldson Co. Inc. | 12,837,526 |
| 225,000 | Flowserve Corp. | 10,854,000 |
| 37,400 | Franklin Electric Co. Inc. | 1,522,554 |
| 257,000 | IDEX Corp. | 24,047,490 |
| 43,000 | Ingersoll-Rand plc | 2,921,420 |
| 4,000 | Manitowoc Foodservice Inc. | 64,880 |
| 40,100 | Mueller Industries Inc. | 1,300,042 |
| 13,000 | Sealed Air Corp. | 595,660 |
| 45,000 | Tenaris SA, ADR | 1,278,000 |
| 10,000 | The Greenbrier Companies Inc. | 353,000 |
| 4,000 | The Manitowoc Co. Inc. | 19,160 |
| 76,000 | The Timken Co. | 2,670,640 |
| 59,600 | The Weir Group plc | 1,313,252 |
| 125,000 | Watts Water Technologies Inc., Cl. A | 8,105,000 |
| | | 94,767,784 |
| Health Care 5.1% | | |
| 6,000 | Agilent Technologies Inc. | 282,540 |
| 30,000 | Akorn Inc. | 817,800 |
| 70,000 | Alere Inc. | 3,026,800 |
| 14,500 | Allergan plc | 3,339,495 |
| 34,000 | Amgen Inc. | 5,671,540 |
| 17,000 | Baxter International Inc. | 809,200 |
| 10,000 | Becton, Dickinson and Co. | 1,797,300 |
| 9,200 | Biogen Inc. | 2,879,876 |
| 1,930,453 | BioScrip Inc. | 5,579,009 |
| 270,000 | Boston Scientific Corp. | 6,426,000 |
| 76,300 | Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. | 4,114,096 |
| 68,400 | Cempra Inc. | 1,655,280 |
| 15,000 | DaVita Inc. | 991,050 |
| 25,000 | Endo International plc | 503,750 |

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| 20,000 | Express Scripts Holding Co. | 1,410,600 |
| 28,000 | Henry Schein Inc. | 4,563,440 |
| 46,800 | Indivior plc | 185,921 |
| 37,000 | Johnson & Johnson | 4,370,810 |
| 25,000 | Mead Johnson Nutrition Co. | 1,975,250 |
| 14,000 | Medtronic plc. | 1,209,600 |
| 95,200 | Merck & Co. Inc. | 5,941,432 |
| 5,000 | Mylan NV | 190,600 |
| 88,200 | Novartis AG, ADR | 6,964,272 |
| 1,500 | Shire plc, ADR | 290,790 |
| 15,000 | Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., ADR | 690,150 |
| 79,000 | UnitedHealth Group Inc. | 11,060,000 |
| 4,000 | Waters Corp. | 633,960 |
| 268,000 | William Demant Holding A/S | 5,470,873 |
| 8,600 | Zimmer Biomet Holdings Inc. | 1,118,172 |

Market

| Shares | | Value |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| 35,000 | Zoetis Inc. | \$ 1,820,350 |
| | | 85,789,956 |

Diversified Industrial 4.7%

| | | |
|---------|------------------------------------|------------|
| 500 | Acuity Brands Inc. | 132,300 |
| 160,000 | Ampco-Pittsburgh Corp. | 1,774,400 |
| 175,100 | Crane Co. | 11,033,051 |
| 149,000 | General Electric Co. | 4,413,380 |
| 134,000 | Greif Inc., Cl. A | 6,645,060 |
| 12,800 | Greif Inc., Cl. B | 775,552 |
| 32,000 | Griffon Corp. | 544,320 |
| 336,000 | Honeywell International Inc. | 39,174,240 |
| 117,000 | ITT Inc. | 4,193,280 |
| 11,000 | Jardine Strategic Holdings Ltd. | 359,700 |
| 40,000 | Kennametal Inc. | 1,160,800 |
| 50,000 | Myers Industries Inc. | 649,500 |
| 86,000 | Park-Ohio Holdings Corp. | 3,134,700 |
| 9,666 | Rayonier Advanced Materials Inc. | 129,234 |
| 30,000 | Rexnord Corp. | 642,300 |
| 14,000 | ServiceMaster Global Holdings Inc. | 471,520 |
| 15,000 | Sulzer AG | 1,568,708 |
| 5,000 | Terex Corp. | 127,050 |
| 100,000 | Toray Industries Inc. | 965,436 |
| 12,000 | Tredegar Corp. | 223,080 |
| 46,000 | Trinity Industries Inc. | 1,112,280 |

79,229,891

Consumer Products 4.4%

| | | |
|---------|--------------------|-----------|
| 125,000 | Avon Products Inc. | 707,500 |
| 15,300 | Christian Dior SE | 2,742,240 |

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| 28,000 | Church & Dwight Co. Inc. | 1,341,760 |
| 65,600 | Coty Inc., Cl. A | 1,541,600 |
| 5,000 | Crocs Inc. | 41,500 |
| 196,600 | Edgewell Personal Care Co. | 15,633,632 |
| 148,000 | Energizer Holdings Inc. | 7,394,080 |
| 2,100 | Givaudan SA | 4,273,495 |
| 95,000 | Hanesbrands Inc. | 2,398,750 |
| 23,800 | Harley-Davidson Inc. | 1,251,642 |
| 1,270 | Hermes International | 516,808 |
| 5,000 | Mattel Inc. | 151,400 |
| 11,000 | National Presto Industries Inc. | 965,690 |
| 10,000 | Oil-Dri Corp. of America | 376,400 |
| 46,800 | Reckitt Benckiser Group plc | 4,406,911 |
| 27,600 | Svenska Cellulosa AB, Cl. B | 819,751 |
| 816,900 | Swedish Match AB | 29,976,234 |
| | | 74,539,393 |

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|---------|--|-------------|
| | Automotive: Parts and Accessories | 4.2% |
| 107,600 | BorgWarner Inc. | 3,785,368 |
| 104,900 | CLARCOR Inc. | 6,818,500 |
| 240,900 | Dana Inc. | 3,755,631 |
| 241,400 | Genuine Parts Co. | 24,248,630 |
| 192,885 | Jason Industries Inc. | 428,205 |

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.

The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.**Schedule of Investments (Continued) September 30, 2016 (Unaudited)**

| Shares | | Market Value |
|--|--|-----------------|
| COMMON STOCKS (Continued) | | |
| Automotive: Parts and Accessories (Continued) | | |
| 180,000 | Modine Manufacturing Co. | \$ 2,134,800 |
| 77,000 | O Reilly Automotive Inc. | 21,568,470 |
| 115,000 | Standard Motor Products Inc. | 5,492,400 |
| 73,000 | Superior Industries International Inc. | 2,128,680 |
| 14,000 | Visteon Corp. | 1,003,240 |
| | | 71,363,924 |
| Energy and Utilities 4.1% | | |
| 11,000 | ABB Ltd., ADR | 247,610 |
| 39,000 | Anadarko Petroleum Corp. | 2,471,040 |
| 59,000 | Apache Corp. | 3,768,330 |
| 80,000 | BP plc, ADR | 2,812,800 |
| 70,000 | Canadian Solar Inc. | 961,800 |
| 16,000 | CMS Energy Corp. | 672,160 |
| 185,100 | ConocoPhillips | 8,046,297 |
| 207,500 | El Paso Electric Co. | 9,704,775 |
| 24,000 | Eversource Energy | 1,300,320 |
| 57,600 | Exxon Mobil Corp. | 5,027,328 |
| 140,000 | GenOn Energy Inc., Escrow | 0 |
| 196,400 | Halliburton Co. | 8,814,432 |
| 4,000 | Marathon Oil Corp. | 63,240 |
| 8,000 | Marathon Petroleum Corp. | 324,720 |
| 20,000 | Murphy USA Inc. | 1,427,200 |
| 19,000 | National Fuel Gas Co. | 1,027,330 |
| 13,500 | NextEra Energy Inc. | 1,651,320 |
| 1,000 | Niko Resources Ltd., OTC | 98 |
| 3,000 | Niko Resources Ltd., Toronto | 297 |
| 32,400 | Oceaneering International Inc. | 891,324 |
| 15,100 | Phillips 66 | 1,216,305 |
| 130,000 | Rowan Companies plc, Cl. A | 1,970,800 |
| 28,000 | RPC Inc. | 470,400 |
| 15,000 | Southwest Gas Corp. | 1,047,900 |
| 100,000 | Spectra Energy Corp. | 4,275,000 |
| 101,000 | The AES Corp. | 1,297,850 |
| 35,000 | Weatherford International plc | 196,700 |

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|---------------------------------|--|---------------|
| 162,000 | Westar Energy Inc. | 9,193,500 |
| | | 68,880,876 |
| Consumer Services 3.6% | | |
| 20,000 | eBay Inc. | 658,000 |
| 43,000 | IAC/InterActiveCorp. | 2,686,210 |
| 218,200 | Liberty Interactive Corp. QVC Group, Cl. A | 4,366,182 |
| 21,000 | Liberty TripAdvisor Holdings Inc., Cl. A | 458,850 |
| 67,330 | Liberty Ventures, Cl. A | 2,684,447 |
| 1,709,577 | Rollins Inc. | 50,056,415 |
| 5,500 | TripAdvisor Inc. | 347,490 |
| | | 61,257,594 |
| Cable and Satellite 3.5% | | |
| 258,600 | AMC Networks Inc., Cl. A | 13,410,996 |
| 2,100 | Cable One Inc. | 1,226,400 |
| | | Market |
| Shares | | Value |
| 90,000 | Comcast Corp., Cl. A | \$ 5,970,600 |
| 77,900 | DISH Network Corp., Cl. A | 4,267,362 |
| 80,300 | EchoStar Corp., Cl. A | 3,519,549 |
| 21,712 | Liberty Global plc LiLAC, Cl. A | 599,034 |
| 42,918 | Liberty Global plc LiLAC, Cl. C | 1,203,850 |
| 437,890 | Rogers Communications Inc., New York, Cl. B | 18,575,294 |
| 19,310 | Rogers Communications Inc., Toronto, Cl. B | 819,234 |
| 108,800 | Scripps Networks Interactive Inc., Cl. A | 6,907,712 |
| 120,000 | Shaw Communications Inc., New York, Cl. B | 2,455,200 |
| 40,000 | Shaw Communications Inc., Toronto, Cl. B | 818,629 |
| | | 59,773,860 |
| Telecommunications 3.5% | | |
| 195,000 | AT&T Inc. | 7,918,950 |
| 55,400 | BCE Inc. | 2,558,372 |
| 914,200 | BT Group plc, Cl. A | 4,609,984 |
| 750,000 | Cincinnati Bell Inc. | 3,060,000 |
| 100,000 | Deutsche Telekom AG, ADR | 1,679,000 |
| 190,000 | Gogo Inc. | 2,097,600 |
| 32,001 | Harris Corp. | 2,931,612 |
| 36,000 | Hellenic Telecommunications Organization SA | 315,438 |
| 15,000 | Hellenic Telecommunications Organization SA ADR | 65,250 |
| 264,732 | Koninklijke KPN NV | 878,782 |
| 7,040,836 | LIME | 48,015 |
| 21,000 | Loral Space & Communications Inc. | 821,310 |
| 22,000 | Oi SA, ADR | 19,866 |
| 31,053 | Sprint Corp. | 205,881 |

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| 21,000 | Telecom Argentina SA, ADR | 384,300 |
| 570,000 | Telecom Italia SpA | 473,191 |
| 70,000 | Telefonica Brasil SA, ADR | 1,012,900 |
| 595,739 | Telefonica SA, ADR | 6,005,049 |
| 563,700 | Telephone & Data Systems Inc | 15,321,366 |
| 105,000 | Telesites SAB de CV | 59,297 |
| 25,000 | TELUS Corp. | 824,917 |
| 125,000 | Verizon Communications Inc. | 6,497,500 |
| 48,027 | Vodafone Group plc, ADR | 1,399,987 |
| | | 59,188,567 |

Retail 3.3%

| | | |
|---------|------------------------------|------------|
| 5,000 | Advance Auto Parts Inc. | 745,600 |
| 96,811 | Ascena Retail Group Inc. | 541,173 |
| 76,300 | AutoNation Inc. | 3,716,573 |
| 39,000 | Costco Wholesale Corp. | 5,947,890 |
| 110,500 | CST Brands Inc. | 5,313,945 |
| 117,800 | CVS Health Corp. | 10,483,022 |
| 62,000 | Hertz Global Holdings Inc. | 2,489,920 |
| 22,100 | HSN Inc. | 879,580 |
| 50,000 | J.C. Penney Co. Inc. | 461,000 |
| 326,000 | Macy's Inc. | 12,078,300 |
| 30,000 | Penske Automotive Group Inc. | 1,445,400 |
| 33,300 | Sally Beauty Holdings Inc. | 855,144 |
| 17,000 | The Cheesecake Factory Inc. | 851,020 |

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The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.**Schedule of Investments (Continued) September 30, 2016 (Unaudited)**

| Shares | | Market Value |
|----------------------------------|--|-----------------|
| COMMON STOCKS (Continued) | | |
| Retail (Continued) | | |
| 3,000 | Tiffany & Co. | \$ 217,890 |
| 32,000 | United Natural Foods Inc. | 1,281,280 |
| 52,000 | Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc. | 4,192,240 |
| 33,200 | Wal-Mart Stores Inc. | 2,394,384 |
| 35,000 | Whole Foods Market Inc. | 992,250 |
| | | 54,886,611 |
| Business Services 3.1% | | |
| 14,334 | Allegion plc | 987,756 |
| 7,500 | Aramark | 285,225 |
| 12,000 | Ascent Capital Group Inc., Cl. A | 278,040 |
| 157,000 | Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings Inc., Cl. A | 916,880 |
| 1,650 | Contax Participacoes SA | 5,353 |
| 95,000 | Diebold Inc. | 2,355,050 |
| 23,000 | DigitalGlobe Inc. | 632,500 |
| 3,000 | Edenred | 70,148 |
| 160,000 | G4S plc | 472,418 |
| 16,000 | Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd. | 969,760 |
| 88,000 | Landauer Inc. | 3,914,240 |
| 23,300 | Macquarie Infrastructure Corp. | 1,939,492 |
| 317,000 | MasterCard Inc., Cl. A | 32,261,090 |
| 306,000 | The Interpublic Group of Companies Inc. | 6,839,100 |
| 10,000 | Vectrus Inc. | 152,300 |
| 12,800 | Visa Inc., Cl. A | 1,058,560 |
| | | 53,137,912 |
| Specialty Chemicals 2.6% | | |
| 10,000 | Ashland Global Holdings Inc. | 1,159,500 |
| 110,000 | Chemtura Corp. | 3,609,100 |
| 20,000 | E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co. | 1,339,400 |
| 480,000 | Ferro Corp. | 6,628,800 |
| 8,000 | FMC Corp. | 386,720 |
| 39,000 | H.B. Fuller Co. | 1,812,330 |
| 73,000 | International Flavors & Fragrances Inc. | 10,436,810 |

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| | | |
|---------|-----------------------------|------------|
| 75,000 | Methanex Corp. | 2,676,000 |
| 250,000 | OMNOVA Solutions Inc. | 2,110,000 |
| 181,800 | Sensient Technologies Corp. | 13,780,440 |
| 9,000 | SGL Carbon SE | 105,551 |
| 2,000 | The Chemours Co. | 32,000 |

44,076,651

Electronics 2.5%

| | | |
|---------|------------------------------------|------------|
| 20,610 | Bel Fuse Inc., Cl. A | 415,292 |
| 7,000 | Emerson Electric Co. | 381,570 |
| 4,000 | Hitachi Ltd., ADR | 186,900 |
| 49,496 | Integrated Device Technology Inc. | 1,143,358 |
| 54,000 | Intel Corp. | 2,038,500 |
| 347,178 | Johnson Controls International plc | 16,154,192 |
| 34,170 | Koninklijke Philips NV | 1,011,090 |
| 2,400 | Mettler-Toledo International Inc. | 1,007,592 |
| 41,000 | TE Connectivity Ltd. | 2,639,580 |

Market

Shares

Value

| | | |
|---------|------------------------|---------------|
| 240,000 | Texas Instruments Inc. | \$ 16,843,200 |
| | | 41,821,274 |

Machinery 2.3%

| | | |
|---------|-------------------|------------|
| 12,800 | Caterpillar Inc. | 1,136,256 |
| 53,592 | CNH Industrial NV | 386,934 |
| 271,000 | Deere & Co.(a) | 23,129,850 |
| 286,000 | Xylem Inc. | 15,000,700 |

39,653,740

Broadcasting 2.2%

| | | |
|---------|--|------------|
| 253,300 | CBS Corp., Cl. A, Voting | 13,908,703 |
| 2,000 | Cogeco Inc. | 78,387 |
| 17,334 | Corus Entertainment Inc., OTC, Cl. B | 160,860 |
| 6,666 | Corus Entertainment Inc., Toronto, Cl. B | 61,734 |
| 16,000 | Gray Television Inc. | 165,760 |
| 19,250 | Liberty Broadband Corp., Cl. A | 1,350,580 |
| 64,192 | Liberty Broadband Corp., Cl. C | 4,588,444 |
| 19,250 | Liberty Media Group, Cl. A | 551,513 |
| 52,250 | Liberty Media Group, Cl. C | 1,470,315 |
| 89,000 | Liberty SiriusXM Group, Cl. A | 3,024,220 |
| 173,000 | Liberty SiriusXM Group, Cl. C | 5,779,930 |
| 292,400 | MSG Networks Inc., Cl. A | 5,441,564 |
| 85,200 | Television Broadcasts Ltd. | 325,141 |

36,907,151

| | | |
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| Aerospace and Defense 2.0% | | |
| 275,000 | Aerojet Rocketdyne Holdings Inc. | 4,834,500 |
| 1,246,553 | BBA Aviation plc | 4,037,661 |
| 35,800 | Kaman Corp. | 1,572,336 |
| 17,500 | Northrop Grumman Corp. | 3,744,125 |
| 1,209,000 | Rolls-Royce Holdings plc | 11,282,663 |
| 60,000 | The Boeing Co. | 7,904,400 |
| | | 33,375,685 |
| Aviation: Parts and Services 1.6% | | |
| 31,000 | B/E Aerospace Inc. | 1,601,460 |
| 262,300 | Curtiss-Wright Corp. | 23,898,153 |
| 25,500 | KLX Inc. | 897,600 |
| | | 26,397,213 |
| Hotels and Gaming 1.5% | | |
| 16,000 | Accor SA | 634,651 |
| 45,000 | Belmond Ltd., Cl. A | 571,950 |
| 90,000 | Genting Singapore plc | 49,498 |
| 8,000 | Hyatt Hotels Corp., Cl. A | 393,760 |
| 9,095 | International Game Technology plc | 221,736 |
| 35,497 | Interval Leisure Group Inc. | 609,483 |
| 629,400 | Ladbrokes plc | 1,142,109 |
| 43,000 | Las Vegas Sands Corp. | 2,474,220 |
| 4,569,500 | Mandarin Oriental International Ltd. | 5,963,198 |
| 23,200 | Marriott International, Inc., Cl. A | 1,562,056 |
| 70,000 | MGM China Holdings Ltd. | 121,474 |
| 75,000 | MGM Resorts International | 1,952,250 |

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The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.**Schedule of Investments (Continued) September 30, 2016 (Unaudited)**

| Shares | | Market Value |
|--|--|-----------------|
| COMMON STOCKS (Continued) | | |
| Hotels and Gaming (Continued) | | |
| 188,800 | Ryman Hospitality Properties Inc. | \$ 9,092,608 |
| 200,000 | The Hongkong & Shanghai Hotels Ltd. | 198,546 |
| 4,000 | Wyndham Worldwide Corp. | 269,320 |
| 5,000 | Wynn Resorts Ltd. | 487,100 |
| | | 25,743,959 |
| Environmental Services 1.4% | | |
| 35,000 | Pentair plc | 2,248,400 |
| 230,800 | Republic Services Inc. | 11,643,860 |
| 157,400 | Waste Management Inc. | 10,035,824 |
| | | 23,928,084 |
| Computer Software and Services 1.4% | | |
| 4,000 | Alphabet Inc., Cl. C | 3,109,160 |
| 85,000 | Blucora Inc. | 952,000 |
| 6,000 | Check Point Software Technologies Ltd. | 465,660 |
| 4,733 | CommerceHub Inc., Cl. A | 74,781 |
| 13,466 | CommerceHub Inc., Cl. C | 214,244 |
| 20,000 | Fortinet Inc. | 738,600 |
| 17,000 | Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co. | 386,750 |
| 1,042,862 | Internap Corp. | 1,720,722 |
| 23,000 | InterXion Holding NV | 833,060 |
| 25,000 | LinkedIn Corp., Cl. A | 4,778,000 |
| 62,000 | NCR Corp. | 1,995,780 |
| 20,900 | Rockwell Automation Inc. | 2,556,906 |
| 15,000 | VeriFone Systems Inc. | 236,100 |
| 130,000 | Yahoo! Inc. | 5,603,000 |
| | | 23,664,763 |
| Telecommunication Services 1.1% | | |
| 151,505 | Liberty Global plc, Cl. A | 5,178,441 |
| 417,893 | Liberty Global plc, Cl. C | 13,807,185 |

18,985,626

| Wireless Communications 0.8% | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------|
| 105,000 | America Movil SAB de CV, Cl. L, ADR | 1,201,200 |
| 56,000 | Millicom International Cellular SA, SDR | 2,904,835 |
| 150,000 | NTT DoCoMo Inc. | 3,789,754 |
| 46,075 | Tim Participacoes SA, ADR | 563,958 |
| 35,000 | T-Mobile US Inc. | 1,635,200 |
| 104,600 | United States Cellular Corp. | 3,801,164 |

13,896,111

| Metals and Mining 0.7% | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| 37,400 | Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. | 2,026,332 |
| 125,000 | Alcoa Inc. | 1,267,500 |
| 54,000 | Barrick Gold Corp. | 956,880 |
| 30,000 | Cliffs Natural Resources Inc. | 175,500 |
| 50,000 | Freeport-McMoRan Inc. | 543,000 |
| 4,800 | Materion Corp. | 147,408 |
| 50,000 | New Hope Corp. Ltd. | 67,351 |
| 143,600 | Newmont Mining Corp. | 5,642,044 |

Market

| Shares | | Value |
|---------------|-------------------------------|--------------|
| 120,000 | TimkenSteel Corp. | \$ 1,254,000 |
| 140,000 | Turquoise Hill Resources Ltd. | 415,800 |
| 15,000 | Vale SA, ADR | 82,500 |

12,578,315

| Communications Equipment 0.7% | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------|
| 12,000 | Apple Inc. | 1,356,600 |
| 435,000 | Corning Inc. | 10,287,750 |

11,644,350

| Agriculture 0.7% | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|
| 200,000 | Archer Daniels Midland Co. | 8,434,000 |
| 16,000 | Monsanto Co. | 1,635,200 |
| 12,800 | Syngenta AG, ADR | 1,121,280 |
| 10,000 | The Mosaic Co. | 244,600 |

11,435,080

| Automotive 0.6% | | |
|------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|
| 95,746 | General Motors Co. | 3,041,850 |
| 158,000 | Navistar International Corp. | 3,616,620 |
| 69,000 | PACCAR Inc. | 4,055,820 |

| | | |
|---------|--|------------|
| | | 10,714,290 |
| | Publishing 0.6% | |
| 1,500 | Graham Holdings Co., Cl. B | 722,055 |
| 96,300 | Meredith Corp. | 5,006,637 |
| 125,000 | News Corp., Cl. A | 1,747,500 |
| 150,600 | News Corp., Cl. B | 2,141,532 |
| 40,000 | The E.W. Scripps Co., Cl. A | 636,000 |
| | | 10,253,724 |
| | Building and Construction 0.5% | |
| 19,000 | Armstrong Flooring Inc. | 358,720 |
| 18,000 | Assa Abloy AB, Cl. B | 365,715 |
| 80,000 | Fortune Brands Home & Security Inc. | 4,648,000 |
| 42,000 | Herc Holdings Inc. | 1,415,400 |
| 45,000 | Layne Christensen Co. | 382,950 |
| 50,000 | Taylor Morrison Home Corp., Cl. A | 880,000 |
| | | 8,050,785 |
| | Real Estate 0.5% | |
| 40,000 | Forest City Realty Trust Inc., Cl. A | 925,200 |
| 56,000 | Griffin Industrial Realty Inc. | 1,774,640 |
| 265,000 | The St. Joe Co. | 4,870,700 |
| | | 7,570,540 |
| | Transportation 0.4% | |
| 138,800 | GATX Corp. | 6,183,540 |
| | Closed-End Funds 0.2% | |
| 4,285 | Royce Global Value Trust Inc. | 34,837 |
| 30,000 | Royce Value Trust Inc. | 379,800 |
| 88,969 | The Central Europe, Russia, and Turkey Fund Inc. | 1,708,205 |

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The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.**Schedule of Investments (Continued) September 30, 2016 (Unaudited)**

| Shares | | Market Value |
|---------|--|-----------------|
| | COMMON STOCKS (Continued) | |
| | Closed-End Funds (Continued) | |
| 135,374 | The New Germany Fund Inc. | \$ 1,942,617 |
| | | 4,065,459 |
| | Manufactured Housing and Recreational | |
| | Vehicles 0.1% | |
| 5,000 | Martin Marietta Materials Inc. | 895,550 |
| 30,000 | Nobility Homes Inc. | 487,500 |
| 42,000 | Skyline Corp. | 574,980 |
| | | 1,958,030 |
| | Real Estate Investment Trusts 0.1% | |
| 15,000 | Gaming and Leisure Properties Inc. | 501,750 |
| 29,000 | Rayonier Inc. | 769,660 |
| | | 1,271,410 |
| | TOTAL COMMON STOCKS | 1,637,355,040 |
| | CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS 0.1% | |
| | Telecommunications 0.1% | |
| 21,000 | Cincinnati Bell Inc., 6.750%, Ser. B | 1,053,360 |
| | WARRANTS 0.0% | |
| | Energy and Utilities 0.0% | |
| 115,800 | Kinder Morgan Inc., expire 05/25/17 | 1,795 |
| | Financial Services 0.0% | |
| 10,500 | JPMorgan Chase & Co. | 258,615 |
| | TOTAL WARRANTS | 260,410 |

| Principal Amount | | |
|------------------|--|------------------|
| | CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS | 0.1% |
| | Diversified Industrial | 0.1% |
| \$ 2,000,000 | Griffon Corp., Sub. Deb., 4.000%, 01/15/17(b) | 2,412,500 |
| | U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS | 3.0% |
| | U.S. Treasury Bills | 3.0% |
| 50,388,000 | U.S. Treasury Bills, 0.130% to 0.476% , 10/27/16 to 03/30/17 | 50,346,800 |
| | TOTAL INVESTMENTS | 100.0% |
| | (Cost \$992,942,675) | \$ 1,691,428,110 |
| | | Market |
| | | Value |
| | Aggregate tax cost | \$ 1,004,183,287 |
| | Gross unrealized appreciation | \$ 757,024,771 |
| | Gross unrealized depreciation | (69,779,948) |
| | Net unrealized appreciation/depreciation | \$ 687,244,823 |

| Number of Contracts | | Expiration Date | Unrealized Depreciation |
|---------------------|--|-----------------|-------------------------|
| | FUTURES CONTRACTS | | |
| | SHORT POSITION | | |
| 235 | S&P 500 Index Futures (E-Mini)(c) | 12/16/16 | \$ (18,020) |

- (a) Securities, or a portion thereof, with a value of \$41,510,100, were pledged as collateral for futures contracts.
- (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 September 30, 2016, the market value of the Rule 144A security amounted to \$2,412,500 or 0.14% of total investments.
- (c) At September 30, 2016, the Fund had entered into futures contracts with UBS AG.
Non-income producing security.
Represents annualized yield at date of purchase.

ADR American Depositary Receipt
SDR Swedish Depositary Receipt

| Geographic Diversification | % of Total Investments | Market Value |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| North America | 82.2% | \$ 1,390,415,992 |
| Europe | 13.9 | 235,186,894 |
| Latin America | 2.3 | 38,010,479 |
| Japan | 1.6 | 27,223,708 |
| Asia/Pacific | 0.0 | 591,037 |
| Total Investments | 100.0% | \$ 1,691,428,110 |

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Notes to Schedule of Investments (Unaudited)

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

Security Valuation. Portfolio securities listed or traded on a nationally recognized securities exchange or traded in the U.S. over-the-counter market for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the last quoted sale price or a market s official closing price as of the close of business on the day the securities are being valued. If there were no sales that day, the security is valued at the average of the closing bid and asked prices or, if there were no asked prices quoted on that day, then the security is valued at the closing bid price on that day. If no bid or asked prices are quoted on such day, the security is valued at the most recently available price or, if the Board of Directors (the Board) so determines, by such other method as the Board shall determine in good faith to reflect its fair market value. Portfolio securities traded on more than one national securities exchange or market are valued according to the broadest and most representative market, as determined by Gabelli Funds, LLC (the Adviser).

Portfolio securities primarily traded on a foreign market are generally valued at the preceding closing values of such securities on the relevant market, but may be fair valued pursuant to procedures established by the Board if market conditions change significantly after the close of the foreign market, but prior to the close of business on the day the securities are being valued. Debt instruments with remaining maturities of sixty days or less that are not credit impaired are valued at amortized cost, 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. Debt instruments having a maturity greater than sixty days 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. U.S. government obligations with maturities greater than sixty days are normally valued using a model that incorporates market observable data such as reported sales of similar securities, broker quotes, yields, bids, offers, and reference data. 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.

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

The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.**Notes to Schedule of Investments (Unaudited) (Continued)**

Level 3 significant unobservable inputs (including the Board's determinations as to the fair value of investments).

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 and other financial instruments by inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of September 30, 2016 is as follows:

| | Valuation Inputs | | | Total Market Value at 9/30/16 |
|---|--------------------------|--|--|----------------------------------|
| | Level 1 Quoted Prices | Level 2 Other Significant Observable Inputs | Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs | |
| INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES: | | | | |
| ASSETS (Market Value): | | | | |
| Common Stocks: | | | | |
| Energy and Utilities | \$ 68,880,778 | \$ 98 | \$ 0 | \$ 68,880,876 |
| Financial Services | 145,981,464 | 203,500 | | 146,184,964 |
| Manufactured Housing and Recreational Vehicles | 1,470,530 | 487,500 | | 1,958,030 |
| Other Industries (a) | 1,420,331,170 | | | 1,420,331,170 |
| Total Common Stocks | 1,636,663,942 | 691,098 | 0 | 1,637,355,040 |
| Convertible Corporate Bonds (a) | | 2,412,500 | | 2,412,500 |
| Convertible Preferred Stocks (a) | 1,053,360 | | | 1,053,360 |
| Warrants (a) | 260,410 | | | 260,410 |
| U.S. Government Obligations | | 50,346,800 | | 50,346,800 |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES ASSETS | \$ 1,637,977,712 | \$53,450,398 | \$ 0 | \$ 1,691,428,110 |

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

Additional Information to Evaluate Qualitative Information.

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

Fair Valuation. Fair valued securities may be common and preferred equities, warrants, options, rights, and 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 3 securities. The circumstances of Level 3 securities are frequently monitored to determine if fair valuation measures continue to apply.

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

Derivative Financial Instruments. The Fund may engage in various portfolio investment strategies by investing in a number of derivative financial instruments for the purposes of increasing the income of the Fund, hedging against changes in the value of its portfolio securities and in the value of securities it intends to purchase, or hedging against a specific transaction with respect to either the currency in which the transaction is denominated or another currency. Investing in certain derivative financial instruments, including participation in the options, futures, or swap markets, entails certain execution, liquidity, hedging, tax, and securities, interest, credit, or currency market risks. Losses may arise if the Adviser's prediction of movements in the direction of the securities, foreign currency, and interest rate markets is inaccurate. Losses may also arise if the counterparty does not perform its duties under a contract, or that, in the event of default, the Fund may be delayed in or prevented from obtaining payments or other contractual remedies owed to it under derivative contracts. The creditworthiness of the counterparties is closely monitored in order to minimize these risks. Participation in derivative transactions involves investment risks, transaction costs, and potential losses to which the Fund would not be subject absent the use of these strategies. The consequences of these risks, transaction costs, and losses may have a negative impact on the Fund's ability to pay distributions.

The Fund's derivative contracts held at September 30, 2016, if any, are not accounted for as hedging instruments under GAAP and are disclosed in the Schedule of Investments together with the related counterparty.

Swap Agreements. The Fund may enter into equity contract for difference swap transactions for the purpose of increasing the income of the Fund. The use of swaps is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio security transactions. In an equity contract for difference swap, a set of future cash flows is exchanged between two counterparties. One of these cash flow streams will typically be based on a reference interest rate combined with the performance of a notional value of shares of a stock. The other will be based on the performance of the shares of a stock. Depending on the general state of short term interest rates and the returns on the Fund's portfolio securities at the time an equity contract for difference swap transaction reaches its scheduled termination date, there is a risk that the Fund will not be able to obtain a replacement transaction or that the terms of the replacement will not be as favorable as on the expiring transaction. At September 30, 2016, the Fund held no investments in equity contract for difference swap agreements.

Futures Contracts. The Fund may engage in futures contracts for the purpose of hedging against changes in the value of its portfolio securities and in the value of securities it intends to purchase. Upon entering into a futures contract, the Fund is required to deposit with the broker an amount of cash or cash equivalents equal to a certain percentage of the contract amount. This is known as the initial margin. Subsequent payments (variation margin) are made or received by the Fund each day, depending on the daily fluctuations in the value of the contract, and are included in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on futures contracts. The Fund recognizes a realized gain or loss when the contract is closed.

There are several risks in connection with the use of futures contracts as a hedging instrument. The change in value of futures contracts primarily corresponds with the value of their underlying instruments, which may not correlate with the change in value of the hedged investments. In addition, there is the risk that the Fund

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may not be able to enter into a closing transaction because of an illiquid secondary market. Open positions in futures contracts at September 30, 2016 are presented in the Schedule of Investments.

Limitations on the Purchase and Sale of Futures Contracts, Certain Options, and Swaps. Subject to the guidelines of the Board, the Fund may engage in commodity interest transactions (generally, transactions in futures, certain options, certain currency transactions, and certain types of swaps) only for bona fide hedging or other permissible transactions in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC). Pursuant to amendments by the CFTC to Rule 4.5 under the Commodity Exchange Act (CEA), the Adviser has filed a notice of exemption from registration as a commodity pool operator with respect to the Fund. The Fund and the Adviser are therefore not subject to registration or regulation as a commodity pool operator under the CEA. In addition, certain trading restrictions are now applicable to the Fund as of January 1, 2013. These trading restrictions permit the Fund to engage in commodity interest transactions that include (i) bona fide hedging transactions, as that term is defined and interpreted by the CFTC and its staff, without regard to the percentage of the Fund's assets committed to margin and options premiums and (ii) non-bona fide hedging transactions, provided that the Fund does not enter into such non-bona fide hedging transactions if, immediately thereafter, either (a) the sum of the amount of initial margin deposits on the Fund's existing futures positions or swaps positions and option or swaption premiums would exceed 5% of the market value of the Fund's liquidating value, after taking into account unrealized profits and unrealized losses on any such transactions, or (b) the aggregate net notional value of the Fund's commodity interest transactions would not exceed 100% of the market value of the Fund's liquidating value, after taking into account unrealized profits and unrealized losses on any such transactions. Therefore, in order to claim the Rule 4.5 exemption, the Fund is limited in its ability to invest in commodity futures, options, and certain types of swaps (including securities futures, broad based stock index futures, and financial futures contracts). As a result, in the future, the Fund will be more limited in its ability to use these instruments than in the past, and these limitations may have a negative impact on the ability of the Adviser to manage the Fund, and on the Fund's performance.

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 the Acquired Funds in addition to the Fund's expenses. At September 30, 2016, the Fund's pro rata portion of the periodic expenses charged by the Acquired Funds was less than 1 basis point.

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

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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. At September 30, 2016, the Fund held no restricted securities.

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

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Portfolio Management Team Biographies

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 Chief Executive Officer and 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 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.

Robert D. Leininger, CFA, joined GAMCO Investors, Inc. in 1993 as an equity analyst. Subsequently, he was a partner and portfolio manager at Rorer Asset Management before rejoining GAMCO in 2010 where he currently serves as a portfolio manager of Gabelli Funds, LLC. Mr. Leininger is a magna cum laude graduate of Amherst College with a degree in Economics and holds an MBA degree from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

Daniel M. Miller has been the portfolio manager of The Gabelli Focus Five Fund since inception of the investment strategy on January 1, 2012. He is also a Managing Director of GAMCO Investors, Inc. Mr. Miller joined the Firm in 2002 and graduated magna cum laude with a degree in finance from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida.

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.

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

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Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, that the Fund may, from time to time, purchase its common shares in the open market when the Fund's shares are trading at a discount of 10% or more from the net asset value of the shares. The Fund may also, from time to time, purchase its preferred shares in the open market when the preferred shares are trading at a discount to the liquidation value.

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Item 2. Controls and Procedures.

- (a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act) (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).

- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Bruce N. Alpert
Bruce N. Alpert, Principal Executive Officer

Date 11/23/2016

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Bruce N. Alpert
Bruce N. Alpert, Principal Executive Officer

Date 11/23/2016

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Agnes Mullady
Agnes Mullady, Principal Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date 11/23/2016

* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.