# The Gabelli Dividend Growth Fund Semiannual Report — June 30, 2022



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## To Our Shareholders,

For the six months ended June 30, 2022, the net asset value (NAV) total return per Class AAA Share of The Gabelli Dividend Growth Fund was (14.4)% compared with a total return of (20.0)% for the Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500 Index. Other classes of shares are available. See page 3 for additional performance information for all classes.

Enclosed are the financial statements, including the schedule of investments, as of June 30, 2022.

# Investment Objective and Strategy (Unaudited)

The Fund's primary investment objective is to seek to provide long term growth of capital. Current income is a secondary objective of the Fund.

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 on 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.

## **Performance Discussion (Unaudited)**

All major North American stock indices were down for the first half of the year. All S&P 500 sectors were down in the first half, except for energy, which was up about 32%, due to the significant spike in oil and gas prices in the first quarter. The worst performing sector for the year's first half was Discretionary, which was down by about 33%.

In the Gabelli Dividend Growth Fund, the best performing stock in (y)our Fund during the first half of the year was Merck (4.8% of net assets as of June 30, 2022), as it was during the second quarter of the year as well. A promising outlook for new oncology drugs was a big reason the stock did so well. Also, as was the case with the second quarter, other top contributors to performance were Bristol-Myers (1.6%) and T-Mobile (2.2%). Likewise, in the area of underperformance, both DuPont (3.0%) and Alphabet (3.5%) were significant detractors in the first half, as they were in the second quarter.

Thank you for your investment in The Gabelli Dividend Growth Fund.

We appreciate your confidence and trust.

The views expressed reflect the opinions of the Fund's portfolio managers and Gabelli Funds, LLC, the Adviser, as of the date of this report and are subject to change without notice based on changes in market, economic, or other conditions. These views are not intended to be a forecast of future events and are no guarantee of future results.

#### **Comparative Results**

#### Average Annual Returns through June 30, 2022 (a) (Unaudited)

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Average annual returns reflect changes in share price, reinvestment of distributions, and are net of expenses.

						Inception
	Six Months	1 Year	5 Year	10 Year	15 Year	(8/26/99)
Class AAA (GABBX)	(14.36)%	(12.21)%	5.30%	7.74%	4.80%	5.60%
S&P 500 Index (b)	(19.96)	(10.62)	11.31	12.96	8.54	6.58
Lipper Large Cap Value Fund Average (b)	(13.32)	(7.57)	8.03	10.76	6.26	5.83
Class A (GBCAX)	(14.41)	(12.20)	5.29	7.74	4.80	5.62
With sales charge (c)	(19.33)	(17.25)	4.05	7.10	4.39	5.35
Class C (GBCCX)	(14.71)	(12.86)	4.51	6.92	4.01	4.97
With contingent deferred sales charge (d)	(15.56)	13.73	4.51	6.92	4.01	4.97
Class I (GBCIX)	(13.98)	(11.33)	6.36	8.47	5.36	6.02

- (a) Returns would have been lower had the Adviser not reimbursed certain expenses of the Fund. 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 the Class I Shares on June 30, 2004. The actual performance of the Class A and Class C Shares would have been lower due to the additional fees and expenses associated with these classes of shares. The actual performance for the Class I Shares would have been higher due to the lower expenses related to this class of shares. The Fund imposes a 2% redemption fee on shares sold or exchanged within seven days of purchase.
- (b) 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 Lipper Large Cap Value Fund Average reflects the average performance of mutual funds classified in this particular category. Dividends are considered reinvested. You cannot invest directly in an index.
- (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.

In the current prospectuses dated April 29, 2022, the expense ratios for Class AAA, A, C, and I Shares are 2.17%, 2.17%, 2.92%, and 1.92%, respectively, and the net expense ratios for these share classes after contractual reimbursements by Gabelli Funds, LLC, (the Adviser) are 2.00%, 2.00%, 2.75%, and 1.00%, respectively. See page 10 for the expense ratios for the six months ended June 30, 2022. The contractual reimbursement is in effect through April 30, 2022. 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.

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.

Returns represent past performance and do not guarantee future results. 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.

# The Gabelli Dividend Growth Fund Disclosure of Fund Expenses (Unaudited)

For the Six Month Period from January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022

**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.

	Beginning Ending Account Value Account Value 01/01/22 06/30/22		Annualized Expense Ratio	Expenses Paid During Period *
The Gabelli D	ividend Grov	vth Fund		
<b>Actual Fund F</b>	Return			
Class AAA	\$1,000.00	\$856.40	2.00%	\$ 9.21
Class A	\$1,000.00	\$855.90	2.00%	\$ 9.20
Class C	\$1,000.00	\$852.90	2.75%	\$ 12.63
Class I	\$1,000.00	\$860.20	1.00%	\$ 4.61
Hypothetical	5% Return			
Class AAA	\$1,000.00	\$1,014.88	2.00%	\$ 9.99
Class A	\$1,000.00	\$1,014.88	2.00%	\$ 9.99
Class C	\$1,000.00	\$1,011.16	2.75%	\$ 13.71
Class I	\$1,000.00	\$1,019.84	1.00%	\$ 5.01

\* 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 (181 days), then divided by 365.

## Summary of Portfolio Holdings (Unaudited)

The following table presents portfolio holdings as a percent of net assets as of June 30, 2022:

## The Gabelli Dividend Growth Fund

Health Care Financial Services Food and Beverage Energy Computer Software and Services Specialty Chemicals Diversified Industrial Cable and Satellite U.S. Government Obligations	14.5% 14.3% 12.8% 10.6% 8.7% 6.7% 5.7% 4.3% 4.1%	Retail. Entertainment. Metals and Mining. Electronics. Machinery. Automotive: Parts and Accessories. Aerospace. Agriculture. Automotive	1.4% 1.4% 1.3% 1.1% 1.1% 1.0% 0.9% 0.8%
Cable and Satellite	4.3%	Agriculture	0.9%
U.S. Government Obligations		Automotive	0.8%
Telecommunications  Consumer Products	2.2% 1.6%	Semiconductors  Hotels and Gaming	0.8% 0.4%
Environmental Services	1.6% 1.5%	Other Assets and Liabilities (Net)	(0.2)% 100.0%

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-PORT. 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-PORT 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 each 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.

# The Gabelli Dividend Growth Fund Schedule of Investments — June 30, 2022 (Unaudited)

Shares		<u>Cost</u>	Market <u>Value</u>	<u>Shares</u>		<u>Cost</u>	Market <u>Value</u>
	COMMON STOCKS — 96.1%				Entertainment — 1.4%		
	Aerospace — 1.0%			3,000	The Walt Disney Co.†	\$ 361,204	\$ 283,200
1,500	The Boeing Co.†\$	179,802 \$	205,080	•	_		· · · · · ·
				0.400	Environmental Services — 1		044.000
2 126	Agriculture — 0.9%	0/1/5	160 702	2,400	Republic Services Inc	190,501	314,088
3,130	Corteva Inc	84,145	169,783		Financial Services — 14.3%	1	
	Automotive — 0.8%			4,000	American Express Co	313,809	554,480
1,800	PACCAR Inc	155,334	148,212	5,500	American International		
	Automotive: Davis and Assesse				Group Inc	297,671	281,215
15 000	Automotive: Parts and Accesso		011.050	7,000	Bank of America Corp	178,628	217,910
15,000	Dana Inc	320,965	211,050	11,500	Citigroup Inc	633,115	528,885
	Business Services — 1.5%			3,000	JPMorgan Chase & Co	204,631	337,830
1,500	Visa Inc., Cl. A	137,987	295,335	6,000	Morgan Stanley	245,071	456,360
				1,000	.,	31,601	69,840
0.000	Cable and Satellite — 4.3%	047.070	005 440	1,113	T. Rowe Price Group Inc	107,847	126,448
,	Comcast Corp., Cl. A	317,876	235,440	1,300	Willis Towers Watson plc	202,554	256,607
	DISH Network Corp., Cl. A†	155,939	80,685		_	2,214,927	2,829,575
,	Netflix Inc.†	276,311	227,331		Food and Beverage — 12.8%	<b>'</b>	
12,500	Paramount Global, Cl. B	433,963	308,500	5 000	Conagra Brands Inc	173,875	171,200
		1,184,089	851,956	1,400	Diageo plc, ADR	161,322	243,768
	<b>Computer Software and Service</b>	es — 8.7%		12.500	Keurig Dr Pepper Inc	376,766	442,375
320	Alphabet Inc., Cl. C†	216,832	699,984	5,000	Molson Coors Beverage Co.,	370,700	442,070
	Apple Inc	37,181	273,440	3,000	Cl. B	229,481	272,550
800	Meta Platforms Inc., Cl. A† .	150,279	129,000	15 500	Mondelēz International Inc.,	220, 101	272,000
1,000	Microsoft Corp	25,120	256,830	10,000	Cl. A	623,407	962,395
200	Palo Alto Networks Inc.†	64,556	98,788	8.000	Nomad Foods Ltd.†	202,422	159,920
7,000	Twitter Inc.†	383,405	261,730	-,	The Hain Celestial Group	202, 122	100,020
	<u> </u>	877,373	1,719,772	,000	Inc.†	268,775	284,880
	Consumer Products — 1.6%					2,036,048	2,537,088
5 000	Edgewell Personal Care Co.	141,427	172,600			, ,	
,	Energizer Holdings Inc	214,283	141,750	4.000	Health Care — 14.5%	005 000	000 000
0,000		355,710	314,350	4,000	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co	225,620	308,000
		000,710	011,000	5,200	•	427,072 133,986	481,832
	Diversified Industrial — 5.7%			2,000 3.000	Henry Schein Inc.†	,	153,480
,	Carrier Global Corp	268,897	213,960	10.500	Medtronic plc Merck & Co. Inc	254,147 620,991	269,250 957,285
,	General Electric Co	237,120	159,175	4.000	Patterson Cos. Inc.	91,400	121,200
,	Honeywell International Inc.	90,337	486,668	,	Pfizer Inc.	357,993	576,730
4,300	Textron Inc	142,984	262,601	11,000	F11261 1110	2,111,209	2,867,777
		739,338	1,122,404		_	2,111,203	2,001,111
	Electronics — 1.3%				Hotels and Gaming — 0.4%		
3,200	Sony Group Corp., ADR	180,009	261,664	3,000	MGM Resorts International	33,355	86,850
			<del></del>		Machinery — 1.1%		
0.000	Energy — 10.6%	004.047	070 700	<i>4</i> 000	The Timken Co	292,594	212,200
	Avangrid Inc	261,917	276,720	4,000		202,004	
	Chevron Corp	173,697	246,126		Metals and Mining — 1.4%		
	Evergy Inc	317,835	326,250	4,500	Newmont Corp	153,227	268,515
	Eversource Energy	925,320	929,170		Retail — 1.4%		
0,000	UGI Corp	294,437	308,880	6 000	The Kroger Co	209.895	283,980
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# The Gabelli Dividend Growth Fund Schedule of Investments (Continued) — June 30, 2022 (Unaudited)

	<u>Shares</u>			<u>Cost</u>		Market <u>Value</u>
		COMMON STOCKS (Continu	ed)			
	1,000	Semiconductors — 0.8% NXP Semiconductors NV	\$	91,990	\$	148,030
		Specialty Chemicals — 6.7	%			
	10,500	DuPont de Nemours Inc		630,360		583,590
	3,000	FMC Corp		310,540		321,030
	3,500	International Flavors &				
		Fragrances Inc		417,580		416,920
				1,358,480	_	1,321,540
		Telecommunications — 2.2	2%			
	3,300	T-Mobile US Inc.†		237,240		443,982
		TOTAL COMMON STOCKS .		15,478,628	_	18,983,577
	rincipal					
A	mount					
		U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGA	TI0	NS — 4.1%		
5	805,000	U.S. Treasury Bills,				
		0.759% to 1.515%††,		000 000		222 222
		07/14/22 to 09/15/22		803,863	_	803,626
		TOTAL INVESTMENTS —				
		100.2%	<u>\$</u>	16,282,491		19,787,203
		Other Assets and Liabilities	(No	et) —		
		(0.2)%			_	(30,153)
		NET ASSETS — 100.0%			\$	19,757,050

<sup>†</sup> Non-income producing security.

ADR American Depositary Receipt

<sup>††</sup> Represents annualized yields at dates of purchase.

# Statement of Assets and Liabilities June 30, 2022 (Unaudited)

#### Assets: Investments, at value (cost \$16,282,491) . . . . 19,787,203 Receivable for Fund shares sold . . . . . . . . . 1,256 7,936 Dividends receivable...... 38,993 Prepaid expenses..... 30,508 19,865,896 Liabilities: 43.533 Payable for investment advisory fees . . . . . . . 16,730 3.817 Payable for legal and audit fees . . . . . . . . . . 24,046 Payable for shareholder communications . . . . 12,388 Payable for shareholder services fees. . . . . . 6,845 1,487 108,846 **Net Assets** (applicable to 1,266,383 shares outstanding) 19.757.050 Net Assets Consist of: Paid-in capital..... 15.751.262 4,005,788 19.757.050 Shares of Beneficial Interest, each at \$0.001 par value; unlimited number of shares authorized: Class AAA: Net Asset Value, offering, and redemption price per share (\$13,002,069 ÷ 829,389 shares 15.68 Class A: Net Asset Value and redemption price per share (\$2,078,534 ÷ 133,060 shares 15.62 Maximum offering price per share (NAV ÷ 0.9425, based on maximum sales charge of 16.57 Class C: Net Asset Value and offering price per share (\$733,934 ÷ 54,568 shares outstanding) . . 13.45(a) Class I: Net Asset Value, offering, and redemption price per share (\$3,942,513 ÷ 249,366 shares 15.81

## (a) Redemption price varies based on the length of time held.

# Statement of Operations For the Six Months Ended June 30, 2022 (Unaudited)

Dividends (net of foreign withholding taxes of \$339) \$ 166,105     Interest		
taxes of \$339)         \$ 166,105           Interest         1,537           Total Investment Income         167,642           Expenses:         109,755           Distribution fees - Class AAA         18,090           Distribution fees - Class C         4,185           Distribution fees - Class C         4,185           Registration expenses         22,715           Legal and audit fees         22,764           Shareholder communications expenses         22,052           Shareholder services fees         15,687           Trustees' fees         14,876           Custodian fees         2,500           Interest expense         7,140           Total Expenses         247,318           Less:         Expense reimbursements (See Note 3)         (45,236)           Expenses paid indirectly by broker (See Note 6)         (805)           Total Credits and Reimbursements         (46,041)           Net Expenses         201,277           Net Investment Loss         (33,635)           Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments:         664,504           Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation: on investments         (3,949,925)           Net Realized and Unrealized Gain on Investments         (3,285,421)		
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Legal and audit fees         22,764           Shareholder communications expenses         22,052           Shareholder services fees         15,687           Trustees' fees         14,876           Custodian fees         2,500           Interest expense         179           Miscellaneous expenses         7,140           Total Expenses         247,318           Less:         Expense reimbursements (See Note 3)         (45,236)           Expenses paid indirectly by broker (See Note 6)         (805)           Total Credits and Reimbursements         (46,041)           Net Expenses         201,277           Net Investment Loss         (33,635)           Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments:         664,504           Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation: on investments         (3,949,925)           Net Realized and Unrealized Gain on Investments         (3,285,421)           Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from	Distribution fees - Class C	4,185
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Shareholder services fees         15,687           Trustees' fees         14,876           Custodian fees         2,500           Interest expense         179           Miscellaneous expenses         7,140           Total Expenses         247,318           Less:         Expense reimbursements (See Note 3)         (45,236)           Expenses paid indirectly by broker (See Note 6)         (805)           Total Credits and Reimbursements         (46,041)           Net Expenses         201,277           Net Investment Loss         (33,635)           Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments:         664,504           Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation: on investments         (3,949,925)           Net Realized and Unrealized Gain on Investments         (3,285,421)           Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from	Legal and audit fees	22,764
Trustees' fees         14,876           Custodian fees         2,500           Interest expense         179           Miscellaneous expenses         7,140           Total Expenses         247,318           Less:         Expense reimbursements (See Note 3)         (45,236)           Expenses paid indirectly by broker (See Note 6)         (805)           Total Credits and Reimbursements         (46,041)           Net Expenses         201,277           Net Investment Loss         (33,635)           Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments:         664,504           Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation: on investments         (3,949,925)           Net Realized and Unrealized Gain on Investments         (3,285,421)           Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from	Shareholder communications expenses	22,052
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Total Expenses         247,318           Less:         Expense reimbursements (See Note 3)         (45,236)           Expenses paid indirectly by broker (See Note 6)         (805)           Total Credits and Reimbursements         (46,041)           Net Expenses         201,277           Net Investment Loss         (33,635)           Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments:         664,504           Net realized gain on investments         664,504           Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation: on investments         (3,949,925)           Net Realized and Unrealized Gain on Investments         (3,285,421)           Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from	Interest expense	179
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Total Credits and Reimbursements	Expense reimbursements (See Note 3)	(45,236)
Net Expenses         201,277           Net Investment Loss         (33,635)           Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments:         664,504           Net realized gain on investments         664,504           Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation: on investments         (3,949,925)           Net Realized and Unrealized Gain on Investments         (3,285,421)           Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from	Expenses paid indirectly by broker (See Note 6)	(805)
Net Investment Loss	Total Credits and Reimbursements	(46,041)
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments:  Net realized gain on investments	Net Expenses	201,277
Investments:  Net realized gain on investments	Net Investment Loss	(33,635)
Net realized gain on investments	Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on	
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation: on investments	Investments:	
on investments	Net realized gain on investments	664,504
on investments	Not abance in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain on Investments		(0.040.005)
Investments	on investments	(3,949,925)
Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from	Net Realized and Unrealized Gain on	
	Investments	(3,285,421)
Operations <u>\$ (3,319,056)</u>	Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from	
	Operations	\$ (3,319,056)

# **Statement of Changes in Net Assets**

-	Six Months Ended June 30, 2022 (Unaudited)	Year Ended December 31, 2021
Operations:  Net investment income/(loss)	\$ (33,635) 664,504 (3,949,925)	\$ 59,209 2,431,957 1,585,505
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	(3,319,056)	4,076,671
Accumulated earnings Class AAA Class A. Class C. Class I	=	(1,589,180) (261,314) (111,720) (507,401)
Total Distributions to Shareholders		(2,469,615)
Shares of Beneficial Interest Transactions:  Class AAA  Class A.  Class C.  Class I	(393,593) (145,868) (100,579) (36,466)	974,859 353,740 84,521 547,000
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets from Shares of Beneficial Interest Transactions	(676,506)	1,960,120
Redemption Fees	3_	12
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Net Assets: Beginning of year End of period	(3,995,559)  23,752,609  \$ 19,757,050	3,567,188  20,185,421 \$ 23,752,609

# The Gabelli Dividend Growth Fund Financial Highlights

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

		Income (L	.oss) from Invest	ment											
			Operations		Dis	tributions					Rat	ios to Average	Net Assets/Su	upplemental Data	
Year Ended December 31 Class AAA	Net Asset Value, Beginning of Year	Net Investment Income (Loss)(a)	Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	Total from Investment Operations	Net Investment Income				Asset Value, of Period	Total Return†	Net Assets, End of Period (in <u>000's)</u>	Net Investment Income (Loss)	Operating Expenses Before Reimbursement	Operating Expenses Net of Reimbursement(c)	Portfolio Turnover <u>Rate</u>
2022(d) 2021 2020 2019 2018 2017 Class A	\$ 18.31 16.95 16.60 13.71 17.23 17.93	\$ (0.04) \$ 0.02 0.01 0.06 0.02 0.11	\$ (2.59) \$ 3.40 0.83 3.56 (1.93) 2.07	(2.63) \$ 3.42 0.84 3.62 (1.91) 2.18	(0.01) (0.00)(b) (0.06) (0.00)(b) (0.09)	(2.05) ( (0.49) ( (0.67) ( (1.61) (	— \$ (2.06) (0.49) (0.73) (1.61) (2.88)		15.68 18.31 16.95 16.60 13.71 17.23	(14.36)% \$ 20.18 5.09 26.43 (11.00) 12.11	13,002 15,600 13,527 15,508 13,533 17,155	(0.48)%(e) 0.10 0.06 0.40 0.13 0.58	2.27%(e) 2.17 2.49 2.18 2.16 2.01	2.00%(e)(f) 2.00(f) 2.01(f) 2.00(f) 2.01(f) 2.00(g)	10% 26 19 18 25 60
2022(d) 2021 2020 2019 2018 2017 Class C	\$ 18.25 16.90 16.55 13.67 17.19 17.89	\$ (0.04) \$ 0.02 0.01 0.06 0.02 0.11	\$ (2.59) \$ 3.39 0.83 3.56 (1.93) 2.08	(2.63) \$ 3.41 0.84 3.62 (1.91) 2.19	(0.01) (0.00)(b) (0.07) (0.00)(b) (0.10)	(2.05) ( (0.49) ( (0.67) ( (1.61) (	— \$ (2.06) (0.49) (0.74) (1.61) (2.89)		15.62 18.25 16.90 16.55 13.67 17.19	20.18 5.11 26.46 (11.03)	2,079 2,575 2,067 2,860 2,298 3,683	(0.46)%(e) 0.08 0.05 0.41 0.13 0.58	2.27%(e) 2.17 2.49 2.18 2.16 2.01	2.00%(e)(f) 2.00(f) 2.01(f) 2.00(f) 2.01(f) 2.00(g)	10% 26 19 18 25 60
2022(d) 2021 2020 2019 2018 2017 Class I	\$ 15.77 14.94 14.79 12.32 15.79 16.68	\$ (0.09) \$ (0.11) (0.09) (0.05) (0.10) (0.04)	\$ (2.23) \$ 2.99 0.73 3.19 (1.76) 1.94	(2.32) \$ 2.88 0.64 3.14 (1.86) 1.90	S — \$ — — — —	(2.05) ( (0.49) ( (0.67) ( (1.61) (	— \$ (2.05) (0.49) (0.67) (1.61) (2.79)	\$ 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00	13.45 15.77 14.94 14.79 12.32 15.79	19.27 4.36 25.49 (11.70)	734 963 833 1,288 1,514 1,969	(1.24)%(e) (0.66) (0.67) (0.33) (0.63) (0.21)	3.02%(e) 2.92 3.24 2.93 2.91 2.76	2.75%(e)(f) 2.75(f) 2.76(f) 2.75(f) 2.76(f) 2.75(g)	10% 26 19 18 25 60
2022(d) 2021 2020 2020 2019 2018 2017	\$ 18.38 17.00 16.63 13.76 17.33 18.01	\$ 0.05 S 0.21 0.16 0.22 0.20 0.31	\$ (2.62) \$ 3.43 0.86 3.60 (1.97) 2.09	(2.57) \$ 3.64 1.02 3.82 (1.77) 2.40	(0.21) (0.16) (0.28) (0.19) (0.29)	(2.05) ( (0.49) ( (0.67) ( (1.61) (	— \$ (2.26) (0.65) (0.95) (1.80) (3.08)		15.81 18.38 17.00 16.63 13.76 17.33	(13.98)% \$ 21.40 6.17 27.77 (10.16) 13.26	3,943 4,615 3,758 3,937 4,286 5,481	0.53%(e) 1.08 1.06 1.41 1.13 1.61	2.02%(e) 1.92 2.24 1.93 1.91 1.76	1.00%(e)(f) 1.00(f) 1.01(f) 1.00(f) 1.01(f) 1.00(g)	10% 26 19 18 25 60

<sup>†</sup> Total return represents aggregate total return of a hypothetical investment at the beginning of the year and sold at the end of the period including reinvestment of distributions and does not reflect the applicable sales charges. Total return for a period of less than one year is not annualized.

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

<sup>(</sup>b) Amount represents less than \$0.005 per share.

<sup>(</sup>c) The Fund incurred interest expense. For the years ended December 31, 2020 and December 31, 2018, if interest expense had not been incurred, the ratio of operating expenses to average net assets would have been 2.00% (Class AAA and Class A), 2.75% (Class C), and 1.00% (Class I). For all remaining periods, there was no impact on the expense ratios.

<sup>(</sup>d) For the six months ended June 30, 2022, unaudited.

<sup>(</sup>e) Annualized.

<sup>(</sup>f) The Fund received credits from a designated broker who agreed to pay certain Fund operating expenses. For the six months ended June 30, 2022 and the years ended December 31, 2021, 2020 and 2019, there was no impact on the expense ratios.

<sup>(</sup>g) During the year ended December 31, 2017, the Fund received reimbursements of custody expenses paid in prior years. There was no impact on the expense ratio.

- 1. Organization. The Gabelli Dividend Growth Fund was organized on May 13, 1999 as a Delaware statutory trust. 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 long term growth of capital with current income as a secondary objective. The Fund commenced investment operations on August 26, 1999.
- 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.

The global outbreak of the novel coronavirus disease, known as COVID-19, has caused adverse effects on many companies, sectors, nations, regions, and the markets in general, and may continue for an unpredictable duration. The effects of this pandemic may materially impact the value and performance of the Fund, its ability to buy and sell fund investments at appropriate valuations, and its ability to achieve its investment objectives.

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

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

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 June 30, 2022 is as follows:

		Valuatio			
	Qu	Level 1 loted Prices	Sig	el 2 Other gnificant vable Inputs	 Market Value t 06/30/22
INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES:					
ASSETS (Market Value):					
Common Stocks (a)	\$	18,983,577		_	\$ 18,983,577
U.S. Government Obligations		_	\$	803,626	803,626
TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES – ASSETS	\$	18,983,577	\$	803,626	\$ 19,787,203

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

The Fund held no Level 3 investments at June 30, 2022 or December 31, 2021.

#### Additional Information to Evaluate Qualitative Information.

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

**Fair Valuation.** Fair valued securities may be common or preferred equities, warrants, options, rights, or fixed income obligations. Where appropriate, Level 3 securities are those for which market quotations are not available, such as securities not traded for several days, or for which current bids are not available, or which are restricted as to transfer. When fair valuing a security, factors to consider include recent prices of comparable

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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.

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 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.

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 or amortized to earliest call date, if applicable. 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 held by the Fund, timing differences, and differing characterizations of distributions made by the Fund. 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. These reclassifications have no impact on the NAV of the Fund.

The tax character of distributions paid during the year ended December 31, 2021 was as follows:

#### Distributions paid from:\*

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

The following summarizes the tax cost of investments and the related net unrealized appreciation at June 30, 2022:

		Gross	Gross	
		Unrealized	Unrealized	Net Unrealized
	Cost	Appreciation	Depreciation	Appreciation
Investments	\$16,401,426	\$4,674,180	\$(1,288,403)	\$3,385,777

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. During the six months ended June 30, 2022, the Fund did not incur any income tax, interest, or penalties. As of June 30, 2022, 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.

Through April 30, 2022, the Adviser has agreed to waive its advisory fee and/or reimburse expenses of the Fund to the extent necessary to maintain the Fund's annualized total operating expenses (exclusive of brokerage fees, interest, taxes, acquired fund fees and expenses, and extraordinary expenses) at no more than 2.00%, 2.00%, 2.75%, and 1.00%, respectively, of Class AAA, Class A, Class C, and Class I Shares' average daily net assets. During the six months ended June 30, 2022, the Adviser reimbursed expenses in the amount of \$45,236. The Fund has agreed, during the two year period following any waiver or reimbursement by the Adviser, to repay such amount to the extent, that after giving effect to the repayment, such adjusted annualized total operating

<sup>\*</sup> Total distributions paid differs from the Statement of Changes in Net Assets due to the utilization of equalization.

expenses of the Fund would not exceed the foregoing respective percentage limitations, after giving effect to the recovery by the Adviser. At June 30, 2022, the cumulative amount which the Fund may repay the Adviser is \$233,068. The amended agreement is renewable annually.

For the year ended December 31, 2020, expiring December 31, 2022	\$ 116,300
For the year ended December 31, 2021, expiring December 31, 2023	71,532
For the six months ended June 30, 2022, expiring December 31, 2024	45,236
	\$ 233,068

- **4. Distribution Plan.** The Fund's Board has adopted a distribution plan (the Plan) for each class of shares, except for 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 six months ended June 30, 2022, other than short term securities and U.S. Government obligations, aggregated \$2,398,955 and \$2,081,911, respectively.
- **6. Transactions with Affiliates and Other Arrangements.** During the six months ended June 30, 2022, the Fund paid \$314 in brokerage commissions on security trades to G.research, LLC, an affiliate of the Adviser. Additionally, the Distributor retained a total of \$247 from investors representing commissions (sales charges and underwriting fees) on sales and redemptions of Fund shares.

During the six months ended June 30, 2022, 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 brokerage arrangement during this period was \$805.

The cost of calculating the Fund's NAV per share is a Fund expense pursuant to the Advisory Agreement. Under the sub-administration agreement with Bank of New York Mellon, the fees paid include the cost of calculating the Fund's NAV. The Fund reimburses the Adviser for this service. The Adviser did not seek a reimbursement during the six months ended June 30, 2022.

The Fund pays retainer and per meeting fees to Trustees not affiliated with the Adviser, plus specified amounts to the Lead Trustee and Audit Committee Chairman. Trustees are also reimbursed for out of pocket expenses incurred in attending meetings. Trustees who are directors or employees of the Adviser or an affiliated company receive no compensation or expense reimbursement from the Fund.

- 7. Line of Credit. The Fund participates in an unsecured line of credit, which expires on March 1, 2023 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 bank 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 135 basis points or the Overnight Bank Funding Rate plus 135 basis points in effect on that day. This amount, if any, would be included in "Interest expense" in the Statement of Operations. During the six months ended June 30, 2022, there were no borrowings under the line of credit.
- 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%, and 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 six months ended June 30, 2022 and the year ended December 31, 2021, if any, can be found in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets under Redemption Fees.

Transactions in shares of beneficial interest were as follows:

	Six Mont	hs End	ded			
	June 3	30, 202 udited)		Year l Decembe	Ended	
	Shares	Amount		Shares	1 51, 2	Amount
Class AAA						
Shares sold	14,950	\$	258,918	42,275	\$	825,320
Shares issued upon reinvestment of						
distributions	_		_	84,855		1,553,697
Shares redeemed	(37,335)		(652,511)	(73,307)		(1,404,158)
Net increase/(decrease)	(22,385)	\$	(393,593)	53,823	\$	974,859
Class A						
Shares sold	8,894	\$	153,727	22,301	\$	433,319
Shares issued upon reinvestment of						
distributions	_		_	14,318		261,314
Shares redeemed	(16,945)		(299,595)	(17,823)		(340,893)
Net increase/(decrease)	(8,051)	\$	(145,868)	18,796	\$	353,740
Class C						
Shares sold	4,021	\$	57,897	5,925	\$	101,148
Shares issued upon reinvestment of						
distributions	_		_	7,084		111,720
Shares redeemed	(10,527)		(158,476)	(7,710)		(128,347)
Net increase/(decrease)	(6,506)	\$	(100,579)	5,299	\$	84,521
Class I						
Shares sold	16,028	\$	278,234	30,721	\$	587,499
Shares issued upon reinvestment of						
distributions	_		_	27,110		498,013
Shares redeemed	(17,751)		(314,700)	(27,849)		(538,512)
Net increase/(decrease)	(1,723)	\$	(36,466)	29,982	\$	547,000

- **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.

## Board Consideration and Re-Approval of Investment Advisory Agreement (Unaudited)

At its meeting on February 8, 2022, the Board of the Fund approved the continuation of the investment advisory agreement with the Adviser for the Fund on the basis of the recommendation by the trustees who are not "interested persons" of the Fund (the Independent Board Members). The following paragraphs summarize the material information and factors considered by the Independent Board Members as well as their conclusions relative to such factors.

**Nature, Extent, and Quality of Services.** The Independent Board Members considered information regarding the portfolio managers, the depth of the analyst pool available to the Adviser and the portfolio managers, the scope of supervisory, administrative, shareholder, and other services supervised or provided by the Adviser, and the absence of significant service problems reported to the Board. The Independent Board Members noted the experience, length of service, and reputation of the portfolio managers.

Investment Performance. The Independent Board Members reviewed the short, medium, and long term performance (as of December 31, 2021) of the Fund against a peer group of eight other comparable funds prepared by the Adviser (the Adviser Peer Group) and against a peer group prepared by Broadridge (the Broadridge Performance Peer Group) consisting of all retail and institutional multi-cap value funds, regardless of asset size or primary channel of distribution. The Independent Board Members noted that the Fund's performance was in the fourth quartile for the one, three, and five year periods, as measured against the Adviser Peer Group. Against the Broadridge Performance Peer Group, the Independent Board Members noted that the Fund's performance was in the fifth quintile for the one year period and the third quintile for the three year and five year periods. The Independent Board discussed the Fund's performance, the varying results among different peer groups, and potential ways to improve the Fund's performance. The Independent Board Members noted the Adviser's commitment to waive the Fund's advisory fees as well as its focus on taking actions to address performance improvements with the Fund's portfolio managers.

**Profitability.** The Independent Board Members reviewed summary data regarding the lack of profitability of the Fund to the Adviser both with an administrative overhead charge and without such a charge. The Independent Board Members also noted that a substantial portion of the Fund's portfolio transactions were executed by an affiliated broker, that the affiliated broker received distribution fees and minor amounts of sales commissions, and that the Adviser received a moderate amount of soft dollar benefits through the Fund's portfolio brokerage.

**Economies of Scale.** The Independent Board Members discussed the major elements of the Adviser's cost structure and the relationship of those elements to potential economies of scale. The Independent Board Members noted that the Fund needed significantly more assets before any potential economies of scale could be realized.

**Sharing of Economies of Scale.** The Independent Board Members noted that the investment advisory fee schedule for the Fund does not take into account any potential economies of scale that may develop or any historical losses or diminished profitability to the Adviser in prior years.

**Service and Cost Comparisons.** The Independent Board Members compared the expense ratios of the investment advisory fee, other expenses, and total expenses of the Fund to similar expense ratios of the Adviser Peer Group and a peer group comprised of seventeen other multi-cap value funds selected by Broadridge and noted that the advisory fee includes substantially all administrative services for the Fund as well as the investment advisory services of the Adviser. The Independent Board Members noted that the Fund's expense

## Board Consideration and Re-Approval of Investment Advisory Agreement (Unaudited) (Continued)

ratios were generally above average within each peer group and that the Fund's size was below average within the Adviser Peer Group and below the median within the peer group of funds selected by Broadridge. The Independent Board Members noted that the management fee structure was comparable to those in effect for most of the Gabelli funds. The Independent Board Members noted that an advisory fee waiver structure was in effect for the Fund. The Independent Board Members were presented with but did not consider to be material to their decision, various information comparing the advisory fee to the fees for other types of accounts managed by affiliates of the Adviser.

Conclusions. The Independent Board Members concluded that the Fund enjoyed highly experienced portfolio management services, good ancillary services, and an acceptable overall performance record. The Independent Board Members also concluded that the Fund's expense ratios and low profitability to the Adviser of managing the Fund were reasonable, particularly in light of the small size of the Fund and the Adviser's commitment to waive advisory fees, and that economies of scale were not a significant factor in their thinking at this time. The Independent Board Members did not view the potential profitability of ancillary services as material to their decision. On the basis of the foregoing and without assigning particular weight to any single conclusion, the Independent Board Members determined to recommend the continuation of the Advisory Agreement to the full Board.

Based on a consideration of all these factors in their totality, the Board Members, including all of the Independent Board Members, determined that the Fund's advisory fee was appropriate in light of the quality of services provided and in light of the other factors described above that the Board deemed relevant. Accordingly, the Board Members determined to approve the continuation of the Fund's Advisory Agreement and the Fund's Amended and Restated Contractual Fee Waiver and Expense Deferral Agreement. The Board Members based their decision on evaluations of all these factors as a whole and did not consider any one factor as all-important or controlling.

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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 contents of the portfolio managers' commentary are unrestricted. Both the commentary and the financial statements, including the portfolios of investments, will be available on our website at www.gabelli.com.

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