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Class

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Ticker Symbol

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PROSPECTUS

September 1, 2022

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 (<https://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. Your election to receive reports on paper will apply to all funds held in your account if you invest through your financial intermediary or all funds held within the fund complex if you invest directly with the Fund.

The Securities and Exchange Commission has not approved or disapproved the shares described in this prospectus or determined whether this prospectus is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

SUMMARY OF THE FUND

Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to provide a high level of total return through a combination of capital appreciation and current income.

Fees and Expenses of the Fund:

Effective August 31, 2022 (the “Effective Date”), The Gabelli Utilities Fund’s Class C1 shares are “closed to all purchases from new investors.” “Closed to purchases from new investors” means neither new investors nor existing shareholders may purchase any additional Class C1 shares after the Effective Date. These changes have no effect on existing shareholders’ ability to redeem shares of The Gabelli Utilities Fund as described herein. Class C1 shares are not offered for sale after the Effective Date and all references to Class C1 shares in this prospectus are used solely for supplemental disclosure purposes, where relevant.

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy, hold, and sell shares of the Fund. **You may pay other fees, such as brokerage commissions and other fees to financial intermediaries, which are not reflected in the tables and examples below.** You may qualify for sales charge discounts on Class A shares if you and your family invest, or agree to invest in the future, at least \$50,000 in Class A shares of the Gabelli family of mutual funds. More information about these and other discounts is available from your financial intermediary and in the section entitled “Classes of Shares” on page 17 of the prospectus and in Appendix A, “Sales Charge Reductions and Waivers Available through Certain Intermediaries,” attached to the Fund’s prospectus.

	<u>Class AAA Shares</u>	<u>Class A Shares</u>	<u>Class C Shares</u>	<u>Class I Shares</u>
Shareholder Fees				
(fees paid directly from your investment):				
Maximum Sales Charge (Load) on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	None	5.75%	None	None
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load) (as a percentage of redemption or offering price, whichever is lower)	None	None	1.00%	None
Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Reinvested Dividends (as percentage of amount invested)	None	None	None	None
Redemption Fee (as a percentage of amount redeemed for shares held 7 days or less)	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
Exchange Fee	None	None	None	None
Annual Fund Operating Expenses				
(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):				
Management Fees	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Distribution and Service (Rule 12b-1) Fees	0.25%	0.25%	1.00%	None
Other Expenses	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%	0.11%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	<u>1.36%</u>	<u>1.36%</u>	<u>2.11%</u>	<u>1.11%</u>

Expense Example

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds.

The example assumes that you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods indicated, and then redeem all of your shares at the end of those periods. The example also assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year and that the Fund's operating expenses remain the same. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>
Class AAA Shares	\$138	\$431	\$ 745	\$1,635
Class A Shares	\$706	\$981	\$1,277	\$2,116
Class C Shares	\$314	\$661	\$1,134	\$2,441
Class I Shares	\$113	\$353	\$ 612	\$1,352

You would pay the following expenses if you did not redeem your shares of the Fund:

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Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or “turns over” its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in lower total returns when the Fund's shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in the annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 3% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal Investment Strategies

Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in securities of domestic or foreign companies that are involved to a substantial extent in providing products, services or equipment for the generation or distribution of electricity, gas, and water and the provision of infrastructure operations or telecommunications services, such as telephone, telegraph, satellite, cable, microwave, radiotelephone, mobile communication and cellular, paging, electronic mail, videotext, voice communications, data communications, and internet and that derive at least 50% of their revenue or earnings from, or devote at least 50% of their assets to, utilities (each, a “Utility Company” and collectively, “Utility Companies”) that the Fund's investment adviser, Gabelli Funds, LLC (the “Adviser”), believes have the potential to provide either capital appreciation or current income. The Adviser emphasizes quality in selecting utility investments, and looks for companies that have proven dividend records and sound financial structures. Generally, Utility Companies generate relatively predictable streams of revenue and income, and in the view of the Adviser, are likely to pay dividends. For additional information about selection of investments suitable for the Fund, see page 9 of the prospectus.

In selecting investments, the Adviser will consider factors such as: (i) the market price of the issuer's common stock, earnings expectations, earnings and price histories, balance sheet characteristics, perceived management skills, and the conditions affecting the industry in which the issuer practices; (ii) the level of interest rates, local and national government regulations, the price and availability of materials used in the particular utility, environmental protection or energy conservation regulations, the level of demand for services, and the risks associated with constructing and operating certain kinds of facilities such as nuclear power facilities; (iii) the potential for capital appreciation of the stock; (iv) the dividend income generated by the stock; (v) the prices of the stock relative to other comparable stocks; and (vi) the diversification of the portfolio of the Fund as to issuers. The Adviser will also consider changes in economic and political outlooks as well as individual corporate developments. The Adviser will sell any Fund investments that lose their perceived value relative to other investments in the judgment of the portfolio management team.

The Fund's assets will be invested primarily in a broad range of readily marketable dividend paying common stocks in the utilities industry. Although many of these common stocks will pay above average dividends, the Fund will buy stock of those companies whose securities have the potential for their prices to increase, providing either capital appreciation or current income for the Fund. The Fund may also invest in master limited partnerships ("MLPs").

The Fund may invest up to 40% of its total assets in securities of non-U.S. issuers, including in emerging markets.

Principal Risks

You may want to invest in the Fund if:

- you are a long term investor
- you seek growth of capital as well as current income
- you wish to include an income strategy as a portion of your overall investments
- you believe that the utilities industry can generate growth of capital

The Fund's share price will fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's portfolio securities. Stocks are subject to market, economic, and business risks that may cause their prices to fluctuate. Holders of common stocks only have rights to the value in the company after all debts have been paid, and they could lose their entire investment in a company that encounters financial difficulty. The Fund is also subject to the following risks: that its portfolio companies will reduce or eliminate the dividend rate on the securities held by the Fund, that no event occurs to surface the value expected by the Adviser, or that regulatory actions adversely affect the Fund's portfolio securities. As a consequence of its policy of concentrating in the utility industry, the Fund's investments may be subject to greater risk and market fluctuation than a fund that has securities representing a broader range of alternatives. Foreign securities are subject to currency, information, and political risks.

An investment in the Fund is not a deposit of a bank and is not insured or guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency. When you sell Fund shares, they may be worth less than what you paid for them; you may lose money by investing in the Fund.

The principal risks presented by the Fund are:

- **Equity Risk.** Equity risk is the risk that the prices of the securities held by the Fund will change due to general market and economic conditions, perceptions regarding the industries in which the companies issuing the securities participate, and the issuer companies' particular circumstances.
- **Inflation Risk.** Inflation risk is the risk that the value of assets or income from investments will be worth less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. Recently, inflation rates have risen to the highest levels seen in many decades. As inflation increases, the real value of the Fund's shares and distributions therefore may decline. Inflation may result in losses to Fund shareholders.
- **Coronavirus ("COVID-19") and Global Health Events.** COVID-19 and concerns about its rapid spread and infections have severely impacted business activity in virtually all economies, markets, and sectors and negatively impacted the value of many financial and other assets. The duration of the COVID-19 outbreak and its effects cannot be determined with certainty. These events could have a significant impact on the Fund's performance, as well as the performance and viability of issuers in which it invests.
- **Foreign Securities Risk.** Investments in foreign securities involve risks relating to political, social, and economic developments abroad, as well as risks resulting from the differences between the regulations to which U.S. and foreign issuers and markets are subject. These risks include expropriation, differing accounting and disclosure standards, currency exchange risks, settlement difficulties, market illiquidity, difficulties enforcing legal rights, and greater transaction costs. These risks are more pronounced in the securities of companies located in emerging markets.
- **Industry Risk.** The Fund's investments in Utility Companies may be more susceptible to various factors, including government regulation, increases in operating expenses, high interest costs, higher inflation, industry overcapacity, or reduced demand for services or price volatility, including as a result of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.
- **Interest Rate Risk.** Investments in dividend paying securities involve interest rate risk. When interest rates decline, the value of such securities generally rises. Conversely, when interest rates rise, the value of such securities generally declines. The Fund may be subject to a greater risk of rising interest rates due to the current period of historically low interest rates and recent inflationary price movements. Interest rates have begun to rise in response to these inflationary price movements and there is a possibility that interest rates will continue to rise in the future.
- **Issuer Risk.** The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that directly relate to an issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage, and reduced demand for the issuer's goods or services, as well as the historical and prospective earnings of the issuer and the value of its assets or factors unrelated to the issuer's value, such as investor perception.
- **Management Risk.** If the portfolio managers are incorrect in their assessment of the growth prospects of the securities the Fund holds, then the value of the Fund's shares may decline.
- **Master Limited Partnerships Risk.** Investments in MLPs subjects the Fund to risks associated with the specific industry or industries in which the MLPs invest. MLPs are generally

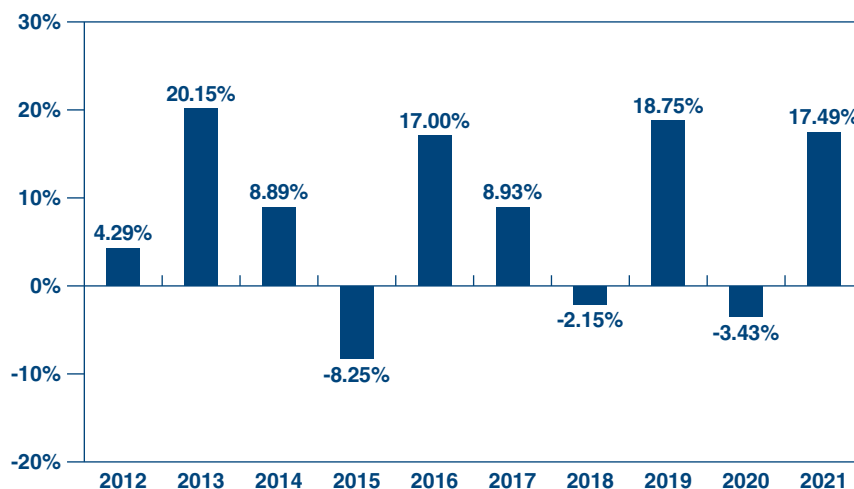
considered interest-rate sensitive investments. During periods of interest rate volatility, these investments may not provide attractive returns.

- **Regulatory Risk.** The Fund's investments in Utility Companies may lose value because of changes in the amounts and types of governmental and environmental regulation.
- **"Return of Capital" Risk.** The Fund's distributions may represent a non-taxable return of capital. A return of capital distribution is a distribution in excess of current and accumulated earnings and profits. A return of capital distribution is tax-free to the extent of a shareholder's basis in its Fund shares and reduces the shareholder's basis to that extent. A distribution consisting of return of capital should not be considered as the dividend yield or total return of an investment. Shareholders who receive the payment of a distribution consisting of a return of capital may be under the impression that they are receiving net profits when they are not.

Performance

The bar chart and table that follow provide an indication of the risks of investing in the Fund by showing changes in the Fund's performance from year to year, and by showing how the Fund's average annual returns for one year, five years, and ten years compared with those of a broad based securities market index and with the returns of an index of funds with similar investment objectives. As with all mutual funds, the Fund's past performance (before and after taxes) does not predict how the Fund will perform in the future. Updated information on the Fund's results can be obtained by visiting www.gabelli.com.

THE GABELLI UTILITIES FUND
(Total Returns for Class AAA Shares for the Years Ended December 31)



During the calendar years shown in the bar chart, the highest return for a quarter was 11.32% (quarter ended March 31, 2016), and the lowest return for a quarter was (16.79)% (quarter ended March 31, 2021).

Average Annual Total Returns (for the years ended December 31, 2021, with maximum sales charge, if applicable)	Past One Year	Past Five Years	Past Ten Years
The Gabelli Utilities Fund Class AAA Shares			
Return Before Taxes	17.49%	7.51%	7.72%
Return After Taxes on Distributions	16.66%	6.92%	6.92%
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	10.86%	5.80%	6.09%
Class A Shares			
Return Before Taxes	10.61%	6.22%	7.07%
Class C Shares (first issued on September 1, 2022)			
Return Before Taxes	15.32%	6.67%	6.90%
Class I Shares			
Return Before Taxes	17.66%	7.75%	7.98%
Standard & Poor's ("S&P") 500 Utilities Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	17.67%	11.76%	11.06%
Lipper Utility Fund Average	15.37%	10.02%	9.73%

Returns shown for Class C shares prior to their first issuance date on September 1, 2022 are those of the Fund's Class C1 shares. Class C and Class C1 shares would have substantially similar annual returns because the shares of each Class are invested in the same portfolio and have similar expense structures. Annual returns would differ only to the extent that the classes do not have the same expenses.

After-tax returns are calculated using the historical highest individual federal marginal income tax rates and do not reflect the impact of state and local taxes. Actual after-tax returns depend on the investor's tax situation and may differ from those shown. In some instances, the "Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares" may be greater than the "Return After Taxes on Distributions" because the investor is assumed to be able to use the capital loss from the sale of Fund shares to offset other taxable gains. After-tax returns shown are not relevant to investors who hold their Fund shares through tax deferred arrangements, such as 401(k) plans or individual retirement accounts, including Roth IRAs and SEP IRAs (collectively, "IRAs"). After-tax returns are shown only for Class AAA shares and after-tax returns for other classes will vary due to the differences in expenses.

Management

The Adviser. Gabelli Funds, LLC

The Portfolio Managers. Mr. Mario J. Gabelli, CFA, Chief Investment Officer — Value Portfolios of the Adviser, has served as portfolio manager of the Fund since its inception on August 31, 1999. Mr. Timothy M. Winter, CFA, has served as an associate portfolio manager of the Fund since May 2018. Messrs. Justin Bergner and Brett Kearney have served as associate portfolio managers of the Fund since July 1, 2021.

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

Effective August 31, 2022, The Gabelli Utilities Fund's Class C1 shares have been "closed to all purchases from new investors" as described above. Class C1 shares are not offered for sale after the Effective Date and all references to Class C1 shares in this prospectus are used solely for supplemental disclosure purposes, where relevant.

The minimum initial investment for Class AAA, Class A, and Class C shares is \$1,000 (\$250 for IRAs or Coverdell Education Savings Plans). There is no minimum initial investment for Class AAA, Class A, and Class C shares in an automatic monthly investment plan. Class I shares are available to investors with a minimum investment of \$50,000 when purchasing the shares directly through G.distributors, LLC, the Fund's distributor ("G.distributors" or the "Distributor"), or investors purchasing Class I shares through brokers or financial intermediaries that have entered into selling agreements with the Distributor specifically with respect to Class I shares, and which have different minimum investment amounts. If you transact in Class I shares through a broker or financial intermediary, you may be required to pay a commission and/or other forms of compensation to the broker or financial intermediary. The Distributor reserves the right to waive or change minimum investment amounts. There is no minimum for subsequent investments.

You can purchase or redeem shares of the Fund on any day the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") is open for trading (a "Business Day"). You may purchase or redeem Fund shares by written request via mail (The Gabelli Funds, P.O. Box 219204, Kansas City, MO 64121-9204), personal or overnight delivery (The Gabelli Funds, c/o DST Asset Manager Solutions, Inc., 430 W 7th Street, STE 219204, Kansas City, MO 64105-1407), Internet, bank wire, or Automated Clearing House ("ACH") system. You may also purchase Fund shares by telephone at 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554), if you have an existing account with banking instructions on file.

Fund shares can also be purchased or sold through registered broker-dealers or financial intermediaries that have entered into appropriate selling agreements with the Distributor. The broker-dealer or other financial intermediary will transmit these transaction orders to the Fund on your behalf and send you confirmation of your transactions and periodic account statements showing your investments in the Fund.

Tax Information

The Fund expects that distributions will generally be taxable as ordinary income or long term capital gains, unless you are investing through a tax deferred arrangement, such as a 401(k) plan or an IRA.

Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries

If you purchase shares of the Fund through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary (such as a bank), the Fund and its related companies may pay the intermediary for the sale of the Fund shares and related services. These payments may create a conflict of interest by influencing the broker-dealer or other intermediary and your salesperson to recommend the Fund over another investment. Ask your salesperson or visit your financial intermediary's website for more information.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE, INVESTMENT STRATEGIES, AND RELATED RISKS

The Fund's investment objective is to seek to provide a high level of total return through a combination of capital appreciation and current income. The investment objective of the Fund may not be changed without shareholder approval.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in securities of Utility Companies that the Adviser believes have the potential to provide either capital appreciation or current

income (the “80% Investment Policy”). The 80% Investment Policy may be changed by the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) without shareholder approval. Shareholders will, however, receive at least sixty days prior notice of any change in this policy. Generally, Utility Companies generate relatively predictable streams of revenue and income, and in the view of the Adviser, are likely to pay dividends. However, the Fund focuses on those companies in this industry whose common stocks may be undervalued and thus have the potential for capital appreciation. The Fund’s performance is expected to reflect conditions affecting the utilities industry. This industry is sensitive to factors such as interest rates, local and national government regulations, the price and availability of materials used in the particular utility, environmental protection or energy conservation regulations, the level of demand for services, and the risks associated with constructing and operating certain kinds of facilities, such as nuclear power facilities. These factors may change rapidly. The Adviser emphasizes quality in selecting utility investments, and looks for companies that have proven dividend records and sound financial structures. Believing that the industry is under consolidation due to changes in regulation, the Fund seeks to position itself to take advantage of trends in consolidation.

Undervaluation of the stock of a Utility Company with good intermediate and longer term fundamentals can result from a variety of factors, such as a lack of investor recognition of:

- the underlying value of a company’s fixed assets,
- the level of demand for services,
- the underlying value of the companies within the utilities industry,
- beneficial changes in interest rates,
- beneficial changes in the price and availability of fuel,
- the value of a consumer or commercial franchise,
- changes in the economic or financial environment affecting the company,
- new or rapidly expanding markets,
- technological developments or advancements affecting the company or its products,
- changes in local and national governmental regulations, political climate, or competitive conditions, and
- changes in environmental protection or energy conservation regulations.

Actual events that may lead to a significant increase in the value of a company’s securities include:

- favorable earnings surprises relative to analysts’ expectations,
- a beneficial change in local or national governmental regulations,
- a beneficial change in environmental protection regulations or energy conservation regulations,
- a merger or reorganization or recapitalization of the company,
- a sale of a division of the company,
- a tender offer (an offer to purchase investors’ shares),
- the retirement or death of a senior officer or substantial shareholder of the company, and
- a beneficial change in the company’s dividend policy.

In selecting investments, the Adviser will consider factors such as: (i) the market price of the issuer’s common stock, earnings expectations, earnings and price histories, balance sheet characteristics, perceived management skills, and the conditions affecting the industry in which the issuer practices; (ii) the level of interest rates, local and national government regulations, the price and availability of

materials used in the particular utility, environmental protection or energy conservation regulations, the level of demand for services, and the risks associated with constructing and operating certain kinds of facilities such as nuclear power facilities; (iii) the potential for capital appreciation of the stock; (iv) the dividend income generated by the stock; (v) the prices of the stock relative to other comparable stocks; and (vi) the diversification of the portfolio of the Fund as to issuers. The Adviser will also consider changes in economic and political outlooks as well as individual corporate developments. The Adviser will sell any Fund investments that lose their perceived value relative to other investments in the judgment of the portfolio management team.

The Fund's assets will be invested primarily in a broad range of readily marketable dividend-paying common stocks in the utilities industry. Although many of the common stocks will pay above average dividends, the Fund will buy stock of those companies whose securities have the potential for their prices to increase, providing either capital appreciation or current income for the Fund. The value of common stocks will fluctuate due to many factors, including the past and predicted earnings of the issuer, the quality of the issuer's management, general market conditions, the forecasts for the issuer's industry, and the value of the issuer's assets. Holders of common stocks only have rights to the value in the company after all issuer debts have been paid, and they could lose their entire investment in a company that encounters financial difficulty. The Fund may also invest in MLPs.

The Fund's policy of concentration in companies in the utilities industry is a fundamental policy of the Fund. Fundamental policies may not be changed without the authorization of a vote of a majority (as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act")) of the Fund's outstanding shares.

The Fund may also use the following investment techniques:

- **Defensive Investments.** When adverse market or economic conditions occur, the Fund may temporarily invest all or a portion of its assets in defensive investments. Such investments include high grade debt securities, obligations of the U.S. government and its agencies, and instrumentalities, or high quality, short term money market instruments. When following a defensive strategy, the Fund will be less likely to achieve its investment objective.
- **Foreign Securities.** The Fund may invest up to 40% of its total assets in securities of non-U.S. issuers.

The Fund may also engage in other investment practices in order to achieve its investment objective. These are discussed in the Statement of Additional Information ("SAI"), which may be obtained by calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554), your financial intermediary, or free of charge through the Fund's website at www.gabelli.com.

Investing in the Fund involves the following risks:

- **Equity Risk.** Equity risk is the risk that the prices of the securities held by the Fund will change due to general market and economic conditions, perceptions regarding the industries in which the companies issuing the securities participate, and the issuer companies' particular circumstances. These fluctuations may cause a security to be worth less than it was worth when it was purchased by the Fund. Because the value of securities, and thus shares of the Fund, could decline, you could lose money.

- **Inflation Risk.** Inflation risk is the risk that the value of assets or income from investments will be worth less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. Recently, inflation rates have risen to the highest levels seen in many decades. As inflation increases, the real value of the Fund's shares and distributions therefore may decline. Inflation rates may change frequently and significantly as a result of various factors, including unexpected shifts in the domestic or global economy and changes in economic policies, and the Fund's investments may not keep pace with inflation, which may result in losses to Fund shareholders.
- **Coronavirus ("COVID-19") and Global Health Event Risk.** As of the filing date of this prospectus, there is an outbreak of a highly contagious form of a novel coronavirus known as "COVID-19." COVID-19 has been declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization and, in response to the outbreak, the U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary has declared a public health emergency in the United States. COVID-19 had a devastating impact on the global economy, including the U.S. economy, and resulted in a global economic recession. Many states issued orders requiring the closure of non-essential businesses and/or requiring residents to stay at home. The COVID-19 pandemic and preventative measures taken to contain or mitigate its spread have caused, and are continuing to cause, business shutdowns, cancellations of events and travel, significant reductions in demand for certain goods and services, reductions in business activity and financial transactions, supply chain interruptions and overall economic and financial market instability both globally and in the United States. Such effects will likely continue for the duration of the pandemic, which is uncertain, and for some period thereafter. While several countries, as well as certain states, counties, and cities in the United States, began to relax the early public health restrictions with a view to partially or fully reopening their economies, many cities, both globally and in the United States, continue to experience, from time to time, surges in the reported number of cases and hospitalizations related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Recurring COVID-19 outbreaks, newly discovered variant and sub-variant strains of the virus and increases in cases can, and has, led to the re-introduction of restrictions and business shutdowns in certain states, counties, and cities in the United States and globally, and could continue to lead to the re-introduction of such restrictions elsewhere. Even after the COVID-19 pandemic subsides, the U.S. economy and most other major global economies may continue to experience a substantial economic downturn or recession, and our business and operations, as well as the business and operations of our portfolio companies, could be materially adversely affected by a prolonged economic downturn or recession in the United States and other major markets.

The current economic situation and the unprecedented measures taken by state, local and national governments around the world to combat the spread of COVID-19, as well as various social, political and psychological tensions in the United States and around the world, may continue to contribute to severe market disruptions and volatility and reduced economic activity, may have long-term negative effects on the U.S. and worldwide financial markets and economy and may cause further economic uncertainties in the United States and worldwide. The prolonged continuation or further deterioration of the current U.S. and global economic downturn could adversely impact the Fund's portfolio. It is difficult to predict how long the financial markets and economic activity will continue to be impacted by these events and the Fund cannot predict the effects of these or similar events in the future on the U.S. economy and securities markets.

Despite actions of the U.S. federal government and foreign governments, the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and other factors has contributed to significant volatility in the global public equity markets and global debt capital markets, including the net asset value of the Fund's shares. These events could have, and/or have had, a significant impact on the Fund's performance, net asset value, income, operating results and ability to pay distributions, as well as the performance, income, operating results and viability of issuers in which it invests.

It is virtually impossible to determine the ultimate impact of COVID-19 at this time. Further, the extent and strength of any economic recovery after the COVID-19 pandemic abates, including following any intensifying of the pandemic, is uncertain and subject to various factors and conditions. Accordingly, an investment in the Fund is subject to an elevated degree of risk as compared to other market environments.

- **Foreign Securities Risk.** The Fund's investments outside the United States carry additional risks that include:
 - **Currency Risk** — Fluctuations in exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and foreign currencies may negatively affect an investment. Adverse changes in exchange rates may erode or reverse any gains produced by foreign currency denominated investments and may widen any losses. In addition, the Fund's investments could be adversely affected by delays in, or a refusal to grant, repatriation of funds or conversion of emerging market currencies.
 - **Information Risk** — Key information about an issuer, security, or market may be inaccurate or unavailable.
 - **Political Risk** — Foreign governments may expropriate assets, impose capital or currency controls, impose punitive taxes, or nationalize a company or industry. Any of these actions could have a severe effect on security prices and impair the Fund's ability to bring its capital or income back to the United States. Other political risks include policy changes, social and political instability, military action, and war. In particular, the consequences of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, including international sanctions, the potential impact on inflation and increased disruption to supply chains may impact our portfolio companies, result in an economic downturn or recession either globally or locally in the U.S. or other economies, reduce business activity, spawn additional conflicts (whether in the form of traditional military action, reignited "cold" wars or in the form of virtual warfare such as cyberattacks) with similar and perhaps wider ranging impacts and consequences and have an adverse impact on the Fund's returns and net asset value.
 - **Access Risk** — The risk that some countries may restrict the Fund's access to investments or offer terms that are less advantageous than those for local investors. This could limit the attractive investment opportunities available to the Fund.
 - **Liquidity Risk** — Foreign securities are sometimes less liquid than securities of comparably sized U.S. issuers.
 - **Emerging Markets Risk** — The above listed foreign securities risks are more pronounced in the securities of companies located in emerging markets.

- **Eurozone Investment Risks** — A number of countries in the European Union (“EU”) have experienced, and may continue to experience, severe economic and financial difficulties. On June 23, 2016, the United Kingdom held a referendum in which voters approved an exit from the EU, commonly referred to as “Brexit”. The United Kingdom’s withdrawal from the EU occurred on January 31, 2020, and the United Kingdom remained in the EU’s customs union and single market until December 31, 2020. The United Kingdom and the EU have entered into a Trade and Cooperation Agreement (the “TCA”). While the TCA regulates a number of important areas, significant parts of the United Kingdom economy are not addressed in detail by the TCA, including in particular the services sector, which represents the largest component of the United Kingdom’s economy. A number of issues, particularly in relation to the financial services sector, remain to be resolved through further bilateral negotiations, which are currently expected to begin in the early part of 2021. As a result, the new relationship between the United Kingdom and the EU could in the short-term, and possibly for longer, cause disruptions to and create uncertainty in the United Kingdom and European economies, prejudice to financial services businesses that are conducting business in the EU and which are based in the United Kingdom, legal uncertainty regarding achievement of compliance with applicable financial and commercial laws and regulations, and the unavailability of timely information as to expected legal, tax and other regimes. During this period of uncertainty, the negative impact on not only the UK and European economies, but the broader global economy, could be significant, potentially resulting in increased volatility and illiquidity and lower economic growth for companies that rely significantly on Europe for their business activities and revenues. One or more other countries may abandon the euro and/or withdraw from the EU, placing its currency and banking system in jeopardy, and would likely cause additional market disruption globally and introduce new legal and regulatory uncertainties. The impact of these actions, especially if they occur in a disorderly fashion, is not clear but could be significant and far-reaching. In addition, certain European countries have experienced negative interest rates on certain fixed-income instruments. Negative interest rates may result in heightened market volatility and may detract from the Fund’s performance to the extent the Fund is exposed to such interest rates. Among other things, these developments have adversely affected the value and exchange rate of the Euro and Pound Sterling, and may continue to significantly affect the economies of all EU countries, which in turn may have a material adverse effect on the Fund’s investments in such countries, other countries that depend on EU countries for significant amounts of trade or investment, or issuers with exposure to debt issued by certain EU countries.
- **Globalization Risks** — The growing inter-relationship of global economies and financial markets has increased the effect of conditions in one country or region on issuers of securities in a different country or region. In particular, events or developments that interrupt

the global supply chain, such as pandemic risks relating to a novel strain of the coronavirus (COVID-19), the adoption or prolongation of protectionist trade policies by one or more countries, war, changes in economic or monetary policy in the US or abroad, or a slowdown in the US economy, could lead to a decrease in demand for products and reduced flows of capital and income to companies in other countries. Those events might particularly affect companies in emerging countries.

- **Industry Risk.** The Fund's investments in Utility Companies may be more susceptible to factors affecting those particular types of companies and may decline in value because of various factors, including increases in operating expenses, high interest costs, higher inflation, industry overcapacity, or reduced demand for services. The Fund may invest in energy companies and energy producers, including pipeline and gas distribution companies. General problems of energy companies include volatile fluctuations in price and supply of energy fuels, international politics, terrorist attacks, wars, international sanctions, trade restrictions, reserve and depletion risk, reduced demand as a result of increases in energy efficiency and energy conservation, the success of exploration projects, cleanup and litigation costs relating to oil spills and environmental damage, and tax and other regulatory policies of various governments. Natural disasters damaging the sources of energy supplies will also impact energy companies. Oil production and refining companies are subject to extensive federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations regarding air emissions and the disposal of hazardous materials. In addition, recent oil prices have been extremely volatile as a result of, among other factors, (i) the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, (ii) changes in oil and gas inventories, (iii) global market demand, (iv) geopolitical instability, armed conflict and social unrest, including the invasion of Ukraine by Russia in February 2022, the associated response undertaken by western nations, such as the implementation of broad sanctions, and the potential for retaliatory actions on the part of Russia, (v) potential future disagreements among OPEC+ countries regarding the supply of oil, and (vi) the potential for increased production and activity from U.S. shale producers and non-OPEC countries driven by the current oil prices, and therefore, the Fund cannot predict how long oil and gas prices will remain stable or further increase, if at all, or whether they could reverse course and decline. In particular, the invasion of Ukraine by Russia has led to, and will likely continue to lead to, geopolitical disruption and volatility of the markets within which we operate. Volatility in oil prices has caused some producers to curtail production or reduce spending for exploration activities, and it has also caused some energy sector companies to fail due to overleveraging and an extended period of reduced prices may significantly lengthen the time the sector would need to recover after a stabilization of prices. This could increase the time period the Fund would need to see a realization of its investment.
- **Interest Rate Risk.** Investments in dividend paying securities involve interest rate risk. When interest rates decline, the value of such securities generally rises. Conversely, when interest rates rise, the value of such securities generally declines. The Fund may be subject to a greater risk of rising interest rates due to the current period of historically low interest rates and recent inflationary price movements. Interest rates have begun to rise in response to these inflationary price movements and there is a possibility that interest rates will continue to rise in the future.
- **Issuer Risk.** The value of a security may decline for a number of reasons that directly relate to an issuer, such as management performance, financial leverage, and reduced demand for the

issuer's goods or services, as well as the historical and prospective earnings of the issuer and the value of its assets or factors unrelated to the issuer's value, such as investor perception.

- **Management Risk.** If the portfolio managers are incorrect in their assessment of the growth prospects of the securities the Fund holds, then the value of the Fund's shares may decline. In addition, the portfolio managers' strategy may produce returns that are different from other mutual funds that invest in similar securities.
- **Master Limited Partnerships Risk.** Investments in MLPs subjects the Fund to risks associated with the specific industry or industries in which the MLPs invest. MLPs are generally considered interest-rate sensitive investments. During periods of interest rate volatility, these investments may not provide attractive returns.
- **Regulatory Risk.** The Fund's investments in Utility Companies may lose value because of changes in the amounts and types of governmental and environmental regulation. Regulatory regimes in various utilities industries such as electricity, broadcast, cable and common carriers impose limitations on the percentage of the shares held of a public utility by an investment adviser and its clients. Moreover, deregulation of various sectors of the utilities industry could have a negative impact on the Fund's shares as certain companies prove to be less able to meet the challenge of deregulation.
- **"Return of Capital" Risk.** The Fund's distributions may represent a non-taxable return of capital. A return of capital distribution is a distribution in excess of current and accumulated earnings and profits. A return of capital distribution is tax-free to the extent of a shareholder's basis in its Fund shares and reduces the shareholder's basis to that extent. A distribution consisting of return of capital should not be considered as the dividend yield or total return of an investment. Shareholders who receive the payment of a distribution consisting of a return of capital may be under the impression that they are receiving net profits when they are not.

Portfolio Holdings. A description of the Fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the Fund's portfolio securities is available in the SAI, which may be obtained by calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554), your financial intermediary, or free of charge through the Fund's website at www.gabelli.com.

MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

The Adviser. Gabelli Funds, LLC, with its principal offices located at One Corporate Center, Rye, New York 10580-1422, is a New York limited liability company that serves as investment adviser to the Fund. The Adviser makes investment decisions for the Fund and continuously reviews and administers the Fund's investment program and manages the Fund's operations under the general supervision of the Fund's Board. The Adviser also manages several other open-end and closed-end investment companies in the Gabelli family of funds ("Gabelli Fund Complex" or "Fund Complex"). The Adviser is a wholly owned subsidiary of GAMCO Investors, Inc. ("GBL"), a publicly held company listed on the NYSE.

As compensation for its services and related expenses borne by the Adviser for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021, the Fund paid the Adviser a fee computed daily and payable monthly equal to 1.00% of the value of the Fund's average daily net assets.

The Fund's semiannual report to shareholders for the period ended June 30, 2021 contains a discussion of the basis of the Board's determination to continue the investment advisory agreement.

The Portfolio Managers. Mr. Mario J. Gabelli, CFA, is primarily responsible for the day to day investment management of the Fund. Mr. Gabelli is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of GBL and Associated Capital Group, Inc.; Chief Investment Officer — Value Portfolios of GBL, Gabelli Funds, LLC, and GAMCO Asset Management, Inc., another wholly owned subsidiary of GBL; Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer of GGCP, Inc.; and an officer or director of other companies affiliated with GBL. The Adviser relies to a considerable extent on the expertise of Mr. Gabelli, who may be difficult to replace in the event of his death, disability, or resignation.

Mr. Timothy M. Winter, CFA, has served as portfolio manager of the Fund since May 2018. He joined Gabelli & Company in April of 2009 and covers the utility industry. He has over 20 years' experience as an equity research analyst covering this industry, including the years 1992-2007 at AG Edwards from where he received industry recognition as a 3 time Wall Street Journal All-Star and was a senior member of the Institutional Investor (I.I.) #1 ranked Electric Utility Team for the years 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005. He was most recently recognized in the 2017 Thomson Reuters US Analyst Awards as a "Top Stock Picker" in the gas utility industry. Mr. Winter received his B.A. in Economics in 1991 from Rollins College and MBA in Finance from Notre Dame in 1992.

Mr. Justin Bergner joined the portfolio management team as an associate portfolio manager effective July 1, 2021. Mr. Bergner has been a research analyst at GAMCO Investors, Inc. since 2013. Mr. Bergner graduated cum laude from Yale University with a BA in Economics & Mathematics and received an MBA in Finance and Accounting from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Brett Kearney also joined the portfolio management team as an associate portfolio manager effective July 1, 2021. Mr. Kearney joined the GAMCO Investors, Inc. as a research analyst in 2017. Mr. Kearney graduated from Washington and Lee University with a BS in Business Administration, and received an MBA from the Value Investing Program at Columbia Business School. He is a Chartered Financial Analyst.

The Fund's SAI provides additional information about the portfolio managers' compensation, other accounts managed by them, and their ownership of securities, if any, in the Fund.

INDEX DESCRIPTIONS

The **S&P 500 Utilities Index** is an unmanaged market capitalization-weighted index consisting of the gas, electric, and telephone stocks that are included in the S&P 500 Index, a market capitalization-weighted index of common stocks. The index figures do not reflect any deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes. You cannot invest directly in the S&P 500 Utilities Index.

The **Lipper Utility Fund Average** reflects the average performance of mutual funds classified in this particular category.

CLASSES OF SHARES

Four classes of the Fund's shares are offered in this prospectus — Class AAA shares, Class A shares, Class C shares, and Class I shares. Class C1 shares are not offered for sale after the Effective Date and all references to Class C1 shares in this prospectus are used solely for supplemental disclosure purposes, where relevant. The Fund is not designed for market timers; see the section entitled "Redemption of Shares." Each class of shares has different costs associated with buying, selling, and holding Fund shares. Your broker or other financial professional can assist you in selecting which class of shares best meets your needs based on such factors as the size of your investments and the length of time you intend to hold your shares.

The minimum initial investment for Class AAA, Class A, and Class C shares is \$1,000.

The Fund's Class AAA shares are offered only to (1) clients of broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries (i) that charge such clients an ongoing fee for advisory, investment, consulting, or similar service or (ii) where the Distributor has entered into an agreement permitting the financial intermediary to offer Class AAA shares through its mutual fund supermarket network or platform, and (2) customers of the Distributor.

Class I shares are available to investors with a minimum investment of \$50,000 and purchasing shares directly through the Distributor, or investors purchasing Class I shares through brokers or financial intermediaries that have entered into selling agreements with the Distributor specifically with respect to Class I shares. Such brokers or financial intermediaries may have different requirements as to the investment minimum. If you transact in Class I shares through a broker or financial intermediary, you may be required to pay a commission and/or other forms of compensation to the broker or financial intermediary.

The Distributor or its affiliates may, in their discretion, accept investments from purchasers that do not meet the qualification requirements.

There is no minimum for subsequent investments.

The table that follows summarizes the differences among the classes of shares.

- A "front-end sales load" or sales charge is a one time fee that may be charged at the time of purchase of shares.
- A contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC") is a one time fee that may be charged at the time of redemption.
- A "Rule 12b-1 fee" is a recurring annual fee for distributing shares and servicing shareholder accounts based on the Fund's average daily net assets attributable to the particular class of shares.

In selecting a class of shares in which to invest, you should consider:

- the length of time you plan to hold the shares;
- the amount of sales charge and Rule 12b-1 fees, recognizing that your share of Rule 12b-1 fees as a percentage of your investment increases if the Fund's assets increase in value and decreases if the Fund's assets decrease in value;
- whether you qualify for a reduction or waiver of the Class A sales charge; and
- whether you qualify to purchase Class AAA shares or Class I shares.

	Class AAA Shares	Class A Shares	Class C Shares	Class I Shares
Front-End Sales Load?	No.	Yes. The percentage declines as the amount invested increases. The offering price of a Class A share includes the front-end sales load.	No.	No.
Contingent Deferred Sales Charge?	No.	No, except for shares redeemed up to and including the last day of the eighteenth month after purchase as part of an investment greater than \$1 million if no front-end sales charge was paid at the time of purchase.	Yes, for shares redeemed up to and including the last day of the twelfth month after purchase.	No.
Rule 12b-1 Fee	0.25%	0.25%	1.00%	None.
Convertible to Another Class?	Yes. May be converted to Class I shares provided certain conditions are met.	Yes. May be converted to Class I shares provided certain conditions are met.	Yes. May be converted to Class I shares provided certain conditions are met. Conversion to Class A shares after approximately eight years.	No.
Fund Expense Levels	Lower annual expenses than Class C shares. Higher annual expenses than Class I shares. Same as Class A shares.	Lower annual expenses than Class C shares. Higher annual expenses than Class I shares. Same as Class AAA shares.	Higher annual expenses than Class AAA, Class A, and Class I shares.	Lower annual expenses than Class AAA, Class A, and Class C shares.

The following sections and Appendix A to this prospectus include important information about sales charges and sales charge reductions and waivers, and describe information or records you may need to provide to the Fund or your broker in order to be eligible for sales charge reductions and waivers. Intermediaries may have different policies and procedures regarding the availability of sales charge reductions and waivers; please refer to Appendix A to this prospectus, which describes all such intermediaries. Information about sales charges and sales charge reductions and waivers to the various classes of the Fund's shares is also available free of charge and in a clear and prominent format on our website at www.gabelli.com. You should consider the information below as a guide only, as the decision on which share class is best for you depends on your individual needs and circumstances.

If you	then you should consider
• qualify for a reduced or waived front-end sales load	purchasing Class A shares instead of Class C shares
• do not qualify for a reduced or waived front-end sales load and intend to hold your shares for only a few years	purchasing Class C shares instead of Class A shares
• do not qualify for a reduced or waived front-end sales load and intend to hold your shares indefinitely	purchasing Class A shares instead of Class C shares
• are eligible and wish to purchase at least \$50,000 worth of shares	purchasing Class I shares
• qualify for no-load	purchasing Class AAA shares

Sales Charge — Class A Shares. Unless you are eligible for a sales charge reduction or a waiver as set forth in Appendix A to this prospectus, the sales charge is imposed on Class A shares at the time of purchase in accordance with the following schedule. It is the purchaser's responsibility to notify the Fund, the Distributor, or the purchaser's financial intermediary at the time of purchase of any relationship or other facts qualifying the purchaser for sales charge reductions or waivers.

Amount of Investment	Sales Charge as % of the Offering Price*	Sales Charge as % of Amount Invested	Reallowance to Broker-Dealers
Under \$50,000	5.75%	6.10%	5.00%
\$50,000 but under \$100,000	4.75%	4.99%	4.00%
\$100,000 but under \$250,000	3.75%	3.90%	3.00%
\$250,000 but under \$500,000	2.75%	2.83%	2.25%
\$500,000 but under \$1 million	2.00%	2.04%	1.75%
\$1 million but under \$2 million	0.00%**	0.00%	1.00%
\$2 million but under \$5 million	0.00%**	0.00%	0.50%
\$5 million or more	0.00%**	0.00%	0.25%

* Front-end sales load. The term "offering price" includes the front-end sales load.

** Subject to a CDSC equivalent to the corresponding amount listed under the column "Reallowance to Broker-Dealers" for redemptions up to and including the last day of the eighteenth month after purchase.

No sales charge is imposed on reinvestment of dividends and distributions if you selected that option in advance of the distributions.

Breakpoints or Volume Discounts

The Fund offers you the benefit of discounts on the sales charges that apply to purchases of Class A shares in certain circumstances. These discounts, which are also known as breakpoints, can reduce or, in some instances, eliminate the initial sales charges that would otherwise apply to your Class A shares investment. Mutual funds are not required to offer breakpoints and different mutual fund groups may offer different types of breakpoints.

Breakpoints or volume discounts allow larger investments in Class A shares to be charged lower sales charges. If you invest \$50,000 or more in Class A shares of the Fund, then you are eligible for a reduced sales charge. Initial sales charges are eliminated completely for purchases of \$1,000,000 or more, although a 1% CDSC may apply if shares are redeemed up to and including the last day of the eighteenth month after purchase.

Sales Charge Reductions and Waivers — Class A Shares

Reduced sales charges are available to (1) investors who are eligible to combine their purchases of Class A shares to receive volume discounts and (2) investors who sign a Letter of Intent (“Letter”) agreeing to make purchases over time. Certain types of investors, as set forth below, are eligible for sales charge waivers.

Class A shares may be available for purchase by clients of certain financial intermediaries without the application of a front-end sales load, as described in Appendix A to the prospectus.

You may qualify for a reduced sales charge, or a waiver of sales charges, on purchases of Class A shares. The requirements are described in the following paragraphs. To receive a reduction that you qualify for, you may have to provide additional information to your broker or other service agent. For more information about sales charge discounts and waivers, consult with your broker or other service provider.

Volume Discounts/Rights of Accumulation. In order to determine whether you qualify for a volume discount under the foregoing sales charge schedule, you may combine your new investment and your existing investments in Class A shares with those of your immediate family (spouse and children under age 21), your and their IRAs, and other employee benefit plans and trusts and other fiduciary accounts for your and their benefit. You may also include Class A shares of any other open-end investment company managed by the Adviser or its affiliates that are held in any of the foregoing accounts. The Fund uses the current net asset value per share (“NAV”) of these holdings when combining them with your new and existing investments for purposes of determining whether you qualify for a volume discount.

Letter of Intent. If you initially invest at least \$1,000 in Class A shares of the Fund and submit a Letter to your financial intermediary or the Distributor, you may make purchases of Class A shares of the Fund during a thirteen-month period at the reduced sales charge rates applicable to the aggregate amount of the intended purchases stated in the Letter. The Letter may apply to purchases made up to ninety days before the date of the Letter. If you fail to invest the total amount stated in the Letter, the Fund will retroactively collect the sales charge otherwise applicable by redeeming shares in your account at their then current NAV. For more information on the Letter, call your broker.

Required Shareholder Information and Records. In order for you to take advantage of sales charge reductions, you or your broker must notify the Fund that you qualify for a reduction. Without notification, the Fund is unable to ensure that the reduction is applied to your account. You may have to provide information or records to your broker or the Fund to verify eligibility for breakpoint privileges or other sales charge waivers. This may include information or records, including account statements, regarding shares of the Fund or shares of any other open-end investment company managed by the Adviser or its affiliates held in:

- all of your accounts at the Fund or a financial intermediary;
- any account of yours at another financial intermediary; and
- accounts of related parties of yours, such as members of the same family, at any financial intermediary.

You should therefore keep copies of these types of records.

Investors Eligible for Sales Charge Waivers. Class A shares of the Fund may be offered without a sales charge to: (1) employees of the Distributor and its affiliates, The Bank of New York Mellon

Corporation, DST Asset Manager Solutions, Inc. (“DST” or the “Transfer Agent”), State Street Bank and Trust Company, (“State Street”), BNY Mellon Investment Servicing (US) Inc., and Soliciting Broker-Dealers, employee benefit plans for those employees and their spouses and minor children of such employees when orders on their behalf are placed by such employees (the minimum initial investment for such purchases is \$500); (2) the Adviser, its affiliates and their officers, directors, trustees, general partners, and employees of other investment companies managed by the Adviser, employee benefit plans for such persons and their immediate family when orders on their behalf are placed by such persons (with no required minimum initial investment) — the term “immediate family” for this purpose refers to a person’s spouse, children and grandchildren (adopted or natural), parents, grandparents, siblings, a spouse’s siblings, a sibling’s spouse, and a sibling’s children; (3) any other investment company in connection with the combination of such company with the Fund by merger, acquisition of assets, or otherwise; (4) shareholders who have redeemed shares in the Fund and who wish to reinvest in the Fund, provided the reinvestment is made within ninety days of the redemption; (5) employee benefit plans; (6) any unit investment trusts registered under the 1940 Act which have shares of the Fund as a principal investment; (7) investment advisory clients of GAMCO Asset Management, Inc. and their immediate families; (8) financial institutions purchasing Class A shares of the Fund for clients participating in a fee based asset allocation program or wrap fee program; and (9) investment advisers or financial planners who place trades for their own accounts or the accounts of their clients and who charge a management, consulting, or other fee for their services; and clients of such investment advisers or financial planners who place trades for their own accounts if the accounts are linked to the master account of such investment adviser or financial planner on the books and records of a broker or financial intermediary.

Additional categories of sales charge reductions and waivers are also set out in Appendix A to this prospectus.

Investors who qualify under any of the categories described above or those set out in the Appendix A to this prospectus should contact their broker or financial intermediary. Some of these investors may also qualify to invest in Class I shares.

Contingent Deferred Sales Charges

You will pay a CDSC when you redeem:

- Class A shares up to and including the last day of the eighteenth month from when they were purchased as part of an investment greater than \$1 million if no front-end sales charge was paid at the time of purchase;
- Class C shares up to and including the last day of the twelfth month from when they were purchased; or
- Class C1 shares up to and including the last day of the twelfth month from when they were purchased.

The CDSCs payable upon redemption of Class A shares in the circumstances described above are 1.00% for investments of \$1 million but less than \$2 million, 0.50% for investments of \$2 million but less than \$5 million, and 0.25% for investments of \$5 million or more. The CDSC payable upon redemption of Class C and C1 shares in the circumstances described above is 1.00%. In each case, the CDSC is based on the NAV at the time of your investment or the NAV at the time of redemption, whichever is lower.

The Distributor pays sales commissions of up to 1.00% of the purchase price of Class C shares of the Fund at the time of sale to brokers and financial intermediaries that initiate and are responsible for purchases of such Class C shares of the Fund.

You will not pay a CDSC to the extent that the value of the redeemed shares represents reinvestment of distributions or capital appreciation of shares redeemed. When you redeem shares, we will assume that you are first redeeming shares representing reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions, then any appreciation on shares redeemed, and then any remaining shares held by you for the longest period of time. We will calculate the holding period of shares acquired through an exchange of shares of another fund from the date you acquired the original shares of the other fund. The time you hold shares in the Gabelli money market fund, however, will not count for purposes of calculating the applicable CDSC.

We will waive the CDSC payable upon redemptions of shares for:

- redemptions and distributions from retirement plans made after the death or disability of a shareholder;
- minimum required distributions made from an IRA or other retirement plan account after you reach age 70½;
- involuntary redemptions made by the Fund;
- a distribution from a tax deferred retirement plan after your retirement; and
- returns of excess contributions to retirement plans following the shareholder's death or disability.

The CDSC may be waived if you purchase your shares through intermediaries identified in Appendix A to this prospectus.

Rule 12b-1 Plan. The Fund has adopted distribution plans under Rule 12b-1 for Class AAA, Class A, Class C and Class C1 shares of the Fund ("Plans" or each, a "Plan"). Under these Plans, the Fund may use its assets to finance activities relating to the sale of its Class AAA, Class A, Class C, and Class C1 shares and the provision of certain shareholder services. To the extent any activity is one that the Fund may finance without a distribution plan, the Fund may also make payments to compensate for such activities outside a Plan and not be subject to its limitations.

The Class AAA and Class A Plans authorize payments by the Fund at an annual rate of 0.25% of its average daily net assets attributable to Class AAA and Class A shares to finance distribution of its Class AAA and Class A shares or pay shareholder service fees. The Class C Plan authorizes payments by the Fund at an annual rate of 0.75% of its average daily net assets attributable to Class C shares to finance distribution of its Class C shares and 0.25% for shareholder service fees. The Fund's Class C1 Plan will remain in place and authorizes payments by the Fund at an annual rate of: (i) 0.75% of the average daily net assets attributable to Class C1 shares to finance sales of the Fund's Class C1 shares made prior to the closing of Class C1 shares to all purchases and (ii) 0.25% to continue servicing existing Class C1 shareholder accounts.

Because the Rule 12b-1 fees are higher for Class C and Class C1 shares than for Class AAA or Class A shares, Class C and Class C1 shares will have higher annual expenses. Because Rule 12b-1 fees are paid out of the Fund's assets on an ongoing basis, over time these fees will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges. Due to the payment of Rule 12b-1 fees, long term shareholders may indirectly pay more than the equivalent of the maximum permitted front-end sales charge.

Redemption Fee. Generally, if you sell or exchange your shares within seven days or less after the purchase date, you will be charged a redemption fee of 2.00% of the total redemption amount which is payable to the Fund. See “Redemption of Shares” herein.

PURCHASE OF SHARES

You can purchase the Fund’s shares on any Business Day.

- **By Mail or In Person.** You may open an account by mailing a completed subscription order form with a check or money order payable to “The Gabelli Utilities Fund” to:

By Mail

The Gabelli Funds
P.O. Box 219204
Kansas City, MO 64121-9204

By Personal or Overnight Delivery

The Gabelli Funds
c/o DST
430 W 7th Street, STE 219204
Kansas City, MO 64105-1407

You can obtain a subscription order form by calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554). Checks made payable to a third party and endorsed by the shareholder are not acceptable. For additional investments, send a check to the above address with a note stating your exact name and account number, the name of the fund(s), and class of shares you wish to purchase.

- **By Internet.** You may open an account over the Internet at www.gabelli.com.
- **By Bank Wire or by ACH System.** To open an account using the bank wire transfer system or ACH system, first telephone the Fund at 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) to obtain a new account number. Then instruct your bank to wire the funds to:

State Street Bank and Trust Company
225 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110
ABA #011-0000-28 REF DDA #99046187
Re: The Gabelli Utilities Fund
Account # _____
Account of [Registered Owners]

- **By Telephone.** You may make purchases for an existing account with banking instructions on file by telephone at 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554).

If you are making an initial purchase, you should also complete and mail a subscription order form to the address shown under “By Mail.” Note that banks may charge fees for wiring funds, although the Fund’s transfer agent, DST, will not charge you for receiving wire transfers.

You may purchase shares directly through registered broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries that have entered into appropriate selling agreements with the Distributor.

Your broker-dealer or financial intermediary can obtain a subscription order form by calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554). The broker-dealer or other financial intermediary will transmit a purchase order and payment to DST on your behalf. Broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries may send you confirmations of your transactions and periodic account statements showing your investments in the Fund.

Share Price. The Fund sells its shares based on the NAV next determined after the time as of which the Fund receives your completed subscription order form but does not issue the shares to you until it receives full payment, subject to a front-end sales charge in the case of Class A shares. See “Pricing of Fund Shares” herein for a description of the calculation of the NAV, as described under “Classes of Shares — Sales Charge — Class A Shares.”

Minimum Investments. The minimum initial investment for Class AAA, Class A, and Class C shares is \$1,000 (\$250 for IRAs or Coverdell Education Savings Plans). The minimum initial investment for Class I shares is \$50,000 for investors purchasing Class I shares directly through the Distributor. Investors who wish to purchase Class I shares through brokers or financial intermediaries that have entered into selling agreements with the Distributor specifically with respect to Class I shares should consult their broker or financial intermediary with respect to any minimum investment amount required for their account. The Distributor or its affiliates may, in their discretion, waive the minimum investment requirement under certain circumstances. There is no minimum for subsequent investments. Broker-dealers and financial intermediaries may have different minimum investment requirements.

General. DST will not issue share certificates unless you request them. The Fund reserves the right to (i) reject any purchase order if, in the opinion of the Fund’s management, it is in the Fund’s best interest to do so, (ii) suspend the offering of shares for any period of time, and (iii) waive the Fund’s minimum purchase requirements. Except for differences attributable to these arrangements, the shares of all classes are substantially the same.

Customer Identification Program. Federal law requires the Fund to obtain, verify, and record identifying information, which may include the name, residential or business address, date of birth (for an individual), social security or taxpayer identification number, or other identifying information, for each investor who opens or reopens an account with the Fund. Applications without the required information may be rejected or placed on hold until the Fund verifies the account holder’s identity.

Third Party Arrangements. In addition to, or in lieu of amounts received by broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries as reallowances of a portion of sales commissions, the Adviser and its affiliates may utilize a portion of their assets, which may include revenues received under the Plans, to pay all or a portion of the charges of various programs that make shares of the Fund available to their customers. These payments, sometimes referred to as “revenue sharing,” do not change the price paid by investors to purchase the Fund’s shares or the amount the Fund receives as proceeds from such sales. Revenue sharing payments may be made to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries that provide services to the Fund or to shareholders in the Fund, including (without limitation) the following programs: shareholder servicing to Fund shareholders, transaction processing, sub-accounting services, marketing support, access to sales meetings, sales representatives, and management representatives of the broker-dealer or other financial intermediaries. Revenue sharing payments may also be made to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries for inclusion of the Fund on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list, and in other sales programs. These payments take a variety of forms, including (without limitation) compensation for sales, “trail” fees for shareholder servicing and maintenance of shareholder accounts, and finders’ fees that vary depending on the share class and the dollar amount of shares sold. Revenue sharing payments may be structured: (i) as a percentage of sales; (ii) as a percentage of net assets; and/or (iii) as a fixed dollar amount.

The Adviser may also provide non-cash compensation to broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries in accordance with applicable rules of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"), such as the reimbursement of travel, lodging, and meal expenses incurred in connection with attendance at educational and due diligence meetings or seminars by qualified registered representatives of those firms and, in certain cases, their families; meeting fees; certain entertainment; advertising or other promotional expenses; or other permitted expenses as determined in accordance with applicable FINRA rules. In certain cases these other payments could be significant.

Subject to tax limitations and approval by the Board, the Fund may also make payments to third parties out of its own assets (other than Rule 12b-1 payments) for a portion of the charges for those programs that generally represent savings of expenses experienced by the Fund resulting from shareholders investing in the Fund through such programs rather than investing directly in the Fund.

The Adviser negotiates the level of payments described above to any particular broker-dealer or other financial intermediary. Currently, such payments (expressed as a percentage of net assets) range from 0.10% to 0.40% per year of the average daily net assets of the Fund attributable to the particular firm depending on the nature and level of services and other factors. In the case of Class I shares, the Fund may not make any payments for distribution related services.

In addition, in certain cases, broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries, may have agreements pursuant to which shares of the Fund owned by their clients are held of record on the books of the Fund in omnibus accounts maintained by each intermediary, and the intermediaries provide those Fund shareholders with sub-administration and sub-transfer agency services. Pursuant to the Fund's transfer agency agreement, the Fund pays the transfer agent a fee for each shareholder account. As a result, the use of one omnibus account for multiple beneficial shareholders can create a cost savings to the Fund. The Board may, from time to time, authorize the Fund to pay for a portion of the fees charged by these intermediaries if (i) a cost savings to the Fund can be demonstrated and (ii) the omnibus account of the intermediary has net assets in the Fund in excess of \$10 million. In these cases, the Board may authorize the Fund to pay a portion of the fees to the intermediary in an amount no greater than the lower of the transfer agency cost savings relating to the particular omnibus account or 0.10% of the average daily net assets of that omnibus account. These payments compensate these intermediaries for the provision of sub-administration and sub-transfer agency services associated with their clients whose shares are held of record in this manner.

Additional Purchase Information

Retirement Plans/Education Savings Plans. The Fund makes available IRAs and Coverdell Education Savings Plans for investment in Fund shares. Applications may be obtained from the Distributor by calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554). Self-employed investors may purchase shares of the Fund through tax-deductible contributions to existing retirement plans for self-employed persons, known as "Keogh" or "H.R.-10" plans. The Fund does not currently act as a sponsor to such plans. Fund shares may also be a suitable investment for other types of qualified pension or profit sharing plans which are employer sponsored, including deferred compensation or salary reduction plans known as "401(k) Plans." For Class AAA, A, and C shares, the minimum initial investment in all such retirement and education savings plans is \$250. There is no minimum subsequent investment for retirement or education savings plans.

Automatic Investment Plan. The Fund offers an automatic monthly investment plan. For Class AAA, A, and C shares, there is no minimum initial investment for accounts establishing an automatic investment plan. Call your financial intermediary or the Distributor at 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) for more details about the plan.

Telephone or Internet Investment Plan. You may purchase additional shares of the Fund by telephone and/or over the Internet if your bank is a member of the ACH system. You must have a completed and approved Account Options Form on file with the Transfer Agent. There is a minimum of \$100 for each telephone or Internet investment. However, you may split the \$100 minimum between two funds. To initiate an ACH purchase, please call your financial intermediary or 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) or 800-872-5365 or visit our website at www.gabelli.com.

Voluntary Conversion. Shareholders may be able to convert shares to Class I shares of the Fund, which have a lower expense ratio, provided certain conditions are met. For Class A, Class C and Class C1 shares, this conversion feature is intended for shares held through a financial intermediary offering a fee-based or wrap fee program that has an agreement with the Adviser or the Distributor specific for this purpose. Shareholders who currently hold Class AAA shares and are eligible to purchase Class I shares may convert existing Class AAA shares of the same Fund through their financial intermediary if their financial intermediary has a specific agreement with the Distributor. In such instances, Class AAA, Class A, Class C and Class C1 shares may be converted under certain circumstances. Generally, Class C and Class C1 shares are not eligible for conversion until the applicable CDSC period has expired. Under current interpretation of applicable federal income tax law by the Internal Revenue Service, voluntary conversions to a different class of shares generally should not be treated as a taxable event. Please contact your financial intermediary for additional information. Not all share classes are available through all financial intermediaries.

If shares of the Fund are converted to a different share class of the Fund, the transaction will be based on the respective NAV of each class as of the trade date of the conversion. Consequently, a shareholder may receive fewer shares or more shares than originally owned, depending on that day's NAVs. Please contact your tax adviser regarding the tax consequences of any conversion.

Conversion of Class C and Class C1 shares to Class A shares. Investors whose accounts are held at the Fund's transfer agent are eligible to hold Class C or Class C1 shares of the Fund only until the month of the 8-year anniversary of the purchase date. In the month of the 8-year anniversary of the purchase date, the Fund will convert such an investor's Class C and/or Class C1 shares into Class A shares. This conversion will not be subject to any sales charge, fee, or other charge, and will be based on the relative net asset values of the two classes in question. The Internal Revenue Service currently takes the position that such conversions are not taxable. Should its position change, the conversion feature may be suspended. If this were to happen, you would have the option of instructing the Fund to continue to convert your Class C and/or Class C1 shares of the Fund to Class A shares of the Fund at the anniversary date described above. This conversion would also be based on the relative net asset values of the two classes in question, without the imposition of a sales charge or fee, but you might face certain tax consequences as a result. Shareholders should consult with their tax advisor regarding the state and local tax consequences of such conversions.

Investors holding Class C and/or Class C1 shares of the Fund through a financial intermediary in “street name” may be subject to different eligibility requirements regarding the holding of Class C or Class C1 shares of the Fund. In this regard, a financial intermediary may sponsor and/or control accounts, programs or platforms that impose a different conversion schedule or different eligibility requirements for the conversion of Class C or Class C1 shares into Class A shares. In these cases, Class C or Class C1 shares of the Fund may be converted to Class A shares under the policies of the financial intermediary and the conversion may be structured as an exchange of Class C and/or Class C1 shares for Class A shares of the Fund. Financial intermediaries will be responsible for making such exchanges in those circumstances.

Please consult with your financial intermediary if you have any questions regarding your shares’ conversion from Class C or Class C1 shares to Class A shares. To the extent a financial intermediary’s policies provide for no such conversion, or for a conversion schedule that extends beyond the month of the 8-year anniversary of the purchase date, investors holding Class C or Class C1 shares through such financial intermediary may be disadvantaged relative to investors holding Class C or Class C1 shares either at the Fund’s transfer agent or through another financial intermediary. Because Class C and Class C1 shares pay higher ongoing asset-based distribution and shareholder servicing fees than Class A shares, financial intermediaries may have a conflict of interest in establishing their relevant conversion schedules and eligibility requirements. Additional information can be found in Appendix A, “Sales Charge Reductions and Waivers Available Through Certain Intermediaries,” attached to the Fund’s prospectus.

Impact of Class Closures on Conversions. Shareholders owning Class C1 shares of the Fund should consider converting their holdings to another share class (including Class I, if eligible) if they otherwise meet the eligibility requirements described herein to convert their Class C1 shares of a Fund to a different share class. Shareholders who hold shares of a Fund through a broker or financial intermediary should contact their broker or financial intermediary regarding any conversion of shares.

REDEMPTION OF SHARES

You can redeem shares of the Fund on any Business Day. The Fund may temporarily stop redeeming its shares beyond seven (7) days when the NYSE is closed, when trading on the NYSE is restricted (as determined by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”)), or when an emergency exists (as determined by the SEC), and the Fund cannot sell its portfolio securities or accurately determine the value of its assets, or if the SEC orders the Fund to suspend redemptions.

The Fund redeems its shares based on the NAV per share next determined after the time as of which the Fund or, if applicable, its authorized designee, receives your redemption request in proper form, subject in some cases to a redemption fee or a CDSC, as described under “Classes of Shares — Contingent Deferred Sales Charges” or a redemption fee as described below in this section. See “Pricing of Fund Shares” herein for a description of the calculation of NAV. A redemption is a taxable event to you on which you would realize gain or loss (subject to certain limitations on the deductibility of losses). In instances where a redemption fee is triggered, a CDSC may also apply, as described in greater detail in other parts of this prospectus.

You may redeem shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary that has entered into a selling agreement with the Distributor. The broker-dealer or other financial intermediary will transmit a

redemption order to DST on your behalf. The redemption request will be effected at the NAV next determined (less any applicable CDSC) after the Fund or, if applicable, its authorized designee, receives the request in proper form. If you hold share certificates, you must present the certificates endorsed for transfer.

The Fund is intended for long term investors and not for those who wish to trade frequently in Fund shares. The Fund believes that excessive short term trading of Fund shares creates risks for the Fund and its long term shareholders, including interference with efficient portfolio management, increased administrative and brokerage costs, and potential dilution in the value of Fund shares.

In addition, because the Fund may invest in foreign securities traded primarily on markets that close prior to the time the Fund determines its NAV, frequent trading by some shareholders may, in certain circumstances, dilute the value of Fund shares held by other shareholders. This may occur when an event that affects the value of the foreign securities takes place after the close of the primary foreign market, but before the time that the Fund determines its NAV. Certain investors may seek to take advantage of the fact that there will be a delay in the adjustment of the market price for a security caused by this event until the foreign market reopens (referred to as price arbitrage). If this occurs, frequent traders who attempt this type of price arbitrage may dilute the value of the Fund's shares to the extent they receive shares or proceeds based upon NAVs that have been calculated using the closing market prices for foreign securities, if those prices have not been adjusted to reflect a change in the fair value of the foreign securities. In an effort to prevent price arbitrage, the Fund has procedures designed to adjust closing market prices of foreign securities before it calculates its NAV when it believes such an event has occurred that will have more than a minimal effect on the NAV. Prices are adjusted to reflect what the Fund believes are the fair values of these foreign securities at the time the Fund determines its NAV (called fair value pricing). Fair value pricing, however, involves judgments that are inherently subjective and inexact since it is not always possible to be sure when an event will affect a market price and to what extent. As a result, there can be no assurance that fair value pricing will always eliminate the risk of price arbitrage.

In order to discourage frequent short term trading in Fund shares, the Fund has adopted policies and procedures that impose a 2.00% redemption fee (short term trading fee) on shares that are redeemed or exchanged within seven days of a purchase. This fee is calculated based on the shares' aggregate NAV on the date of redemption and deducted from the redemption proceeds. The redemption fee is not a sales charge; it is retained by the Fund and does not benefit the Fund's Adviser, the Distributor, or any third party. For purposes of computing the redemption fee, shares will be redeemed in reverse order of purchase (the latest shares acquired will be treated as being redeemed first). Redemptions to which the fee applies include redemption of shares resulting from an exchange made pursuant to the Fund's exchange privilege. The redemption fee will not apply to redemptions of shares where (i) the shares were purchased through automatic reinvestment of dividends or other distributions, (ii) the redemption is initiated by the Fund, (iii) the shares were purchased through programs that collect the redemption fees at the program level and remit them to the Fund, or (iv) the shares were purchased through programs that the Adviser determines to have appropriate anti-short term trading policies in place or as to which the Adviser has received assurances that look through redemption fee procedures or effective anti-short term trading policies and procedures are in place.

While the Fund has entered into information sharing agreements with financial intermediaries which contractually require such financial intermediaries to provide the Fund with information relating to their customers investing in the Fund through non-disclosed or omnibus accounts, the Fund cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information provided to it from financial intermediaries and may not always be able to track short term trading effected through these financial intermediaries. In addition, because the Fund is required to rely on information provided by the financial intermediary as to the applicable redemption fee, the Fund cannot guarantee that the financial intermediary is always imposing such fee on the underlying shareholder in accordance with the Fund's policies. Subject to the exclusions discussed above, the Fund seeks to apply these policies uniformly.

Certain financial intermediaries may have procedures which differ from those of the Fund to collect the redemption fees or that prevent or restrict frequent trading. Investors should refer to their intermediary's policies on frequent trading restrictions.

The Fund continues to reserve all rights, including the right to refuse any purchase request (including requests to purchase by exchange) from any person or group who, in the Fund's view, is likely to engage in excessive trading or if such purchase is not in the best interest of the Fund and to limit, delay, or impose other conditions on exchanges or purchases. The Fund has adopted a policy of seeking to minimize short term trading in its shares and monitors purchase and redemption activities to assist in minimizing short term trading.

If you hold shares directly through the Distributor, you may redeem shares:

- **By Letter.** You may mail a letter requesting the redemption of shares to: **The Gabelli Funds, P.O. Box 219204, Kansas City, MO 64121-9204.** Your letter should state the name of the fund(s) and the share class, the dollar amount or number of shares you wish to redeem, and your account number. You must sign the letter in exactly the same way the account is registered and, if there is more than one owner of shares, all owners must sign. A medallion signature guarantee is required for each signature on your redemption letter. You can obtain a medallion signature guarantee from financial institutions such as commercial banks, broker-dealers, savings banks, and credit unions. A notary public cannot provide a medallion signature guarantee.
- **By Telephone or the Internet.** Unless you have requested that telephone or Internet redemptions from your account not be permitted, you may redeem your shares in an account (excluding an IRA) directly registered with DST by calling either 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) or 800-872-5365 (617-328-5000 from outside the United States), or by visiting our website at www.gabelli.com. You may not redeem Fund shares held through an IRA through the Internet. IRA holders should consult a tax adviser concerning the current tax rules applicable to IRAs. If DST properly acts on telephone or Internet instructions after following reasonable procedures to protect against unauthorized transactions, neither DST nor the Fund will be responsible for any losses due to unauthorized telephone or Internet transactions and instead you would be responsible. You may request that proceeds from telephone or Internet redemptions be mailed to you by check (if your address has not changed in the prior thirty days), forwarded to you by bank wire, or invested in another mutual fund advised by the Adviser (see "Exchange of

Shares"). Among the procedures that DST may use are passwords or verification of personal information. The Fund may impose limitations from time to time on telephone or Internet redemptions.

1. Telephone or Internet Redemption By Check. The Fund will make checks payable to the name in which the account is registered and will normally mail the check to the address of record within seven days.
2. Telephone or Internet Redemption By Bank Wire or ACH System. The Fund accepts telephone or Internet requests for wire or ACH system redemptions in amounts of at least \$1,000. The Fund will send an ACH system credit or wire to either a bank designated on your subscription order form or on a subsequent letter with a medallion signature guarantee. The proceeds are normally wired on the next Business Day.

If you redeem shares through your broker or other financial intermediary, the broker or financial intermediary will transmit a redemption order to DST on your behalf. The redemption request will be effected at the NAV per share next determined (less any applicable CDSC and redemption fee, if applicable) after a Fund receives the request in proper form. If you hold share certificates, you must present the certificates endorsed for transfer.

Automatic Cash Withdrawal Plan. You may automatically redeem shares on a monthly, quarterly, or annual basis if you have at least \$10,000 in your account and if your account is directly registered with DST. Please call 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) for more information about this plan.

Involuntary Redemption. The Fund may redeem all shares in your account (other than an IRA or Coverdell education savings account) if the value falls below \$1,000 as a result of redemptions (but not as a result of a decline in NAV). You will be notified in writing before the Fund initiates such action and you will be allowed thirty days to increase the value of your account to at least \$1,000.

Reinstatement Privilege. A shareholder in the Fund who has redeemed Class A shares may reinvest, without a sales charge, up to the full amount of such redemption at the NAV determined at the time of the reinvestment within ninety days of the original redemption. A redemption is a taxable transaction and a gain or loss may be recognized for federal income tax purposes even if the reinstatement privilege is exercised. However, any loss realized upon the redemption will not be recognized as to the number of shares acquired by reinstatement within thirty days of the redemption, in which case an adjustment will be made to the tax basis of the shares so acquired.

Redemption Proceeds. The Fund expects to meet redemption requests typically by selling portfolio assets, with holdings of cash and cash equivalents, or by drawing on its line of credit. In certain circumstances, the Fund may meet a redemption request in-kind, as described under "Redemption In Kind." These methods of meeting redemption requests are expected to be used in both normal and stressed market conditions. A redemption request received by the Fund will be effected based on the NAV per share next determined after the time as of which the Fund or, if applicable, its authorized designee, receives the request. If you request redemption proceeds by wire, the Fund will normally wire the funds according to the wire instructions you provide, within three business days after receipt of your redemption request. If you request redemption proceeds by check, the Fund will normally mail the check to you within seven days after receipt of your redemption request. If you purchased your Fund shares by

check or through the Automatic Investment Plan you may not receive proceeds from your redemption until the check clears or ten days following the purchase, whichever is earlier. While the Fund will delay the processing of the redemption payment until the check clears, your shares will be valued at the next determined NAV after receipt of your redemption request. Typically, the Fund receives redemption requests through the National Securities Clearing Corporation (“NSCC”) system, which is utilized by financial intermediaries to submit requests on behalf of their clients or customers who hold shares of the Fund in “street name.” In such circumstances, the Fund expects redemption proceeds to be delivered via the NSCC system within three business days after receipt of a redemption request. The NSCC system is not used for shareholders whose accounts are held at the Fund’s transfer agent (as opposed to shareholders whose accounts are held in “street name” at a broker or other financial intermediary).

Redemption In Kind. The Fund may pay your redemption proceeds wholly or partially in portfolio securities. Specifically, the Fund may pay your redemption proceeds in portfolio securities if you redeem more than \$250,000 over the preceding three months, and the Adviser believes that economic conditions exist which would make payments in cash detrimental to the best interests of the Fund. In such an instance, the Fund would communicate to you its intention to meet your redemption request in portfolio securities. Securities received in kind will remain subject to the risk of market fluctuations until sold; however, the Fund would distribute to you from its portfolio of investments only securities that the Adviser determines are readily marketable. The specific security or securities to be distributed will be selected at the discretion of the Board or its designee(s), subject to any applicable laws or regulations, and could be individual securities, a representative basket of securities or a pro-rata slice of the Fund’s portfolio. Any additional remainder in value owed to you between such securities and Fund shares that you submitted for redemption would be paid to you in cash. Payments would be made in portfolio securities only in instances where the Fund’s Board (or its delegate) believes that it would be in the Fund’s best interest not to pay the redemption proceeds in cash. A redemption in kind would be a taxable event to you on which you would realize a capital gain or capital loss on your shares redeemed. Additionally, you may incur brokerage costs in converting any of the securities received to cash. The foregoing considerations apply in both normal and stressed market considerations. Please see “Redemption of Shares” in the SAI for additional information.

EXCHANGE OF SHARES

You can exchange shares of the Fund for shares of the same or similar class of certain other funds managed by the Adviser or its affiliates based on their relative NAVs at the time of exchange. To obtain a list of the funds whose shares you may acquire through an exchange, call 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) or contact your broker. Class C shares will continue to age from the date of the original purchase of such shares and will assume the CDSC rate such shares had at the time of exchange. You may also exchange your shares for shares of the same class of a money market fund managed by the Adviser or its affiliates, without imposition of any CDSC at the time of exchange. Upon subsequent redemption from such money market fund or the Fund (after re-exchange into the Fund), such shares will be subject to the CDSC calculated by excluding the time such shares were held in a Gabelli money market fund. The Fund may impose limitations on, or terminate, the exchange privilege with respect to any investor at any time. You will be given notice at least sixty days prior to any material change in the exchange privilege. An exchange of shares is a taxable event to you on which you would realize a capital gain or capital loss (subject to possible limitations of deductibility).

In effecting an exchange:

- you must meet the minimum investment requirements for the fund whose shares you wish to purchase through exchange;
- if you are exchanging into a fund with a higher sales charge, you must pay the difference at the time of the exchange;
- if you are exchanging from a fund with a redemption fee applicable to the redemption involved in your exchange, you must pay the redemption fee at the time of the exchange;
- you will realize a taxable gain or loss because the exchange is treated as a sale for federal income tax purposes;
- you should read the prospectus of the fund whose shares you are purchasing through exchange. Call 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554), or visit our website at www.gabelli.com to obtain the prospectus; and
- you should be aware that a financial intermediary may charge a fee for handling an exchange for you.

You may exchange shares through the Distributor, directly through the Transfer Agent, or through a financial intermediary that has entered into the appropriate selling agreement with the Distributor.

- **Exchange by Telephone.** You may give exchange instructions by telephone by calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554). You may not exchange shares by telephone if you hold share certificates.
- **Exchange by Mail.** You may send a written request for exchanges to: **The Gabelli Funds, P.O. Box 219204, Kansas City, MO 64121-9204.** Your letter should state your name, your account number, the dollar amount or number of shares you wish to exchange, the name and class of the fund(s) whose shares you wish to exchange, and the name of the fund(s) whose shares you wish to acquire.
- **Exchange through the Internet.** You may also give exchange instructions via the Internet at www.gabelli.com. The Fund may impose limitations from time to time on Internet exchanges.

Your financial intermediary may charge you a processing fee for assisting you in purchasing or redeeming shares of the Fund. This charge is set by your financial intermediary and does not benefit the Fund, the Distributor, or the Adviser in any way. It would be in addition to the sales charges and other costs, if any, described in this prospectus and must be disclosed to you by your broker-dealer or other financial intermediary.

Class C1 shares of the Fund are not available as an exchange option for holders of shares of other funds managed by the Adviser or its affiliates; however, holders of Class C1 shares of the Fund may exchange for Class C shares of other funds managed by the Adviser or its affiliates.

PRICING OF FUND SHARES

The Fund's NAV is calculated separately for each class of shares on each Business Day. The NYSE is open Monday through Friday, but currently is scheduled to be closed on New Year's Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Presidents' Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day and on the preceding Friday or subsequent Monday when a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, respectively.

The Fund's NAV is determined as of the close of regular trading on the NYSE, normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The NAV of each class is computed by dividing the value of the Fund's net assets, i.e., the value of its securities and other assets less its liabilities, including expenses payable or accrued but excluding capital stock and surplus attributable to the applicable class of shares by the total number of shares of such class outstanding at the time the determination is made. The price of Fund shares for the purpose of purchase and redemption orders will be based upon the calculation of the NAV of each class next made after the time as of which the purchase or redemption order is received in proper form. Because the Fund may invest in foreign securities that are primarily listed on foreign exchanges that trade on weekends or other days when the Fund does not price its shares, the NAV of the Fund's shares may change on days when shareholders will not be able to purchase or redeem the Fund's shares.

Equity securities listed or traded on a nationally recognized securities exchange or traded in the U.S. over-the-counter market where trades are reported contemporaneously and for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the last quoted sale or a market's official closing price at the close of the exchange's or other market's regular trading hours, as of or prior to the time and day as of which such value is being determined. 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 the Adviser. If there has been no sale on the day the valuation is made, the securities are valued at the mean of the closing bid and ask prices on the principal market for such security on such day. If no ask prices are quoted on such day, then the security is valued at the closing bid price on the principal market for such security on such day. If no bid or ask prices are quoted on such day, a Fund's accounting agent will notify the Adviser and the security will be valued based on written or standing instructions from the Adviser and/or the Pricing Committee.

Equity securities that are primarily traded on foreign markets, except for those that trade primarily in Latin America or South America, are generally valued at the preceding closing values of such securities on their respective exchanges. Equity securities which are primarily traded in Latin American or South American markets are valued each day approximately at the time of the close of regular trading on the NYSE as though such time were the close of trading on such Latin American or South American market and such Latin American or South American market were a U.S. market. When the NYSE is open, but the foreign market on which an equity security primarily trades is closed, such as for a foreign national holiday, the security will generally be valued at the last available closing value (subject to the Fair Value Procedures adopted by the Board) using the prevailing exchange rate as described below. If some event occurs affecting or likely to affect the price of an equity security or group of equity securities to a significant extent including but not limited to material market movement, changes in market conditions after a foreign market closes, but prior to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time, or a company development, such as a material business development, dividend declaration, stock split or rights offering, and if adequate and timely information relating to the event is not available or is not taken into account by the pricing service, the Adviser should review the pricing furnished by the pricing service to determine whether it is appropriate in the circumstances. In such case, the Adviser will obtain market quotations from another source or will make a fair value determination of such securities using other appropriate value measurements. If the primary market for such an equity security suspends or limits trading or price movements, whether for the market as a whole or the particular security, and trading also occurs on a secondary market which has not suspended or limited trading or price movement, valuation will be based on information from the secondary market provided by the Adviser. If all markets on which such an equity

security have suspended trading, the Adviser will fair value such security as provided above. Information that becomes known after the close of the NYSE, normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time, on any business day may be assessed in determining net asset value per share after the time of receipt of the information, but will not be used to retroactively adjust the price of the security determined earlier or on a prior day.

Initial public offering securities are initially valued at cost. Upon commencement of trading, these securities are valued like any other equity security.

Debt obligations (including convertible debt) for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the average of the latest bid and ask prices. If there were no ask prices quoted on such day, the security is valued using the closing bid price. Such debt obligations are valued through prices provided by a pricing service approved in accordance with the requirements of the 1940 Act.

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies will be translated into U.S. dollars at the prevailing exchange rates as provided by an appropriate pricing service. Forward currency exchange contracts will be valued using interpolated forward exchange rates. Prevailing foreign exchange rates and forward currency foreign exchange rates may generally be obtained on a consistent basis at approximately 11:00 a.m. Eastern time, which approximates the close of the London Exchange. As available and as provided by an appropriate pricing service, translation of foreign security and currency market values will also occur with the use of foreign exchange rates obtained at the close of the NYSE, normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time.

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.

Over-the-counter futures and options on futures for which market quotations are readily available will be valued by quotations received from a pricing service or, if no quotations are available from a pricing service, by quotations obtained from one or more dealers in the instrument in question by the Adviser.

Securities and other assets for which market quotations are not readily available are fair valued as determined in accordance with the requirements of the 1940 Act. 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.

DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

The Fund intends to pay dividends, if any, monthly, and to distribute, at least annually, substantially all net capital gain. You may have dividends and/or capital gain distributions that are declared by the Fund reinvested automatically at NAV in additional shares of the Fund. You will make an election to receive dividends and distributions in cash or Fund shares at the time you first purchase your shares. You may change this election by notifying the Fund or your financial intermediary in writing at any time prior to the record date for a particular dividend or distribution. There are no sales or other charges by the Fund in connection with the reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. Shares purchased through dividend reinvestment will receive a price without sales charge based on the NAV on the reinvestment

date, which is typically the date dividends are paid to shareholders. Reinvestment of dividends and distributions continue to be permitted for holders of Class C1 shares. There can be no assurance that the Fund will realize any capital gains or other income with which to pay dividends and distributions. Distributions are taxable to you whether received in cash or additional shares. This policy may be changed by the Board at any time. To the extent that distributions are in excess of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits, the distributions will be treated as a non-taxable return of capital. A dividend or capital gain distribution paid on shares purchased shortly before the record date for that dividend or distribution will generally be subject to income taxes even though the dividend or capital gain distribution represents, in substance, a partial return of capital. Dividends sourced from paid-in capital should not be considered as dividend yield or the total return from an investment in the Fund. Dividends and distributions are taxable whether paid in cash or reinvested in additional shares. Dividends and distributions may be different for different classes of shares of the Fund.

Fixed Distribution Policy Risk. The Fund generally seeks to distribute a fixed amount each month to each class of shares, which amount may differ from class to class (the "Fixed Distribution Policy"). Section 19(b) of the 1940 Act and Rule 19b-1 promulgated thereunder limit the number of distributions of long-term capital gain a fund may make in any particular year. Depending on the circumstances, in order to remain in compliance with Rule 19b-1, the operation of the Fund's monthly Fixed Distribution Policy may require shareholders to pay tax on distributions at a higher rate than they otherwise would experience or may require them to make special tax filings to offset additional tax payments made by the Fund. In extreme circumstances, compliance with Rule 19b-1 could have a material adverse effect on the Fund's investment program.

Rule 19b-1 contains a mechanism for a fund to request relief from the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") to spread its long-term capital gain over up to all of its distributions in the event of unforeseen circumstances. Due to a very high level of net redemptions in 2015 compared to prior years while having very large amounts of unrealized long-term capital gain and very small amounts of unrealized long-term capital loss, in order to avert adverse consequences for the Fund and its shareholders, the Fund sought and received such SEC relief for 2015. However, the Fund believes it is unlikely to be able to obtain such relief in similar circumstances in the future. Accordingly, the Fund will monitor its distribution, estimated sources of income and tax situation carefully and may modify its Fixed Distribution Policy from time to time in an effort to reduce the likelihood of material adverse impacts in the future.

TAX INFORMATION

The Fund expects that distributions will consist primarily of investment company taxable income and net capital gain. Dividends out of investment company taxable income (including distributions of net short term capital gains, i.e., gains from securities held by the Fund for one year or less) are taxable to you as ordinary income if you are a U.S. shareholder, except that certain qualified dividends may be eligible for a reduced rate (provided certain holding period and other requirements are met). Properly reported distributions of net capital gain, i.e., net long term capital gains minus net short term capital loss ("Capital Gain Dividends"), are taxable to you at long term capital gain rates no matter how long you have owned your shares. To the extent distributions are made from current earnings and profits, they are considered ordinary income or long term capital gains. Currently, distributions are expected to include return of capital distributions, which are distributions in excess of current and accumulated earnings and profits. A

return of capital distribution is tax-free to the extent of a shareholder's basis in its Fund shares and reduces the shareholder's basis to that extent. After that basis has been reduced to zero, any excess return of capital distributions will generally be treated as capital gain. The current policy of paying a monthly distribution in excess of net investment income, together with 1940 Act limitations on the Fund's ability to designate Capital Gain Dividends, may restrict the Fund's ability to pay out all of its net capital gains as a Capital Gain Dividend. The Fund's distributions, whether you receive them in cash or reinvest them in additional shares of the Fund, generally will be subject to federal and, if applicable, state and local taxes. A redemption of Fund shares or an exchange of the Fund's shares for shares of another fund will be treated for tax purposes as a sale of the Fund's shares, and any gain you realize on such a transaction generally will be taxable. Foreign shareholders may be subject to a federal withholding tax.

A dividend declared by the Fund in October, November, or December and paid during January of the following year may in certain circumstances be treated as paid in December for tax purposes.

After the end of each year, the Fund will provide you with the information regarding any shares you redeemed and the federal tax status of any dividends or distributions you received during the previous year.

Certain non-corporate U.S. shareholders whose income exceeds certain thresholds will be required to pay a 3.8% Medicare tax on dividend and other investment income, including dividends received from the Fund and capital gains from the sale or other disposition of the Fund's stock.

By law, the Fund must withhold, as backup withholding, a percentage of your taxable distributions and redemption proceeds if you do not provide your correct social security or taxpayer identification number and certify that you are not subject to backup withholding, or if the Internal Revenue Service instructs the Fund to do so.

This summary of tax consequences is intended for general information only and is subject to change by legislative, judicial, or administrative action, and any such change may be retroactive. A more complete discussion of the tax rules applicable to you and the Fund can be found in the SAI that is incorporated by reference into this prospectus. You should consult a tax adviser concerning the tax consequences of your investment in the Fund.

MAILINGS AND E-DELIVERY TO SHAREHOLDERS

In our continuing efforts to reduce duplicative mail and Fund expenses, we currently send a single copy of prospectuses and shareholder reports to your household even if more than one member in your household owns the same fund or funds described in the prospectus or report. Additional copies of our prospectuses and reports may be obtained by calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554). If you do not want us to continue to consolidate your fund mailings and would prefer to receive separate mailings at any time in the future, please call us at the telephone number above and we shall resume separate mailings, in accordance with your instructions within thirty days of your request. The Fund offers electronic delivery of Fund documents. Direct shareholders of the Fund can elect to receive the Fund's annual, semiannual, and quarterly reports, as well as manager commentaries and prospectuses via e-delivery. For more information or to sign up for e-delivery, please visit the Fund's website at www.gabelli.com. Shareholders who purchased shares of the Fund through a financial intermediary should contact their financial intermediary to sign up for e-delivery of Fund documents, if available.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The financial highlights table is intended to help you understand the financial performance of the Fund for the past five fiscal years of the Fund's Class AAA, Class A and Class I shares. As a new Class, the Fund's Class C shares do not have any historical financial performance and are therefore not included in the financial highlights table. The total returns in the table represent the percentage amount that an investor would have earned or lost on an investment in the designated class of shares (assuming reinvestment of all distributions). This information has been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the Fund's financial statements and related notes, is included in the Fund's annual report, which is available upon request.

The Gabelli Utilities Fund Financial Highlights

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

Year Ended December 31	Income (Loss) from Investment Operations					Distributions			Ratios to Average Net Assets Supplemental Data						
	Net Asset Value, Beginning of Year	Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments				Net Realized Gain on Investments	Return of Capital	Total Distributions	Redemption Fees(a)(b)	Net Asset Value, End of Year	Total Return†	Net Assets, End of Year (in 000's)	Net Investment Income	Operating Expenses(c)	Portfolio Turnover Rate
		Net Investment Income(e)	Net Realized Gain (Loss)	Total from Investment Operations	Net Income										
Class AAA															
2021	\$7.60	\$0.14	\$ 1.12	\$ 1.26	\$(0.12)	\$(0.05)	\$(0.71)	\$(0.88)	\$0.00	\$7.98	17.49%	\$ 304,540	1.76%	1.36%(d)	3%
2020	8.84	0.12	(0.48)	(0.36)	(0.12)	(0.09)	(0.67)	(0.88)	0.00	7.60	(3.43)	270,921	1.63	1.37(d)	2
2019	8.20	0.13	1.36	1.49	(0.11)	(0.05)	(0.69)	(0.85)	0.00	8.84	18.75	319,670	1.52	1.37	3
2018	9.23	0.14	(0.33)	(0.19)	(0.12)	(0.07)	(0.65)	(0.84)	0.00	8.20	(2.15)	288,322	1.57	1.37	1
2017	9.26	0.15	0.66	0.81	(0.13)	(0.07)	(0.64)	(0.84)	0.00	9.23	8.93	350,709	1.58	1.37	2
Class A															
2021	\$7.77	\$0.14	\$ 1.14	\$ 1.28	\$(0.12)	\$(0.05)	\$(0.71)	\$(0.88)	\$0.00	\$8.17	17.35%	\$1,079,497	1.76%	1.36%(d)	3%
2020	9.01	0.13	(0.49)	(0.36)	(0.12)	(0.09)	(0.67)	(0.88)	0.00	7.77	(3.36)	927,341	1.64	1.37(d)	2
2019	8.35	0.14	1.37	1.51	(0.11)	(0.05)	(0.69)	(0.85)	0.00	9.01	18.66	990,134	1.53	1.37	3
2018	9.37	0.15	(0.33)	(0.18)	(0.12)	(0.07)	(0.65)	(0.84)	0.00	8.35	(2.00)	723,943	1.58	1.37	1
2017	9.40	0.15	0.66	0.81	(0.13)	(0.07)	(0.64)	(0.84)	0.00	9.37	8.79	837,684	1.57	1.37	2
Class I															
2021	\$8.15	\$0.17	\$ 1.20	\$ 1.37	\$(0.14)	\$(0.05)	\$(0.69)	\$(0.88)	\$0.00	\$8.64	17.66%	\$ 365,294	2.01%	1.11%(d)	3%
2020	9.38	0.15	(0.50)	(0.35)	(0.14)	(0.09)	(0.65)	(0.88)	0.00	8.15	(3.11)	297,330	1.88	1.12(d)	2
2019	8.64	0.17	1.42	1.59	(0.14)	(0.05)	(0.66)	(0.85)	0.00	9.38	18.97	365,519	1.78	1.12	3
2018	9.65	0.18	(0.35)	(0.17)	(0.14)	(0.07)	(0.63)	(0.84)	0.00	8.64	1.84	286,246	1.84	1.12	1
2017	9.63	0.18	0.68	0.86	(0.15)	(0.07)	(0.62)	(0.84)	0.00	9.65	9.11	272,376	1.81	1.12	2

† Total return represents aggregate total return of a hypothetical investment at the beginning of the year and sold at the end of the year including reinvestment of distributions and does not reflect the applicable sales charges.

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

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

(c) The Fund received credits from a designated broker who agreed to pay certain Fund operating expenses. For all years presented, there was no impact on the expense ratios.

(d) Ratio of operating expenses includes advisory fee reduction on unsupervised assets. For the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, there was no impact on the expense ratios.

APPENDIX A

Sales Charge Reductions and Waivers Available through Certain Intermediaries

Specific intermediaries may have different policies and procedures regarding the availability of front-end sales load waivers or CDSC waivers, which are discussed below. In all instances, it is the purchaser's responsibility to notify the Fund or the purchaser's financial intermediary at the time of purchase of any relationship or other facts qualifying the purchaser for sales charge reductions or waivers. **Not all intermediaries will offer the same reductions and waivers to persons purchasing shares of the Fund.** In order to receive these reductions or waivers, shareholders will have to purchase Fund shares through an intermediary offering such reductions or waivers or directly from the Fund if the Fund offers such reductions or waivers. Please see the section entitled "Classes of Shares" for more information on sales charge reductions and waivers available for different classes of shares that are available for purchase directly from the Fund. The specific sales charge waivers and/or discounts for the intermediaries below are implemented and solely administered by the particular intermediary. Please contact that intermediary to ensure that you understand the steps that you must take to qualify for available waivers and discounts.

The information in this Appendix A is part of, and incorporated into, the Fund's prospectus.

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated ("Merrill Lynch")

Shareholders purchasing Fund shares through a Merrill Lynch platform or account will be eligible only for the following load waivers (front-end sales charge waivers and contingent deferred, or back-end, sales charge waivers) and discounts, which may differ from those disclosed elsewhere in the Fund's prospectus.

Front-end Sales Load Waivers on Class A Shares Available at Merrill Lynch
Employer-sponsored retirement, deferred compensation and employee benefit plans (including health savings accounts) and trusts used to fund those plans, provided that the shares are not held in a commission-based brokerage account and shares are held for the benefit of the plan
Shares purchased by a 529 Plan (does not include 529 Plan units or 529-specific share classes or equivalents)
Shares purchased through a Merrill Lynch affiliated investment advisory program
Shares exchanged due to the holdings moving from a Merrill Lynch affiliated investment advisory program to a Merrill Lynch brokerage (non-advisory) account pursuant to Merrill Lynch's policies relating to sales load discounts and waivers
Shares purchased by third party investment advisors on behalf of their advisory clients through Merrill Lynch's platform
Shares of funds purchased through the Merrill Edge Self-Directed platform (if applicable)
Shares purchased through reinvestment of capital gains distributions and dividend reinvestment when purchasing shares of the same fund (but not any other fund within the Fund Complex)
Shares exchanged from Class C shares of the same fund pursuant to Merrill Lynch's policies relating to sales load discounts and waivers
Employees and registered representatives of Merrill Lynch or its affiliates and their family members
Directors or Trustees of the Fund, and employees of the Fund's investment adviser or any of its affiliates, as described in this prospectus
Eligible shares purchased from the proceeds of redemptions within the Fund Complex, provided (1) the repurchase occurs within 90 days following the redemption, (2) the redemption and purchase occur in the same account, and (3) redeemed shares were subject to a front-end or deferred sales load (known as Rights of Reinstatement). Automated transactions (i.e. systematic purchases and withdrawals) and purchases made after shares are automatically sold to pay Merrill Lynch's account maintenance fees are not eligible for reinstatement

CDSC Waivers on Class A and C Shares Available at Merrill Lynch
Death or disability of the shareholder
Shares sold as part of a systematic withdrawal plan as described in the Fund's prospectus
Return of excess contributions from an IRA Account
Shares sold as part of a required minimum distribution for IRA and retirement accounts pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code
Shares sold to pay Merrill Lynch fees but only if the transaction is initiated by Merrill Lynch
Shares acquired through a right of reinstatement
Shares held in retirement brokerage accounts, that are exchanged for a lower cost share class due to transfer to a fee based accounts or platforms (applicable to A and C shares only)
Shares received through an exchange due to the holdings moving from a Merrill Lynch affiliated investment advisory program to a Merrill Lynch brokerage (non-advisory) account pursuant to Merrill Lynch's policies relating to sales load discounts and waivers
Front-end load Discounts Available at Merrill Lynch: Breakpoints, Rights of Accumulation & Letters of Intent
Breakpoints as described in this prospectus
Rights of Accumulation (ROA) which entitle shareholders to breakpoint discounts as described in the Fund's prospectus will be automatically calculated based on the aggregated holding of Fund Complex assets held by accounts (including 529 program holdings, where applicable) within the purchaser's household at Merrill Lynch. Eligible Fund Complex assets not held at Merrill Lynch may be included in the ROA calculation only if the shareholder notifies his or her financial advisor about such assets
Letters of Intent (LOI) which allow for breakpoint discounts based on anticipated purchases within the Fund Complex, through Merrill Lynch, over a 13 month period of time (if applicable)

Ameriprise Financial

Class A Shares Front-End Sales Charge Waivers Available at Ameriprise Financial:

The following information applies to Class A shares purchases if you have an account with or otherwise purchase Fund shares through Ameriprise Financial:

Shareholders purchasing Fund shares through an Ameriprise Financial brokerage account are eligible for the following front-end sales charge waivers, which may differ from those disclosed elsewhere in this Fund's prospectus or SAI:

- Employer-sponsored retirement plans (e.g., 401(k) plans, 457 plans, employer-sponsored 403(b) plans, profit sharing and money purchase pension plans and defined benefit plans). For purposes of this provision, employer-sponsored retirement plans do not include SEP IRAs, Simple IRAs or SAR-SEPs.
- Shares purchased through reinvestment of capital gains distributions and dividend reinvestment when purchasing shares of the same Fund (but not any other fund within the same fund family).
- Shares exchanged from Class C shares of the same fund in the month of or following the 7-year anniversary of the purchase date. To the extent that this prospectus elsewhere provides for a waiver with respect to exchanges of Class C shares or conversion of Class C shares following a shorter holding period, that waiver will apply.
- Employees and registered representatives of Ameriprise Financial or its affiliates and their immediate family members.
- Shares purchased by or through qualified accounts (including IRAs, Coverdell Education Savings Accounts, 401(k)s, 403(b) TSCAs subject to ERISA and defined benefit plans) that are held by a covered family member, defined as an Ameriprise financial advisor and/or the advisor's

spouse, advisor's lineal ascendant (mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, great grandmother, great grandfather), advisor's lineal descendant (son, step-son, daughter, step-daughter, grandson, granddaughter, great grandson, great granddaughter) or any spouse of a covered family member who is a lineal descendant.

- Shares purchased from the proceeds of redemptions within the same fund family, provided (1) the repurchase occurs within 90 days following the redemption, (2) the redemption and purchase occur in the same account, and (3) redeemed shares were subject to a front-end or deferred sales load (i.e. Rights of Reinstatement).

Morgan Stanley Wealth Management

Shareholders purchasing Fund shares through a Morgan Stanley Wealth Management transactional brokerage account will be eligible only for the following front-end sales charge waivers with respect to Class A shares, which may differ from and may be more limited than those disclosed elsewhere in this Fund's Prospectus or SAI.

- Employer-sponsored retirement plans (e.g., 401(k) plans, 457 plans, employer-sponsored 403(b) plans, profit sharing and money purchase pension plans and defined benefit plans). For purposes of this provision, employer-sponsored retirement plans do not include SEP IRAs, Simple IRAs, SAR-SEPs or Keogh plans
- Morgan Stanley employee and employee-related accounts according to Morgan Stanley's account linking rules
- Shares purchased through reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions when purchasing shares of the same fund
- Shares purchased through a Morgan Stanley self-directed brokerage account
- Class C (i.e., level-load) shares that are no longer subject to a contingent deferred sales charge and are converted to Class A shares of the same fund pursuant to Morgan Stanley Wealth Management's share class conversion program
- Shares purchased from the proceeds of redemptions within the same fund family, provided (i) the repurchase occurs within 90 days following the redemption, (ii) the redemption and purchase occur in the same account, and (iii) redeemed shares were subject to a front-end or deferred sales charge.

Raymond James & Associates, Inc., Raymond James Financial Services, Inc. and each entity's affiliates ("Raymond James")

Shareholders purchasing fund shares through a Raymond James platform or account, or through an introducing broker-dealer or independent registered investment adviser for which Raymond James provides trade execution, clearance, and/or custody services, will be eligible only for the following load waivers (front-end sales charge waivers and contingent deferred, or back-end, sales charge waivers) and discounts, which may differ from those disclosed elsewhere in this fund's prospectus or SAI.

Front-end sales load waivers on Class A shares available at Raymond James

- Shares purchased in an investment advisory program.
- Shares purchased within the same fund family through a systematic reinvestment of capital gains and dividend distributions.

- Employees and registered representatives of Raymond James or its affiliates and their family members as designated by Raymond James.
- Shares purchased from the proceeds of redemptions within the same fund family, provided (1) the repurchase occurs within 90 days following the redemption, (2) the redemption and purchase occur in the same account, and (3) redeemed shares were subject to a front-end or deferred sales load (known as Rights of Reinstatement).
- A shareholder in the Fund's Class C shares will have their shares converted at net asset value to Class A shares (or the appropriate share class) of the Fund if the shares are no longer subject to a CDSC and the conversion is in line with the policies and procedures of Raymond James.

CDSC Waivers on Classes A and C shares available at Raymond James

- Death or disability of the shareholder.
- Shares sold as part of a systematic withdrawal plan as described in the fund's prospectus.
- Return of excess contributions from an IRA Account.
- Shares sold as part of a required minimum distribution for IRA and retirement accounts due to the shareholder reaching the qualified age based on applicable IRS regulations as described in the fund's prospectus.
- Shares sold to pay Raymond James fees but only if the transaction is initiated by Raymond James.
- Shares acquired through a right of reinstatement.

Front-end load discounts available at Raymond James: breakpoints, rights of accumulation, and/or letters of intent

- Breakpoints as described in this prospectus.
- Rights of accumulation which entitle shareholders to breakpoint discounts will be automatically calculated based on the aggregated holding of fund family assets held by accounts within the purchaser's household at Raymond James. Eligible fund family assets not held at Raymond James may be included in the calculation of rights of accumulation only if the shareholder notifies his or her financial advisor about such assets.
- Letters of intent which allow for breakpoint discounts based on anticipated purchases within a fund family, over a 13-month time period. Eligible fund family assets not held at Raymond James may be included in the calculation of letters of intent only if the shareholder notifies his or her financial advisor about such assets.

Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. ("OPCO")

Shareholders purchasing Fund shares through an OPCO platform or account are eligible only for the following load waivers (front-end sales charge waivers and contingent deferred, or back-end, sales charge waivers) and discounts, which may differ from those disclosed elsewhere in this Fund's prospectus or SAI.

Front-end Sales Load Waivers on Class A Shares available at OPCO

- Employer-sponsored retirement, deferred compensation and employee benefit plans (including health savings accounts) and trusts used to fund those plans, provided that the shares are not held in a commission-based brokerage account and shares are held for the benefit of the plan

- Shares purchased by or through a 529 Plan
- Shares purchased through a OPCO affiliated investment advisory program
- Shares purchased through reinvestment of capital gains distributions and dividend reinvestment when purchasing shares of the same fund (but not any other fund within the fund family)
- Shares purchased from the proceeds of redemptions within the same fund family, provided (1) the repurchase occurs within 90 days following the redemption, (2) the redemption and purchase occur in the same amount, and (3) redeemed shares were subject to a front-end or deferred sales load (known as Rights of Restatement).
- A shareholder in the Fund's Class C shares will have their shares converted at net asset value to Class A shares (or the appropriate share class) of the Fund if the shares are no longer subject to a CDSC and the conversion is in line with the policies and procedures of OPCO
- Employees and registered representatives of OPCO or its affiliates and their family members
- Directors or Trustees of the Fund, and employees of the Fund's investment adviser or any of its affiliates, as described in this prospectus

CDSC Waivers on A, B and C Shares available at OPCO

- Death or disability of the shareholder
- Shares sold as part of a systematic withdrawal plan as described in the Fund's prospectus
- Return of excess contributions from an IRA Account
- Shares sold as part of a required minimum distribution for IRA and retirement accounts due to the shareholder reaching age 70½ as described in the prospectus
- Shares sold to pay OPCO fees but only if the transaction is initiated by OPCO
- Shares acquired through a right of reinstatement

Front-end load Discounts Available at OPCO: Breakpoints, Rights of Accumulation & Letters of Intent

- Breakpoints as described in this prospectus.
- Rights of Accumulation (ROA) which entitle shareholders to breakpoint discounts will be automatically calculated based on the aggregated holding of fund family assets held by accounts within the purchaser's household at OPCO. Eligible fund family assets not held at OPCO may be included in the ROA calculation only if the shareholder notifies his or her financial advisor about such assets

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Class AAA, A, C, and I Shares

For More Information:

For more information about the Fund, the following documents are available free upon request:

Annual/Semiannual Reports:

The Fund's semiannual and audited annual reports to shareholders contain additional information on the Fund's investments. In the Fund's annual report, you will find a discussion of the market conditions and investment strategies that significantly affected the Fund's performance during its last fiscal year.

Statement of Additional Information (SAI):

The SAI provides more detailed information about the Fund, including its operations and investment policies. It is incorporated by reference, and is legally considered a part of this prospectus.

Appendix A:

Appendix A to this prospectus, "Sales Charge Reductions and Waivers Available through Certain Intermediaries," is a separate document that is incorporated by reference into this prospectus and contains information on sales charge reductions and waivers that differ from the sales charge reductions and waivers disclosed in this prospectus and the related SAI.

You can obtain free copies of these documents and prospectuses of other funds in the Gabelli Fund Complex, or request other information and discuss your questions about the Fund by mail, toll free telephone, or the Internet as follows:

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You can also review and/or copy the Fund's prospectus, annual/semiannual reports, and SAI at the Public Reference Room of the SEC in Washington, DC. You can obtain text-only copies:

- Free from the Fund's website at www.gabelli.com.
- For a fee, by electronic request at publicinfo@sec.gov, by writing to the Public Reference Section of the SEC, Washington, DC 20549-1520, or by calling 202-551-8090.
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