

GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC  
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM N-CSR**

**CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT**

**INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

Investment Company Act file number 811-04700

The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

One Corporate Center

Rye, New York 10580-1422

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Bruce N. Alpert

Gabelli Funds, LLC

One Corporate Center

Rye, New York 10580-1422

(Name and address of agent for service)

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

Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: December 31, 2015

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**Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.**

The Report to Shareholders is attached herewith.

**The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.****Annual Report December 31, 2015****(Y)our Portfolio Management Team****To Our Shareholders,**

For the year ended December 31, 2015, the net asset value ( NAV ) total return of The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc. (the Fund ) was (6.9)%, compared with total returns of 1.4% and 0.2% for the Standard & Poor s ( S&P ) 500 Index and the Dow Jones Industrial Average, respectively. The total return for the Fund s publicly traded shares was (8.5)%. The Fund s NAV per share was \$5.70, while the price of the publicly traded shares closed at \$5.31 on the New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE ). See below for additional performance information.

Enclosed are the financial statements, including the schedule of investments, as of December 31, 2015.

**Comparative Results****Average Annual Returns through December 31, 2015 (a) (Unaudited)**

	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>5 Year</u>	<u>10 Year</u>	<u>15 Year</u>	<u>20 Year</u>	<u>25 Year</u>	Since Inception <u>(08/21/86)</u>
<b>Gabelli Equity Trust</b>							
<b>NAV Total Return (b)</b>	(6.85)%	10.21%	8.26%	7.76%	9.30%	10.31%	10.53%
<b>Investment Total Return (c)</b>	(8.54)	9.63	7.67	6.70	9.11	9.88	10.00
S&P 500 Index	1.38	12.57	7.31	5.00	8.19	9.33	9.86(d)
Dow Jones Industrial Average	0.22	11.24	7.72	5.79	8.77	10.47	10.69(d)
Nasdaq Composite Index	7.13	15.00	9.78	5.86	8.99	10.93	9.51(e)

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

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

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- (c) Total returns and average annual returns reflect changes in closing market values on the NYSE, reinvestment of distributions, and adjustments for rights offerings, spin-offs, and taxes paid on undistributed long term capital gains. Since inception return is based on an initial offering price of \$10.00.
- (d) From August 31, 1986, the date closest to the Fund's inception for which data is available.
- (e) From September 30, 1986, the date closest to the Fund's inception for which data is available.

**Summary of Portfolio Holdings (Unaudited)**

The following table presents portfolio holdings as a percent of total investments as of December 31, 2015:

**The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.**

Food and Beverage	11.9%
Financial Services	8.7%
Entertainment	6.6%
Cable and Satellite	6.4%
Equipment and Supplies	5.4%
Health Care	5.1%
Diversified Industrial	5.0%
Consumer Products	4.5%
Automotive: Parts and Accessories	4.5%
Telecommunications	4.0%
Consumer Services	3.9%
Energy and Utilities	3.8%
Retail	3.6%
Business Services	3.2%
Specialty Chemicals	2.3%
Broadcasting	2.2%
Aerospace and Defense	2.1%
Machinery	2.1%
Hotels and Gaming	1.7%
Wireless Communications	1.4%
Aviation: Parts and Services	1.4%
Electronics	1.4%
Publishing	1.3%
Environmental Services	1.3%
U.S. Government Obligations	1.1%
Telecommunication Services	0.8%
Computer Software and Services	0.7%
Agriculture	0.6%
Automotive	0.6%
Communications Equipment	0.5%
Real Estate	0.5%
Metals and Mining	0.4%
Transportation	0.4%
Building and Construction	0.3%
Closed-End Funds	0.2%
Manufactured Housing and Recreational Vehicles	0.1%
Real Estate Investment Trusts	0.0%*
	100.0%

\* Amount represents less than 0.05%.

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

### **Proxy Voting**

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

**The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.****Portfolio Changes Quarter Ended December 31, 2015 (Unaudited)**

	Shares	Ownership at December 31, 2015
<b>NET PURCHASES</b>		
<b>Common Stocks</b>		
Advance Auto Parts Inc.	5,000	5,000
Alere Inc.	80,000	117,450
Alphabet Inc., Cl. C	1,002	1,002
Ascent Capital Group Inc., Cl. A	2,550	18,550
Avon Products Inc.	50,000	150,000
Barnes & Noble Inc.	175,000	175,000
BBA Aviation plc(a)	739,938	1,356,553
Bel Fuse Inc., Cl. A	1,510	20,610
Cempra Inc.	15,409	33,509
Chemtura Corp.	7,500	70,000
Comcast Corp., Cl. A	90,000	90,000
Corning Inc.	20,000	450,000
CST Brands Inc.	10,000	98,500
DigitalGlobe Inc.	8,000	32,000
EchoStar Corp., Cl. A	10,860	50,300
Edgewell Personal Care Co.	29,500	177,500
Energizer Holdings Inc.	10,000	153,000
Fortinet Inc.	25,000	25,000
Gogo Inc.	70,000	70,000
Hertz Global Holdings Inc.	110,000	185,000
Kellogg Co.	10,000	22,800
Kennametal Inc.	12,000	20,000
Methanex Corp.	65,000	85,000
MSG Networks Inc., Cl. A(b)	297,400	297,400
National Fuel Gas Co.	1,000	19,000
Navistar International Corp.	20,000	242,874
Patterson Companies Inc.	20,000	20,000
Rolls-Royce Holdings plc(c)	48,000	1,209,000
Rolls-Royce Holdings plc, Cl. C(c)	107,624,700	107,624,700
Telefonica SA, ADR	17,021	595,736
Telesites SAB	105,000	105,000
The Madison Square Garden Co, Cl. A(b)	101,133	101,133
The PNC Financial Services Group Inc.	10,000	10,000
TimkenSteel Corp.	9,000	60,000
United Natural Foods Inc.	45,000	55,000

**NET SALES**



<b>Common Stocks</b>		
AMC Networks Inc., Cl. A	(6,500)	258,600
American International Group Inc.	(11,500)	38,500
AMETEK Inc.	(5,000)	445,000
AT&T Inc.	(102,340)	379,114
Becton, Dickinson and Co.	(2,500)	10,000
Biogen Inc.	(6,785)	12,415
		<b>Ownership at December 31, 2015</b>
	<b>Shares</b>	
Blyth Inc.	(199,000)	
Cablevision Systems Corp., Cl. A	(35,000)	1,065,000
Canadian Solar Inc.	(20,000)	
Check Point Software Technologies Ltd.	(1,000)	6,000
Church & Dwight Co. Inc.	(1,000)	19,000
CMS Energy Corp.	(2,000)	16,000
Comcast Corp., Cl. A, Special	(91,400)	
CONSOL Energy Inc.	(10,000)	40,000
Constellation Brands Inc., Cl. A	(600)	30,000
Costco Wholesale Corp.	(1,000)	39,000
Crane Co.	(20,000)	175,100
Deere & Co.	(12,000)	283,000
Diageo plc, ADR	(9,000)	188,000
Discovery Communications Inc., Cl. A	(25,000)	91,600
DISH Network Corp., Cl. A	(29,000)	49,900
Donaldson Co. Inc.	(9,000)	358,800
El Paso Electric Co.	(10,000)	207,500
Electronic Arts Inc.	(2,000)	
Endo International plc	(11,500)	
Eversource Energy	(5,000)	25,000
Flowserve Corp.	(19,319)	243,181
Fortune Brands Home & Security Inc.	(6,000)	80,000
Freeport-McMoRan Inc.	(4,000)	36,000
Genuine Parts Co.	(1,600)	243,400
Google Inc., Cl. C	(1,002)	
Graham Holdings Co., Cl. B	(300)	1,500
Grupo Televisa SAB, ADR	(4,000)	588,500
H&R Block Inc.	(13,000)	27,400
Hanesbrands Inc.	(5,000)	95,000
Henry Schein Inc.	(800)	28,000
Honeywell International Inc.	(15,000)	338,000
IDEX Corp.	(9,000)	259,000
Ingredion Inc.	(4,000)	12,000
Integrated Device Technology Inc.	(19,500)	55,500
Intel Corp.	(6,000)	54,000
Jarden Corp.	(9,000)	
Ladbrokes plc	(100,000)	679,400
Macy's Inc.	(5,000)	336,000
MasterCard Inc., Cl. A	(4,000)	318,000
Medtronic plc	(4,200)	27,800
Modine Manufacturing Co.	(8,000)	180,000

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NextEra Energy Inc.	(2,000)	16,000
O Reilly Automotive Inc.	(5,500)	83,500
PepsiCo Inc.	(15,000)	198,000
Post Holdings Inc.	(2,500)	38,500
Precision Castparts Corp.	(70,000)	8,000
Rockwell Automation Inc.	(1,000)	20,900

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.****Portfolio Changes (Continued) Quarter Ended December 31, 2015 (Unaudited)**

	<b>Shares</b>	<b>Ownership at December 31, 2015</b>
Rogers Communications Inc., New York, Cl. B	(10,000)	471,890
Rollins Inc.	(57,500)	1,738,000
Sensient Technologies Corp.	(2,800)	189,800
T. Rowe Price Group Inc.	(7,500)	120,900
TE Connectivity Ltd.	(1,600)	41,000
Texas Instruments Inc.	(5,000)	240,000
The ADT Corp.	(15,000)	110,000
The Boeing Co.	(23,000)	70,000
The Chemours Co.	(2,000)	2,000
The Madison Square Garden Co., Cl. A(b)	(303,400)	
Time Warner Cable Inc.	(2,000)	63,000
Twenty-First Century Fox Inc., Cl. A	(10,000)	571,200
Vivendi SA	(21,666)	325,000
Wells Fargo & Co.	(35,000)	235,000
Xylem Inc.	(25,000)	286,000

- (a) Rights Issuance - 6 shares of BBA Aviation plc, rights (BYNFF26) for every 5 shares of BBA Aviation plc (B1FP891) held. 739,938 shares of BBA Aviation plc, rights (BYNFF26) were exercised after rights issuance. 1 new share of BBA Aviation plc (B1FP891) was fully paid for every 1 share of BBA Aviation plc, rights (BYNFF26) exercised.
- (b) Spin off and name change - 1 share of The Madison Square Garden Co., Cl. A (55825T103) for every 3 shares of The Madison Square Garden Co., Cl. A (55826P100) held. The Madison Square Garden Co., Cl. A (55826P100) changed its name to MSG Networks Inc., Cl. A (553573106). 6,000 shares of MSG Networks Inc., Cl. A were sold after name change.
- (c) Stock dividend - 92.7 shares of Rolls-Royce Holdings plc, Cl. C for every 1 share of Rolls-Royce Holdings plc held. 48,000 shares of Rolls-Royce Holdings plc were purchased after stock dividend.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.****Schedule of Investments December 31, 2015**

			<b>Market</b>
<b>Shares</b>		<b>Cost</b>	<b>Value</b>
	<b>COMMON STOCKS 98.6%</b>		
	<b>Food and Beverage 11.9%</b>		
3,000	Ajinomoto Co. Inc.	\$ 52,866	\$ 71,871
50,000	Boulder Brands Inc.	419,270	549,000
53,541	Brown-Forman Corp., Cl. A	1,853,123	5,895,399
17,975	Brown-Forman Corp., Cl. B	1,036,424	1,784,558
63,800	Campbell Soup Co.	1,781,130	3,352,690
65,000	Chr. Hansen Holding A/S	2,725,303	4,086,163
15,000	Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc.	275,290	738,600
100,000	ConAgra Foods Inc.	3,489,586	4,216,000
30,000	Constellation Brands Inc., Cl. A	376,266	4,273,200
18,000	Crimson Wine Group Ltd.	91,848	158,400
201,500	Danone SA	9,779,634	13,638,154
652,800	Davide Campari-Milano SpA	3,566,380	5,675,473
188,000	Diageo plc, ADR	11,808,561	20,505,160
89,800	Dr Pepper Snapple Group Inc.	2,874,367	8,369,360
80,000	Flowers Foods Inc.	263,976	1,719,200
76,200	Fomento Economico Mexicano SAB de CV, ADR	1,680,884	7,037,070
50,000	General Mills Inc.	1,563,162	2,883,000
1,848,400	Grupo Bimbo SAB de CV, Cl. A	2,624,248	4,908,832
41,300	Heineken NV	1,962,995	3,535,435
12,000	Ingredion Inc.	177,840	1,150,080
105,000	ITO EN Ltd.	2,422,898	2,725,571
22,800	Kellogg Co.	1,142,751	1,647,756
64,000	Kerry Group plc, Cl. A	735,609	5,344,404
10,600	LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SE	365,943	1,669,192
45,000	Maple Leaf Foods Inc.	828,035	772,711
287,000	Mondelēz International Inc., Cl. A	8,756,441	12,869,080
70,000	Morinaga Milk Industry Co. Ltd.	299,202	321,478
42,900	Nestlé SA	1,832,393	3,193,086
198,000	PepsiCo Inc.	12,495,858	19,784,160
39,200	Pernod Ricard SA	3,228,300	4,481,607
38,500	Post Holdings Inc.	942,372	2,375,450
43,000	Remy Cointreau SA	2,567,361	3,084,680
55,333	The Kraft Heinz Co.	2,028,347	4,026,029
117,600	The Coca-Cola Co.	3,597,844	5,052,096
32,000	The Hain Celestial Group Inc.	214,736	1,292,480
3,000	The J.M. Smucker Co.	149,101	370,020
42,000	The WhiteWave Foods Co.	696,348	1,634,220

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125,186	Tootsie Roll Industries Inc.	1,771,739	3,954,626
50,000	Tyson Foods Inc., Cl. A	421,291	2,666,500
341,000	Yakult Honsha Co. Ltd.	9,700,538	16,908,856
		102,600,260	188,721,647

**Financial Services 8.7%**

416,000	American Express Co.	27,431,146	28,932,800
38,500	American International Group Inc.	2,088,093	2,385,845
13,200	Argo Group International Holdings Ltd.	389,834	789,888

**Market**

Shares		Cost	Value
72,000	Banco Santander SA, ADR	\$ 545,542	\$ 350,640
123	Berkshire Hathaway Inc., Cl. A	560,399	24,329,400
10,000	Calamos Asset Management Inc., Cl. A	88,164	96,800
18,800	CIT Group Inc.	776,644	746,360
88,000	Citigroup Inc.	3,161,659	4,554,000
16,000	Cullen/Frost Bankers Inc.	1,212,267	960,000
12,777	Deutsche Bank AG	542,318	308,565
6,000	Financial Engines Inc.	224,960	202,020
50,000	Fortress Investment Group LLC, Cl. A	296,068	254,500
27,400	H&R Block Inc.	580,912	912,694
20,000	Hennessy Capital Acquisition Corp. II	200,000	196,000
40,000	Interactive Brokers Group Inc., Cl. A	643,310	1,744,000
340,100	Janus Capital Group Inc.	3,838,574	4,792,009
56,800	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	1,944,615	3,750,504
32,400	Kinnevik Investment AB, Cl. A	531,784	1,011,366
125,000	Legg Mason Inc.	3,312,972	4,903,750
95,900	Leucadia National Corp.	1,340,120	1,667,701
14,000	Loews Corp.	558,454	537,600
125,000	Marsh & McLennan Companies Inc.	3,772,923	6,931,250
9,000	Moody's Corp.	312,150	903,060
22,000	Och-Ziff Capital Management Group LLC, Cl. A	206,639	137,060
20,000	PayPal Holdings Inc.	651,955	724,000
50,000	Quinpario Acquisition Corp. 2	500,000	490,000
124,100	State Street Corp.	4,346,707	8,235,276
17,000	SunTrust Banks Inc.	358,050	728,280
120,900	T. Rowe Price Group Inc.	3,871,890	8,643,141
210,500	The Bank of New York Mellon Corp.	6,707,443	8,676,810
20,000	The Charles Schwab Corp.	292,250	658,600
12,300	The Dun & Bradstreet Corp.	292,691	1,278,339
10,000	The PNC Financial Services Group Inc.	956,448	953,100
13,000	W. R. Berkley Corp.	476,775	711,750
57,000	Waddell & Reed Financial Inc., Cl. A	2,152,241	1,633,620
235,000	Wells Fargo & Co.	6,995,954	12,774,600
		82,161,951	136,905,328

**Entertainment 6.6%**

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91,600	Discovery Communications Inc., Cl. A	2,528,113	2,443,888
244,800	Discovery Communications Inc., Cl. C	2,766,202	6,173,856
588,500	Grupo Televisa SAB, ADR	8,585,390	16,013,085
143,123	Media General Inc.	1,369,940	2,311,436
71,700	Starz, Cl. A	311,175	2,401,950

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**The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc.****Schedule of Investments (Continued) December 31, 2015**

Shares		Cost	Market Value
<b>COMMON STOCKS (Continued)</b>			
<b>Entertainment (Continued)</b>			
101,133	The Madison Square Garden Co, Cl. A	\$ 4,390,920	\$ 16,363,373
186,800	Time Warner Inc.	8,054,928	12,080,356
40,000	Tokyo Broadcasting System Holdings Inc.	796,181	642,290
571,200	Twenty-First Century Fox Inc., Cl. A	5,964,904	15,513,792
367,000	Twenty-First Century Fox Inc., Cl. B	7,939,416	9,993,410
70,000	Universal Entertainment Corp.	1,103,319	1,287,075
275,500	Viacom Inc., Cl. A	13,035,317	12,119,245
325,000	Vivendi SA	8,069,067	7,014,465
		64,914,872	104,358,221
<b>Cable and Satellite 6.4%</b>			
258,600	AMC Networks Inc., Cl. A	12,184,768	19,312,248
2,100	Cable One Inc.	681,991	910,686
1,065,000	Cablevision Systems Corp., Cl. A	33,001,976	33,973,500
90,000	Comcast Corp., Cl. A	1,107,950	5,078,700
49,900	DISH Network Corp., Cl. A	1,292,492	2,853,282
50,300	EchoStar Corp., Cl. A	1,840,199	1,967,233
3,545	Liberty Global plc LiLAC, Cl. A	31,731	146,657
5,750	Liberty Global plc LiLAC, Cl. C	132,109	247,250
471,890	Rogers Communications Inc., New York, Cl. B	4,325,569	16,261,329
19,310	Rogers Communications Inc., Toronto, Cl. B	137,424	665,949
108,800	Scripps Networks Interactive Inc., Cl. A	3,513,944	6,006,848
120,000	Shaw Communications Inc., New York, Cl. B	354,632	2,062,800
40,000	Shaw Communications Inc., Toronto, Cl. B	52,983	688,010
63,000	Time Warner Cable Inc.	7,930,400	11,692,170
		66,588,168	101,866,662
<b>Equipment and Supplies 5.4%</b>			
445,000	AMETEK Inc.	7,155,088	23,847,550
7,000	Amphenol Corp., Cl. A	12,928	365,610
94,000	CIRCOR International Inc.	1,246,366	3,962,100
358,800	Donaldson Co. Inc.	3,584,382	10,283,208
243,181	Flowserve Corp.	4,249,333	10,233,056
37,400	Franklin Electric Co. Inc.	215,706	1,010,922

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259,000	IDEX Corp.	7,890,868	19,841,990
49,000	Ingersoll-Rand plc	1,050,094	2,709,210
43,300	Mueller Industries Inc.	1,014,578	1,173,430
13,000	Sealed Air Corp.	208,280	579,800
45,000	Tenaris SA, ADR	1,981,220	1,071,000
10,000	The Greenbrier Companies Inc.	198,206	326,200
4,000	The Manitowoc Co. Inc.	25,450	61,400

**Market**

<b>Shares</b>		<b>Cost</b>	<b>Value</b>
81,000	The Timken Co.	\$ 3,055,909	\$ 2,315,790
59,600	The Weir Group plc	250,790	878,628
125,000	Watts Water Technologies Inc., Cl. A	3,970,158	6,208,750
		36,109,356	84,868,644

**Health Care 5.1%**

6,000	Agilent Technologies Inc.	247,707	250,860
117,450	Alere Inc.	4,881,382	4,591,121
8,000	Allergan plc	1,312,353	2,500,000
34,000	Amgen Inc.	2,201,978	5,519,220
22,000	Baxalta Inc.	538,996	858,660
27,000	Baxter International Inc.	774,119	1,030,050
10,000	Becton, Dickinson and Co.	803,922	1,540,900
12,415	Biogen Inc. .	1,721,662	3,803,335
270,000	Boston Scientific Corp.	1,927,086	4,978,800
76,300	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.	3,406,674	5,248,677
33,509	Cempra Inc.	720,707	1,043,135
15,000	DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc.	944,551	1,045,650
20,000	Express Scripts Holding Co.	1,359,191	1,748,200
28,000	Henry Schein Inc.	981,845	4,429,320
46,800	Indivior plc	28,408	129,569
37,000	Johnson & Johnson	2,400,670	3,800,640
5,000	Laboratory Corp. of America Holdings	600,358	618,200
25,000	Mead Johnson Nutrition Co.	1,123,205	1,973,750
27,800	Medtronic plc	2,085,556	2,138,376
95,200	Merck & Co. Inc.	2,219,590	5,028,464
11,000	Mylan NV	739,037	594,770
88,200	Novartis AG, ADR	3,993,309	7,588,728
20,000	Patterson Companies Inc.	884,908	904,200
15,000	Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., ADR	581,414	984,600
87,000	UnitedHealth Group Inc.	4,489,729	10,234,680
4,000	Waters Corp.	285,470	538,320
54,500	William Demant Holding A/S	2,483,169	5,214,134
8,600	Zimmer Biomet Holdings Inc.	435,897	882,274
35,000	Zoetis Inc.	1,122,327	1,677,200
		45,295,220	80,895,833

**Diversified Industrial 4.8%**



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500	Acuity Brands Inc.	12,751	116,900
160,000	Ampco-Pittsburgh Corp.	2,128,534	1,641,600
175,100	Crane Co.	4,573,755	8,376,784
149,000	General Electric Co.	3,595,665	4,641,350
138,300	Greif Inc., Cl. A	1,499,216	4,261,023
12,800	Greif Inc., Cl. B	637,917	547,456
32,000	Griffon Corp.	298,790	569,600
338,000	Honeywell International Inc.	15,956,823	35,006,660
122,000	ITT Corp.	1,468,866	4,431,040
11,000	Jardine Strategic Holdings Ltd.	222,951	300,630
20,000	Kennametal Inc.	530,164	384,000

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Shares		Cost	Market Value
<b>COMMON STOCKS (Continued)</b>			
<b>Diversified Industrial (Continued)</b>			
50,000	Myers Industries Inc.	\$ 818,952	\$ 666,000
86,000	Park-Ohio Holdings Corp.	897,680	3,163,080
9,666	Rayonier Advanced Materials Inc.	160,768	94,630
30,000	Rexnord Corp.	630,867	543,600
15,000	Sulzer AG	739,785	1,412,989
100,000	Toray Industries Inc.	771,663	940,139
12,000	Tredegar Corp.	171,530	163,440
46,000	Trinity Industries Inc.	619,878	1,104,920
217,000	Tyco International plc	5,493,446	6,920,130
		41,230,001	75,285,971
<b>Consumer Products 4.5%</b>			
150,000	Avon Products Inc.	1,536,978	607,500
15,300	Christian Dior SE	579,339	2,606,339
19,000	Church & Dwight Co. Inc.	63,039	1,612,720
105,000	Coty Inc., Cl. A	1,848,810	2,691,150
5,000	Crocs Inc.	73,888	51,200
177,500	Edgewell Personal Care Co.	12,416,890	13,910,675
153,000	Energizer Holdings Inc.	3,700,591	5,211,180
2,100	Givaudan SA	725,396	3,822,185
95,000	Hanesbrands Inc.	834,707	2,795,850
23,800	Harley-Davidson Inc.	1,105,662	1,080,282
1,270	Hermes International	444,999	430,271
5,000	Mattel Inc.	76,720	135,850
11,000	National Presto Industries Inc.	529,994	911,460
10,000	Oil-Dri Corp. of America	171,255	368,300
46,800	Reckitt Benckiser Group plc	1,391,995	4,333,448
30,000	Svenska Cellulosa AB, Cl. B	404,760	876,034
823,800	Swedish Match AB	9,761,453	29,296,479
2,800	The Estee Lauder Companies Inc., Cl. A	131,792	246,568
		35,798,268	70,987,491
<b>Automotive: Parts and Accessories 4.5%</b>			
107,600	BorgWarner Inc.	4,288,790	4,651,548
109,900	CLARCOR Inc.	1,559,283	5,459,832

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244,100	Dana Holding Corp.	2,118,851	3,368,580
243,400	Genuine Parts Co.	10,618,755	20,905,626
160,600	Johnson Controls Inc.	3,803,198	6,342,094
180,000	Modine Manufacturing Co.	3,811,513	1,629,000
83,500	O Reilly Automotive Inc.	9,276,267	21,160,570
115,000	Standard Motor Products Inc.	1,247,021	4,375,750
73,000	Superior Industries International Inc.	1,462,789	1,344,660
14,000	Visteon Corp.	1,372,450	1,603,000
		39,558,917	70,840,660

**Telecommunications 3.9%**

379,114	AT&T Inc.	12,973,281	13,045,313
55,400	BCE Inc.	1,226,373	2,139,548

Shares		Cost	Market Value
954,200	BT Group plc, Cl. A	\$ 3,945,717	\$ 6,635,357
750,000	Cincinnati Bell Inc.	3,613,473	2,700,000
100,000	Deutsche Telekom AG, ADR	1,656,300	1,788,000
70,000	Gogo Inc.	1,074,271	1,246,000
25,002	Harris Corp.	1,983,730	2,172,630
36,000	Hellenic Telecommunications Organization SA	452,922	361,498
15,000	Hellenic Telecommunications Organization SA, ADR	91,062	71,250
264,732	Koninklijke KPN NV	448,166	1,004,645
7,040,836	LIME	128,658	76,292
22,000	Oi SA, ADR	1,739,813	10,197
31,053	Sprint Corp.	176,071	112,412
21,000	Telecom Argentina SA, ADR	127,554	337,470
575,000	Telecom Italia SpA	2,238,769	734,239
70,000	Telefonica Brasil SA, ADR	726,827	632,100
595,736	Telefonica SA, ADR	8,915,134	6,588,840
570,300	Telephone & Data Systems Inc.	23,927,921	14,765,067
105,000	Telesites SAB	79,714	68,479
25,000	TELUS Corp.	233,734	691,263
125,000	Verizon Communications Inc.	5,239,043	5,777,500
40,027	Vodafone Group plc, ADR	1,849,397	1,291,271
		72,847,930	62,249,371

**Consumer Services 3.9%**

20,000	eBay Inc.	416,823	549,600
43,000	IAC/InterActiveCorp.	1,098,767	2,582,150
205,000	Liberty Interactive Corp. QVC Group, Cl. A	3,282,467	5,600,600
21,000	Liberty TripAdvisor Holdings Inc., Cl. A	247,059	637,140
58,330	Liberty Ventures, Cl. A	962,379	2,631,266
1,738,000	Rollins Inc.	12,297,083	45,014,200
110,000	The ADT Corp.	4,239,209	3,627,800
5,500	TripAdvisor Inc.	194,460	468,875
		22,738,247	61,111,631

<b>Energy and Utilities 3.8%</b>			
11,000	ABB Ltd., ADR	171,270	195,030
39,000	Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	2,262,604	1,894,620
59,000	Apache Corp.	2,771,519	2,623,730
80,000	BP plc, ADR	3,952,168	2,500,800
30,000	Cleco Corp.	1,603,080	1,566,300
16,000	CMS Energy Corp.	102,219	577,280
185,100	ConocoPhillips	8,559,949	8,642,319
40,000	CONSOL Energy Inc.	1,457,102	316,000
207,500	El Paso Electric Co.	5,785,311	7,988,750
25,000	Eversource Energy	587,334	1,276,750
58,600	Exxon Mobil Corp.	2,043,648	4,567,870
140,000	GenOn Energy Inc., Escrow	0	0
196,400	Halliburton Co.	3,831,496	6,685,456
4,000	Marathon Oil Corp.	111,366	50,360
8,000	Marathon Petroleum Corp.	142,402	414,720

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Shares		Cost	Market Value
<b>COMMON STOCKS (Continued)</b>			
<b>Energy and Utilities (Continued)</b>			
20,000	Murphy USA Inc.	\$ 886,754	\$ 1,214,800
19,000	National Fuel Gas Co.	1,315,725	812,250
16,000	NextEra Energy Inc.	975,275	1,662,240
1,000	Niko Resources Ltd., OTC	54,403	41
3,000	Niko Resources Ltd., Toronto	923	141
32,400	Oceanering International Inc.	437,629	1,215,648
15,100	Phillips 66	1,113,603	1,235,180
140,000	Rowan Companies plc, Cl. A	5,221,015	2,373,000
28,000	RPC Inc.	363,509	334,600
5,000	SJW Corp.	68,704	148,250
17,000	Southwest Gas Corp.	389,070	937,720
108,900	Spectra Energy Corp.	2,721,643	2,607,066
101,000	The AES Corp.	947,543	966,570
35,000	Weatherford International plc	503,432	293,650
164,000	Westar Energy Inc.	3,002,615	6,955,240
		51,383,311	60,056,381
<b>Retail 3.6%</b>			
5,000	Advance Auto Parts Inc.	759,888	752,550
73,300	AutoNation Inc.	1,047,416	4,373,078
175,000	Barnes & Noble Inc.	1,797,075	1,524,250
10,000	Bed Bath & Beyond Inc.	701,260	482,500
39,000	Costco Wholesale Corp.	2,028,794	6,298,500
98,500	CST Brands Inc.	3,318,283	3,855,290
117,800	CVS Health Corp.	7,425,711	11,517,306
185,000	Hertz Global Holdings Inc.	3,192,051	2,632,550
22,100	HSN Inc.	597,444	1,119,807
50,000	J.C. Penney Co. Inc.	644,777	333,000
336,000	Macy's Inc.	6,619,761	11,753,280
30,000	Penske Automotive Group Inc.	1,279,948	1,270,200
33,300	Sally Beauty Holdings Inc.	264,056	928,737
17,000	The Cheesecake Factory Inc.	553,064	783,870
3,000	Tiffany & Co.	171,090	228,870
55,000	United Natural Foods Inc.	2,278,985	2,164,800
52,000	Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc.	1,540,167	4,428,060
33,200	Wal-Mart Stores Inc.	1,677,713	2,035,160

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35,000	Whole Foods Market Inc.	423,349	1,172,500
		36,320,832	57,654,308
<b>Business Services 3.2%</b>			
14,334	Allegion plc	232,677	944,897
7,500	Aramark	194,037	241,875
18,550	Ascent Capital Group Inc., Cl. A	823,045	310,156
157,000	Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings Inc., Cl. A	1,092,453	877,630
33,000	Contax Participacoes SA	67,778	3,003
96,000	Diebold Inc.	3,425,314	2,888,640
32,000	DigitalGlobe Inc.	789,949	501,120
3,000	Edenred	38,786	56,892
170,400	G4S plc	0	566,468
			<b>Market Value</b>
<b>Shares</b>		<b>Cost</b>	
17,300	Jardine Matheson Holdings Ltd.	\$ 565,935	\$ 843,029
88,000	Landauer Inc.	2,472,818	2,896,960
16,600	Macquarie Infrastructure Corp.	1,063,589	1,205,160
318,000	MasterCard Inc., Cl. A	8,229,826	30,960,480
309,200	The Interpublic Group of Companies Inc.	3,879,391	7,198,176
10,000	Vectrus Inc.	106,200	208,900
12,800	Visa Inc., Cl. A	140,800	992,640
		23,122,598	50,696,026
<b>Specialty Chemicals 2.3%</b>			
10,000	Ashland Inc.	979,500	1,027,000
70,000	Chemtura Corp.	1,868,486	1,908,900
20,000	E. I. du Pont de Nemours and Co.	854,362	1,332,000
420,000	Ferro Corp.	3,892,584	4,670,400
8,000	FMC Corp.	136,430	313,040
39,000	H.B. Fuller Co.	1,131,051	1,422,330
11,000	Huntsman Corp.	254,859	125,070
73,000	International Flavors & Fragrances Inc.	4,002,818	8,733,720
85,000	Methanex Corp.	2,984,692	2,805,850
250,000	OMNOVA Solutions Inc.	1,510,743	1,532,500
189,800	Sensient Technologies Corp.	4,825,924	11,923,236
6,000	SGL Carbon SE	141,557	84,343
2,000	The Chemours Co.	22,594	10,720
		22,605,600	35,889,109
<b>Broadcasting 2.2%</b>			
253,300	CBS Corp., Cl. A, Voting	7,617,840	13,201,996
2,000	Cogeco Inc.	39,014	74,077
17,334	Corus Entertainment Inc., OTC, Cl. B	30,215	136,765
6,666	Corus Entertainment Inc., Toronto, Cl. B	12,406	52,029
16,000	Gray Television Inc.	14,422	260,800
19,250	Liberty Broadband Corp., Cl. A	608,060	994,263

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62,047	Liberty Broadband Corp., Cl. C	1,953,620	3,217,757
89,000	Liberty Media Corp., Cl. A	1,858,571	3,493,250
171,000	Liberty Media Corp., Cl. C	5,210,812	6,511,680
297,400	MSG Networks Inc., Cl. A	1,689,946	6,185,920
85,200	Television Broadcasts Ltd.	339,712	351,242
		19,374,618	34,479,779
<b>Aerospace and Defense 2.1%</b>			
275,000	Aerojet Rocketdyne Holdings Inc.	2,370,094	4,306,500
1,356,553	BBA Aviation plc	3,003,621	3,781,702
35,800	Kaman Corp.	881,634	1,460,998
17,500	Northrop Grumman Corp.	900,365	3,304,175
1,209,000	Rolls-Royce Holdings plc	9,301,551	10,248,330

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<b>COMMON STOCKS (Continued)</b>			
<b>Aerospace and Defense (Continued)</b>			
107,624,700	Rolls-Royce Holdings plc, Cl. C	\$ 165,942	\$ 158,661
70,000	The Boeing Co.	7,980,581	10,121,300
		24,603,788	33,381,666
<b>Machinery 2.1%</b>			
12,800	Caterpillar Inc.	86,323	869,888
53,592	CNH Industrial NV	464,629	366,569
283,000	Deere & Co.	9,002,645	21,584,410
286,000	Xylem Inc.	7,741,363	10,439,000
		17,294,960	33,259,867
<b>Hotels and Gaming 1.7%</b>			
16,000	Accor SA	549,282	695,611
45,000	Belmond Ltd., Cl. A	621,367	427,500
90,000			