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FORM N-CSR

CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT

INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-22021

The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

One Corporate Center

Rye, New York 10580-1422

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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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, 2016

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Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.

The Report to Shareholders is attached herewith.

The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust**Annual Report December 31, 2016****(Y)our Portfolio Management Team**

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To Our Shareholders,

For the year ended December 31, 2016, the net asset value (NAV) total return of The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust (the Fund) was (3.6)%, compared with a total return of (2.7)% for the Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500 Health Care Index. The total return for the Fund's publicly traded shares was (3.2)%. The Fund's NAV per share was \$10.86, while the price of the publicly traded shares closed at \$9.43 on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).

Enclosed are the financial statements, including the schedule of investments, as of December 31, 2016.

Comparative Results**Average Annual Returns through December 31, 2016 (a) (Unaudited)**

	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	Since Inception (06/28/07)
Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust				
NAV Total Return (b)	(3.63)%	5.63%	15.13%	9.46%
Investment Total Return (c)	(3.15)	3.31	15.37	7.35
S&P 500 Health Care Index	(2.69)	9.24	16.80	9.38
S&P 500 Index	11.96	8.87	14.66	6.55
S&P 500 Consumer Staples Index	5.38	9.22	12.73	10.13
50% S&P 500 Health Care Index and 50% S&P 500 Consumer Staples Index	1.35	9.23	14.77	9.76

(a) Returns represent past performance and do not guarantee future results. Investment returns and the principal value of an investment will fluctuate. When shares are sold, they may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance data presented. Visit www.gabelli.com for performance information as of the most recent month end. Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the Fund before investing. The S&P 500 Health Care Index is an unmanaged indicator of health care equipment and services, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, and life sciences stock performance. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged indicator of stock market performance. The S&P 500 Consumer Staples Index is an unmanaged indicator of food and staples retailing, food, beverage and tobacco, and household and personal products stock performance. The Blended Index consists of a 50% blend of each of

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the S&P 500 Health Care Index and S&P 500 Consumer Staples Index. Dividends are considered reinvested. 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, and adjustments for rights offerings and are net of expenses. Since inception return is based on an initial NAV of \$8.00.
- (c) Total returns and average annual returns reflect changes in closing market values on the NYSE, reinvestment of distributions, and adjustments for rights offerings. Since inception return is based on an initial offering price of \$8.00.

Summary of Portfolio Holdings (Unaudited)

The following table presents portfolio holdings as a percent of total investments as of December 31, 2016:

The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust

Food	21.4%
Health Care Providers and Services	19.1%
Health Care Equipment and Supplies	14.4%
Pharmaceuticals	11.0%
Food and Staples Retailing	9.6%
Beverages	7.8%
U.S. Government Obligations	5.0%
Household and Personal Products	4.3%
Biotechnology	3.6%
Electronics	1.9%
Specialty Chemicals	1.4%
Exchange Traded Funds	0.3%
Hotels and Gaming	0.2%
	100.0%

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

Proxy Voting

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

The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust**Schedule of Investments December 31, 2016**

		Market	
Shares		Cost	Value
COMMON STOCKS 95.0%			
Beverages 7.8%			
35,000	Campbell Soup Co.	\$ 1,387,115	\$ 2,116,450
60,000	China Mengniu Dairy Co. Ltd.	134,296	115,597
52,000	Danone SA	3,139,848	3,295,227
40,000	Dr Pepper Snapple Group Inc.	1,161,404	3,626,800
26,000	ITO EN Ltd.	400,457	864,257
29,000	Massimo Zanetti Beverage Group SpA	354,756	212,010
15,000	Mead Johnson Nutrition Co.	1,049,005	1,061,400
35,000	Morinaga Milk Industry Co. Ltd.	121,875	252,150
330,000	Parmalat SpA	900,527	1,028,927
20,000	PepsiCo Inc.	1,352,672	2,092,600
30,000	Suntory Beverage & Food Ltd.	1,001,275	1,246,203
50,000	The Coca-Cola Co.	1,466,313	2,073,000
55,000	The WhiteWave Foods Co.	1,177,458	3,058,000
424,000	Vitasoy International Holdings Ltd.	253,570	851,882
		13,900,571	21,894,503
Biotechnology 3.6%			
5,000	Agilent Technologies Inc.	198,350	227,800
1,000	Alexion Pharmaceuticals Inc.	186,952	122,374
20,000	Amgen Inc.	2,252,053	2,924,200
35,000	Charles River Laboratories International Inc.	2,600,486	2,666,650
4,000	Illumina Inc.	212,969	512,160
20,000	Ligand Pharmaceuticals Inc.	1,973,710	2,032,200
135,000	NeoGenomics Inc.	911,833	1,156,950
600	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals Inc.	229,467	220,254
24,000	Tetraphase Pharmaceuticals Inc.	165,514	96,720
1,600	Waters Corp.	197,843	215,024
		8,929,177	10,174,332
Electronics 1.9%			
3,000	Harman International Industries Inc.	328,770	333,480
35,000	Thermo Fisher Scientific Inc.	4,206,605	4,938,500
		4,535,375	5,271,980

Exchange Traded Funds 0.3%

3,500	iShares Nasdaq Biotechnology ETF	935,167	928,830
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Food 21.4%

15,000	Calavo Growers Inc.	498,575	921,000
2,200	Chr. Hansen Holding A/S	101,880	121,829
115,000	Conagra Brands Inc.	2,936,079	4,548,250
25,000	Dean Foods Co.	349,560	544,500
67,500	Flowers Foods Inc.	657,458	1,347,975
82,000	General Mills Inc.	3,206,656	5,065,140
80,000	Inventure Foods Inc.	362,437	788,000

Market

Shares		Cost	Value
5,400			
	John B Sanfilippo & Son Inc.	\$ 201,924	\$ 380,106
67,500	Kellogg Co.	3,770,078	4,975,425
35,000	Kerry Group plc, Cl. A	1,331,659	2,493,158
145,000	Kikkoman Corp.	1,702,737	4,640,000
38,333	Lamb Weston Holdings Inc.	828,125	1,450,917
68,000	Lifeway Foods Inc.	703,679	782,680
23,000	Maple Leaf Foods Inc.	410,536	481,704
16,000	MEIJI Holdings Co. Ltd.	334,973	1,253,989
120,000	Mondelēz International Inc., Cl. A	3,451,003	5,319,600
53,000	Nestlé SA	2,945,832	3,802,072
40,000	Pinnacle Foods Inc.	1,921,319	2,138,000
50,000	Post Holdings Inc.	1,631,275	4,019,500
50,000	Snyder s-Lance Inc.	992,296	1,917,000
30,000	The Kraft Heinz Co.	1,884,620	2,619,600
15,000	The Hain Celestial Group Inc.	269,217	585,450
27,000	The J.M. Smucker Co.	1,624,067	3,457,620
110,000	Tingyi (Cayman Islands) Holding Corp.	176,608	133,768
10,000	TreeHouse Foods Inc.	822,804	721,900
75,000	Unilever plc, ADR	2,456,359	3,052,500
65,000	Yakult Honsha Co. Ltd.	1,908,326	3,014,332
		37,480,082	60,576,015

Food and Staples Retailing 9.6%

30,000	CST Brands Inc.	1,012,341	1,444,500
92,000	CVS Health Corp.	4,078,478	7,259,720
30,000	Ingles Markets Inc., Cl. A	454,430	1,443,000
350,000	Rite Aid Corp.	2,766,396	2,884,000
10,000	Sprouts Farmers Market Inc.	222,899	189,200
80,000	The Kroger Co.	852,218	2,760,800
109,000	United Natural Foods Inc.	4,334,283	5,201,480
10,000	Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc.	626,338	827,600
163,000	Whole Foods Market Inc.	4,329,832	5,013,880

18,677,215 27,024,180

Health Care Equipment and Supplies 14.4%			
57,829	Baxter International Inc.	2,182,644	2,564,138
16,001	Becton, Dickinson and Co.	2,323,008	2,648,914
42,000	Boston Scientific Corp.	274,154	908,460
35,000	Cardiovascular Systems Inc.	452,957	847,350
51,694	CareDx Inc.	516,940	139,574
18,000	Cutera Inc.	138,709	312,300
29,000	Exactech Inc.	563,687	791,700
45,000	Gerresheimer AG	2,173,614	3,345,228
21,000	Globus Medical Inc., Cl. A	503,485	521,010
9,400	Henry Schein Inc.	418,608	1,426,074
3,000	ICU Medical Inc.	261,604	442,050
133,458	InfuSystems Holdings Inc.	396,602	340,318
160,000	Integer Holdings Corp.	4,754,712	4,712,000
1,500	K2M Group Holdings Inc.	25,570	30,060
87,933	Lantheus Holdings Inc.	241,908	756,224
20,000	Medtronic plc	1,465,813	1,424,600
12,000	NuVasive Inc.	438,738	808,320

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust**Schedule of Investments (Continued) December 31, 2016**

		Market	
Shares		Cost	Value
COMMON STOCKS (Continued)			
Health Care Equipment and Supplies (Continued)			
46,574	Orthofix International NV	\$ 1,396,266	\$ 1,685,047
13,000	Patterson Companies Inc.	610,571	533,390
5,000	Smith & Nephew plc, ADR	168,590	150,400
60,000	Sparton Corp.	1,251,263	1,431,000
60,000	St. Jude Medical Inc.	3,645,669	4,811,400
15,000	Stryker Corp.	889,665	1,797,150
76,424	SurModics Inc.	1,654,928	1,941,170
20,000	The Cooper Companies Inc.	2,073,197	3,498,600
25,900	Zimmer Biomet Holdings Inc.	2,620,081	2,672,880
		31,442,983	40,539,357
Health Care Providers and Services 19.1%			
627,499	AdCare Health Systems Inc.	2,208,848	916,149
74,900	Adeptus Health Inc., Cl. A	3,406,501	572,236
152,000	Alere Inc.	5,183,966	5,923,440
25,000	AmerisourceBergen Corp.	885,962	1,954,750
14,000	Anthem Inc.	1,627,049	2,012,780
21,798	Chemed Corp.	2,849,418	3,496,617
30,000	Cigna Corp.	1,696,937	4,001,700
55,000	DaVita Inc.	3,146,020	3,531,000
45,000	Diplomat Pharmacy Inc.	1,280,058	567,000
71,750	Envision Healthcare Corp.	4,884,926	4,541,058
15,000	Express Scripts Holding Co.	1,054,875	1,031,850
70,000	HCA Holdings Inc.	2,858,004	5,181,400
30,000	Humana Inc.	4,776,542	6,120,900
175,000	Kindred Healthcare Inc.	2,051,687	1,373,750
22,200	Laboratory Corp. of America Holdings	2,557,890	2,850,087
15,000	McKesson Corp.	1,044,224	2,106,750
4,700	Rhoen Klinikum AG	139,335	126,952
75,000	Team Health Holdings Inc.	3,129,017	3,258,750
4,000	Tenet Healthcare Corp.	113,295	59,360
14,500	UnitedHealth Group Inc.	1,600,522	2,320,580
30,000	VCA Inc.	1,729,987	2,059,500
		48,225,063	54,006,609

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Hotels and Gaming 0.2%			
8,800	Ryman Hospitality Properties Inc.	234,431	554,488
Household and Personal Products 4.3%			
14,000	Avon Products Inc.	100,609	70,560
44,000	Church & Dwight Co. Inc.	1,374,290	1,944,360
30,000	Colgate-Palmolive Co.	1,859,734	1,963,200
50,000	Coty Inc., Cl. A	773,429	915,500
45,000	Edgewell Personal Care Co.	3,785,810	3,284,550
30,000	Energizer Holdings Inc.	982,875	1,338,300
25,000	Sally Beauty Holdings Inc.	673,597	660,500
12,000	The Estee Lauder Companies Inc., Cl. A	804,725	917,880
13,000	The Procter & Gamble Co.	1,000,591	1,093,040
		11,355,660	12,187,890

Market

Shares		Cost	Value
Pharmaceuticals 11.0%			
30,000	Abbott Laboratories	\$ 767,033	\$ 1,152,300
11,800	Achaogen Inc.	113,674	153,636
120,000	Akorn Inc.	3,435,377	2,619,600
28,201	Allergan plc	4,559,886	5,922,488
1,094,000	BioScrip Inc.	2,254,606	1,137,760
42,000	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.	1,365,258	2,454,480
60,000	Cempra Inc.	452,495	168,000
16,000	Endo International plc	289,292	263,520
38,000	Johnson & Johnson	3,171,282	4,377,980
65,000	Juniper Pharmaceuticals Inc.	463,034	364,000
55,000	Mallinckrodt plc	3,490,167	2,740,100
50,000	Merck & Co. Inc.	1,719,422	2,943,500
30,000	Mylan NV	1,498,203	1,144,500
2,000	Ophthotech Corp.	46,480	9,660
68,000	Pfizer Inc.	1,476,615	2,208,640
12,000	Roche Holding AG, ADR	250,095	342,360
40,000	Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., ADR	2,440,792	1,450,000
30,000	Zoetis Inc.	1,313,659	1,605,900
		29,107,370	31,058,424
Specialty Chemicals 1.4%			
33,200	International Flavors & Fragrances Inc.	3,227,877	3,911,956
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS		208,050,971	268,128,564

PREFERRED STOCKS 0.0%

Pharmaceuticals 0.0%

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146	BioScrip Inc., Zero Coupon	13,852	4,647
RIGHTS 0.0%			
Biotechnology 0.0%			
6,907	Tobira Therapeutics Inc.	94,902	94,902
Health Care Equipment and Supplies 0.0%			
40,000	American Medical Alert Corp., CPR	0	400
40,000	Durata Therapeutics Inc., CVR, expire 12/31/19	0	0
130,000	Trius Therapeutics Inc., CVR	0	16,900
		0	17,300
TOTAL RIGHTS		94,902	112,202
WARRANTS 0.0%			
Pharmaceuticals 0.0%			
420	BioScrip Inc., Cl. A, expire 07/27/25	384	142
420	BioScrip Inc., Cl. B, expire 07/27/25	364	141
TOTAL WARRANTS		748	283

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust**Schedule of Investments (Continued) December 31, 2016**

Principal		Market
Amount	Cost	Value
	U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS 5.0%	
\$14,173,000	U.S. Treasury Bills, 0.300% to 0.551% , 01/12/17 to 04/13/17	\$14,160,224
TOTAL INVESTMENTS 100.0%	\$ 222,321,440	282,405,920
Other Assets and Liabilities (Net)		205,386
PREFERRED STOCK		
(2,681,443 preferred shares outstanding)		(67,036,075)
NET ASSETS COMMON STOCK		
(19,848,104 common shares outstanding)		\$ 215,575,231
NET ASSET VALUE PER COMMON SHARE		
(\$215,575,231 ÷ 19,848,104 shares outstanding)		\$ 10.86

	Non-income producing security.
	Represents annualized yield at date of purchase.
ADR	American Depositary Receipt
CPR	Contingent Payment Right
CVR	Contingent Value Right

	% of Total	Market
Geographic Diversification	Investments	Value
North America	84.1%	\$ 237,432,824
Europe	10.9	30,915,871
Japan	4.0	11,270,931
Latin America	0.7	1,934,412
Asia/Pacific	0.3	851,882
Total Investments		\$ <u>282,405,920</u>

100.0%

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust
Statement of Assets and Liabilities**December 31, 2016****Assets:**

Investments, at value (cost \$222,321,440)	\$ 282,405,920
Foreign currency, at value (cost \$155)	155
Cash	2,142
Receivable for investments sold	1,156,487
Dividends receivable	303,359
Deferred offering expense	80,614

Total Assets	283,948,677
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Liabilities:

Distributions payable	54,220
Payable for investments purchased	826,321
Payable for investment advisory fees	239,136
Payable for payroll expenses	69,123
Payable for accounting fees	7,500
Other accrued expenses	141,071

Total Liabilities	1,337,371
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Preferred Shares:

Series A Cumulative Preferred Shares (5.760%, \$25 liquidation value, \$0.001 par value, 1,200,000 shares authorized, issued, and outstanding)	30,000,000
Series B Cumulative Preferred Shares (5.875%, \$25 liquidation value, \$0.001 par value, 1,481,443 shares authorized, issued, and outstanding)	37,036,075

Total Preferred Shares	67,036,075
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Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders	\$ 215,575,231
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Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders Consist of:

Paid-in capital	\$ 156,419,732
Distributions in excess of gains on investments and foreign currency transactions	(915,488)
Net unrealized appreciation on investments	60,084,480
Net unrealized depreciation on foreign currency translations	(13,493)

Net Assets	\$ 215,575,231
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Net Asset Value per Common Share:

(\$215,575,231 ÷ 19,848,104 shares outstanding at \$0.001 par value; unlimited number of shares authorized)

\$10.86**Statement of Operations****For the Year Ended December 31, 2016****Investment Income:**

Dividends (net of foreign withholding taxes of \$82,670)	\$ 3,148,325
Interest	117,767
Total Investment Income	3,266,092

Expenses:

Investment advisory fees	2,958,185
Shareholder communications expenses	197,348
Payroll expenses	161,500
Shareholder services fees	95,201
Offering expense for issuance of preferred shares	74,364
Legal and audit fees	68,633
Trustees fees	59,500
Accounting fees	45,000
Custodian fees	23,525
Miscellaneous expenses	52,298
Total Expenses	3,735,554

Less:

Expenses paid indirectly by broker (See Note 3)	(1,675)
Custodian fee credits	(150)

Total Reductions and Credits (1,825)

Net Expenses 3,733,729

Net Investment Loss (467,637)

Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments and Foreign Currency:

Net realized gain on investments	14,795,070
Net realized loss on foreign currency transactions	(2,126)

Net realized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions 14,792,944

Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation:

on investments	(18,821,391)
on foreign currency translations	(4,342)

Net change in unrealized appreciation/ depreciation on investments and foreign currency translations	(18,825,733)
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments and Foreign Currency	(4,032,789)
Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	(4,500,426)
Total Distributions to Preferred Shareholders	(3,857,368)
Net Decrease in Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders Resulting from Operations	\$ (8,357,794)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust**Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable To Common Shareholders**

	Year Ended December 31, 2016	Year Ended December 31, 2015
Operations:		
Net investment loss	\$ (467,637)	\$ (548,868)
Net realized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions	14,792,944	13,541,361
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments and foreign currency translations	(18,825,733)	1,452,983
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	(4,500,426)	14,445,476
Distributions to Preferred Shareholders:		
Net realized short term gain	(363,094)	(755,611)
Net realized long term gain	(3,494,274)	(3,007,615)
Total Distributions to Preferred Shareholders	(3,857,368)	(3,763,226)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders Resulting from Operations	(8,357,794)	10,682,250
Distributions to Common Shareholders:		
Net realized short term gain	(970,572)	(2,033,000)
Net realized long term gain	(9,350,442)	(8,092,097)
Total Distributions to Common Shareholders	(10,321,014)	(10,125,097)
Fund Share Transactions:		
Net decrease from repurchase of common shares		(1,040,516)
Offering costs for common shares charged to paid-in capital		(14,724)
Net increase in net assets from offering of preferred shares	156,646	
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets from Fund Share Transactions	156,646	(1,055,240)
Net Decrease in Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders	(18,522,162)	(498,087)
Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders:		
Beginning of year	234,097,393	234,595,480
End of year (including undistributed net investment income of \$0 and \$0, respectively)	\$ 215,575,231	\$ 234,097,393

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust**Financial Highlights**

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

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Operating Performance:					
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$ 11.79	\$ 11.76	\$ 11.33	\$ 9.55	\$ 8.51
Net investment income/(loss)	(0.02)	(0.03)	0.01	0.04	0.05
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments, and foreign currency transactions	(0.21)	0.75	2.04	3.53	2.25
Total from investment operations	(0.23)	0.72	2.05	3.57	2.30
Distributions to Preferred Shareholders:					
(a)					
Net investment income				(0.01)	(0.00)(b)
Net realized short term/long term gain	(0.19)	(0.19)	(0.13)	(0.12)	(0.15)
Total distributions to preferred shareholders	(0.19)	(0.19)	(0.13)	(0.13)	(0.15)
Net Increase in Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders	(0.42)	0.53	1.92	3.44	2.15

**Resulting
from
Operations**

**Distributions
to Common
Shareholders:**

Net investment income				(0.01)	(0.05)
Net realized short term/long term gain	(0.52)	(0.51)	(0.62)	(0.90)	(1.04)
Return of capital					(0.02)
Total distributions to common shareholders	(0.52)	(0.51)	(0.62)	(0.91)	(1.11)

**Fund Share
Transactions:**

Increase in net asset value for repurchase of common share		0.01			
Decrease in net asset value from common shares issued in rights offering			(0.77)	(0.72)	
Offering costs for preferred shares charged to paid-in capital			(0.08)		
Offering costs for common shares charged to paid-in capital		(0.00)(b)	(0.02)	(0.03)	(0.00)(b)
Increase in net asset value from offering of preferred shares	0.01				
Total Fund share transactions	0.01	0.01	(0.87)	(0.75)	(0.00)(b)

Net Asset Value Attributable to Common Shareholders, End of Year	\$ 10.86	\$ 11.79	\$ 11.76	\$ 11.33	\$ 9.55
NAV total return	(3.63)%	4.55%	16.98%	36.86%	25.37%
Market value, end of year	\$ 9.43	\$ 10.25	\$ 10.42	\$ 10.38	\$ 8.62
Investment total return	(3.15)%	3.14%	10.39%	35.99%	36.33%

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust**Financial Highlights (Continued)**

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

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Ratios to Average Net Assets and Supplemental Data:					
Net assets including liquidation value of preferred shares, end of year (in 000 s)	\$ 282,611	\$ 299,097	\$ 299,595	\$ 199,503	\$ 137,181
Net assets attributable to common shares, end of year (in 000 s)	\$ 215,575	\$ 234,097	\$ 234,595	\$ 169,503	\$ 107,181
Ratio of net investment income/(loss) to average net assets attributable to common shares before preferred share distributions	(0.20)%	(0.22)%	(0.27)%	0.02%	0.56%
Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets attributable to common shares	1.62%(c)	1.60%(c)	1.63%	1.71%	1.94%
Ratio of operating expenses to	1.26%(c)	1.26%(c)	1.36%	1.41%	1.52%

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average net
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Portfolio turnover rate	31.7%	52.4%	43.5%	52.1%	46.6%
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Preferred Shares:

5.760% Series A Cumulative Preferred Shares

Liquidation value, end of year (in 000 s)	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
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Total shares outstanding (in 000 s)	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
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Liquidation preference per share	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
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Average market value (d)	\$ 26.12	\$ 25.96	\$ 25.85	\$ 26.47	\$ 27.46
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Asset coverage per share(e)	\$ 105.40	\$ 115.04	\$ 115.23	\$ 166.25	\$ 114.32
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5.875% Series B Cumulative Preferred Shares

Liquidation value, end of year (in 000 s)	\$ 37,036	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,000
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Total shares outstanding (in 000 s)	1,481	1,400	1,400
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Liquidation preference per share	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
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Average market value (d)	\$ 26.76	\$ 26.09	\$ 25.37
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Asset coverage per share(e)	\$ 105.40	\$ 115.04	\$ 115.23
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Asset Coverage(f)	422%	460%	461%	665%	457%
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Based on net asset value per share at commencement of operations of \$8.00 per share, adjusted for reinvestment of distributions at the net asset value per share on ex-dividend dates including the effect of shares issued pursuant to the rights offerings, assuming full subscription by shareholders.

Based on market value per share at initial public offering of \$8.00 per share, adjusted for reinvestment of distributions at prices determined under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan including the effect of shares issued pursuant to the rights offerings, assuming full subscription by shareholders.

- (a) Calculated based upon average common shares outstanding on the record dates throughout the periods.
- (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. Had such payments not been made, this expense ratio for the year ended December 31, 2015 would have been 1.27%. For the year ended December 31, 2016, there was no impact on the expense ratios.
- (d) Based on weekly prices.
- (e) Asset coverage per share is calculated by combining all series of preferred shares.
- (f) Asset coverage is calculated by combining all series of preferred shares.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust

Notes to Financial Statements

1. Organization. The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust (the Fund) currently operates as a diversified closed-end management investment company organized as a Delaware statutory trust on February 20, 2007 and registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as amended (the 1940 Act). Investment operations commenced on June 28, 2007.

The Fund's investment objective is long term growth of capital. The Fund will invest at least 80% of its assets, under normal market conditions, in equity securities and income producing securities of domestic and foreign companies in the healthcare and wellness industries. As a result, the Fund may be more susceptible to economic, political, and regulatory developments in this particular sector of the market, positive or negative, and may experience increased volatility to the Fund's NAV and a magnified effect in its total return.

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

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

Portfolio securities primarily traded on a foreign market are generally valued at the preceding closing values of such securities on the relevant market, but may be fair valued pursuant to procedures established by the Board if market conditions change significantly after the close of the foreign market, but prior to the close of business on the day the securities are being valued. Debt instruments with remaining maturities of sixty days or less that are not credit impaired are valued at amortized cost, unless the Board determines such amount does not reflect the securities' fair value, in which case these securities will be fair valued as determined by the Board. Debt instruments having a maturity greater than sixty days for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the average of the latest bid and asked prices. If there were no asked prices quoted on such day, the security is valued using the closing bid price. U.S. government obligations with maturities greater than sixty days are normally valued using a model that incorporates market observable data such as reported sales of similar securities, broker quotes, yields, bids, offers, and reference data. Certain securities are valued principally using dealer quotations. Futures contracts are valued at the closing settlement price of the exchange or board of trade on which the applicable contract is traded.

Securities and assets for which market quotations are not readily available are fair valued as determined by the Board. Fair valuation methodologies and procedures may include, but are not limited to: analysis and review of available financial and non-financial information about the company; comparisons with the valuation and

The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust**Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)**

changes in valuation of similar securities, including a comparison of foreign securities with the equivalent U.S. dollar value American Depository Receipts securities at the close of the U.S. exchange; and evaluation of any other information that could be indicative of the value of the security.

The inputs and valuation techniques used to measure fair value of the Fund's investments are summarized into three levels as described in the hierarchy below:

Level 1 – quoted prices in active markets for identical securities;

Level 2 – other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.); and

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

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input both individually and in the aggregate that is significant to the fair value measurement. The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The summary of the Fund's investments in securities by inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of December 31, 2016 is as follows:

	Valuation Inputs			Total Market Value at 12/31/16
	Level 1 Quoted Prices	Level 2 Other Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs	
INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES:				
ASSETS (Market Value):				
Common Stocks(a)	\$268,128,564			\$268,128,564
Preferred Stocks(a)		\$ 4,647		4,647
Rights(a)			\$112,202	112,202
Warrants(a)		283		283
U.S. Government Obligations		14,160,224		14,160,224
TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES ASSETS	\$268,128,564	\$14,165,154	\$112,202	\$282,405,920

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

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The Fund did not have material transfers among Level 1, Level 2, and Level 3 during the year ended December 31, 2016. The Fund's policy is to recognize transfers among Levels as of the beginning of the reporting period.

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The following table reconciles Level 3 investments for which significant unobservable inputs were used to determine fair value:

	Balance as of 12/31/15	Accrued interest/premiums	Realized gain/loss	Change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation	Purchases	Sales	Transfers into Level 3	Transfers out of Level 3	Balance as of 12/31/16	Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation during the period on Level 3 Investments still held at 12/31/16
INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES:										
ASSETS (Market Value):										
Preferred Stocks:										
Pharmaceuticals	\$ 8,273							\$(8,273)		
Rights:										
Health Care	33,600	\$(9,877)	\$(6,423)			\$ 0			\$ 17,300	\$(6,400)
Biotechnology					\$94,902				94,902	
Total Rights	33,600	(9,877)	(6,423)		94,902			(8,273)	112,202	(6,400)
TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES	\$41,873	\$(9,877)	\$(6,423)		\$94,902	\$ 0		\$(8,273)	\$112,202	\$(6,400)

Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments is included in the related amounts in the Statement of Operations.

The Fund's policy is to recognize transfers into and out of Level 3 as of the beginning of the reporting period. The following tables summarize the valuation techniques used and observable inputs utilized to determine the value of certain of the Fund's Level 3 investments as of December 31, 2016:

Description	Balance at 12/31/16	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Range
INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES:				
ASSETS (Market Value):				

Rights (a)	\$112,202	Last available closing price	Discount Range	0%
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(a) Includes fair value securities of investments developed using various valuation techniques and unobservable inputs.

Unobservable Input	Impact to Value if Input Increases	Impact to Value if Input Decreases
Discount Range	Decrease	Increase

Additional Information to Evaluate Qualitative Information.

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

Fair Valuation. Fair valued securities may be common or preferred equities, warrants, options, rights, or fixed income obligations. Where appropriate, Level 3 securities are those for which market quotations are not available, such as securities not traded for several days, or for which current bids are not available, or which

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are restricted as to transfer. When fair valuing a security, factors to consider include recent prices of comparable securities that are publicly traded, reliable prices of securities not publicly traded, the use of valuation models, current analyst reports, valuing the income or cash flow of the issuer, or cost if the preceding factors do not apply. A significant change in the unobservable inputs could result in a lower or higher value in Level 3 securities. The circumstances of Level 3 securities are frequently monitored to determine if fair valuation measures continue to apply.

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

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

Collateral requirements differ by type of derivative. Collateral requirements are set by the broker or exchange clearing house for exchange traded derivatives, while collateral terms are contract specific for derivatives traded over-the-counter. Securities pledged to cover obligations of the Fund under derivative contracts are noted in the Schedule of Investments. Cash collateral, if any, pledged for the same purpose will be reported separately in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities.

The Fund's policy with respect to offsetting is that, absent an event of default by the counterparty or a termination of the agreement, the master agreement does not result in an offset of reported amounts of financial assets and financial liabilities in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities across transactions between the Fund and the applicable counterparty. The enforceability of the right to offset may vary by jurisdiction.

The Fund's derivative contracts held at December 31, 2016, if any, are not accounted for as hedging instruments under GAAP and are disclosed in the Schedule of Investments together with the related counterparty.

Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts. The Fund may engage in forward foreign exchange contracts for the purpose of hedging a specific transaction with respect to either the currency in which the transaction is denominated or another currency as deemed appropriate by the Adviser. Forward foreign exchange contracts are valued at the forward rate and are marked-to-market daily. The change in market value is included in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on

investments and foreign currency translations. When the contract is closed, the Fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the value at the time it was closed.

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The use of forward foreign exchange contracts does not eliminate fluctuations in the underlying prices of the Fund's portfolio securities, but it does establish a rate of exchange that can be achieved in the future. Although forward foreign exchange contracts limit the risk of loss due to a decline in the value of the hedged currency, they also limit any potential gain that might result should the value of the currency increase. During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Fund held no investments in forward foreign exchange contracts.

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

Investments in Other Investment Companies. The Fund may invest, from time to time, in shares of other investment companies (or entities that would be considered investment companies but are excluded from the definition pursuant to certain exceptions under the 1940 Act) (the Acquired Funds) in accordance with the 1940 Act and related rules. Shareholders in the Fund would bear the pro rata portion of the periodic expenses of the Acquired Funds in addition to the Fund's expenses. For the year ended December 31, 2016, the Fund's pro rata portion of the periodic expenses charged by the Acquired Funds was less than 1 basis point.

Securities Sold Short. The Fund may enter into short sale transactions. Short selling involves selling securities that may or may not be owned and, at times, borrowing the same securities for delivery to the purchaser, with an obligation to replace such borrowed securities at a later date. The proceeds received from short sales are recorded as liabilities and the Fund records an unrealized gain or loss to the extent of the difference between

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the proceeds received and the value of an open short position on the day of determination. The Fund records a realized gain or loss when the short position is closed out. By entering into a short sale, the Fund bears the market risk of an unfavorable change in the price of the security sold short. Dividends on short sales are recorded as an expense by the Fund on the ex-dividend date and interest expense is recorded on the accrual basis. The broker retains collateral for the value of the open positions, which is adjusted periodically as the value of the position fluctuates. At December 31, 2016, there were no short sales outstanding.

Foreign Currency Translations. The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Foreign currencies, investments, and other assets and liabilities are translated into U.S. dollars at current exchange rates. Purchases and sales of investment securities, income, and expenses are translated at the exchange rate prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions. Unrealized gains and losses that result from changes in foreign exchange rates and/or changes in market prices of securities have been included in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments and foreign currency translations. Net realized foreign currency gains and losses resulting from changes in exchange rates include foreign currency gains and losses between trade date and settlement date on investment securities transactions, foreign currency transactions, and the difference between the amounts of interest and dividends recorded on the books of the Fund and the amounts actually received. The portion of foreign currency gains and losses related to fluctuation in exchange rates between the initial purchase trade date and subsequent sale trade date is included in realized gain/(loss) on investments.

Foreign Securities. The Fund may directly purchase securities of foreign issuers. Investing in securities of foreign issuers involves special risks not typically associated with investing in securities of U.S. issuers. The risks include possible revaluation of currencies, the inability to repatriate funds, less complete financial information about companies, and possible future adverse political and economic developments. Moreover, securities of many foreign issuers and their markets may be less liquid and their prices more volatile than securities of comparable U.S. issuers.

Foreign Taxes. The Fund may be subject to foreign taxes on income, gains on investments, or currency repatriation, a portion of which may be recoverable. The Fund will accrue such taxes and recoveries as applicable, based upon its current interpretation of tax rules and regulations that exist in the markets in which it invests.

Restricted Securities. The Fund may invest without limit in restricted securities. Restricted securities include securities whose disposition is subject to substantial legal or contractual restrictions. The sale of restricted securities often requires more time and results in higher brokerage charges or dealer discounts and other selling expenses than the sale of securities eligible for trading on national securities exchanges or in the over-the-counter markets. Restricted securities may sell at a price lower than similar securities that are not subject to restrictions on resale. Securities freely saleable among qualified institutional investors under special rules adopted by the SEC may be treated as liquid if they satisfy liquidity standards established by the Board. The continued liquidity of such securities is not as well assured as that of publicly traded securities, and, accordingly, the Board will monitor their liquidity. At December 31, 2016, the Fund held no restricted securities.

Securities Transactions and Investment Income. Securities transactions are accounted for on the trade date with realized gain/(loss) on investments determined by using the identified cost method. Interest income (including amortization of premium and accretion of discount) is recorded on the accrual basis. Premiums and discounts on debt

securities are amortized using the effective yield to maturity method. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date, except for certain dividends from foreign securities that are recorded as soon after the ex-dividend date as the Fund becomes aware of such dividends.

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Custodian Fee Credits and Interest Expense. When cash balances are maintained in the custody account, the Fund receives credits which are used to offset custodian fees. The gross expenses paid under the custody arrangement are included in custodian fees in the Statement of Operations with the corresponding expense offset, if any, shown as Custodian fee credits. When cash balances are overdrawn, the Fund is charged an overdraft fee equal to 110% of the 90 day Treasury Bill rate on outstanding balances. This amount, if any, would be included in the Statement of Operations.

Distributions to Shareholders. Distributions to common shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Distributions to shareholders are based on income and capital gains as determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from income and capital gains as determined under GAAP. These differences are primarily due to differing treatments of income and gains on various investment securities and foreign currency transactions held by the Fund, timing differences, and differing characterizations of distributions made by the Fund. Distributions from net investment income for federal income tax purposes include net realized gains on foreign currency transactions. These book/tax differences are either temporary or permanent in nature. To the extent these differences are permanent, adjustments are made to the appropriate capital accounts in the period when the differences arise. Permanent differences were primarily due to current year net operating loss netted against short term gain, disallowed expenses, and foreign currency transactions. These reclassifications have no impact on the NAV of the Fund. For the year ended December 31, 2016, reclassifications were made to decrease accumulated net investment loss by \$509,684 and increase distributions in excess of gains on investments and foreign currency transactions by \$435,320, with an offsetting adjustment to paid-in capital.

Distributions to shareholders of the Fund's 5.76% Series A Cumulative Preferred Shares (Series A Preferred) and 5.875% Series B Cumulative Preferred Shares (Series B Preferred) are recorded on a daily basis and are determined as described in Note 5.

The tax character of distributions paid during the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 was as follows:

	Year Ended		Year Ended	
	<u>December 31, 2016</u>		<u>December 31, 2015</u>	
	<u>Common</u>	<u>Preferred</u>	<u>Common</u>	<u>Preferred</u>
Distributions paid from:				
Ordinary income (inclusive of short term capital gains)	\$ 1,018,548	\$ 380,671	\$ 2,033,000	\$ 755,611
Net long term capital gains	9,302,466	3,476,697	8,092,097	3,007,615
Total distributions paid	\$ 10,321,014	\$ 3,857,368	\$ 10,125,097	\$ 3,763,226

Provision for Income Taxes. The Fund intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code). It is the policy of the Fund to comply with the requirements of the Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute substantially all of its net investment company taxable income and net capital gains. Therefore, no provision for federal income taxes is required.

The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust**Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)**

As of December 31, 2016, the components of accumulated earnings/losses on a tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed long term capital gains	\$ 570,059
Net unrealized appreciation on investments and foreign currency translations	58,639,660
Other temporary differences*	(54,220)
Total	\$ 59,155,499

* Other temporary differences are primarily due to adjustments on preferred share class distribution payables. At December 31, 2016, the temporary differences between book basis and tax basis net unrealized appreciation on investments were primarily due to deferral of losses from wash sales for tax purposes and investments in real estate investment trusts.

The following summarizes the tax cost of investments and the related net unrealized appreciation at December 31, 2016:

	Cost	Gross Unrealized Appreciation	Gross Unrealized Depreciation	Net Unrealized Appreciation
Investments	\$ 223,752,767	\$74,660,728	\$ (16,007,575)	\$58,653,153

The Fund is required to evaluate tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Fund's tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are more-likely-than-not of being sustained by the applicable tax authority. Income tax and related interest and penalties would be recognized by the Fund as tax expense in the Statement of Operations if the tax positions were deemed not to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold. For the year ended December 31, 2016, the Fund did not incur any income tax, interest, or penalties. As of December 31, 2016, the Adviser has reviewed all open tax years and concluded that there was no impact to the Fund's net assets or results of operations. The Fund's federal and state tax returns for the prior three fiscal years remain open, subject to examination. On an ongoing basis, the Adviser will monitor the Fund's tax positions to determine if adjustments to this conclusion are necessary.

3. Investment Advisory Agreement and Other Transactions. The Fund has entered into an investment advisory agreement (the "Advisory Agreement") with the Adviser which provides that the Fund will pay the Adviser a fee, computed weekly and paid monthly, equal on an annual basis to 1.00% of the value of the Fund's average weekly net assets including the liquidation value of preferred shares. In accordance with the Advisory Agreement, the Adviser provides a continuous investment program for the Fund's portfolio and oversees the administration of all aspects of the

Fund's business and affairs.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Fund paid \$21,164 in brokerage commissions on security trades to G.research, LLC, an affiliate of the Adviser.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Fund received credits from a designated broker who agreed to pay certain Fund operating expenses. The amount of such expenses paid through this directed brokerage arrangement during this period was \$1,675.

The cost of calculating the Fund's NAV per share is a Fund expense pursuant to the Advisory Agreement. During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Fund paid or accrued \$45,000 to the Adviser in connection with the cost of computing the Fund's NAV.

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As per the approval of the Board, the Fund compensates officers of the Fund, who are employed by the Fund and are not employed by the Adviser (although the officers may receive incentive based variable compensation from affiliates of the Adviser). For the year ended December 31, 2016, the Fund accrued \$161,500 in payroll expenses in the Statement of Operations.

The Fund pays each Trustee who is not considered an affiliated person an annual retainer of \$3,000 plus \$1,000 for each Board meeting attended. Each Trustee is reimbursed by the Fund for any out of pocket expenses incurred in attending meetings. All Board committee members receive \$500 per meeting attended. In addition, the Audit Committee Chairman receives an annual fee of \$3,000, the Nominating Committee Chairman receives an annual fee of \$2,000, and the Lead Trustee receives an annual fee of \$1,000. A Trustee may receive a single meeting fee, allocated among the participating funds, for participation in certain meetings held on behalf of multiple funds. Trustees who are directors or employees of the Adviser or an affiliated company receive no compensation or expense reimbursement from the Fund.

4. Portfolio Securities. Purchases and sales of securities during the year ended December 31, 2016, other than short term securities and U.S. Government obligations, aggregated \$87,970,356 and \$91,214,314, respectively.

5. Capital. The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest (par value \$0.001). The Board has authorized the repurchase of its shares on the open market when the shares are trading on the NYSE at a discount of 10% or more (or such other percentage as the Board may determine from time to time) from the NAV of the shares. During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Fund did not repurchase any shares. During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Fund repurchased and retired 94,048 shares in the open market at an investment of \$1,040,516 and an average discount of approximately 11.53% from its NAV.

Transactions in common stock were as follows:

	Year Ended	
	December 31, 2015	
	Shares	Amount
Net decrease from repurchase of common shares	(94,048)	\$(1,040,516)

The Fund has an effective shelf registration authorizing the offering of an additional \$200 million in common and preferred shares.

On June 3, 2014, the Fund distributed one transferable right for each of the 14,956,614 common shares outstanding on that date. Three rights were required to purchase one additional common share at the subscription price of \$9.00 per share authorized by the Board in accordance with the offering document. On July 16, 2014, the Fund issued 4,985,538 common shares receiving net proceeds of \$44,533,886, after the deduction of offering expenses of \$335,956. The NAV per share of the Fund was reduced by approximately \$0.77 per share on the day the additional shares were issued. The additional shares were issued below NAV.

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The Fund's Declaration of Trust, as amended, authorizes the issuance of an unlimited number of shares of \$0.001 par value Preferred Shares. The Preferred Shares are senior to the common shares and result in the financial leveraging of the common shares. Such leveraging tends to magnify both the risks and opportunities to common shareholders. Dividends on Preferred Shares are cumulative. The Fund is required by the 1940

The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust**Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)**

Act and by the Statement of Preferences to meet certain asset coverage tests with respect to the Preferred Shares. If the Fund fails to meet these requirements and does not correct such failure, the Fund may be required to redeem, in part or in full, the Preferred Shares at redemption prices of \$25 per share plus an amount equal to the accumulated and unpaid dividends whether or not declared on such shares in order to meet these requirements. Additionally, failure to meet the foregoing asset coverage requirements could restrict the Fund's ability to pay dividends to common shareholders and could lead to sales of portfolio securities at inopportune times. The income received on the Fund's assets may vary in a manner unrelated to the fixed rates, which could have either a beneficial or detrimental impact on net investment income and gains available to common shareholders.

On August 20, 2010, the Fund received net proceeds of \$28,725,173 (after underwriting discounts of \$945,000 and offering expenses of \$329,827) from the public offering of 1,200,000 shares of Series A Preferred. The Fund, at its option, may redeem the Series A Preferred in whole or in part at the redemption price per share plus an amount equal to the accumulated and unpaid dividends whether or not declared on such shares. The Board has authorized the repurchase of the Series A Preferred in the open market at prices less than the \$25 liquidation value per share. During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Fund did not repurchase any of the Series A Preferred.

On September 24, 2014, the Fund received net proceeds of \$33,564,647 (after underwriting discounts of \$1,102,500 and offering expenses of \$332,853) from the public offering of 1,400,000 shares of Series B Preferred. Commencing September 24, 2019 and at any time thereafter, the Fund, at its option, may redeem the Series B Preferred in whole or in part at the redemption price per share plus an amount equal to the accumulated and unpaid dividends whether or not declared on such shares. The Board has authorized the repurchase of the Series B Preferred in the open market at prices less than the \$25 liquidation value per share. During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Fund did not repurchase any of the Series B Preferred.

The following table summarizes the data relating to the at the market offering of the Fund's Series B Preferred:

Year	Shares Issued	Net Proceeds	Sales Manager Commissions	Net Proceeds in Excess of Par
2016	81,443	\$2,192,721	\$5,498	\$156,646

As of December 31, 2016, after considering the issuance of the Preferred B shares, the Fund has approximately \$117,931,939 available for issuance under the current shelf.

The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust**Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)**

The following table summarizes the Preferred Share information:

Series	Issue Date	Issued/ Authorized	Number of Shares	Net Proceeds	Dividend	
			Outstanding at 12/31/16		2016 Dividend Rate Range	Rate Accrued at Dividends at 12/31/16
A 5.760%	August 20, 2010	1,200,000	1,200,000	\$ 28,725,173	Fixed Rate	5.760% \$ 24,000
B 5.875%	September 24, 2014	1,481,443	1,481,443	35,757,368	Fixed Rate	5.875% 30,220

The holders of Preferred Shares generally are entitled to one vote per share held on each matter submitted to a vote of shareholders of the Fund and will vote together with holders of common stock as a single class. The holders of Preferred Shares voting together as a single class also have the right currently to elect two Trustees and under certain circumstances are entitled to elect a majority of the Board. In addition, the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of all outstanding shares of the Preferred Shares, voting as a single class, will be required to approve any plan of reorganization adversely affecting the Preferred Shares, and the approval of two-thirds of each class, voting separately, of the Fund's outstanding voting stock must approve the conversion of the Fund from a closed-end to an open-end investment company. The approval of a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the outstanding Preferred Shares and a majority (as defined in the 1940 Act) of the Fund's outstanding voting securities are required to approve certain other actions, including changes in the Fund's investment objectives or fundamental investment policies.

6. Industry Concentration. Because the Fund primarily invests in common stocks and other securities of foreign and domestic companies in the health care, pharmaceuticals, and food and beverage industries, its portfolio may be subject to greater risk and market fluctuations than a portfolio of securities representing a broad range of investments.

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

8. Subsequent Events. Management has evaluated the impact of all subsequent events of the Fund and has determined that there were no subsequent events requiring recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Trustees and Shareholders of

The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust:

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, and the related statements of operations and of changes in net assets attributable to common shareholders and the financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust (the Fund) as of December 31, 2016, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets attributable to common shareholders for each of the two years in the period then ended and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements and financial highlights (hereafter referred to as financial statements) are the responsibility of the Fund s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits, which included confirmation of securities as of December 31, 2016 by correspondence with the custodian and brokers, provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

New York, New York

February 28, 2017

The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust

Additional Fund Information (Unaudited)

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

Name, Position(s) Address ¹ and Age	Term of Office and Length of Time Served ²	Number of Funds in Fund Complex		
		Overseen by Trustee	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years	Other Directorships Held by Trustee ⁵
INTERESTED TRUSTEE³:				
Mario J. Gabelli, CFA Trustee and Chief Investment Officer Age: 74	Since 2007*	31	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Investment Officer Value Portfolios of GAMCO Investors, Inc. and Chief Investment Officer Value Portfolios of Gabelli Funds, LLC and GAMCO Asset Management Inc.; Director/Trustee or Chief Investment Officer of other registered investment companies within the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex; Chief Executive Officer of GGCP, Inc.; Executive Chairman of Associated Capital Group, Inc.	Director of Morgan Group Holdings, Inc. (holding company); Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of LICT Corp. (multimedia and communication services company); Director of CIBL, Inc. (broadcasting and wireless communications); Director of ICTC Group Inc. (communications); Director of RLJ Acquisition Inc. (blank check company)

(2011-2012)

Jeffrey J. Jonas, CFA	Since 2016***	1	Portfolio Manager of open-end, closed-end, and hedge funds for Gabelli Funds, LLC and Gabelli Securities, Inc.	
Trustee				
Age: 35				
INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES⁶:				
Anthony J. Colavita⁴	Since 2007**	36	President of the law firm of Anthony J. Colavita, P.C.	
Trustee				
Age: 81				
James P. Conn⁴	Since 2007***	22	Former Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer of Financial Security Assurance Holdings Ltd. (1992-1998)	
Trustee				
Age: 78				
Vincent D. Enright	Since 2007*	17	Former Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of KeySpan Corp. (public utility) (1994-1998)	Director of Echo Therapeutics, Inc. (therapeutics and diagnostics) (2008-2014); Director of LGL Group, Inc. (diversified manufacturing) (2011-2014)
Trustee				
Age: 73				
Robert Kolodny, MD	Since 2007**	2	Physician; Principal of KBS Management LLC (investment adviser); General Partner of KBS Partnership, KBS II Investment Partnership, KBS III Investment Partnership, KBS IV Limited Partnership, KBS New Dimensions, L.P., Kolodny Family Limited Partnership (private investment partnerships); Medical Director and Chairman of the Board of the Behavioral Medicine Institute	
Trustee				
Age: 72				
Kuni Nakamura	Since 2012***	20	President of Advanced Polymer, Inc. (chemical manufacturing company); President of KEN	
Trustee				

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Age: 48			Enterprises, Inc. (real estate)	
Anthonie C. van Ekris	Since 2007*	22	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of BALMAC International, Inc. (global import/export company)	
Trustee				
Age: 82				
Salvatore J. Zizza	Since 2007**	30	President of Zizza & Associates Corp. (private holding company); Chairman of Harbor Diversified, Inc. (pharmaceuticals); Chairman of BAM (semiconductor and aerospace manufacturing); Chairman of Bergen Cove Realty Inc.; Chairman of Metropolitan Paper Recycling Inc. (recycling) (2005-2014)	Director and Vice Chairman of Trans-Lux Corporation (business services); Director and Chairman of Harbor Diversified Inc. (pharmaceuticals); Director, Chairman, and CEO of General Employment Enterprises (staffing services) (2009-2012)
Trustee				
Age: 71				

The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust**Additional Fund Information (Continued) (Unaudited)**

Name, Position(s)	Term of Office	Principal Occupation(s)
Address¹	and Length of	During Past Five Years
and Age	Time Served²	
<u>OFFICERS:</u>		
Agnes Mullady President Age: 58	Since 2007	President and Chief Operating Officer of the Fund Division of Gabelli Funds, LLC since 2010; Chief Executive Officer of G.distributors, LLC since 2010; Senior Vice President of GAMCO Investors, Inc. since 2009; Vice President of Gabelli Funds, LLC since 2007; Executive Vice President of Associated Capital Group, Inc. since November 2016; Officer of all of the registered investment companies within the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex
Joseph H. Egan Treasurer Age: 72	Since 2015	Officer of all of the registered investment companies within the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex
Andrea R. Mango Vice President and Secretary Age: 44	Since 2013	Vice President of GAMCO Investors, Inc. since 2016; Counsel of Gabelli Funds, LLC since 2013; Secretary of all registered investment companies within the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex since 2013; Vice President of all closed-end funds within the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex since 2014; Corporate Vice President within the Corporate Compliance Department of New York Life Insurance Company, 2011-2013; Vice President and Counsel of Deutsche Bank, 2006-2011
Richard J. Walz Chief Compliance Officer Age: 57	Since 2013	Chief Compliance Officer of all of the registered investment companies within the Gabelli/ GAMCO Fund Complex since 2013; Chief Compliance Officer of AEGON USA Investment Management, 2011-2013; Chief Compliance Officer of Cutwater Asset Management, 2004-2011
Carter W. Austin Vice President Age: 50	Since 2007	Vice President and/or Ombudsman of closed-end funds within the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex; Senior Vice President of GAMCO Investors, Inc. since 2015 and Vice President (1996-2015) of Gabelli Funds, LLC
Wayne C. Pinsent, CFA	Since 2011	Vice President and/or Ombudsman of closed-end funds within the Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex; Research Analyst for G.research,

Vice President and
Ombudsman

LLC since 2010

Age: 31

Adam E. Tokar

Since 2007

Vice President of the Fund; Vice President and Ombudsman of The
Gabelli Global Utility and Income Trust since 2011

Vice President

Age: 36

David I. Schachter

Since 2007

Vice President and/or Ombudsman of closed-end funds within the
Gabelli/GAMCO Fund Complex; Senior Vice President of GAMCO
Investors, Inc. since 2015 and Vice President (1999-2015) of
G.research, LLC

Vice President

Age: 63

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

² The Fund's Board of Trustees is divided into three classes, each class having a term of three years. Each year the term of office of one class expires and the successor or successors elected to such class serve for a three year term. The three year term for each class expires as follows:

* - Term expires at the Fund's 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

** - Term expires at the Fund's 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

*** - Term expires at the Fund's 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Each officer will hold office for an indefinite term until the date he or she resigns or retires or until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

³ Interested person of the Fund as defined in the 1940 Act. Mr. Gabelli and Mr. Jonas are considered interested persons because of their affiliation with Gabelli Funds, LLC which acts as the Fund's investment adviser.

⁴ Represents holders of the Fund's Preferred Shares.

⁵ This column includes only directorships of companies required to report to the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, i.e., public companies, or other investment companies registered under the 1940 Act.

⁶ Trustees who are not interested persons are considered Independent Trustees.

THE GABELLI HEALTHCARE & WELLNESS^{RX} TRUST**INCOME TAX INFORMATION (Unaudited)****December 31, 2016****Cash Dividends and Distributions**

	Payable Date	Record Date	Total Amount Paid Per Share (a)	Ordinary Investment Income	Long Term Capital Gains	Dividend Reinvestment Price
Common Shares						
	03/23/16	03/16/16	\$0.13000	\$0.01200	\$0.11800	\$ 9.85680
	06/23/16	06/16/16	0.13000	0.01230	0.11770	10.25990
	09/23/16	09/16/16	0.13000	0.01230	0.11770	10.70280
	12/16/16	12/09/16	0.13000	0.01230	0.11770	9.48630
			\$0.52000	\$0.04890	\$0.47110	
5.760% Series A Cumulative Preferred Shares						
	03/28/16	03/21/16	\$0.36000	\$0.03330	\$0.32670	
	06/27/16	06/20/16	0.36000	0.03410	0.32590	
	09/26/16	09/19/16	0.36000	0.03410	0.32590	
	12/27/16	12/19/16	0.36000	0.03410	0.32590	
			\$1.44000	\$0.13560	\$1.30440	
5.875% Series B Cumulative Preferred Shares						
	03/28/16	03/21/16	\$0.36720	\$0.03393	\$0.33327	
	06/27/16	06/20/16	0.36720	0.03476	0.33244	
	09/26/16	09/19/16	0.36720	0.03476	0.33244	
	12/27/16	12/19/16	0.36720	0.03476	0.33244	
			\$1.46880	\$0.13821	\$1.33059	

A Form 1099-DIV has been mailed to all shareholders of record which sets forth specific amounts to be included in your 2016 tax returns. Ordinary distributions include net investment income and realized net short-term capital gains. Ordinary income is reported in box 1a of Form 1099-DIV. Capital gain distributions are reported in box 2a of Form 1099-DIV.

The long term gain distributions for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 were \$12,779,163 or the maximum amount.

Corporate Dividends Received Deduction, Qualified Dividend Income, and U.S. Government Securities Income

In 2016, the Fund paid to common, 5.760% Series A Cumulative Preferred, and 5.875% Series B Cumulative Preferred shareholders ordinary income dividends of \$0.04890, \$0.13560, and \$0.13821 per share, respectively. For 2016, 100% of the ordinary dividend qualified for the dividend received deduction available to corporations, 100% of the ordinary income distribution was deemed qualified dividend income, and 0.00% of ordinary income distribution was qualified interest income. The Fund designates 100% of the ordinary income distribution as qualified short-term capital gain pursuant to the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004. The percentage of ordinary income dividends paid by the Fund during 2016 derived from U.S. Government securities was 0.00%. Such income is exempt from state and local taxes in all states. However, many states, including New York and California, allow a tax exemption for a portion of the income earned only if a mutual fund has invested at least 50% of its assets at the end of each quarter of its fiscal year in U.S. Government securities. The Fund did not meet this strict requirement in 2016. The percentage of U.S. Government securities held as of December 31, 2016 was 5.01%.

THE GABELLI HEALTHCARE & WELLNESS^{RX} TRUST**INCOME TAX INFORMATION (Unaudited) (Continued)**

December 31, 2016

Historical Distribution Summary

	Investment Income (b)	Short Term Capital Gains (b)	Long Term Capital Gains	Return of Capital (c)	Total Distributions	Adjustment to Cost Basis (d)
Common Shares						
2016		\$0.04890	\$0.47110		\$0.52000	
2015		0.10070	0.40930		0.51000	
2014		0.11520	0.50480		0.62000	
2013	\$0.00890	0.22580	0.67530		0.91000	
2012	0.04784	0.27724	0.76208	\$0.02284	1.11000	\$0.02284
2011						
2010						
2009						
2008	0.01140	0.03860			0.05000	
2007	0.01150	0.03850			0.05000	
5.760% Series A Cumulative Preferred Shares						
2016		\$0.13560	\$1.30440		\$1.44000	
2015		0.28380	1.15620		1.44000	
2014		0.27160	1.16840		1.44000	
2013	\$0.01400	0.35720	1.06880		1.44000	
2012	0.06060	0.35160	1.02780		1.44000	
2011			1.44000		1.44000	
2010		0.50800			0.50800	
5.875% Series B Cumulative Preferred Shares						
2016		\$0.13821	\$1.33054		\$1.46875	
2015		0.28937	1.17938		1.46875	
2014		0.07337	0.30198		0.37535	

- (a) Total amounts may differ due to rounding.
- (b) Taxable as ordinary income for Federal tax purposes.
- (c) Non-taxable.
- (d) Decrease in cost basis.

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

**AUTOMATIC DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT
AND VOLUNTARY CASH PURCHASE PLANS**

Enrollment in the Plan

It is the policy of The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust to automatically reinvest dividends payable to common shareholders. As a registered shareholder, you automatically become a participant in the Fund's Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the Plan). The Plan authorizes the Fund to credit shares of common stock to participants upon an income dividend or a capital gains distribution regardless of whether the shares are trading at a discount or a premium to net asset value. All distributions to shareholders whose shares are registered in their own names will be automatically reinvested pursuant to the Plan in additional shares of the Fund. Plan participants may send their stock certificates to Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (Computershare) to be held in their dividend reinvestment account. Registered shareholders wishing to receive their distribution in cash must submit this request in writing to:

The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust

c/o Computershare

P.O. Box 30170

College Station, TX 77842-3170

Shareholders requesting this cash election must include the shareholder's name and address as they appear on the share certificate. Shareholders with additional questions regarding the Plan or requesting a copy of the terms of the Plan may contact Computershare at (800) 336-6983.

If your shares are held in the name of a broker, bank, or nominee, you should contact such institution. If such institution is not participating in the Plan, your account will be credited with a cash dividend. In order to participate in the Plan through such institution, it may be necessary for you to have your shares taken out of street name and re-registered in your own name. Once registered in your own name, your dividends will be automatically reinvested. Certain brokers participate in the Plan. Shareholders holding shares in street name at participating institutions will have dividends automatically reinvested. Shareholders wishing a cash dividend at such institution must contact their broker to make this change.

The number of shares of common stock distributed to participants in the Plan in lieu of cash dividends is determined in the following manner. Under the Plan, whenever the market price of the Fund's common stock is equal to or exceeds net asset value at the time shares are valued for purposes of determining the number of shares equivalent to the cash dividends or capital gains distribution, participants are issued shares of common stock valued at the greater of (i) the net asset value as most recently determined or (ii) 95% of the then current market price of the Fund's common stock. The valuation date is the dividend or distribution payment date or, if that date is not a New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) trading day, the next trading day. If the net asset value of the common stock at the time of valuation exceeds the market price of the common stock, participants will receive shares from the Fund valued at market price. If the Fund should declare a dividend or capital gains distribution payable only in cash, Computershare will buy common stock in the open market, or on the NYSE or elsewhere, for the participants' accounts, except that Computershare will endeavor to terminate purchases in the open market and cause the Fund to issue shares at net asset value if, following the commencement of such purchases, the market value of the common stock exceeds the then current net asset value.

The automatic reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions will not relieve participants of any income tax which may be payable on such distributions. A participant in the Plan will be treated for federal income tax purposes

as having received, on a dividend payment date, a dividend or distribution in an amount equal to the cash the participant could have received instead of shares.

Voluntary Cash Purchase Plan

The Voluntary Cash Purchase Plan is yet another vehicle for our shareholders to increase their investment in the Fund. In order to participate in the Voluntary Cash Purchase Plan, shareholders must have their shares registered in their own name.

Participants in the Voluntary Cash Purchase Plan have the option of making additional cash payments to Computershare for investments in the Fund's shares at the then current market price. Shareholders may send an amount from \$250 to \$10,000. Computershare will use these funds to purchase shares in the open market on or about the 1st and 15th of each month. Computershare will charge each shareholder who participates \$0.75, plus a pro rata share of the brokerage commissions. Brokerage charges for such purchases are expected to be less than the usual brokerage charge for such transactions. It is suggested that any voluntary cash payments be sent to Computershare, P.O. Box 30170, College Station, TX 77842-3170 such that Computershare receives such payments approximately 10 days before the 1st and 15th of the month. Funds not received at least five days before the investment date shall be held for investment until the next purchase date. A payment may be withdrawn without charge if notice is received by Computershare at least 48 hours before such payment is to be invested.

Shareholders wishing to liquidate shares held at Computershare must do so in writing or by telephone. Please submit your request to the above mentioned address or telephone number. Include in your request your name, address, and account number. The cost to liquidate shares is \$2.50 per transaction as well as the brokerage commission incurred. Brokerage charges are expected to be less than the usual brokerage charge for such transactions.

For more information regarding the Dividend Reinvestment Plan and Voluntary Cash Purchase Plan, brochures are available by calling (914) 921-5070 or by writing directly to the Fund.

The Fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan as applied to any voluntary cash payments made and any dividend or distribution paid subsequent to written notice of the change sent to the members of the Plan at least 90 days before the record date for such dividend or distribution. The Plan also may be amended or terminated by Computershare on at least 90 days written notice to participants in the Plan.

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Portfolio Management Team Biographies

Mario J. Gabelli, CFA, is Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Investment Officer - Value Portfolios of GAMCO Investors, Inc. that he founded in 1977, and Chief Investment Officer - Value Portfolios of Gabelli Funds, LLC and GAMCO Asset Management Inc. He is also Executive Chairman of Associated Capital Group, Inc. Mr. Gabelli is a summa cum laude graduate of Fordham University and holds an MBA degree from Columbia Business School and Honorary Doctorates from Fordham University and Roger Williams University.

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

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

We have separated the portfolio managers' commentary from the financial statements and investment portfolio due to corporate governance regulations stipulated by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. We have done this to ensure that the content of the portfolio managers' commentary is unrestricted. Both the commentary and the financial statements, including the portfolio of investments, will be available on our website at www.gabelli.com.

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

The Net Asset Value per share may be obtained each day by calling (914) 921-5070 or visiting www.gabelli.com.

The NASDAQ symbol for the Net Asset Value is XXGRX.

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

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Salvatore J. Zizza

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Item 2. Code of Ethics.

- (a) The registrant, as of the end of the period covered by this report, has adopted a code of ethics that applies to the registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, regardless of whether these individuals are employed by the registrant or a third party.
- (c) There have been no amendments, during the period covered by this report, to a provision of the code of ethics that applies to the registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, regardless of whether these individuals are employed by the registrant or a third party, and that relates to any element of the code of ethics description.
- (d) The registrant has not granted any waivers, including an implicit waiver, from a provision of the code of ethics that applies to the registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, regardless of whether these individuals are employed by the registrant or a third party, that relates to one or more of the items set forth in paragraph (b) of this item's instructions.

Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert.

As of the end of the period covered by the report, the registrant's Board of Trustees has determined that Vincent D. Enright is qualified to serve as an audit committee financial expert serving on its audit committee and that he is independent, as defined by Item 3 of Form N-CSR.

Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.

Audit Fees

- (a) The aggregate fees billed for each of the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for the audit of the registrant's annual financial statements or services that are normally provided by the accountant in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for those fiscal years are \$31,827 for 2015 and \$32,623 for 2016.

Audit-Related Fees

- (b) The aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for assurance and related services by the principal accountant that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of the registrant's financial statements and are not reported under paragraph (a) of this Item are \$0 for 2015 and \$0 for 2016.

Tax Fees

- (c) The aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning are \$3,584 for 2015 and \$3,674 for 2016. Tax fees represent tax compliance services provided in connection with the review of the Registrant's tax returns.

All Other Fees

- (d) The aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for products and services provided by the principal accountant, other than the services reported in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this Item are \$0 for 2015 and \$0 for 2016. All other fees represent services provided in review of registration statements and preferred share offerings.

- (e)(1) Disclose the audit committee's pre-approval policies and procedures described in paragraph (c)(7) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X.

Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures. The Audit Committee (Committee) of the registrant is responsible for pre-approving (i) all audit and permissible non-audit services to be provided by the independent registered public accounting firm to the registrant and (ii) all permissible non-audit services to be provided by the independent registered public accounting firm to the Adviser, Gabelli Funds, LLC, and any affiliate of Gabelli Funds, LLC (Gabelli) that provides services to the registrant (a Covered Services Provider) if the independent registered public accounting firm's engagement related directly to the operations and financial reporting of the registrant. The Committee may delegate its responsibility to pre-approve any such audit and permissible non-audit services to the Chairperson of the Committee, and the Chairperson must report to the Committee, at its next regularly scheduled meeting after the Chairperson's pre-approval of such services, his or her decision(s). The Committee may also establish detailed pre-approval policies and procedures for pre-approval of such services in accordance with applicable laws, including the delegation of some or all of the Committee's pre-approval responsibilities to the other persons (other than Gabelli or the registrant's officers). Pre-approval by the Committee of any permissible non-audit services is not required so long as: (i) the permissible non-audit services were not recognized by the registrant at the time of the engagement to be non-audit services; and (ii) such services are promptly brought to the attention of the Committee and approved by the Committee or Chairperson prior to the completion of the audit.

- (e)(2) The percentage of services described in each of paragraphs (b) through (d) of this Item that were approved by the audit committee pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(i)(C) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X are as follows:

(b) N/A

(c) 100%

(d) N/A

- (f) The percentage of hours expended on the principal accountant's engagement to audit the registrant's financial statements for the most recent fiscal year that were attributed to work performed by persons other than the principal accountant's full-time, permanent employees was less than fifty percent.
- (g) The aggregate non-audit fees billed by the registrant's accountant for services rendered to the registrant, and rendered to the registrant's investment adviser (not including any sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment adviser), and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant for each of the last two fiscal years of the registrant was \$0 for 2015 and \$0 for 2016.
- (h) The registrant's audit committee of the board of directors has considered whether the provision of non-audit services that were rendered to the registrant's investment adviser (not including any sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment adviser), and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant that were not pre-approved pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(ii) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X is compatible with maintaining the principal accountant's independence.

Item 5. Audit Committee of Listed registrants.

The registrant has a separately designated audit committee consisting of the following members: Anthony J. Colavita, Vincent D. Enright, Salvatore J. Zizza.

Item 6. Investments.

- (a) Schedule of Investments in securities of unaffiliated issuers as of the close of the reporting period is included as part of the report to shareholders filed under Item 1 of this form.
- (b) Not applicable.

Item 7. Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Management Investment Companies.

The Proxy Voting Policies are attached herewith.

SECTION HH

The Voting of Proxies on Behalf of Clients

Rules 204(4)-2 and 204-2 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and Rule 30b1-4 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 require investment advisers to adopt written policies and procedures governing the voting of proxies on behalf of their clients.

These procedures will be used by GAMCO Asset Management Inc., Gabelli Funds, LLC, Gabelli Securities, Inc., and Teton Advisors, Inc. (collectively, the Advisers) to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities held by their clients, including the procedures that the Advisers use when a vote presents a conflict between the interests of the shareholders of an investment company managed by one of the Advisers, on the one hand, and those of the Advisers; the principal underwriter; or any affiliated person of the investment company, the Advisers, or the principal underwriter. These procedures will not apply where the Advisers do not have voting discretion or where the Advisers have agreed to with a client to vote the client's proxies in accordance with specific guidelines or procedures supplied by the client (to the extent permitted by ERISA).

I. Proxy Voting Committee

The Proxy Voting Committee was originally formed in April 1989 for the purpose of formulating guidelines and reviewing proxy statements within the parameters set by the substantive proxy voting guidelines originally published in 1988 and updated periodically, a copy of which are appended as Exhibit A. The Committee will include representatives of Research, Administration, Legal, and the Advisers. Additional or replacement members of the Committee will be nominated by the Chairman and voted upon by the entire Committee.

Meetings are held on an as needed basis to form views on the manner in which the Advisers should vote proxies on behalf of their clients.

In general, the Director of Proxy Voting Services, using the Proxy Guidelines, recommendations of Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. (ISS), Glass Lewis & Co., LLC (Glass Lewis) other third-party services and the analysts of G.research, Inc., will determine how to vote on each issue. For non-controversial matters, the Director of Proxy Voting Services may vote the proxy if the vote is: (1) consistent with the recommendations of the issuer's Board of Directors and not contrary to the Proxy Guidelines; (2) consistent with the recommendations of the issuer's Board of Directors and is a non-controversial issue not covered by the Proxy Guidelines; or (3) the vote is contrary to the recommendations of the Board of Directors but is consistent with the Proxy Guidelines. In those instances, the Director of Proxy Voting Services or the Chairman of the Committee may sign and date the proxy statement indicating how each issue will be voted.

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All matters identified by the Chairman of the Committee, the Director of Proxy Voting Services or the Legal Department as controversial, taking into account the recommendations of ISS, Glass Lewis, or other third party services and the analysts of G.research, Inc., will be presented to the Proxy Voting Committee. If the Chairman of the Committee, the Director of Proxy Voting Services or the Legal Department has identified the matter as one that (1) is controversial; (2) would benefit from deliberation by the Proxy Voting Committee; or (3) may give rise to a conflict of interest between the Advisers and their clients, the Chairman of the Committee will initially determine what vote to recommend that the Advisers should cast and the matter will go before the Committee.

A. Conflicts of Interest.

The Advisers have implemented these proxy voting procedures in order to prevent conflicts of interest from influencing their proxy voting decisions. By following the Proxy Guidelines, as well as the recommendations of ISS, Glass Lewis, other third-party services and the analysts of G.research, the Advisers are able to avoid, wherever possible, the influence of potential conflicts of interest. Nevertheless, circumstances may arise in which one or more of the Advisers are faced with a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest in connection with its vote. In general, a conflict of interest may arise when an Adviser knowingly does business with an issuer, and may appear to have a material conflict between its own interests and the interests of the shareholders of an investment company managed by one of the Advisers regarding how the proxy is to be voted. A conflict also may exist when an Adviser has actual knowledge of a material business arrangement between an issuer and an affiliate of the Adviser.

In practical terms, a conflict of interest may arise, for example, when a proxy is voted for a company that is a client of one of the Advisers, such as GAMCO Asset Management Inc. A conflict also may arise when a client of one of the Advisers has made a shareholder proposal in a proxy to be voted upon by one or more of the Advisers. The Director of Proxy Voting Services, together with the Legal Department, will scrutinize all proxies for these or other situations that may give rise to a conflict of interest with respect to the voting of proxies.

B. Operation of Proxy Voting Committee

For matters submitted to the Committee, each member of the Committee will receive, prior to the meeting, a copy of the proxy statement, any relevant third party research, a summary of any views provided by the

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Chief Investment Officer and any recommendations by G.research, Inc. analysts. The Chief Investment Officer or the G.research, Inc. analysts may be invited to present their viewpoints. If the Director of Proxy Voting Services or the Legal Department believe that the matter before the committee is one with respect to which a conflict of interest may exist between the Advisers and their clients, counsel will provide an opinion to the Committee concerning the conflict. If the matter is one in which the interests of the clients of one or more of the Advisers may diverge, counsel will so advise and the Committee may make different recommendations as to different clients. For any matters where the recommendation may trigger appraisal rights, counsel will provide an opinion concerning the likely risks and merits of such an appraisal action.

Each matter submitted to the Committee will be determined by the vote of a majority of the members present at the meeting. Should the vote concerning one or more recommendations be tied in a vote of the Committee, the Chairman of the Committee will cast the deciding vote. The Committee will notify the proxy department of its decisions and the proxies will be voted accordingly.

Although the Proxy Guidelines express the normal preferences for the voting of any shares not covered by a contrary investment guideline provided by the client, the Committee is not bound by the preferences set forth in the Proxy Guidelines and will review each matter on its own merits. The Advisers subscribe to ISS and Glass Lewis which supply current information on companies, matters being voted on, regulations, trends in proxy voting and information on corporate governance issues.

If the vote cast either by the analyst or as a result of the deliberations of the Proxy Voting Committee runs contrary to the recommendation of the Board of Directors of the issuer, the matter will be referred to legal counsel to determine whether an amendment to the most recently filed Schedule 13D is appropriate.

II. Social Issues and Other Client Guidelines

If a client has provided special instructions relating to the voting of proxies, they should be noted in the client's account file and forwarded to the proxy department. This is the responsibility of the investment professional or sales assistant for the client. In accordance with Department of Labor guidelines, the Advisers' policy is to vote on behalf of ERISA accounts in the best interest of the plan participants with regard to social issues that carry an economic impact. Where an account is not governed by ERISA, the Advisers will vote shares held on behalf of the client in a manner consistent with any individual investment/voting guidelines provided by the client. Otherwise the Advisers may abstain with respect to those shares.

Specific to the Gabelli ESG Fund, the Proxy Voting Committee will rely on the advice of the portfolio managers of the Gabelli ESG Fund to provide voting recommendations on the securities held in the portfolio.

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III. Client Retention of Voting Rights

If a client chooses to retain the right to vote proxies or if there is any change in voting authority, the following should be notified by the investment professional or sales assistant for the client.

- Operations
- Proxy Department
- Investment professional assigned to the account

In the event that the Board of Directors (or a Committee thereof) of one or more of the investment companies managed by one of the Advisers has retained direct voting control over any security, the Proxy Voting Department will provide each Board Member (or Committee member) with a copy of the proxy statement together with any other relevant information including recommendations of ISS or other third-party services.

IV. Proxies of Certain Non-U.S. Issuers

Proxy voting in certain countries requires share-blocking. Shareholders wishing to vote their proxies must deposit their shares shortly before the date of the meeting with a designated depository. During the period in which the shares are held with a depository, shares that will be voted at the meeting cannot be sold until the meeting has taken place and the shares are returned to the clients' custodian. Absent a compelling reason to the contrary, the Advisers believe that the benefit to the client of exercising the vote is outweighed by the cost of voting and therefore, the Advisers will not typically vote the securities of non-U.S. issuers that require share-blocking.

In addition, voting proxies of issuers in non-US markets may also give rise to a number of administrative issues to prevent the Advisers from voting such proxies. For example, the Advisers may receive the notices for shareholder meetings without adequate time to consider the proposals in the proxy or after the cut-off date for voting. In these cases the Advisers will look to Glass Lewis or other third party service for recommendations on how to vote. Other markets require the Advisers to provide local agents with power of attorney prior to implementing their respective voting instructions on the proxy. Although it is the Advisers' policies to vote the proxies for its clients for which they have proxy voting authority, in the case of issuers in non-US markets, we vote client proxies on a best efforts basis.

V. Voting Records

The Proxy Voting Department will retain a record of matters voted upon by the Advisers for their clients. The Advisers will supply information on how they voted a client's proxy upon request from the client.

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The complete voting records for each registered investment company (the Fund) that is managed by the Advisers will be filed on Form N-PX for the twelve months ended June 30th, no later than August 31st 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 Gabelli Funds, LLC at One Corporate Center, Rye, NY 10580-1422; or (iii) visiting the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

The Advisers' proxy voting records will be retained in compliance with Rule 204-2 under the Investment Advisers Act.

VI. Voting Procedures

1. Custodian banks, outside brokerage firms and clearing firms are responsible for forwarding proxies directly to the Advisers.

Proxies are received in one of two forms:

Shareholder Vote Instruction Forms (VIFs) - Issued by Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. (Broadridge). Broadridge is an outside service contracted by the various institutions to issue proxy materials.

Proxy cards which may be voted directly.

2. Upon receipt of the proxy, the number of shares each form represents is logged into the proxy system, electronically or manually, according to security.

3. Upon receipt of instructions from the proxy committee, the votes are cast and recorded for each account.

Records have been maintained on the ProxyEdge system.

ProxyEdge records include:

Security Name and Cusip Number

Date and Type of Meeting (Annual, Special, Contest)

Client Name

Adviser or Fund Account Number

Directors' Recommendation

How the Adviser voted for the client on item

4. VIFs are kept alphabetically by security. Records for the current proxy season are located in the Proxy Voting Department office. In preparation for the upcoming season, files are transferred to an offsite storage facility during January/February.

5. If a proxy card or VIF is received too late to be voted in the conventional matter, every attempt is made to vote including:

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When a solicitor has been retained, the solicitor is called. At the solicitor's direction, the proxy is faxed or sent electronically.

In some circumstances VIFs can be faxed or sent electronically to Broadridge up until the time of the meeting.

6. In the case of a proxy contest, records are maintained for each opposing entity.

7. Voting in Person

a) At times it may be necessary to vote the shares in person. In this case, a legal proxy is obtained in the following manner:

Banks and brokerage firms using the services at Broadridge:
Broadridge is notified that we wish to vote in person. Broadridge issues individual legal proxies and sends them back via email or overnight (or the Adviser can pay messenger charges). A lead-time of at least two weeks prior to the meeting is needed to do this. Alternatively, the procedures detailed below for banks not using Broadridge may be implemented.

Banks and brokerage firms issuing proxies directly:
The bank is called and/or faxed and a legal proxy is requested.

All legal proxies should appoint:

Representative of [Adviser name] with full power of substitution.

b) The legal proxies are given to the person attending the meeting along with the limited power of attorney.

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Appendix A

Proxy Guidelines

PROXY VOTING GUIDELINES

General Policy Statement

It is the policy of GAMCO Investors, Inc, and its affiliated advisers (collectively the Advisers) to vote in the best economic interests of our clients. As we state in our Magna Carta of Shareholders Rights, established in May 1988, we are neither *for* nor *against* management. We are for shareholders.

At our first proxy committee meeting in 1989, it was decided that each proxy statement should be evaluated on its own merits within the framework first established by our Magna Carta of Shareholders Rights. The attached guidelines serve to enhance that broad framework.

We do not consider any issue routine. We take into consideration all of our research on the company, its directors, and their short and long-term goals for the company. In cases where issues that we generally do not approve of are combined with other issues, the negative aspects of the issues will be factored into the evaluation of the overall proposals but will not necessitate a vote in opposition to the overall proposals.

Board of Directors

We do not consider the election of the Board of Directors a routine issue. Each slate of directors is evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Factors taken into consideration include:

Historical responsiveness to shareholders
This may include such areas as:

-Paying greenmail

-Failure to adopt shareholder resolutions receiving a majority of shareholder votes

Qualifications
Nominating committee in place
Number of outside directors on the board
Attendance at meetings
Overall performance

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Selection of Auditors

In general, we support the Board of Directors' recommendation for auditors.

Blank Check Preferred Stock

We oppose the issuance of blank check preferred stock.

Blank check preferred stock allows the company to issue stock and establish dividends, voting rights, etc. without further shareholder approval.

Classified Board

A classified board is one where the directors are divided into classes with overlapping terms. A different class is elected at each annual meeting.

While a classified board promotes continuity of directors facilitating long range planning, we feel directors should be accountable to shareholders on an annual basis. We will look at this proposal on a case-by-case basis taking into consideration the board's historical responsiveness to the rights of shareholders.

Where a classified board is in place we will generally not support attempts to change to an annually elected board.

When an annually elected board is in place, we generally will not support attempts to classify the board.

Increase Authorized Common Stock

The request to increase the amount of outstanding shares is considered on a case-by-case basis.

Factors taken into consideration include:

- Future use of additional shares
- Stock split
- Stock option or other executive compensation plan
- Finance growth of company/strengthen balance sheet
- Aid in restructuring
- Improve credit rating
- Implement a poison pill or other takeover defense

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Amount of stock currently authorized but not yet issued or reserved for stock option plans

Amount of additional stock to be authorized and its dilutive effect

We will support this proposal if a detailed and verifiable plan for the use of the additional shares is contained in the proxy statement.

Confidential Ballot

We support the idea that a shareholder's identity and vote should be treated with confidentiality.

However, we look at this issue on a case-by-case basis.

In order to promote confidentiality in the voting process, we endorse the use of independent Inspectors of Election.

Cumulative Voting

In general, we support cumulative voting.

Cumulative voting is a process by which a shareholder may multiply the number of directors being elected by the number of shares held on record date and cast the total number for one candidate or allocate the voting among two or more candidates.

Where cumulative voting is in place, we will vote against any proposal to rescind this shareholder right.

Cumulative voting may result in a minority block of stock gaining representation on the board. When a proposal is made to institute cumulative voting, the proposal will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. While we feel that each board member should represent all shareholders, cumulative voting provides minority shareholders an opportunity to have their views represented.

Director Liability and Indemnification

We support efforts to attract the best possible directors by limiting the liability and increasing the indemnification of directors, except in the case of insider dealing.

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Equal Access to the Proxy

The SEC's rules provide for shareholder resolutions. However, the resolutions are limited in scope and there is a 500 word limit on proponents' written arguments. Management has no such limitations. While we support equal access to the proxy, we would look at such variables as length of time required to respond, percentage of ownership, etc.

Fair Price Provisions

Charter provisions requiring a bidder to pay all shareholders a fair price are intended to prevent two-tier tender offers that may be abusive. Typically, these provisions do not apply to board-approved transactions.

We support fair price provisions because we feel all shareholders should be entitled to receive the same benefits.

Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Golden Parachutes

Golden parachutes are severance payments to top executives who are terminated or demoted after a takeover.

We support any proposal that would assure management of its own welfare so that they may continue to make decisions in the best interest of the company and shareholders even if the decision results in them losing their job. We do not, however, support excessive golden parachutes. Therefore, each proposal will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

Anti-Greenmail Proposals

We do not support greenmail. An offer extended to one shareholder should be extended to all shareholders equally across the board.

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Limit Shareholders' Rights to Call Special Meetings

We support the right of shareholders to call a special meeting.

Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Consideration of Nonfinancial Effects of a Merger

This proposal releases the directors from only looking at the financial effects of a merger and allows them the opportunity to consider the merger's effects on employees, the community, and consumers.

As a fiduciary, we are obligated to vote in the best economic interests of our clients. In general, this proposal does not allow us to do that. Therefore, we generally cannot support this proposal.

Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Mergers, Buyouts, Spin-Offs, Restructurings

Each of the above is considered on a case-by-case basis. According to the Department of Labor, we are not required to vote for a proposal simply because the offering price is at a premium to the current market price. We may take into consideration the long term interests of the shareholders.

Military Issues

Shareholder proposals regarding military production must be evaluated on a purely economic set of criteria for our ERISA clients. As such, decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

In voting on this proposal for our non-ERISA clients, we will vote according to the client's direction when applicable. Where no direction has been given, we will vote in the best economic interests of our clients. It is not our duty to impose our social judgment on others.

Northern Ireland

Shareholder proposals requesting the signing of the MacBride principles for the purpose of countering the discrimination of Catholics in hiring practices must be evaluated on a purely economic set of criteria for our ERISA clients. As such, decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

In voting on this proposal for our non-ERISA clients, we will vote according to client direction when applicable. Where no direction has been given, we will vote in the best economic interests of our clients. It is not our duty to impose our social judgment on others.

Opt Out of State Anti-Takeover Law

This shareholder proposal requests that a company opt out of the coverage of the state's takeover statutes. Example: Delaware law requires that a buyer must acquire at least 85% of the company's stock before the buyer can exercise control unless the board approves.

We consider this on a case-by-case basis. Our decision will be based on the following:

- State of Incorporation
- Management history of responsiveness to shareholders
- Other mitigating factors

Poison Pill

In general, we do not endorse poison pills.

In certain cases where management has a history of being responsive to the needs of shareholders and the stock is very liquid, we will reconsider this position.

Reincorporation

Generally, we support reincorporation for well-defined business reasons. We oppose reincorporation if proposed solely for the purpose of reincorporating in a state with more stringent anti-takeover statutes that may negatively impact the value of the stock.

Stock Incentive Plans

Director and Employee Stock incentive plans are an excellent way to attract, hold and motivate directors and employees. However, each incentive plan must be evaluated on its own merits, taking into consideration the following:

Dilution of voting power or earnings per share by more than 10%.

Kind of stock to be awarded, to whom, when and how much.

Method of payment.

Amount of stock already authorized but not yet issued under existing stock plans.

The successful steps taken by management to maximize shareholder value.

Supermajority Vote Requirements

Supermajority vote requirements in a company's charter or bylaws require a level of voting approval in excess of a simple majority of the outstanding shares. In general, we oppose supermajority-voting requirements. Supermajority requirements often exceed the average level of shareholder participation. We support proposals' approvals by a simple majority of the shares voting.

Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Limit Shareholders Right to Act by Written Consent

Written consent allows shareholders to initiate and carry on a shareholder action without having to wait until the next annual meeting or to call a special meeting. It permits action to be taken by the written consent of the same percentage of the shares that would be required to effect proposed action at a shareholder meeting.

Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Say-on-Pay / Say-When-on-Pay / Say-on-Golden-Parachutes

Required under the Dodd-Frank Act; these proposals are non-binding advisory votes on executive compensation. We will generally vote with the Board of Directors' recommendation(s) on advisory votes on executive compensation (Say-on-Pay), advisory votes on the frequency of voting on executive compensation (Say-When-on-Pay) and advisory votes relating to extraordinary transaction executive compensation (Say-on-Golden-Parachutes). In those instances when we believe that it is in our clients' best interest, we may abstain or vote against executive compensation and/or the frequency of votes on executive compensation and/or extraordinary transaction executive compensation advisory votes.

Proxy Access

We generally believe that proxy access is a useful tool to promote board accountability by requiring that a company's proxy materials contain not only the names of management nominees, but also any candidates nominated by long-term shareholders holding at least a certain stake in the company. We will review proposals regarding proxy access on a case by case basis taking into account the provisions of the proposal, the company's current governance structure, the successful steps taken by management to maximize shareholder value, as well as other applicable factors.

Item 8. Portfolio Managers of Closed-End Management Investment Companies.**PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Mario J. Gabelli, CFA, is Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of GAMCO Investors, Inc. and Executive Chairman of Associated Capital Group, Inc., and Chief Investment Officer Value Portfolios of Gabelli Funds, LLC and GAMCO Asset Management Inc. Mr. Gabelli is a summa cum laude graduate of Fordham University and holds an MBA degree from Columbia Business School and Honorary Doctorates from Fordham University and Roger Williams University.

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

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

MANAGEMENT OF OTHER ACCOUNTS

The table below shows the number of other accounts managed by the portfolio managers and the total assets in each of the following categories: registered investment companies, other paid investment vehicles and other accounts as of December 31, 2016. For each category, the table also shows the number of accounts and the total assets in the accounts with respect to which the advisory fee is based on account performance.

Name of Portfolio Manager or <u>Team Member</u>	Type of <u>Accounts</u>	Total No. of Accounts <u>Managed</u>	Total <u>Assets</u>	No. of Accounts where Advisory Fee is Based on <u>Performance</u>	Total Assets in Accounts where Advisory Fee is Based on <u>Performance</u>
1. Mario J. Gabelli	Registered Investment Companies:	26	22.3B	6	5.1B
	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles:	29	1.2B	18	1.1B
	Other Accounts:	1,559	15.2B	13	1.3B
2. Kevin V. Dreyer	Registered Investment Companies:	6	6.9B	2	4.1B
	Other Pooled Investment	1	127.5M	0	0

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	Vehicles:				
	Other Accounts:	327	1.3B	1	50.8M
3. Jeffrey J. Jonas	Registered	3	5.1B	1	2.4B
	Investment				
	Companies:				
	Other Pooled	2	133.4M	1	5.9M
	Investment				
	Vehicles:				
	Other Accounts:	62	109.8M	0	0

POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Actual or apparent conflicts of interest may arise when a Portfolio Manager also has day to day management responsibilities with respect to one or more other accounts. These potential conflicts include:

ALLOCATION OF LIMITED TIME AND ATTENTION. Because the portfolio managers manage many accounts, they may not be able to formulate as complete a strategy or identify equally attractive investment opportunities for each of those accounts as might be the case if they were to devote all of their attention to the management of only a few accounts.

ALLOCATION OF LIMITED INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES. If the portfolio managers identify an investment opportunity that may be suitable for multiple accounts, the Fund may not be able to take full advantage of that opportunity because the opportunity may be allocated among all or many of these accounts or other accounts managed primarily by other portfolio managers of the Adviser, and their affiliates.

SELECTION OF BROKER/DEALERS. Because of Mr. Gabelli's indirect majority ownership interest in G.research, LLC, he may have an incentive to use G.research to execute portfolio transactions for a Fund.

PURSUIT OF DIFFERING STRATEGIES. At times, the portfolio managers may determine that an investment opportunity may be appropriate for only some of the accounts for which they exercises investment responsibility, or may decide that certain of these accounts should take differing positions with respect to a particular security. In these cases, the portfolio managers may execute differing or opposite transactions for one or more accounts which may affect the market price of the security or the execution of the transaction, or both, to the detriment of one or more of their accounts.

VARIATION IN COMPENSATION. A conflict of interest may arise where the financial or other benefits available to the portfolio manager differ among the accounts that they manage. If the structure of the Adviser's management fee or the portfolio manager's compensation differs among accounts (such as where certain accounts pay higher management fees or performance-based management fees), the portfolio managers may be motivated to favor certain accounts over others. The portfolio managers also may be motivated to favor accounts in which they have an investment interest, or in which the Adviser, or its affiliates have investment interests. In Mr. Gabelli's case, the Adviser's compensation and expenses for the Fund are marginally greater as a percentage of assets than for certain other accounts and are less than for certain other accounts managed by Mr. Gabelli, while his personal compensation structure varies with near-term performance to a greater degree in certain performance fee based accounts than with on-performance based accounts. In addition, he has investment interests in several of the funds managed by the Adviser and its affiliates.

The Adviser and the Funds have adopted compliance policies and procedures that are designed to address the various conflicts of interest that may arise for the Adviser and their staff members. However, there is no guarantee that such policies and procedures will be able to detect and prevent every situation in which an actual or potential conflict may arise.

COMPENSATION STRUCTURE FOR MARIO J. GABELLI

Mr. Gabelli receives incentive-based variable compensation based on a percentage of net revenues received by the Adviser for managing the Trust. Net revenues are determined by deducting from gross investment management fees the firm's expenses (other than Mr. Gabelli's compensation) allocable to this Trust. Five closed-end registered investment companies (including this Trust) managed by Mr. Gabelli have arrangements whereby the Adviser will only receive its investment advisory fee attributable to the liquidation value of outstanding preferred stock (and Mr. Gabelli would only receive his percentage of such advisory fee) if certain performance levels are met. Additionally, he receives similar incentive based variable compensation for managing other accounts within the firm and its affiliates. This method of compensation is based on the premise that superior long-term performance in managing a portfolio should be rewarded with higher compensation as a result of growth of assets through appreciation and net investment activity. The level of compensation is not determined with specific reference to the performance of any account against any specific benchmark. One of the other closed-end registered investment companies managed by Mr. Gabelli has a performance (fulcrum) fee arrangement for which his compensation is adjusted up or down based on the performance of the investment company relative to an index. Mr. Gabelli manages other accounts with performance fees. Compensation for managing these accounts has two components. One component is based on a percentage of net revenues to the investment adviser for managing the account. The second component is based on absolute performance of the account, with respect to which a percentage of such performance fee is paid to Mr. Gabelli. As an executive officer of the Adviser's parent company, GBL, Mr. Gabelli also receives ten percent of the net operating profits of the parent company. He receives no base salary, no annual bonus, and no stock options.

COMPENSATION STRUCTURE FOR PORTFOLIO MANAGERS OF THE ADVISER OTHER THAN MARIO GABELLI

The compensation of the Portfolio Managers for the Fund is structure to enable the Adviser to attract and retain highly qualified professionals in a competitive environment. The Portfolio Managers receive a compensation package that includes a minimum draw or base salary, equity-based incentive compensation via awards of restricted stock, and incentive-based variable compensation based on a percentage of net revenue received by the Adviser for managing a Fund to the extent that the amount exceeds a minimum level of compensation. Net revenues are determined by deducting from gross investment management fees certain of the firm's expenses (other than the respective Portfolio Manager's compensation) allocable to the respective Fund (the incentive-based variable compensation for managing other accounts is also based on a percentage of net revenues to the investment adviser for managing the account). This method of compensation is based on the premise that superior long-term performance in managing a portfolio should be rewarded with higher compensation as a result of growth of assets through appreciation and net investment activity. The level of equity-based incentive and incentive-based variable compensation is based on an evaluation by the Adviser's parent, GBL, of quantitative and qualitative performance evaluation criteria. This evaluation takes into account, in a broad sense, the performance of the accounts managed by the Portfolio Manager, but the level of compensation is not determined with specific reference to the performance of any account against any specific benchmark. Generally, greater consideration is given to the performance of larger accounts and to longer term performance over smaller accounts and short-term performance.

OWNERSHIP OF SHARES IN THE FUND

Mario J. Gabelli, Kevin V. Dreyer, and Jeffrey J. Jonas each owned over \$1,000,000, \$10,001-\$50,000 and \$100,001 to \$500,000 respectively, of shares of the Trust as of December 31, 2016.

(b) Not applicable.

Item 9. Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Company and Affiliated Purchasers.
REGISTRANT PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Period	(a) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased		(b) Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit)		(c) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs		(d) Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar
							Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
Month #1 07/01/16	Common	N/A	Common	N/A	Common	N/A	Common 19,848,104
through 07/31/16	Preferred Series A N/A		Preferred Series A	N/A	Preferred Series A	N/A	Preferred Series A 1,200,000
	Preferred Series B N/A		Preferred Series B	N/A	Preferred Series B	N/A	Preferred Series B 1,416,966
Month #2 08/01/16	Common	N/A	Common	N/A	Common	N/A	Common 19,848,104
through 08/31/16	Preferred Series A N/A		Preferred Series A	N/A	Preferred Series A	N/A	Preferred Series A 1,200,000
	Preferred Series B N/A		Preferred Series B	N/A	Preferred Series B	N/A	Preferred Series B 1,425,769
Month #3 09/01/16	Common	N/A	Common	N/A	Common	N/A	Common 19,848,104
through 09/30/16	Preferred Series A N/A		Preferred Series A	N/A	Preferred Series A	N/A	Preferred Series A 1,200,000
			Preferred Series B	N/A	Preferred Series B	N/A	

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	Preferred Series B N/A					Preferred Series B 1,479,814
Month #4	Common N/A	Common N/A	Common N/A	Common N/A	Common	19,848,104
10/01/16						
through	Preferred Series A N/A	Preferred Series A	N/A	Preferred Series A	N/A	Preferred Series A 1,200,000
10/31/16						
	Preferred Series B N/A	Preferred Series B	N/A	Preferred Series B	N/A	Preferred Series B 1,480,843
Month #5	Common N/A	Common N/A	Common N/A	Common N/A	Common	19,848,104
11/01/16						
through	Preferred Series A N/A	Preferred Series A	N/A	Preferred Series A	N/A	Preferred Series A 1,200,000
11/30/16						
	Preferred Series B N/A	Preferred Series B	N/A	Preferred Series B	N/A	Preferred Series B 1,481,443
Month #6	Common N/A	Common N/A	Common N/A	Common N/A	Common	19,848,104
12/01/16						
through	Preferred Series A N/A	Preferred Series A	N/A	Preferred Series A	N/A	Preferred Series A 1,200,000
12/31/16						
	Preferred Series B N/A	Preferred Series B	N/A	Preferred Series B	N/A	Preferred Series B 1,481,443
Total	Common N/A	Common N/A	Common N/A	Common N/A	N/A	
	Preferred Series A N/A	Preferred Series A	N/A	Preferred Series A	N/A	

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Preferred Series B Preferred Series B N/A Preferred Series B N/A
N/A

Footnote columns (c) and (d) of the table, by disclosing the following information in the aggregate for all plans or programs publicly announced:

- a. The date each plan or program was announced The notice of the potential repurchase of common and preferred shares occurs quarterly in the Fund's quarterly report in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
- b. The dollar amount (or share or unit amount) approved Any or all common shares outstanding may be repurchased when the Fund's common shares are trading at a discount of 10% or more from the net asset value of the shares.
Any or all preferred shares outstanding may be repurchased when the Fund's preferred shares are trading at a discount to the liquidation value of \$25.00.
- c. The expiration date (if any) of each plan or program The Fund's repurchase plans are ongoing.
- d. Each plan or program that has expired during the period covered by the table The Fund's repurchase plans are ongoing.
- e. Each plan or program the registrant has determined to terminate prior to expiration, or under which the registrant does not intend to make further purchases. The Fund's repurchase plans are ongoing.

Item 10. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

There have been no material changes to the procedures by which the shareholders may recommend nominees to the registrant's Board of Trustees, where those changes were implemented after the registrant last provided disclosure in response to the requirements of Item 407(c)(2)(iv) of Regulation S-K (17 CFR 229.407) (as required by Item 22(b)(15) of Schedule 14A (17 CFR 240.14a-101)), or this Item.

Item 11. Controls and Procedures.

- (a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act) (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 12. Exhibits.

- (a)(1) Code of ethics, or any amendment thereto, that is the subject of disclosure required by Item 2 is attached hereto.
- (a)(2) Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.
- (a)(3) Not applicable.
- (b) Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(b) under the 1940 Act and Section 906 of the Sarbanes- Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.
- (12.other) Not applicable.

SIGNATURES

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

(Registrant) The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness^{Rx} Trust

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

Date 3/09/2017

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

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

Date 3/09/2017

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

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Joseph Egan
Joseph Egan, Principal Financial Officer

Date 3/09/2017

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