

The GAMCO Mathers Fund

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Class

AAA

Ticker Symbol

MATRIX

PROSPECTUS

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SUMMARY OF THE FUND

Investment Objective

The Fund seeks to achieve capital appreciation over the long term in various market conditions without excessive risk of capital loss.

Fees and Expenses of the Fund:

This table describes the fees and expenses that you may pay if you buy and hold Class AAA shares of the Fund.

Shareholder Fees

(fees paid directly from your investment):

Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price)	None
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load) (as a percentage of redemption or offering price, whichever is lower)	None
Maximum Sales Charge (Load) Imposed on Reinvested Dividends (as a percentage of amount invested)	None
Redemption Fees (as a percentage of amount redeemed for shares held 7 days or less)	2.00%
Exchange Fee	None

Annual Fund Operating Expenses

(expenses that you pay each year as a percentage of the value of your investment):

Management Fees	1.00%
Distribution (Rule 12b-1) Fees	0.25%
Other Expenses	3.33%
Dividends and Interest Expense from Short Sales	1.27%
All Other Expenses	2.06%
Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses	<u>4.58%</u>

Expense Example

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

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

<u>1 Year</u>	<u>3 Years</u>	<u>5 Years</u>	<u>10 Years</u>
\$459	\$1,383	\$2,314	\$4,677

Portfolio Turnover

The Fund pays transaction costs, such as commissions, when it buys and sells securities (or "turns over" its portfolio). A higher portfolio turnover rate may indicate higher transaction costs and may result in higher taxes when the Fund shares are held in a taxable account. These costs, which are not reflected in the annual fund operating expenses or in the example, affect the Fund's performance. During the most recent fiscal year, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 0% of the average value of its portfolio.

Principal Investment Strategies

The Fund pursues its objective by using the following principal strategies:

- investing primarily in common stocks, selected for their appreciation potential
- investing in certain event driven situations such as announced mergers, acquisitions, and reorganizations (“arbitrage”)
- engaging, within prescribed limits, in short sales of equity securities, including exchange-traded funds (“ETFs”), whereby the Fund borrows and sells a security it does not own in order to profit from the potential decline in the price of that security
- varying its common stock exposure by hedging, primarily with the purchase or short sale of Standard & Poor’s 500 Index (“S&P 500 Index”) futures contracts
- investing all or any portion of its assets in U.S. Treasury securities when the portfolio manager believes the risk of loss from investing in stocks is high

No minimum or maximum percentage of the Fund’s assets is required to be invested in any type of security or investment strategy.

GAMCO Asset Management, Inc., the Fund’s investment adviser (the “Adviser”), selects stocks using traditional fundamental analysis of both value and growth data, in conjunction with standard technical analysis. Fundamental analysis involves the use of various data including, but not limited to, price/earnings, price/revenues, price/book value, and price/dividend ratios, and various growth rate calculations for earnings, sales, and other data. Technical analysis includes, but is not limited to, the study of rates of change in stock price movement, volume trends, moving averages, relative strength, and overbought/oversold indicators. The stock selection process is not limited by the total market value of a company’s stock and, therefore, the Fund may invest in small, medium, or large capitalization issues.

The Fund may make short sales of equity securities, including ETFs, in amounts of up to 90% of the value of the Fund’s net assets as determined at the time of the short sale. A short sale is a transaction in which the Fund sells a security which it does not then own in order to profit from the potential decline in the market price of that security. When the Fund sells a stock short, it is obligated to subsequently purchase that stock for delivery. The Fund will realize a gain if the stock purchase price is less than the price when it was sold short, and will realize a loss if the purchase price of the stock is greater than the price when it was sold short.

The Fund may invest all or any portion of its assets in U.S. Treasury bills, notes, and/or bonds when the Fund’s portfolio manager believes financial market conditions warrant such action and/or during periods when the Fund’s portfolio manager believes that the risk associated with owning equity securities is high due to various traditional stock market valuation benchmarks approaching the upper limits of their long-term historical ranges. At such times, which may continue for extended periods, the Fund’s equity exposure may represent a relatively low percentage of the Fund’s assets.

The Fund may invest up to 25% of its total assets in securities of non-U.S. issuers.

The Adviser may sell a holding if its fundamentals change in a way, as determined by the Adviser, that the investment case for the holding is no longer appropriate for the Fund.

The Fund does not necessarily purchase or hold individual securities to qualify for long term capital gains treatment. As a result, turnover in the Fund’s portfolio may be very high, since investments may be held for very short time periods when the Fund’s portfolio manager believes further capital appreciation of those investments is unlikely or that a loss of capital may occur.

Principal Risks

You may want to invest in the Fund if:

- you seek long term growth of capital and are skeptical of a fully invested buy and hold equity investment strategy
- you seek a portfolio that generally may be long and/or short individual stocks, and/or long U.S. Treasury securities, and/or may employ hedging techniques with respect to its common stock exposure
- you seek a portfolio that is flexibly managed to potentially take advantage of a decline in the U.S. equity markets

The Fund's share price will fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund's portfolio securities. Your investment in the Fund is not guaranteed; you may lose money by investing in the Fund. When you sell Fund shares, they may be worth less than what you paid for them.

- **Equity Market Risk.** The price of equity securities may rise or fall because of changes in the broad market or changes in a company's financial condition, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. These price movements may result from factors affecting individual companies, sectors or industries selected for the Fund's portfolio or the securities market as a whole, such as changes in economic or political conditions. When the value of the Fund's securities goes down, your investment in the Fund decreases in value.
- **ETF Risk.** ETFs are subject to the risk that they may not replicate the performance of the index tracked by the ETF and ETFs may trade in the secondary market at prices below their net asset value. In addition, the Fund will bear its pro rata share of the ETF's fees and expenses. An investment in an ETF involves substantially the same risks as investing directly in the ETF's underlying securities.
- **Foreign Securities Risk.** Investments in foreign securities involve risks relating to political, social, and economic developments abroad, as well as risks resulting from the differences between the regulations to which U.S. and foreign issuers and markets are subject. These risks include expropriation, differing accounting and disclosure standards, currency exchange risks, settlement difficulties, market illiquidity, difficulties enforcing legal rights, and greater transaction costs.
- **Hedging Risk.** The percentage fluctuation in the value of the Fund's hedge positions in stock index futures contracts may be greater than those of the underlying index, and positions in such futures contracts are subject to certain other risks, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - an imperfect correlation between the change in market value of the Fund's long stock positions relative to its short stock index futures hedge positions, limiting the effectiveness of the hedge
 - possible temporary illiquidity in the markets for stock index futures which may result in continuing exposure to adverse price movements
 - the fact that the decision to hedge may prove incorrect and, in that case, the Fund would have been better off not hedging

- **Interest Rate Risk.** To the extent that the Fund's portfolio is invested in U.S. Treasury securities, it is subject to the risk of a decrease in principal value of the securities as interest rates rise. Generally, the longer the maturity of a fixed income security, the greater the gain or loss of principal value for a given change in interest rates. Given the historically low interest rate environment in the U.S., risks associated with rising rates are heightened. Recent and potential future changes in government policy that could affect interest rates and current conditions may result in a rise in interest rates, which in turn may result in a decline in the value of investments held by the Fund. The negative impact on fixed income securities from any interest rate increases could be swift and significant.
- **Issuer-Specific Risk.** The value of an individual security or particular type of security can be more volatile than the market as a whole and can perform differently from the market as a whole. The Fund could lose all of its investment in a company's securities.
- **Large-Capitalization Risk.** Larger, more established companies may be unable to respond quickly to new competitive challenges such as changes in technology and consumer tastes. Many larger companies also may not be able to attain the high growth rate of successful smaller companies, especially during extended periods of economic expansion.
- **Liquidity Risk.** The risk that certain securities (particularly illiquid securities and restricted securities) may be difficult or impossible to sell at the time and the price that the Adviser would like. This may result in a loss or may be costly to the Fund.
- **Management Risk.** If the portfolio manager is incorrect in his assessment of the growth prospects of the securities the Fund holds, then the value of the Fund's shares may decline.
- **Market Risk.** The risk that the securities markets will fluctuate, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably based on overall economic conditions and other factors.
- **Merger Risk.** In general, securities of companies which are the subject of a tender or exchange offer or a merger, consolidation, liquidation, or reorganization proposal sell at a premium to their historic market price immediately prior to the announcement of an offer for the company. However, it is possible that the value of securities of a company involved in such a transaction will not rise and in fact may fall, in which case the Fund would lose money. It is also possible that the Adviser's assessment that a particular company is likely to be acquired or acquired during a specific time frame may be incorrect, in which case the Fund may not realize any premium on its investment and could lose money if the value of the securities declines during the Fund's holding period.
- **Portfolio Turnover Risk.** High portfolio turnover may result in increased transaction costs to the Fund, which may result in higher fund expenses and lower total returns. The sale of portfolio securities also may result in the recognition of capital gain, which will be taxable to shareholders when distributed to them, or loss.
- **Rising Stock Market Risk.** During periods when the Fund is short stock(s) in a rising market, the risk of loss will be greater than in a declining stock market. Over time stock markets have risen more often than they have declined.
- **Short Sale Risk.** The Fund will incur a loss if it sells a security short and the price of the security rises rather than falls. Short sales expose the Fund to the risk that it may have to buy

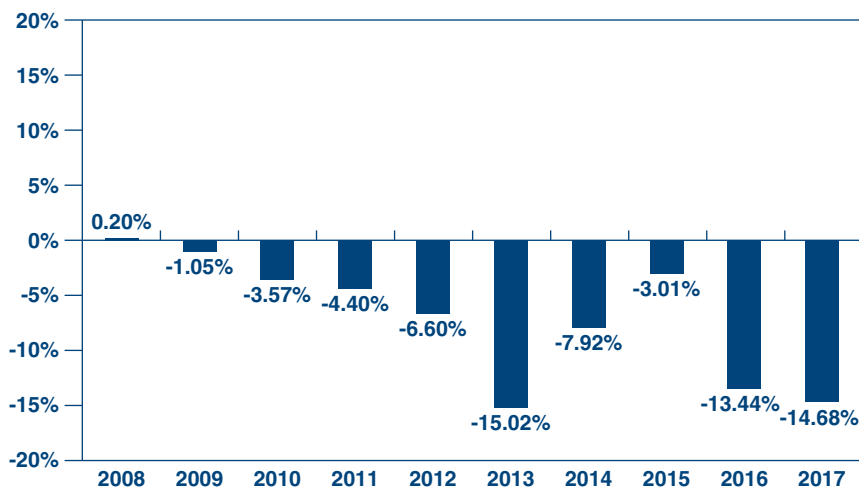
back the security sold short (also known as “covering” the short position) at a time when the security is at a higher price than it was when it was sold short. This will result in a loss to the Fund. The Fund’s investment performance may also be suffer if it is required to close out a short position earlier than it had intended. In addition, the Fund may be subject to expenses related to short sales that are not associated with investing in securities directly, such as the cost of borrowing securities sold short and margin account maintenance costs associated with the Fund’s open short positions. These expenses will negatively impact the performance of the Fund. Short positions introduce more risk to the Fund than long positions (purchases) because the maximum loss on a security purchased (held long) is limited to the amount paid for the security plus the transaction costs. There is no maximum price limit for a security sold short. Therefore, in theory, securities sold short have unlimited risk of loss.

- **Small and Mid-Capitalization Risk.** Risk is greater for the securities of small and mid-capitalization companies (including small unseasoned companies that have been in operation less than three years) because they generally are more vulnerable than larger companies to adverse business or economic developments and they may have more limited resources. The securities of small and mid-capitalization companies also may trade less frequently and in smaller volume than larger companies. As a result, the value of such securities may be more volatile than the securities of larger companies, and the Fund may experience difficulty in purchasing or selling such securities at the desired time and price.
- **Special Situation Risk.** The Fund may use aggressive investment techniques, including seeking to benefit from “special situations,” such as mergers, reorganizations, or other unusual events expected to affect a particular issuer. There is a risk that the “special situation” might not occur, which could have a negative impact on the price of the issuer’s securities and fail to produce gains or produce a loss for the Fund.

Performance

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

THE GAMCO MATHERS FUND
(Total Returns for the Years Ended December 31)



During the calendar years shown in the bar chart, the highest return for a quarter was 6.13% (quarter ended September 30, 2015), and the lowest return for a quarter was (7.34)% (quarter ended March 31, 2017).

<u>Average Annual Total Returns</u> <u>(for the years ended December 31, 2017)</u>	<u>Past</u> <u>One Year</u>	<u>Past</u> <u>Five Years</u>	<u>Past</u> <u>Ten Years</u>
The GAMCO Mathers Fund			
Return Before Taxes	(14.68)%	(10.93)%	(7.11)%
Return After Taxes on Distributions	(14.68)%	(10.93)%	(7.11)%
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares	(8.31)%	(7.83)%	(4.94)%
Standard & Poor's ("S&P") 500 Index (reflects no deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes)	21.83%	15.79%	8.50%

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

Management

The Adviser. GAMCO Asset Management Inc.

The Portfolio Manager. Mr. Henry G. Van der Eb, CFA, Senior Vice President of the Adviser, has served as portfolio manager of the Fund since December 1974.

Purchase and Sale of Fund Shares

The minimum initial investment must be at least \$1,000 (\$250 for IRAs or Coverdell Education Savings Plans). There is no minimum initial investment in an automatic monthly investment plan. There is no minimum for subsequent investments. G.distributors, LLC, the Fund's distributor and an affiliate of the Adviser ("G.distributors" or the "Distributor"), reserves the right to waive or change minimum investment amounts.

You can purchase or redeem the Fund's shares on any day the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") is open for trading (a "Business Day"). You may purchase or redeem Fund shares by written request via mail (The Gabelli Funds, P.O. Box 8308, Boston, MA 02266-8308), personal or overnight delivery (The Gabelli Funds, c/o DST, 30 Dan Road, Canton, MA 02021-2809), Internet, bank wire, or through the Automated Clearing House ("ACH") system. You may also purchase or redeem Fund shares by telephone if you have an existing account with banking instructions on file at 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554).

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

Tax Information

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

Payments to Broker-Dealers and Other Financial Intermediaries

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

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE, INVESTMENT STRATEGIES, AND RELATED RISKS

The Fund's investment objective is to seek to achieve capital appreciation over the long term in various market conditions without excessive risk of capital loss. The Fund's investment objective and principal investment strategies are not fundamental policies and may be changed by a vote of a majority of the Fund's Board of Trustees (the "Board") at any time without a vote of shareholders. Shareholders will receive written notice sixty days prior to any change in the Fund's investment objective. The Fund is flexibly managed and can use a variety of investment strategies in the pursuit of its investment objective, with no minimum or maximum percentage of assets required to be invested in any type of security or investment strategy.

The Adviser selects stocks using traditional fundamental analysis of both value and growth data, in conjunction with standard technical analysis. Fundamental analysis involves the use of various data including, but not limited to, price/earnings, price/revenues, price/book value, and price/dividend ratios, and various growth rate calculations for earnings, sales, and other data. Technical analysis includes, but is not limited to, the study of rates of change in stock price movement, volume trends, moving averages, relative strength, and overbought/oversold indicators.

The stock selection process is not limited by the total market value of a company's stock and, therefore, the Fund may invest in small, medium, or large capitalization issues. Stocks of companies with a relatively small number of shares available for trading may be more risky because their share prices tend to be more volatile, and their shares less liquid, than those of companies with larger amounts of tradable shares. In general, companies with small revenue bases may have more limited management and financial resources and may face a higher risk of business reversal than larger more established companies. As a result, stocks of smaller companies may be more volatile than stocks of larger companies. Additionally, stocks of companies with special situation characteristics may decline in value if their unique circumstances do not develop as anticipated. Special situation factors may include, but are not limited to, potential and/or announced takeover targets, corporate restructuring candidates, and companies involved in corporate reorganizations.

The Fund may make short sales of equity securities, including ETFs, in amounts of up to 90% of the value of the Fund's net assets as determined at the time of the short sale. A short sale is a transaction in which the Fund sells a security which it does not then own in order to profit from the potential decline in the market price of that security. When the Fund sells a stock short, it is obligated to subsequently purchase that stock for delivery. The Fund will realize a gain if the stock purchase price is less than the price when it was sold short, and will realize a loss if the purchase price of the stock is greater than the price when it was sold short.

The Fund may vary its equity exposure by hedging through the purchase or short sale (except in closing transactions) of stock index futures contracts. The Fund will not purchase or sell short stock index futures contracts if immediately thereafter the aggregate initial margin required to be deposited would exceed 5% of the value of the Fund's total assets.

The Fund may invest all or any portion of its assets in U.S. Treasury bills, notes and/or bonds when the Fund's portfolio manager believes financial market conditions warrant such action and/or during periods when the Fund's portfolio manager believes that the risk associated with owning equity securities is high due to various traditional stock market valuation benchmarks approaching the upper limits of their long term historical ranges. At such times, which may continue for extended periods, the Fund's equity

exposure may represent a relatively low percentage of the Fund's assets. During the past ten years, on average, a majority of the Fund's assets have been invested in U.S. Treasury securities.

The Fund may invest up to 25% of its total assets in securities of non-U.S. issuers.

The Adviser may sell a holding if its fundamentals change in a way, as determined by the Adviser, that the investment case for the holding is no longer appropriate for the Fund.

While the Fund's objective is to seek capital appreciation over the long term, the Fund does not necessarily purchase or hold individual securities to qualify for long term capital gains treatment. The Adviser may consider a variety of factors including but not limited to financial market conditions, individual stock and aggregate equity valuation levels, corporate developments, other investment opportunities, Fund redemptions, tax considerations, including the Fund's tax loss carryforward (see "Tax Information"), and changed expectations, in determining whether to sell a security held in the portfolio or to buy to cover a short position. As a result, turnover in the Fund's portfolio may be very high, since investments may be held for very short time periods when the Fund's portfolio manager believes further capital appreciation of those investments is unlikely or that a loss of capital may occur.

Portfolio turnover may be significantly increased due to the Fund holding a substantial portion of its assets in U.S. Treasury securities with maturities of less than one year in conjunction with the purchase and sale of long equity positions and U.S. Treasury securities with maturities greater than one year.

The Fund may also use the following investment technique:

- **Defensive Investments.** When opportunities for capital appreciation do not appear attractive or when adverse market or economic conditions exist, the Fund may temporarily invest all or a portion of its assets in defensive investments. Such investments include obligations of the U.S. government and its agencies and instrumentalities and short term money market investments. When following a defensive strategy, the Fund will be less likely to achieve its investment goal of capital appreciation.

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

Investing in the Fund also involves the following risks:

- **ETF Risk.** ETFs are subject to the risk that they may not replicate the performance of the index tracked by the ETF and ETFs may trade in the secondary market at prices below their net asset value. In addition, the Fund will bear its pro rata share of the ETF's fees and expenses. An investment in an ETF involves substantially the same risks as investing directly in the ETF's underlying securities.
- **Equity Market Risk.** The price of equity securities may rise or fall because of changes in the broad market or changes in a company's financial condition, sometimes rapidly or unpredictably. These price movements may result from factors affecting individual companies, sectors or industries selected for the Fund's portfolio or the securities market as a whole, such as changes in economic or political conditions. Equity securities are subject to "stock market risk" meaning

that stock prices in general (or in particular, the prices of the types of securities in which the Fund invests) may decline over short or extended periods of time. When the value of the Fund's securities goes down, your investment in the Fund decreases in value.

- **Foreign Securities Risk.** Risks of investing in foreign securities include currency risks, future political and economic developments, and possible imposition of foreign withholding taxes on income payable on the securities. In addition, there may be less publicly available information about a foreign issuer than about a domestic issuer, and foreign issuers may not be subject to the same accounting, auditing and financial recordkeeping standards and requirements as domestic issuers.
- **Hedging Risk.** The percentage fluctuation in the value of the Fund's hedge positions in stock index futures contracts may be greater than those of the underlying index, and positions in such futures contracts are subject to certain other risks, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - an imperfect correlation between the change in market value of the Fund's long stock positions relative to its short stock index futures hedge positions, limiting the effectiveness of the hedge
 - possible temporary illiquidity in the markets for stock index futures which may result in continuing exposure to adverse price movements
 - the fact that the decision to hedge may prove incorrect and, in that case, the Fund would have been better off not hedging
- **Interest Rate Risk.** To the extent that the Fund's portfolio is invested in U.S. Treasury securities, it is subject to the risk of a decrease in principal value of the securities as interest rates rise. Generally, the longer the maturity of a fixed income security, the greater the gain or loss of principal value for a given change in interest rates. Given the historically low interest rate environment in the U.S., risks associated with rising rates are heightened. Recent and potential future changes in government policy that could affect interest rates and current conditions may result in a rise in interest rates, which in turn may result in a decline in the value of investments held by the Fund. The negative impact on fixed income securities from any interest rate increases could be swift and significant.
- **Issuer-Specific Risk.** The value of an individual security or particular type of security can be more volatile than the market as a whole and can perform differently from the market as a whole. The Fund could lose all of its investment in a company's securities.
- **Large-Capitalization Risk.** Larger, more established companies may be unable to respond quickly to new competitive challenges such as changes in technology and consumer tastes. Many larger companies also may not be able to attain the high growth rate of successful smaller companies, especially during extended periods of economic expansion.
- **Liquidity Risk.** Liquidity is the ability to sell securities or other investments within a reasonable amount of time at approximately the price at which the Fund has valued the securities or other investments, which relies on the willingness of market participants to buy and sell securities. Certain holdings may be difficult to value, purchase, and sell, particularly during adverse market conditions, because there is a limited market for the investment or there are restrictions on resale. The Fund may not be able to sell a holding quickly at the price it has valued the holding, may be unable to take advantage of market opportunities, or may be forced to sell other, more

desirable, liquid securities or sell illiquid securities at a loss if needed to raise cash to conduct operations. Liquid investments may become less liquid or illiquid, and thus more difficult to sell, over time or suddenly and unexpectedly. This may occur, for example, as a result of adverse market or economic conditions or investor perceptions, which may be independent of any adverse changes to the particular issuer. Some securities (such as loans) may have no active trading market and may be subject to restrictions on resale. The markets in which such securities trade may be subject to irregular trading, wide bid/ask spreads and extended trade settlement periods, which may impair the Fund's ability to sell the holding at the price it has valued the holding causing a decline in the Fund's net asset value. Investments in companies in turn-around or other special situations have a greater risk of being or becoming less liquid than other equity securities, particularly when the economy is not robust or during market downturns.

- **Management Risk.** If the portfolio manager is incorrect in his assessment of the growth prospects of the securities the Fund holds, then the value of the Fund's shares may decline. In addition, the portfolio manager's strategy may produce returns that are different from other mutual funds that invest in similar securities.
- **Market Risk.** The risk that the securities markets will fluctuate, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably based on overall economic conditions and other factors.
- **Portfolio Turnover Risk.** High portfolio turnover involves correspondingly greater expenses to the Fund, including brokerage commission, or dealer mark ups and other transaction costs on the sale of securities and reinvestments in other securities. Such sales also may result in adverse tax consequences to the Fund's shareholders. The trading costs and tax effects associated with portfolio turnover may adversely affect the Fund's performance.
- **Rising Stock Market Risk.** During periods when the Fund is short stock(s) in a rising market, the risk of loss will be greater than in a declining stock market. Over time stock markets have risen more often than they have declined.
- **Short Sale Risk.** The Fund will incur a loss if it sells a security short and the price of the security rises rather than falls. Short sales expose the Fund to the risk that it may have to buy back the security sold short (also known as "covering" the short position) at a time when the security is at a higher price than it was when it was sold short. This will result in a loss to the Fund. The Fund's investment performance may also be suffer if it is required to close out a short position earlier than it had intended. In addition, the Fund may be subject to expenses related to short sales that are not associated with investing in securities directly, such as the cost of borrowing securities sold short and margin account maintenance costs associated with the Fund's open short positions. These expenses will negatively impact the performance of the Fund. Short positions introduce more risk to the Fund than long positions (purchases) because the maximum loss on a security purchased (held long) is limited to the amount paid for the security plus the transaction costs. There is no maximum price limit for a security sold short. Therefore, in theory, securities sold short have unlimited risk of loss.
- **Small and Mid-Capitalization Risk.** Risk is greater for the securities of small and mid-capitalization companies (including small unseasoned companies that have been in operation less than three years) because they generally are more vulnerable than larger companies to adverse business or economic developments and they may have more limited resources. The

securities of small and mid-capitalization companies also may trade less frequently and in smaller volume than larger companies. As a result, the value of such securities may be more volatile than the securities of larger companies, and the Fund may experience difficulty in purchasing or selling such securities at the desired time and price. In general, these risks are greater for small capitalization companies than for mid-capitalization companies.

- **Special Situation Risk.** The Fund may use aggressive investment techniques, including seeking to benefit from “special situations,” such as mergers, reorganizations, or other unusual events expected to affect a particular issuer. There is a risk that the “special situation” might not occur, which could have a negative impact on the price of the issuer’s securities and fail to produce gains or produce a loss for the Fund.

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

MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

The Adviser. GAMCO Asset Management Inc., with its principal offices located at One Corporate Center, Rye, New York 10580-1422, serves as investment adviser to the Fund. The Adviser makes investment decisions for the Fund and continuously reviews and administers the Fund’s investment program and manages the Fund’s operations under the general supervision of the Fund’s Board. The Adviser also acts as investment adviser to individuals, pension trusts, profit sharing trusts and endowments, and as sub-adviser to certain third party investment funds that include registered investment companies. The Adviser is a wholly owned subsidiary of GAMCO Investors, Inc. (“GBL”), a publicly held company listed on the NYSE.

As compensation for its services and related expenses borne by the Adviser for the year ended December 31, 2017, the Fund paid the Adviser a fee computed daily and payable monthly equal to 1.00% of the value of its average daily net assets.

The Fund’s annual report to shareholders for the period ended December 31, 2017, contained a discussion of the basis of the Board’s determination to continue the investment advisory agreement.

The Portfolio Manager. Mr. Henry Van der Eb, CFA, Senior Vice President of the Adviser, is primarily responsible for the day to day investment management of the Fund and has been the Fund’s portfolio manager for more than 30 years. Mr. Van der Eb is President, Chief Executive Officer, and a Trustee of the Fund. He is also Senior Vice President of GBL and Gabelli Funds, LLC. Prior to joining GBL in 1999, he served as President of Mathers and Company, Inc., a registered investment adviser and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Mathers Fund, Inc. He served as President of The Investment Analysts Society of Chicago (1979-1980), and is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) and a member of the CFA Institute.

The Fund’s SAI provides additional information about Mr. Van der Eb’s compensation, other accounts managed by him, and his ownership of securities in the Fund.

INDEX DESCRIPTION

The **S&P 500 Index** is a widely recognized, unmanaged index of common stock prices. The index figures do not reflect any deductions for fees, expenses, or taxes. You cannot invest directly in the S&P 500 Index.

PURCHASE OF SHARES

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

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

By Mail

The Gabelli Funds
P.O. Box 8308
Boston, MA 02266-8308

By Personal or Overnight Delivery

The Gabelli Funds
c/o DST
30 Dan Road
Canton, MA 02021-2809

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

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

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

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

If you are making an initial purchase, you should also complete and mail a subscription order form to the address shown under "By Mail." Note that banks may charge fees for wiring funds, although the Fund's transfer agent, DST Asset Manager Solutions, Inc. ("DST" or "Transfer Agent"), will not charge you for receiving wire transfers.

You may purchase shares of the Fund directly through registered broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries that have entered into appropriate selling agreements with the Distributor. Your broker-dealer or other financial intermediary can obtain a subscription order form by calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554). The broker-dealer or other financial intermediary will transmit a purchase order and payment to DST on your behalf. Broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries may send you confirmations of your transactions and periodic account statements showing your investments in the Fund.

Share Price. The Fund sells its shares based on the net asset value per share (“NAV”) next determined after the time as of which the Fund receives your completed subscription order form but does not issue the shares to you until it receives full payment. See “Pricing of Fund Shares” herein for a description of the calculation of the NAV.

Minimum Investments. The minimum initial investment is \$1,000 (\$250 for IRAs or Coverdell Education Savings Plans). See “Retirement Plans/Education Savings Plans” and “Automatic Investment Plan” regarding minimum investment amounts applicable to such plans. The Distributor or its affiliates may, in their discretion, waive the minimum investment requirement under certain circumstances. There is no minimum for subsequent investments. Broker-dealers and financial intermediaries may have different minimum investment requirements.

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

The Plan authorizes payments by the Fund at an annual rate of 0.25% of its average daily net assets attributable to Class AAA shares to finance distribution of its Class AAA shares or pay shareholder service fees.

Because Rule 12b-1 fees are paid out of the Fund’s assets on an ongoing basis, over time these fees will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges. Due to the payment of Rule 12b-1 fees, long term shareholders may indirectly pay more than the equivalent of the maximum permitted front-end sales charge.

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

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

Third Party Arrangements. In addition to, or in lieu of, amounts received by broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries as reallowances of a portion of sales commissions, the Adviser and its affiliates may utilize a portion of their assets, which may include revenues received under the Plan, to pay all or a portion of the charges of various programs that make shares of the Fund available to their customers. These payments, sometimes referred to as “revenue sharing,” do not change the price paid by investors to purchase the Fund’s shares or the amount the Fund receives as proceeds from such sales. Revenue sharing payments may be made to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries that provide services to the Fund or to shareholders in the Fund, including (without limitation) the following programs: shareholder servicing to Fund shareholders, transaction processing, subaccounting services, marketing support, access to sales meetings, sales representatives, and management representatives of the

broker-dealers or other financial intermediaries. Revenue sharing payments may also be made to broker-dealers and other financial intermediaries for inclusion of the Fund on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list, and in other sales programs, or as an expense reimbursement in cases where the broker, dealer, or other financial intermediary provides shareholder services to Fund shareholders. These payments may take a variety of forms, including (without limitation) compensation for sales, “trail” fees for shareholder servicing and maintenance of shareholder accounts, and finder’s fees that vary depending on the Fund or share class and the dollar amount of shares sold. Revenue sharing payments may be structured: (i) as a percentage of sales; (ii) as a percentage of net assets; and/or (iii) as a fixed dollar amount.

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

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

The Adviser negotiates the level of payments described above to any particular broker-dealer or other financial intermediary. Currently, such payments (expressed as a percentage of net assets) range from 0.10% to 0.40% per year of the average daily net assets of the Fund attributable to the particular firm depending on the nature and level of services and other factors.

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

Additional Purchase Information

Retirement Plans/Education Savings Plans. The Fund makes available IRAs for investment in Fund shares. Applications may be obtained from the Distributor by calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554). Self-employed investors may purchase shares of the Fund through tax-deductible contributions to existing

retirement plans for self-employed persons, known as “Keogh” or “H.R.-10” plans. The Fund does not currently act as a sponsor to such plans. Fund shares may also be a suitable investment for other types of qualified pension or profit sharing plans which are employer sponsored, including deferred compensation or salary reduction plans known as “401(k) Plans.” The minimum initial investment in all such retirement and education savings plans is \$250. There is no minimum subsequent investment for retirement or education savings plans.

Automatic Investment Plan. The Fund offers an automatic monthly investment plan. There is no minimum initial investment for accounts establishing an automatic investment plan. Call your financial intermediary or the Distributor at 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) for more details about the plan.

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

REDEMPTION OF SHARES

You can redeem shares of the Fund on any Business Day. The Fund may temporarily stop redeeming its shares when the NYSE is closed or trading on the NYSE is restricted, when an emergency exists and the Fund cannot sell its shares or accurately determine the value of its assets, or if the SEC orders the Fund to suspend redemptions.

The Fund redeems its shares based on the NAV next determined after the time as of which the Fund receives your redemption request in proper form, subject in some cases to a redemption fee as described. See “Pricing of Fund Shares” herein for a description of the calculation of NAV. A redemption is a taxable event to you on which you would realize gain or loss (subject to certain limitations on the deductibility of losses).

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

In addition, because the Fund may invest in foreign securities traded primarily on markets that close prior to the time the Fund determines its NAV, frequent trading by some shareholders may, in certain circumstances, dilute the value of Fund shares held by other shareholders. This may occur when an event that affects the value of the foreign securities takes place after the close of the primary foreign market, but before the time that the Fund determines its NAV. Certain investors may seek to take advantage of the fact that there will be a delay in the adjustment of the market price for a security caused by this event until the foreign market reopens (referred to as price arbitrage). If this occurs, frequent traders who attempt this type of price arbitrage may dilute the value of the Fund's shares to the extent they receive shares or proceeds based upon NAVs that have been calculated using the closing market prices for foreign securities, if those prices have not been adjusted to reflect a change in the fair value of the foreign securities. In an effort to prevent price arbitrage, the Fund has procedures designed to adjust closing

market prices of foreign securities before it calculates its NAV when it believes such an event has occurred that will have more than a minimal effect on the NAV. Prices are adjusted to reflect what the Fund believes are the fair values of these foreign securities at the time the Fund determines its NAV (called fair value pricing). Fair value pricing, however, involves judgments that are inherently subjective and inexact since it is not always possible to be sure when an event will affect a market price and to what extent. As a result, there can be no assurance that fair value pricing will always eliminate the risk of price arbitrage.

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

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

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

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

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

- **By Letter.** You may mail a letter requesting the redemption of shares to: **The Gabelli Funds, P.O. Box 8308, Boston, MA 02266-8308.** Your letter should state the name of the

fund(s) and the share class, the dollar amount or number of shares you wish to redeem, and your account number. You must sign the letter in exactly the same way the account is registered, and if there is more than one owner of shares, all owners must sign. A medallion signature guarantee is required for each signature on your redemption letter. You can obtain a medallion signature guarantee from financial institutions such as commercial banks, broker-dealers, savings banks, and credit unions. A notary public cannot provide a medallion signature guarantee.

- **By Telephone or the Internet.** Unless you have requested that telephone or Internet redemptions from your account not be permitted, you may redeem your shares in an account (excluding an IRA) directly registered with DST by calling either 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) or 800-872-5365 (617-328-5000 from outside the United States) or by visiting our website at www.gabelli.com. You may not redeem Fund shares held through an IRA through the Internet. IRA holders should consult a tax adviser concerning the current tax rules applicable to IRAs. If DST properly acts on telephone or Internet instructions after following reasonable procedures to protect against unauthorized transactions, neither DST nor the Fund will be responsible for any losses due to unauthorized telephone or Internet transactions and instead you would be responsible. You may request that proceeds from telephone or Internet redemptions be mailed to you by check (if your address has not changed in the prior thirty days), forwarded to you by bank wire, or invested in another mutual fund advised by the Adviser (see “Exchange of Shares”). Among the procedures that DST may use are passwords or verification of personal information. The Fund may impose limitations from time to time on telephone or Internet redemptions.
 1. Telephone or Internet Redemption By Check. The Fund will make checks payable to the name in which the account is registered and will normally mail the check to the address of record within seven days.
 2. Telephone or Internet Redemption By Bank Wire or ACH system. The Fund accepts telephone or Internet requests for wire or ACH system redemptions in amounts of at least \$1,000. The Fund will send an ACH system credit or wire to either a bank designated on your subscription order form or on a subsequent letter with a medallion signature guarantee. The proceeds are normally wired on the next Business Day.

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

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

Involuntary Redemption. The Fund may redeem all shares in your account (other than an IRA) if the value falls below \$1,000 as a result of redemptions (but not as a result of a decline in NAV). You will be

notified in writing before the Fund initiates such action and you will be allowed thirty days to increase the value of your account to at least \$1,000.

Redemption Proceeds. A redemption request received by the Fund will be effected based on the NAV next determined after the time as of which the Fund or, if applicable, its authorized designee, receives the request. If you request redemption proceeds by check, the Fund will normally mail the check to you within seven days after receipt of your redemption request. If you purchased your Fund shares by check or through the Automatic Investment Plan, you may not receive proceeds from your redemption until the check clears, which may take up to as many as ten days following purchase. While the Fund will delay the processing of the redemption payment until the check clears, your shares will be valued at the next determined NAV after receipt of your redemption request.

Redemption in Kind. During certain market conditions, the Fund may pay your redemption proceeds wholly or partially in portfolio securities. Payments would be made in portfolio securities only in the instances where the Fund's Board (or its delegate) believes that it would be in the Fund's best interest not to pay redemption proceeds in cash. A redemption in kind would be a taxable event to you on which you would realize capital gain or capital loss (subject to possible limitations of deductibility). Please see "Redemption of Shares" in the SAI for additional information.

EXCHANGE OF SHARES

You can exchange shares of the Fund for shares of the same class of certain other funds managed by the Adviser or its affiliates based on their relative NAVs at the time of the exchange. To obtain a list of the funds whose shares you may acquire through an exchange, call 800-GABELLI (800-422- 3554). You may also exchange your shares for shares of the same class of a money market fund managed by the Adviser or its affiliates. The Fund may impose limitations on, or terminate, the exchange privilege with respect to any investor at any time. You will be given notice at least sixty days prior to any material change in the exchange privilege. An exchange of shares is a taxable event to you on which you would realize capital gain or loss (subject to possible limitations of deductibility). Please see "Redemption of Shares" in the SAI for additional information.

In effecting an exchange:

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

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

- **Exchange by Telephone.** You may give exchange instructions by telephone by calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554).
- **Exchange by Mail.** You may send a written request for exchanges to: **The Gabelli Funds, P.O. Box 8308, Boston, MA 02266-8308.** Your letter should state your name, your account number, the dollar amount or number of shares you wish to exchange, the name and class of the fund(s) whose shares you wish to exchange, and the name of the fund(s) whose shares you wish to acquire.
- **Exchange through the Internet.** You may also give exchange instructions via the Internet at www.gabelli.com. The Fund may impose limitations from time to time on Internet exchanges.

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

PRICING OF FUND SHARES

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

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

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 ask prices or, if there were no ask prices quoted on that day, then the security is valued at the closing bid price on that day. If no bid or ask prices are quoted on such day, the security is valued at the most recently available price or, if 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 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 for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the average of the latest bid and ask prices. If there were no ask prices quoted on such day, the security is valued using the closing bid price, unless the Board determines such amount does not reflect the securities' fair value, in which case these securities will be fair valued as determined by the Board. Certain securities are valued principally using dealer quotations. Futures contracts are valued at the closing settlement price of the exchange or board of trade on which the applicable contract is traded. OTC futures and options on futures for which market quotations are readily available will be valued by quotations received from a pricing service or, if no quotations are available from a pricing service, by quotations obtained from one or more dealers in the instrument in question by the Adviser.

Securities and other assets for which market quotations are not readily available are fair valued as determined by the Board. Fair valuation methodologies and procedures may include, but are not limited to: analysis and review of available financial and non-financial information about the company; comparisons with the valuation and changes in valuation of similar securities, including a comparison of foreign securities with the equivalent U.S. dollar value American Depositary Receipt securities at the close of the U.S. exchange; and evaluation of any other information that could be indicative of the value of the security.

DIVIDENDS AND DISTRIBUTIONS

The Fund intends to pay dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, on an annual basis. You may have dividends and/or capital gain distributions that are declared by the Fund reinvested automatically at NAV in additional shares of the Fund. You will make an election to receive dividends and distributions in cash or Fund shares at the time you first purchase your shares. You may change this election by notifying the Fund or your financial intermediary in writing at any time prior to the record date for a particular dividend or distribution. There are no sales or other charges by the Fund in connection with the reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. Shares purchased through dividend reinvestment will receive a price based on the NAV on the reinvestment date, which is typically the date dividends are paid to shareholders. There is no fixed dividend rate, and there can be no assurance that the Fund will realize any capital gains or other income with which to pay dividends and distributions. Distributions are taxable to you whether received in cash or additional shares. A dividend or capital gain distribution paid on shares purchased shortly before the record date for that dividend or distribution was declared will be subject to income taxes.

TAX INFORMATION

The Fund expects that distributions will consist primarily of investment company taxable income and net capital gain. Dividends from investment company taxable income (including distributions from net short-term capital gains, i.e., gains from securities held by the Fund for one year or less) are taxable to you as ordinary income, except that qualified dividends of individual taxpayers are eligible for a reduced federal income tax rate. Properly reported distributions of net capital gains, i.e., net long term capital gains minus net short term capital loss ("Capital Gain Dividends"), are taxable to you at long term capital gain rates no matter how long you have owned your shares. High portfolio turnover can indicate a high level of short term capital gains that, when distributed to shareholders, are taxed as ordinary income rather than at the lower capital gains tax rate for individual shareholders. However, as of the date of this prospectus, the Fund has a large capital loss carryforward that generally may be used to offset current or future realized capital gains. Until this carryforward expires or is offset completely by realized capital gains or is otherwise limited under federal law, shareholders are not expected to receive taxable distributions of capital gains. The Fund's distributions, whether you receive them in cash or reinvest them in additional shares of the Fund, generally will be subject to federal and, if applicable, state, and local taxes. A redemption of the Fund's shares or an exchange of the Fund's shares for shares of another fund will be treated for tax purposes as a sale of the Fund's shares, and any gain you realize on such a transaction generally will be taxable.

The Fund may be required to withhold as backup withholding, currently at a rate of 24%, a portion of the dividends, distributions, and redemption proceeds payable to shareholders who fail to provide the Fund with their correct taxpayer identification number or to make required certifications, or who have been notified by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") that they are subject to backup withholding. Additionally, the Fund will withhold when the IRS notifies the Fund that backup withholding is required. Also, dividends, distributions, and redemption proceeds payable to foreign shareholders may be subject to a federal withholding tax.

A dividend declared by the Fund in October, November, or December to shareholders of record on a specified date in such a month and paid during January of the following year will be treated as if paid in December for tax purposes.

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

If you sell your Fund's shares, it is considered a taxable event for you. Depending on the purchase price and the sale price of the shares you sell, you may have a gain or a loss on the transaction. You are responsible for any tax liabilities generated by your transaction.

Dividends and net capital gains are generally subject to a 3.8% federal tax on net investment income for shareholders whose adjusted gross income exceeds \$200,000 for single filers and \$250,000 for married joint filers.

This summary of tax consequences is intended for general information only and is subject to change by legislative, judicial, or administrative action, and any such change may be retroactive. It is applicable only to shareholders who are U.S. persons. A more complete discussion of the tax rules applicable to you and the Fund can be found in the SAI that is incorporated by reference into this prospectus. You should

consult a tax adviser concerning the tax consequences of your investment in the Fund including state, local and foreign taxes.

MAILINGS AND E-DELIVERY TO SHAREHOLDERS

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

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Financial Highlights table is intended to help you understand the financial performance of the Fund for the past five fiscal years. The total returns in the table represent the percentage amount that an investor would have earned or lost on an investment in the Fund's Class AAA shares (assuming reinvestment of all distributions). This information has been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, whose report, along with the Fund's financial statements and related notes, is included in the Fund's annual report, which is available upon request.

THE GAMCO MATHERS FUND

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

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Operating Performance:					
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$ 5.86	\$ 6.77	\$ 6.98	\$ 7.58	\$ 8.92
Net investment loss(a)	(0.20)	(0.26)	(0.33)	(0.33)	(0.31)
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments and securities sold short	(0.66)	(0.65)	0.12	(0.27)	(1.03)
Total from investment operations	(0.86)	(0.91)	(0.21)	(0.60)	(1.34)
Redemption Fees(a)	0.00(b)	0.00(b)	0.00(b)	—	—
Net Asset Value, End of Year	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.86	\$ 6.77	\$ 6.98	\$ 7.58
Total return†	(14.68)%	(13.44)%	(3.01)%	(7.92)%	(15.02)%
Ratios to Average Net Assets and Supplemental Data:					
Net assets, end of year (in 000's)	\$ 7,893	\$13,010	\$14,782	\$14,335	\$11,223
Ratio of net investment loss to average net assets	(3.73)%	(3.99)%	(4.81)%	(4.51)%	(3.73)%
Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets(c)	4.58%	4.60%(d)	4.84%(e)	4.54%	3.80%
Portfolio turnover rate	0%	0%	0%	513%	0%

† Total return represents aggregate total return of a hypothetical \$1,000 investment at the beginning of the year and sold at the end of the year including reinvestment of distributions.

- (a) Per share data are calculated using the average shares outstanding method. (b) Amount represents less than \$0.005 per share.
- (c) The Fund incurred dividend expense and service fees on securities sold short. If these expenses and fees had not been incurred, the ratios of operating expenses to average net assets for the years ended December, 31, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, and 2013 would have been 3.31%, 2.24%, 2.61%, 2.82%, and 2.79%, respectively.
- (d) During the year ended December 31, 2016, the Fund received a one time reimbursement of custody expenses paid in prior years. Had such reimbursement been included in 2016, the expense ratio would have been 4.25%.
- (e) The Fund received credits from a designated broker who agreed to pay certain Fund operating expenses. Had such payments not been made, the expense ratio for the year ended December 31, 2015 would have been 4.85%.

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For More Information:

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Annual/Semiannual Reports:

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

Statement of Additional Information (SAI):

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

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