

GDL FUND
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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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FORM N-Q
QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY
Investment Company Act file number **811-21969**
The GDL Fund (formerly, The Gabelli Global Deal Fund)**

(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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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 1-800-422-3554
Date of fiscal year end: December 31
Date of reporting period: March 31, 2011

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Item 1. Schedule of Investments.

The Schedule(s) of Investments is attached herewith.

The GDL Fund
 First Quarter Report
 March 31, 2011
 Mario J. Gabelli, CFA

To Our Shareholders,

During the first quarter of 2011, The GDL Fund's (the Fund) net asset value (NAV) total return was 3.5% compared with the 3 Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index of 0.03%. The total return for the Fund's publicly traded shares was 3.6% during the first quarter of 2011.

Enclosed is the investment portfolio as of March 31, 2011.

Comparative Results

Average Annual Returns through March 31, 2011 (a) (Unaudited)

	Quarter	1 Year	3 Year	Since Inception (01/31/07)
GDL Fund				
NAV Total Return (b)	3.50%	5.95%	3.00%	2.76%
Investment Total Return (c)	3.60	3.93	4.11	(0.24)
3 Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index	0.03	0.14	0.40	1.35

- (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. Performance returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the Fund before investing. The 3 Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index is comprised of a single issue purchased at the beginning of the month and held for a full month. At the end of the month, that issue is sold and rolled into the outstanding Treasury Bill that matures closest to, but not beyond three months from the re-balancing date. To qualify for selection, an issue must have settled on or before the re-balancing (month end) date. Dividends are considered reinvested except for the 3 Month U.S. Treasury Bill Index. You cannot invest directly in an index.*
- (b) *Total returns and average annual returns reflect changes in the NAV per share and reinvestment of distributions at NAV on the ex-dividend date and are net of expenses. Since inception return is based on an initial NAV of \$19.06.*
- (c) *Total returns and average annual returns reflect changes in closing market values on the New York Stock Exchange and reinvestment of distributions. Since inception return is based on an initial offering price of \$20.00.*

We have separated the portfolio manager's 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 manager's commentary is unrestricted. The financial statements and investment portfolio are mailed separately from the commentary. Both the commentary and the financial statements, including the portfolio of investments, will be available on our website at www.gabelli.com.

THE GDL FUND
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS
March 31, 2011 (Unaudited)

Shares		Market Value
	COMMON STOCKS 82.4%	
	Aerospace and Defense 0.1%	
77,000	The Allied Defense Group Inc.	\$ 272,195
	Aviation: Parts and Services 0.1%	
12,000	Ladish Co. Inc.	655,800
	Business Services 7.2%	
5,000	Acxiom Corp.	71,750
90,000	Clear Channel Outdoor Holdings Inc., Cl. A	1,309,500
57,000	Diebold Inc.	2,021,220
210,000	Emergency Medical Services Corp., Cl. A	13,353,900
288,500	GSI Commerce Inc.	8,444,395
12,000	GTSI Corp.	55,080
370,000	Rural/Metro Corp.	6,304,800
2,000	SeLogger.com	107,522
		31,668,167
	Cable and Satellite 0.2%	
75,000	British Sky Broadcasting Group plc	992,604
	Computer Hardware 0.0%	
1,000	SanDisk Corp.	46,090
10,000	Seagate Technology plc	144,000
		190,090
	Computer Software and Services 3.8%	
100,000	Answers Corp.	1,040,000
16,000	Hypercom Corp.	192,480
8,000	Mentor Graphics Corp.	117,040
450,000	NaviSite Inc.	2,470,500
5,000	Novell Inc.	29,650
21,600	Soapstone Networks Inc.	228
600,000	Terremark Worldwide Inc.	11,400,000
95,000	Yahoo! Inc.	1,581,750

		16,831,648
	Consumer Products and Services 5.7%	
545,000	Alberto-Culver Co.	20,312,150
45,000	Avon Products Inc.	1,216,800
12,000	Fortune Brands Inc.	742,680
29,000	Harman International Industries Inc.	1,357,780
8,000	Heelys Inc.	18,400
500	Pre-Paid Legal Services Inc.	33,000
50,000	RC2 Corp.	1,405,000
		25,085,810
	Diversified Industrial 1.3%	
36,000	ITT Corp.	2,161,800
384,000	Myers Industries Inc.	3,813,120
		5,974,920
	Educational Services 0.0%	
7,000	Corinthian Colleges Inc.	30,940
	Electronics 5.9%	
500	Aleo Solar AG	18,119
211,700	Alliance Semiconductor Corp.	65,627
105,000	Bel Fuse Inc., Cl. A	2,518,950
136,000	Dionex Corp.	16,054,800
8,000	International Rectifier Corp.	264,480
480,000	L-1 Identity Solutions Inc.	5,654,400
25,000	Spectrum Control Inc.	492,000
2,800	Technology Research Corp.	19,992
52,000	Zoran Corp.	540,280
42,000	Zygo Corp.	614,040
		26,242,688
	Energy and Utilities 6.2%	
280,000	Atlas Energy Inc., Escrow (a)	28,000
115,000	Atlas Energy LP	2,569,100
10,000	Constellation Energy Group Inc.	311,300
340,000	Dragon Oil plc	3,261,678
70,000	Dynegy Inc.	398,300
242,000	Endesa SA	7,498,838
2,500	EXCO Resources Inc.	51,650
20,000	Heritage Oil plc	91,151
20,000	Iberdrola Renovables SA	86,307

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3,000	Massey Energy Co.	205,080
55,000	Nicor Inc.	2,953,500
32,000	NorthWestern Corp.	969,600
95,000	NRG Energy Inc.	2,046,300
1,000	Origin Energy Ltd.	16,777
25,000	Pride International Inc.	1,073,750
115,000	Progress Energy Inc.	5,306,100
5,000	SandRidge Energy Inc.	64,000
20,000	Seawell Ltd.	138,149
15,000	TGC Industries Inc.	116,550
500	Western Coal Corp.	6,117
100,000	WesternZagros Resources Ltd.	56,730

27,248,977

Entertainment 0.4%

5,000	Silverleaf Resorts Inc.	12,150
102,000	Take-Two Interactive Software Inc.	1,567,740

1,579,890

Equipment and Supplies 0.0%

1,000	The Middleby Corp.	93,220
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Financial Services 4.0%

12,000	CNA Surety Corp.	303,120
2,000	Danvers Bancorp Inc.	42,840
250,000	Marshall & Ilsley Corp.	1,997,500

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments

THE GDL FUND
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)
March 31, 2011 (Unaudited)

Shares		Market Value
	COMMON STOCKS (Continued)	
	Financial Services (Continued)	
210,775	NewAlliance Bancshares Inc.	\$ 3,127,901
1,000	NYSE Euronext	35,170
326,980	optionsXpress Holdings Inc.	5,987,004
230,000	SLM Corp.	3,519,000
39,645	The Student Loan Corp., Escrow (a)	99,112
623	Wesco Financial Corp.	242,472
550,000	Wilmington Trust Corp.	2,486,000
		17,840,119
	 Food and Beverage 5.1%	
175,000	China Huiyuan Juice Group Ltd.	118,788
100,000	Danisco A/S	12,620,695
1,000	Reddy Ice Holdings Inc.	3,000
440,000	Sara Lee Corp.	7,774,800
55,000	Wimm-Bill-Dann Foods OJSC, ADR	1,840,850
		22,358,133
	 Health Care 16.4%	
500	Actelion Ltd.	28,770
27,000	Alcon Inc.	4,468,770
30,000	America Service Group Inc.	769,200
80,000	Animal Health International Inc.	336,000
15,000	ArthroCare Corp.	500,100
235,000	Beckman Coulter Inc.	19,521,450
1,000	Biogen Idec Inc.	73,390
89,275	Caraco Pharmaceutical Laboratories Ltd.	464,230
10,000	Celera Corp.	81,100
22,000	Cephalon Inc.	1,667,160
73,000	Clinical Data Inc.	2,211,900
2,000	Enzon Pharmaceuticals Inc.	21,800
350,000	Genzyme Corp.	26,652,500
44,500	Indevus Pharmaceuticals Inc., Escrow (a)	48,950
3,000	Life Technologies Corp.	157,260
750,000	Q-Med AB	9,387,031
202,500	Smith & Nephew plc	2,283,712
33,000	Talecris Biotherapeutics Holdings Corp.	884,400
16,000	TomoTherapy Inc.	73,120

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20,000	Trimeris Inc.	50,200
170,000	WuXi PharmaTech (Cayman) Inc., ADR	2,628,200
		72,309,243
	Hotels and Gaming 0.0%	
1,000	MGM Resorts International	13,150
	Machinery 5.7%	
220,000	Bucyrus International Inc.	20,119,000
5,000	Sauer-Danfoss Inc.	254,650
128,000	Tognum AG	4,607,579
		24,981,229
	Materials 0.1%	
6,000	CIMPOR Cimentos de Portugal SGPS SA	43,485
5,000	Smurfit-Stone Container Corp.	193,250
		236,735
	Media 0.5%	
60,000	APN News & Media Ltd.	96,505
68,000	Cablevision Systems Corp., Cl. A	2,353,480
		2,449,985
	Metals and Mining 1.3%	
28,000	Camino Minerals Corp.	9,819
225,000	Consolidated Thompson Iron Mines Ltd.	3,977,824
20,000	Forsys Metals Corp.	39,195
80,000	Fronteer Gold Inc.	1,209,696
5,000	Lonmin plc	136,598
1,000	Lundin Mining Corp., Toronto	8,303
9,000	Xstrata plc	210,360
		5,591,795
	Publishing 0.0%	
136,000	SCMP Group Ltd.	29,373
	Real Estate 0.0%	
5,000	ECO Business-Immobilien AG	47,809

	Real Estate Investment Trusts 0.1%	
16,000	Nationwide Health Properties Inc.	680,480
	Retail 3.2%	
470,000	Bulgari SpA	8,146,169
103,000	Casey's General Stores Inc.	4,017,000
11,000	Dollar Thrifty Automotive Group Inc.	734,030
270,000	J. Crew Group Inc., Escrow (a)	0
46,000	Massmart Holdings Ltd.	953,455
2,000	Regis Corp.	35,480
8,000	Retail Ventures Inc.	138,000
		14,024,134
	Semiconductors 1.4%	
2,500	LTX-Credence Corp.	22,825
450,000	Verigy Ltd.	6,340,500
		6,363,325

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SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)
March 31, 2011 (Unaudited)

Shares		Market Value
	Specialty Chemicals 5.4%	
22,000	Airgas Inc.	\$ 1,461,240
30,000	Ashland Inc.	1,732,800
155,000	The Lubrizol Corp.	20,763,800
		23,957,840
	Telecommunications 7.3%	
700,000	Asia Satellite Telecommunications Holdings Ltd.	1,304,870
380,000	Atheros Communications Inc.	16,967,000
24,000	BCE Inc.	872,160
215,000	Hughes Communications Inc.	12,829,050
12,000	Portugal Telecom SGPS SA	138,499
		32,111,579
	Transportation 1.0%	
5,000	AirTran Holdings Inc.	37,250
190,000	K-Sea Transportation Partners LP	1,554,200
201,600	Vector Aerospace Corp.	2,667,899
		4,259,349
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS	364,121,227
	WARRANTS 0.0%	
	Metals and Mining 0.0%	
220	Kinross Gold Corp., Cl. D, expire 09/17/14	613
Principal Amount	CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS 1.0%	
	Aerospace 0.1%	
\$ 500,000	GenCorp Inc., Sub. Deb. Cv., 4.063%, 12/31/39	500,625
	Computer Hardware 0.9%	
4,000,000	SanDisk Corp., Cv., 1.000%, 05/15/13	3,945,000

	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS		4,445,625
	CORPORATE BONDS 0.1%		
	Energy and Utilities 0.1%		
600,000	Texas Competitive Electric Holdings Co. LLC, Ser. B (STEP), 10.250%, 11/01/15		352,500
	U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS 16.5%		
72,810,000	U.S. Treasury Bills, 0.125% to 0.210% , 05/19/11 to 09/22/11 (b)		72,792,086
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS 100.0%		
	(Cost \$438,053,040)		\$ 441,712,051
	Aggregate tax cost		\$ 439,599,855
	Gross unrealized appreciation		\$ 15,187,149
	Gross unrealized depreciation		(13,074,953)
	Net unrealized appreciation/depreciation		\$ 2,112,196
			Market Value
Shares	SECURITIES SOLD SHORT (1.4)%		
	Financial Services (1.4)%		
333,520	The Charles Schwab Corp.		\$ 6,013,366
	TOTAL SECURITIES SOLD SHORT		
	(Proceeds received \$6,053,795)		\$ 6,013,366
	Aggregate proceeds		\$ 6,053,795
	Gross unrealized appreciation		\$ 404,290
	Gross unrealized depreciation		0
	Net unrealized appreciation/depreciation		\$ 404,290
Principal Amount		Settlement Date	Unrealized Depreciation
	FORWARD FOREIGN EXCHANGE CONTRACTS		
46,550,000(c)	Deliver Danish Krone in exchange for United States Dollars 8,737,190(d)	05/06/11	\$ (105,387)
19,950,000(c)	Deliver Danish Krone in exchange for United States Dollars 3,775,563(d)	05/06/11	(14,112)
			(119,499)

**TOTAL FORWARD FOREIGN EXCHANGE
CONTRACTS**

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.

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THE GDL FUND
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)
March 31, 2011 (Unaudited)

Notional Amount		Termination Date	Unrealized Appreciation/ Depreciation
	EQUITY CONTRACT FOR DIFFERENCE SWAP AGREEMENTS		
\$ 198,333 (100,000 Shares)	Gulf Keystone Petroleum Ltd.	06/27/11	\$ 44,616
5,717 (1,000 Shares)	J Sainbury plc	06/27/11	(341)
	TOTAL EQUITY CONTRACT FOR DIFFERENCE SWAP AGREEMENTS		44,275

- (a) Security fair valued under procedures established by the Board of Trustees. The procedures may include reviewing available financial information about the company and reviewing the valuation of comparable securities and other factors on a regular basis. At March 31, 2011, the market value of the fair valued security amounted to \$176,062 or 0.04% of total investments.
- (b) At March 31, 2011, \$15,500,000 of the principal amount was pledged as collateral for securities sold short and forward foreign exchange contracts.
- (c) Principal amount denoted in Danish Krone.
- (d) At March 31, 2011, the Fund has entered into forward foreign exchange contracts with State Street Bank and Trust Co.

Non-income producing security.

Represents annualized yield at date of purchase.

ADR American Depositary Receipt

OJSC Open Joint Stock Company

STEP Step coupon bond. The rate disclosed is that in effect at March 31, 2011.

Geographic Diversification	% of Market Value	Market Value
North America	84.7%	\$ 373,924,887
Europe	12.0	52,898,869

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Asia/Pacific	2.4	10,535,014
Africa/Middle East	0.7	3,261,678
South Africa	0.2	953,454
Latin America	0.0	138,149
Total Investments	100.0%	\$ 441,712,051

See accompanying notes to schedule of investments.

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THE GDL FUND
NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Unaudited)

The Fund's financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), which may require the use of management estimates and assumptions. 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 changes in valuation of similar securities, including a comparison of foreign securities with the equivalent U.S. dollar value ADR 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 Fund's determinations as to the fair value of investments).

THE GDL FUND**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued) (Unaudited)**

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input both individually and in 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 and other financial instruments by inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of March 31, 2011 is as follows:

	Level 1	Valuation Inputs		
	Level 2	Level 3		Total
	Other	Significant	Significant	Market
	Quoted	Observable	Unobservable	Value
	Prices	Inputs	Inputs	at 3/31/11
INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES:				
ASSETS (Market Value):				
Common Stocks:				
Energy and Utilities	\$ 27,220,977		\$ 28,000	\$ 27,248,977
Financial Services	17,741,007		99,112	17,840,119
Health Care	72,260,293		48,950	72,309,243
Retail	14,024,134		0	14,024,134
Other Industries (a)	232,698,754			232,698,754
Total Common Stocks	363,945,165		176,062	364,121,227
Warrants (a)	613			613
Convertible Corporate Bonds		\$ 4,445,625		4,445,625
Corporate Bonds		352,500		352,500
U.S. Government Obligations		72,792,086		72,792,086
TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES ASSETS	\$ 363,945,778	\$ 77,590,211	\$ 176,062	\$ 441,712,051
INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES:				
LIABILITIES (Market Value):				
Common Stocks Sold Short (a)	\$ (6,013,366)			\$ (6,013,366)
TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES LIABILITIES	\$ (6,013,366)			\$ (6,013,366)
OTHER FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS:				
ASSETS (Unrealized Appreciation):*				
EQUITY CONTRACT				
Contract for Difference Swap Agreement	\$	\$ 44,616	\$	\$ 44,616
LIABILITIES (Unrealized Depreciation):*				

EQUITY CONTRACT

Contract for Difference Swap Agreement	\$	\$	(341)	\$	\$	(341)
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FOREIGN CURRENCY

EXCHANGE CONTRACTS

Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts			(119,499)			(119,499)
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TOTAL OTHER FINANCIAL

INSTRUMENTS	\$	\$	(75,224)	\$	\$	(75,224)
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(a) Please refer to the Schedule of Investments (SOI) for the industry classifications of these portfolio holdings.

* Other financial instruments are derivatives reflected in the SOI, such as futures, forwards, and swaps, which are valued at the unrealized appreciation/depreciation of the instrument.

The Fund did not have significant transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 during the period ended March 31, 2011.

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NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued) (Unaudited)

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

	Change in						Balance	Net change
	as of	accrued	realized	unrealized	transfers	transfers	as of	in
	12/31/10	discounts/	gain/	depreciation/	into	out	3/31/11	unrealized
	(premiums)	(loss)	(depreciation)	Purchases	Level	Level	3/31/11	appreciation/
	Sales	3	3	3	3	3	3	depreciation
	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	during the
	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	period on
	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	Level 3
	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	investments
	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	held
	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	3/31/11	at 3/31/11
INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES:								
ASSETS (Market Value):								
Common Stocks:								
Energy and Utilities	\$	\$	\$ 28,000	\$ 0	\$	\$	\$ 28,000	\$ 28,000
Financial Services			99,112	0			99,112	99,112
Health Care	48,950						48,950	
Retail				0			0	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES								
	\$48,950	\$	\$ 127,112	\$ 0	\$	\$	\$ 176,062	\$ 127,112

The Fund's policy is to recognize transfers into and transfers out of Level 3 as of the beginning of the reporting period.

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 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. Security sold short at March 31, 2011 is reported within the Schedule of Investments.

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 the 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.

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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.

Derivative Financial Instruments. The Fund may engage in various portfolio investment strategies by investing in a number of 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 that, 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.

The Fund's derivative contracts held at March 31, 2011, if any, are not accounted for as hedging instruments under GAAP.

Swap Agreements. The Fund may enter into equity contract for difference swap transactions for the purpose of increasing the income of the Fund. The use of swaps is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio security transactions. In an equity contract for difference swap, a set of future cash flows is exchanged between two counterparties. One of these cash flow streams will typically be based on a reference interest rate combined with the performance of a notional value of shares of a stock. The other will be based on the performance of the shares of a stock. Depending on the general state of short-term interest rates and the returns on the Fund's portfolio securities at the time a swap transaction reaches its scheduled termination date, there is a risk that the Fund will not be able to obtain a replacement transaction or that the terms of the replacement will not be as favorable as on the expiring transaction.

The Fund has entered into equity contract for difference swap agreements with The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. Details of the swaps at March 31, 2011 are reflected within the Schedule of Investments and further details as follows:

Notional Amount	Equity Security Received Market Value	Interest Rate/ Equity Security Paid One Month LIBOR plus 90 bps plus Market Value Depreciation on:	Termination Date	Net Unrealized Appreciation/ Depreciation
\$198,333 (100,000 Shares)	Gulf Keystone Petroleum Ltd.	Gulf Keystone Petroleum Ltd.	6/27/11	\$ 44,616
5,717 (1,000 Shares)	J Sainsbury plc	J Sainsbury plc	6/27/11	(341)
				\$ 44,275

The Fund's volume of activity in equity contract for difference swap agreements during the period ended March 31, 2011 had an average monthly notional amount of approximately \$256,648.

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Futures Contracts. The Fund may engage in futures contracts for the purpose of hedging against changes in the value of its portfolio securities and in the value of securities it intends to purchase. Upon entering into a futures contract, the Fund is required to deposit with the broker an amount of cash or cash equivalents equal to a certain percentage of the contract amount. This is known as the initial margin. Subsequent payments (variation margin) are made or received by the Fund each day, depending on the daily fluctuations in the value of the contract, and are included in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on futures contracts. The Fund recognizes a realized gain or loss when the contract is closed.

There are several risks in connection with the use of futures contracts as a hedging instrument. The change in value of futures contracts primarily corresponds with the value of their underlying instruments, which may not correlate with the change in value of the hedged investments. In addition, there is the risk that the Fund may not be able to enter into a closing transaction because of an illiquid secondary market. During the period ended March 31, 2011, the Fund held no investments in futures contracts.

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 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.

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. In addition, the Fund could be exposed to risks if the counterparties to the contracts are unable to meet the terms of their contracts. Forward foreign exchange contracts at March 31, 2011 are presented within the Schedule of Investments.

The Fund's volume of activity in forward foreign currency contracts during the period ended March 31, 2011 had an average monthly value of approximately \$8,650,788.

The following table summarizes the net unrealized appreciation/depreciation of derivatives held at March 31, 2011 by primary risk exposure:

	Net Unrealized Appreciation/ Depreciation
Asset Derivatives:	
Equity Contract	\$ 44,616
Liability Derivatives:	
Equity Contract	\$ (341)
Forward Currency Exchange Contracts	(119,499)
Total	\$(119,840)

Tax Information. The Fund intends to continue to qualify as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Under the current tax law, capital losses related to securities and foreign currency realized after October 31 and prior to the Fund's year end may be treated as occurring on the first day of the following year. For the year ended December 31, 2010, the Fund deferred capital losses of \$21,970.

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Stock Exchange Listing

		8.50%
	Common	Preferred
NYSE-Symbol:	GDL	GDL PrA
Shares Outstanding:	21,152,710	1,920,242

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.

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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 7.5% 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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Item 2. 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 last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Item 3. Exhibits.

Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.

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 GDL Fund (formerly, The Gabelli Global Deal Fund)

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Bruce N. Alpert

Bruce N. Alpert, Principal Executive Officer

Date 5/31/11

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/ Bruce N. Alpert

Bruce N. Alpert, Principal Executive Officer

Date 5/31/11

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Agnes Mullady

Agnes Mullady, Principal Financial Officer and Treasurer

Date 5/31/11

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