

BANCROFT FUND LTD
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â GABELLI MARIO J (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O GAMCO INVESTORS, INC,Â ONE CORPORATE CENTER (Street) RYE,Â NYÂ 10580 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 11/01/2015 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BANCROFT FUND LTD [BCV] | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Control Person of Adviser | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Shares | 200,000 | D | Â |
| Common Shares | 55,400 | I | GAMCO Investors, Inc. ⁽¹⁾ |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | (Instr. 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) |
|------------------|-----------------|------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| | | Title | | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|---------------------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | |
| GABELLI MARIO J C/O GAMCO INVESTORS, INC ONE CORPORATE CENTER RYE, NY 10580 | X | ^ | ^ | | Control Person of Adviser |

Signatures

Agnes Mullady as Attorney-in-Fact for Mario J. Gabelli

11/04/2015

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(1) The shares reported reflect the total shares owned by GAMCO Investors, Inc. (GAMCO). Mario J. Gabelli is the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, controlling shareholder of GAMCO and Chief Investment Officer of Value Portfolios of Gabelli Funds, LLC (the Adviser). Mr. Gabelli has less than a 100% interest in GAMCO and disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by it which are in excess of his indirect pecuniary interest.

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