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**Class A, B, C, and I Shares**

***PROSPECTUS***

***April 30, 2009***

***The Securities and Exchange Commission has not approved or disapproved the shares described in this Prospectus or determined whether this Prospectus is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.***

## **INVESTMENT AND PERFORMANCE SUMMARY**

### ***Investment Objective:***

GAMCO International Growth Fund, Inc. (the “Fund”) seeks to provide investors with long-term capital appreciation. The production of any current income is incidental.

### ***Principal Investment Strategies:***

The Fund invests primarily in equity securities of foreign issuers located in at least three countries outside the United States that are likely to have rapid growth in revenues and earnings and potential for above-average capital appreciation. Equity securities include common and preferred stocks, securities convertible into common stocks and securities like rights and warrants that have common stock characteristics. The Fund seeks to invest in companies that have the potential to grow faster than other companies in their respective equity markets and are priced at attractive valuation levels.

### ***Principal Risks:***

The Fund’s share price will fluctuate with changes in the market value of the Fund’s portfolio securities. Stocks are subject to market, economic, and business risks that may cause their prices to fluctuate. Additionally, foreign securities are subject to currency, information, and political risks. The Fund is also subject to the risk that the judgment of the Fund’s investment adviser, Gabelli Funds, LLC (the “Adviser”), about the above-average growth potential of particular stocks is incorrect. When you sell Fund shares, they may be worth less than what you paid for them. Consequently, you can lose money by investing in the Fund.

### ***You May Want to Invest in the Fund if:***

- you are a long-term investor
- you seek growth of capital
- you seek to diversify domestic investments with investments in foreign securities

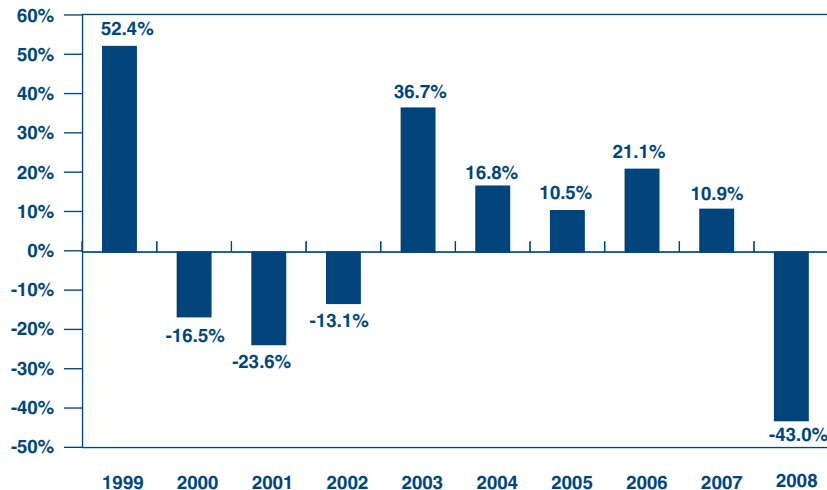
### ***You May Not Want to Invest in the Fund if:***

- you are seeking a high level of current income
- you are conservative in your investment approach
- you seek stability of principal more than growth of capital

**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 compare with those of broad-based securities market indexes. The historical performance of Class AAA Shares, which are not offered in this Prospectus, is used to calculate performance for Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class I Shares prior to their issuance. Class A, Class B, and Class C Shares were initially issued on March 1, 2000. Class I Shares were initially issued on January 11, 2008. All the classes of the Fund's shares are invested in the same portfolio of securities. The annual returns of the different classes of shares will differ only to the extent that the expenses of the classes differ. Average annual total returns for the past one year, five years, and ten years have been adjusted to reflect actual sales loads, but have not been adjusted to reflect differences in service and/or distribution fees. The performance for the Class B and Class C Shares would have been lower and the performance for Class I Shares would have been higher than Class AAA and Class A Shares performance due to the different expenses associated with these classes of shares. 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. Both the chart and the table assume reinvestment of distributions.

**GAMCO INTERNATIONAL GROWTH FUND, INC.  
(For the Periods Ended December 31)\***



\* The bar chart above shows total returns for Class AAA Shares for the periods ended 1999 through July 25, 2001, and total returns for Class A Shares for the periods from July 26, 2001, through 2008. Sales loads are not reflected in the above chart. If sales loads were reflected, the Fund's returns would be less than those shown. During the periods shown in the bar chart, the highest return for a quarter was 36.9% (quarter ended December 31, 1999) and the lowest return for a quarter was (23.6)% (quarter ended September 30, 2008).

<b>Average Annual Total Returns (for the periods ended December 31, 2008)</b>	<b>Past One Year<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Past Five Years<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Past Ten Years<sup>(1)</sup></b>
GAMCO International Growth Fund, Inc. Class A Shares*:			
Return Before Taxes .....	(46.32)%	(1.42)%	0.73%
Return After Taxes on Distributions .....	(46.60)%	(1.62)%	0.34%
Return After Taxes on Distributions and Sale of Fund Shares .....	(29.49)%	(0.97)%	0.63%
Class B Shares*:			
Return Before Taxes .....	(46.47)%	(1.46)%	0.55%
Class C Shares*:			
Return Before Taxes .....	(44.21)%	(1.01)%	0.47%
Class I Shares*:			
Return Before Taxes .....	(43.05)%	(0.25)%	1.19%
MSCI EAFE Index**	(43.06)%	2.10%	1.18%
Lipper International Multi-Cap Growth Fund Average***	(46.85)%	1.14%	1.46%

\* The performance for Class A Shares reflects the deduction of the maximum front-end sales load of 5.75%, and the performance for Class B and Class C Shares reflect the deduction of the applicable contingent deferred sales charge. Class I Shares do not include an initial sales charge or a contingent deferred sales charge. Expenses for Class I Shares are lower than those for Class A, Class B, and Class C Shares.

\*\* The Morgan Stanley Capital International EAFE Index (“MSCI EAFE Index”) is a widely recognized unmanaged index composed of common stocks from Europe, Australia, Asia and the Far East. The Index figures do not reflect any deduction for fees, expenses, or taxes. You cannot invest directly in the MSCI EAFE Index.

\*\*\* The Lipper International Multi-Cap Growth Fund Average represents the average performance of international equity mutual funds as tracked by Lipper Inc. The average reflects fees and expenses but does not reflect taxes. You cannot invest directly in the Lipper International Multi-Cap Growth Fund Average.

(1) The returns shown for Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class I Shares prior to their actual inception dates are those of a class of shares of the Fund not offered in this Prospectus (the “Class AAA Shares”). Net of applicable sales charges and 12b-1 fees, the Class AAA Shares, the Class A Shares, the Class B Shares, the Class C Shares, and the Class I Shares would have substantially similar annual returns because the shares are invested in the same portfolio of securities. However, annual returns of the Class A, Class B and Class C Shares would be lower than returns for Class AAA Shares because of their applicable sales charges and higher fees and expenses. Annual returns for Class I Shares would be higher than the returns for Class AAA Shares because of their lower expenses. As with all mutual funds, past performance (before and after taxes) is not necessarily an indication of how the Fund will perform in the future.

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” 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 (“IRAs”). After-tax returns are shown only for Class A Shares. After-tax returns for other classes will vary due to the differences in expenses.

## Fees and Expenses of the Fund:

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

	<u>Class A Shares</u>	<u>Class B Shares*</u>	<u>Class C Shares</u>	<u>Class I Shares</u>
<b>Shareholder Fees</b> (fees paid directly from your investment):				
Maximum Sales Charge (Load) on Purchases (as a percentage of offering price) . . . . .	5.75% <sup>(1)</sup>	None	None	None
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (Load) (as a percentage of redemption price <sup>(2)</sup> ) . . . . .	None <sup>(3)</sup>	5.00% <sup>(4)</sup>	1.00% <sup>(4)</sup>	None
<b>Redemption Fees</b> (as a percentage of amount redeemed for shares held 7 days or less) payable to the Fund . . . . .				
	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%
<b>Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b> (expenses that are deducted from Fund assets):				
Management Fees . . . . .	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%	1.00%
Distribution and Service (Rule 12b-1) Fees <sup>(5)</sup> . . . . .	0.25%	1.00%	1.00%	None
Other Expenses . . . . .	0.76%	0.76%	0.76%	0.76%
<b>Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b> . . . . .	<u>2.01%</u>	<u>2.76%</u>	<u>2.76%</u>	<u>1.76%</u>

\* Class B Shares are not available for new purchases other than exchanges from Class B Shares of other Gabelli/GAMCO Funds.

- (1) The sales charge declines as the amount invested increases. See "Classes of Shares" section of the Prospectus.
- (2) "Redemption price" equals the net asset value per share at the time of investment or redemption, whichever is lower for Class A, Class B, and Class C Shares.
- (3) If no sales charge was paid at the time of purchase as part of an investment that is greater than \$1,000,000, shares redeemed within eighteen months of such purchase may be subject to a deferred sales charge of 1.00%. See "Classes of Shares" section of the Prospectus.
- (4) The Fund imposes a sales charge upon redemption of Class B Shares if you sell your shares within seventy-two months after purchase. The sales charge declines the longer the investment remains in the Fund. A maximum sales charge of 1.00% applies to redemptions of Class C Shares within twelve months after purchase. See "Classes of Shares" section of the Prospectus.
- (5) 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.

## Expense Example:

This example is intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Fund with the cost of investing in other mutual funds. The example assumes (1) you invest \$10,000 in the Fund for the time periods shown, (2) you redeem your shares at the end of those periods, except as noted, (3) your investment has a 5% return each year, and (4) 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>
<b>Class A Shares</b>				
- assuming redemption . . . . .	\$767	\$1,169	\$1,596	\$2,778
- assuming no redemption . . . . .	\$767	\$1,169	\$1,596	\$2,778
<b>Class B Shares</b>				
- assuming redemption . . . . .	\$779	\$1,156	\$1,659	\$2,910
- assuming no redemption . . . . .	\$279	\$856	\$1,459	\$2,910
<b>Class C Shares</b>				
- assuming redemption . . . . .	\$379	\$856	\$1,459	\$3,090
- assuming no redemption . . . . .	\$279	\$856	\$1,459	\$3,090
<b>Class I Shares</b>				
- assuming redemption . . . . .	\$179	\$554	\$954	\$2,073
- assuming no redemption . . . . .	\$179	\$554	\$954	\$2,073

## **INVESTMENT AND RISK INFORMATION**

The Fund seeks long-term capital appreciation. To achieve its investment objective, the Fund invests primarily in the equity securities of foreign issuers. The investment objective of the Fund may not be changed without shareholder approval.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 65% of its total assets in the equity securities of foreign issuers located in at least three countries outside the U.S. that the Adviser believes are likely to have rapid growth in revenues and earnings and potential for above-average capital appreciation.

In selecting investments for the Fund, the Adviser considers a number of factors, including:

- a company's potential to grow faster than other companies in its respective equity market,
- valuation levels,
- the political stability and economic outlook of countries and regions, and
- the prudent allocation among countries and regions to reduce volatility in the Fund's portfolio.

The Fund intends to diversify its investments across different countries, but the percentage of Fund assets invested in particular countries or regions will change from time to time based on the Adviser's judgment. The Fund intends to invest in the securities of companies located in developed countries and, to a lesser extent, those located in emerging markets.

An important function of the Adviser's investment process is to, among other things, establish through the Adviser's research, a value at which point a particular stock may be sold, provided there are no other fundamental changes in the business. The Adviser constantly monitors the Fund's holdings to determine if such holdings continue to act in accordance with the factors described above and the Fund's investment objective. The Adviser may sell a holding if its fundamentals deteriorate or 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 may also use the following investment technique:

- **Defensive Investments.** 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 fixed income securities or money market instruments. When following a defensive strategy, the Fund will be less likely to achieve its investment objective.

Investing in the Fund involves the following risks:

- **Equity Risk.** The principal risk of investing in the Fund is equity risk. Equity risk is the risk that the prices of the securities held by the Fund will change due to general market and economic conditions, perceptions regarding the industries in which the companies issuing the securities participate, and the issuer company's particular circumstances. Recently, the financial markets have experienced a period of extreme stress which has resulted in unusual and extreme volatility in the equity markets and in the prices of individual stocks. In some cases, the prices of stocks of individual companies have been negatively impacted even though there may be little or no apparent degradation in the financial conditions or prospects of that company. These market conditions add significantly to the risk of short term volatility of the Fund.
- **Foreign Securities Risk.** A fund that invests outside the U.S. carries additional risks that include:
  - **Currency Risk.** Fluctuations in exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and foreign currencies may negatively affect an investment. Adverse changes in exchange rates may erode or reverse any gains produced by foreign-currency denominated investments and may widen any losses. The Fund may, but is not required to, seek to reduce currency risk by hedging part or all of its exposure to various foreign currencies.

- **Information Risk.** Key information about an issuer, security, or market may be inaccurate or unavailable.
- **Political Risk.** Foreign governments may expropriate assets, impose capital or currency controls, impose punitive taxes, or nationalize a company or industry. Any of these actions could have a severe effect on security prices and impair the Fund's ability to bring its capital or income back to the U.S. Other political risks include economic policy changes, social and political instability, military action, and war.
- **Access Risk.** The risk that some countries may restrict the Fund's access to investments or offer terms that are less advantageous than those for local investors. This could limit the attractive investment opportunities available to the Fund.
- **Emerging Markets.** The above listed foreign securities risks are more likely in the securities of companies located in emerging markets.
- **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.
- **Fund and Management Risk.** The Fund invests in growth and value stocks and the Fund's price may decline if the market favors other types of stocks. 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.
- **Portfolio Holdings.** A description of the Fund's policies and procedures with respect to the disclosure of the Fund's portfolio securities is available in the Fund's Statement of Additional Information ("SAI").

### **MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND**

**The Adviser.** Gabelli Funds, LLC, 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 of Directors (the "Board"). The Adviser also manages several other open-end and closed-end investment companies in the Gabelli/GAMCO family of funds. The Adviser is a New York limited liability company organized in 1999 as successor to GGCP, Inc., a New York corporation originally organized in 1980. The Adviser is a wholly owned subsidiary of GAMCO Investors, Inc. ("GIBL"), a publicly held company listed on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE").

As compensation for its services and the related expenses borne by the Adviser, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008, the Fund paid the Adviser a fee computed daily and payable monthly in an amount equal on an annualized basis to 1.00% of the value of its average daily net assets.

The Fund's semi-annual report to shareholders for the period ended June 30, 2008 contains a discussion of the basis of the Board's determination to continue the investment advisory agreement as described above.

**Regulatory Matters.** On April 24, 2008, the Adviser entered into an administrative settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") to resolve the SEC's inquiry regarding prior frequent trading activity in shares of the GAMCO Global Growth Fund (the "Global Growth Fund") by one investor who was banned from the Global Growth Fund in August 2002. In the settlement, the SEC found that the Adviser had violated Section 206(2) of the Investment Advisers Act, Section 17(d) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act"), and Rule 17d-1 thereunder, and had aided and

abetted and caused violations of Section 12(d)(1)(B)(i) of the 1940 Act. Under the terms of the settlement, the Adviser, while neither admitting nor denying the SEC's findings and allegations, agreed, among other things, to pay the previously reserved total of \$16 million (including a \$5 million penalty), of which at least \$11 million will be distributed to shareholders of the Global Growth Fund in accordance with a plan to be developed by an independent distribution consultant, and approved by the independent directors of the Global Growth Fund and the staff of the SEC, and to cease and desist from future violations of the above-referenced federal securities laws. The settlement is not expected to impact the Fund and will not have a material adverse impact on the Adviser or its ability to fulfill its obligations under the investment advisory agreement. On the same day, the SEC filed a civil action against the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Adviser, alleging violations of certain federal securities laws arising from the same matter. The officer is also an officer of the Global Growth Fund and other funds in the Gabelli/GAMCO fund complex, including the Fund. The officer denies the allegations and is continuing in his positions with the Adviser and the funds. The Adviser currently expects that any resolution of the action against the officer will not have a material adverse impact on the Adviser or its ability to fulfill its obligations under the Investment Advisory Agreement.

**The Portfolio Manager.** Mr. Caesar M.P. Bryan has been primarily responsible for the day-to-day investment management of the Fund since June 1995. Mr. Bryan has been a Senior Vice President and Portfolio Manager with GAMCO Asset Management Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of GBL, and Portfolio Manager of the GAMCO Gold Fund, Inc. since July 1994, Co-Portfolio Manager of The GAMCO Global Opportunity Fund since May 1998 and a member of The GAMCO Growth Fund portfolio management team.

The Fund's SAI provides additional information about Mr. Bryan's compensation, other accounts managed by him, and his ownership of securities in the funds he manages.

### **CLASSES OF SHARES**

Four classes of the Fund's shares are offered in this Prospectus – Class A Shares, Class B Shares, Class C Shares, and Class I Shares. Class B Shares are not currently available for new purchases, other than exchanges from Class B Shares of other Gabelli/GAMCO funds. Class I Shares are available to foundations, endowments, institutions, and employee benefit plans. The minimum investment for Class I Shares is \$500,000 and the investor must purchase the Shares directly through Gabelli & Company, Inc., (the "Distributor") or brokers that have entered into selling agreements with the Distributor specifically with respect to Class I Shares. The minimum investment requirement is waived for plans with assets of at least \$50 million. The Distributor or its affiliates may accept, in their sole discretion, investments in Class I Shares from purchasers not listed above or that do not meet these qualification requirements. The table below summarizes the differences among the classes of shares.

- A "front-end sales load", or sales charge, is a one-time fee charged at the time of purchase of shares.
- A "contingent deferred sales charge" ("CDSC") is a one-time fee charged at the time of redemption.
- A "Rule 12b-1 fee" is a recurring annual fee for distributing shares and servicing shareholder accounts based on the Fund's average daily net assets attributable to the particular class of shares.

In selecting a class of shares in which to invest, you should consider:

- the length of time you plan to hold the shares;
- the amount of sales charge and Rule 12b-1 fees, recognizing that your share of 12b-1 fees as a percentage of your investment increases if the Fund's assets increase in value and decreases if the Fund's assets decrease in value;

- whether you qualify for a reduction or waiver of the Class A sales charge;
- that Class B Shares convert to Class A Shares approximately ninety-six months after purchase;
- new investments in Class B Shares are no longer available; and
- whether you qualify to purchase Class I Shares (direct institutional purchases of \$500,000 or more).

	Class A Shares	Class B Shares	Class C Shares	Class I Shares
Front End Sales Load?	Yes. The percentage declines as the amount invested increases.	No.	No.	No.
Contingent Deferred Sales Charge?	No, except for shares redeemed within eighteen months after purchase as part of an investment greater than \$1 million if no front-end sales charge was paid at the time of purchase.	Yes, for shares redeemed within seventy-two months after purchase. Declines over time.	Yes, for shares redeemed within twelve months after purchase.	No.
Rule 12b-1 Fee	0.25%	1.00%	1.00%	None.
Convertible to Another Class?	No.	Yes. Automatically converts to Class A Shares approximately ninety-six months after purchase.	No.	No.
Fund Expense Levels	Lower annual expenses than Class B or Class C Shares. Higher annual expenses than Class I Shares.	Higher annual expenses than Class A and Class I Shares.	Higher annual expenses than Class A and Class I Shares.	Lower annual expenses than Class A, Class B, or Class C Shares.

The following sections include important information about sales charges and sales charge reductions and waivers available to investors in Class A Shares and describes information or records you may need to provide to the Fund or your broker in order to be eligible for sales charge reductions and waivers. Information about sales charges and sales charge reductions and waivers applicable to the various classes of the Fund's Shares is also available free of charge and in a clear and prominent format on our website at [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com) (click on "Mutual Funds – Sales Load and Breakpoint Info").

**Sales Charge — Class A Shares.** The sales charge is imposed on Class A Shares at the time of purchase in accordance with the following schedule:

<b>Amount of Investment</b>	<b>Sales Charge as % of the Offering Price*</b>	<b>Sales Charge as % of Amount Invested</b>	<b>Reallowance to Broker-Dealers</b>
Under \$50,000	5.75%	6.10%	5.00%
\$50,000 but under \$100,000	4.75%	4.99%	4.00%
\$100,000 but under \$250,000	3.75%	3.90%	3.00%
\$250,000 but under \$500,000	2.75%	2.83%	2.25%
\$500,000 but under \$1 million	2.00%	2.04%	1.75%
\$1 million but under \$2 million	0.00%**	0.00%	1.00%
\$2 million but under \$5 million	0.00%**	0.00%	0.50%
\$5 million or more	0.00%**	0.00%	0.25%

\* Includes front-end sales load.

\*\* Subject to a 1.00% CDSC for 18 months after purchase if no front-end sales charge was paid at the time of purchase.

No sales charge is imposed on reinvestment of distributions selected in advance of the distribution.

### ***Breakpoints or Volume Discounts***

The Fund offers you the benefit of discounts on the sales charges that apply to purchases of Class A Shares in certain circumstances. These discounts, which are also known as breakpoints, can reduce or, in some instances, eliminate the initial sales charges that would otherwise apply to your Class A Shares investment. Mutual funds are not required to offer breakpoints and different mutual fund groups may offer different types of breakpoints.

<b>If you...</b>	<b>then you should consider...</b>
• qualify for a reduced or waived front-end sales load	purchasing Class A Shares instead of either Class B Shares or Class C Shares
• do not qualify for a reduced or waived front-end sales load and intend to hold your shares for only a few years	purchasing Class C Shares instead of either Class A or Class B Shares
• do not qualify for a reduced or waived front-end sales load and intend to hold your shares indefinitely	purchasing Class A Shares instead of either Class B or Class C Shares
• are an eligible institution and wish to purchase at least \$500,000 worth of shares	purchasing Class I Shares

Breakpoints or Volume Discounts allow larger investments in Class A Shares to be charged lower sales charges. If you invest \$50,000 or more in Class A Shares of the Fund, then you are eligible for a reduced sales charge. Initial sales charges are eliminated completely for purchases of \$1,000,000 or more, although a 1% CDSC may apply if shares are redeemed within eighteen months after purchase.

### ***Sales Charge Reductions and Waivers — Class A Shares:***

Reduced sales charges are available to (1) investors who are eligible to combine their purchases of Class A Shares to receive volume discounts and (2) investors who sign a Letter of Intent (the “Letter”) agreeing to make purchases over time. Certain types of investors are eligible for sales charge waivers.

You may qualify for a reduced sales charge, or a waiver of sales charges, on purchases of Class A Shares. The requirements are described in the following paragraphs. To receive a reduction that you qualify for, you may have to provide additional information to your broker or other service agent. For more information about sales charge discounts and waivers, consult with your broker or other service provider.

***Volume Discounts/Rights of Accumulation.*** In order to determine whether you qualify for a Volume Discount under the sales charge schedule on the preceding page, you may combine your new investment and your existing investments in Class A Shares with those of your immediate family (spouse and children under age 21), your and their IRAs, and other employee benefit plans and trusts and other fiduciary accounts for your and their benefit. You may also include Class A Shares of any other open-end investment company managed by the Adviser or its affiliates that are held in any of the foregoing accounts. The Fund uses the current net asset value of these holdings when combining them with your new and existing investments for purposes of determining whether you qualify for a Volume Discount.

***Letter of Intent.*** If you initially invest at least \$1,000 in Class A Shares of the Fund and submit the Letter to your broker or the Distributor, you may make purchases of Class A Shares of the Fund during a 13-month period at the reduced sales charge rates applicable to the aggregate amount of the intended purchases stated in the Letter. The Letter may apply to purchases made up to 90 days before the date of the Letter. If you fail to invest the total amount stated in the Letter,

the Fund will retroactively collect the sales charge otherwise applicable by redeeming shares in your account at their then current net asset value per share (“NAV”). For more information on the Letter, call your broker.

**Required Shareholder Information and Records.** In order for you to take advantage of sales charge reductions, you or your broker must notify the Fund that you qualify for a reduction. Without notification, the Fund is unable to ensure that the reduction is applied to your account. You may have to provide information or records to your broker or the Fund to verify eligibility for breakpoint privileges or other sales charge waivers. This may include information or records, including account statements, regarding shares of the Fund or shares of any other open-end investment company managed by the Adviser or its affiliates held in:

- all of your accounts at the Fund or a broker;
- any account of yours at another broker; and
- accounts of related parties of yours, such as members of the same family, at any broker.

You should therefore keep copies of these types of records.

**Investors Eligible for Sales Charge Waivers.** Class A Shares of the Fund may be offered without a sales charge to: (1) employees of the Distributor and its affiliates, Bank of New York Mellon, Boston Financial Data Services, Inc. (“BFDS”), State Street Bank and Trust Company, the Fund’s Transfer Agent (“State Street”), PNC Global Investment Servicing (U.S.) Inc., and Soliciting Broker-Dealers, employee benefit plans for those employees and their spouses and minor children of such employees when orders on their behalf are placed by such employees (the minimum initial investment for such purchases is \$500); (2) the Adviser, its affiliates and their officers, directors, trustees, general partners, and employees of other investment companies managed by the Adviser, employee benefit plans for such persons and their immediate family when orders on their behalf are placed by such persons (with no required minimum initial investment), the term “immediate family” for this purpose refers to a person’s spouse, children and grandchildren (adopted or natural), parents, grandparents, siblings, a spouse’s siblings, a sibling’s spouse, and a sibling’s children; (3) any other investment company in connection with the combination of such company with the Fund by merger, acquisition of assets, or otherwise; (4) shareholders who have redeemed shares in the Fund and who wish to reinvest in the Fund, provided the reinvestment is made within 45 days of the redemption; (5) tax-exempt organizations enumerated in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), and private, charitable foundations that in each case make lump-sum purchases of \$100,000 or more; (6) qualified employee benefit plans established pursuant to Section 457 of the Code that have established omnibus accounts with the Fund or an intermediary; (7) qualified employee benefit plans having more than one hundred eligible employees and a minimum of \$1 million in plan assets invested in the Fund; (8) any unit investment trusts registered under the 1940 Act which have shares of the Fund as a principal investment; (9) Investment Advisory clients of GAMCO Asset Management Inc. and their immediate families; (10) employee participants of organizations adopting the 401(K) Plan sponsored by the Adviser; (11) financial institutions purchasing Class A Shares of the Fund for clients participating in a fee based asset allocation program or wrap fee program which has been approved by the Fund’s Distributor; and (12) registered investment advisers or financial planners who place trades for their own accounts or the accounts of their clients and who charge a management, consulting, or other fee for their services; and clients of such investment advisers or financial planners who place trades for their own accounts if the accounts are linked to the master account of such investment adviser or financial planner on the books and records of a broker or agent.

Investors who qualify under any of the categories described above should contact their brokerage firm. Some of these investors may also qualify to invest in Class I Shares.

## **Contingent Deferred Sales Charges**

You will pay a CDSC when you redeem:

- Class A Shares within approximately eighteen months of buying them as part of an investment greater than \$1 million if no front-end sales charge was paid at the time of purchase;
- Class B Shares within approximately seventy-two months of buying them; or
- Class C Shares within approximately twelve months of buying them.

The CDSC payable upon redemption of Class A Shares or Class C Shares in the circumstances described above is 1.00%. The CDSC schedule for Class B Shares is set forth below. In each case, the CDSC is based on the NAV at the time of your investment or the NAV at the time of redemption, whichever is lower.

<u>Years Since Purchase</u>	<u>Class B Shares CDSC</u>
First	5.00%
Second	4.00%
Third	3.00%
Fourth	3.00%
Fifth	2.00%
Sixth	1.00%
Seventh and thereafter	0.00%

The Distributor pays sales commissions of up to 4.00% of the purchase price of Class B Shares of the Fund at the time of sale to brokers who initiate and are responsible for purchases of such Class B Shares of the Fund.

The Distributor pays sales commissions of up to 1.00% of the purchase price of Class C Shares of the Fund at the time of sale to brokers who initiate and are responsible for purchases of such Class C Shares of the Fund.

You will not pay a CDSC to the extent that the value of the redeemed shares represents reinvestment of distributions or capital appreciation of shares redeemed. When you redeem shares, we will assume that you are first redeeming shares representing reinvestment of distributions, then any appreciation on shares redeemed, and then any remaining shares held by you for the longest period of time. We will calculate the holding period of shares acquired through an exchange of shares of another fund from the date you acquired the original shares of the other fund. The time you hold shares in a Gabelli money market fund, however, will not count for purposes of calculating the applicable CDSC.

We will waive the CDSC payable upon redemptions of shares for:

- redemptions and distributions from retirement plans made after the death or disability of a shareholder;
- minimum required distributions made from an IRA or other retirement plan account after you reach age 70<sup>1/2</sup>;
- involuntary redemptions made by the Fund;
- a distribution from a tax-deferred retirement plan after your retirement; and
- returns of excess contributions to retirement plans following the shareholder's death or disability.

### **Conversion Feature — Class B Shares:**

- Class B Shares automatically convert to Class A Shares of the Fund on the first business day of the ninety-seventh month following the month in which you acquired such shares.
- After conversion, your shares will be subject to the lower Rule 12b-1 fees charged on Class A

Shares, which will increase your investment return compared to the Class B Shares.

- You will not pay any sales charge or fees when your shares convert, nor will the transaction be subject to any tax.
- The dollar value of Class A Shares you receive will equal the dollar value of the Class B Shares converted.
- If you exchange Class B Shares of one fund for Class B Shares of another fund, your holding period for calculating the CDSC will be from the time of your original purchase of Class B Shares. If you exchange shares into a Gabelli money market fund, however, your holding period will be suspended.

The Fund's Board may suspend the automatic conversion of Class B Shares to Class A Shares for legal reasons or due to the exercise of its fiduciary duty. If the Board determines that such suspension is likely to continue for a substantial period of time, it will create another class of shares into which Class B Shares are convertible.

**Rule 12b-1 Plan.** The Fund has adopted distribution plans under Rule 12b-1 (the "Plans") for Class A, Class B, and Class C Shares of the Fund (each, a "Plan"). Under these Plans, the Fund may use its assets to finance activities relating to the sale of its Class A, Class B, and Class C Shares and the provision of certain shareholder services.

For the Class A, Class B, and Class C Shares covered by this Prospectus, the Rule 12b-1 fees vary by class as follows:

	<u>Class A</u>	<u>Class B</u>	<u>Class C</u>
Service Fees .....	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%
Distribution Fees .....	None	0.75%	0.75%

These are annual rates based on the value of each of these Classes' average daily net assets. Because the Rule 12b-1 fees are higher for Class B and Class C Shares than for Class A Shares, Class B and Class C Shares will have higher annual expenses. Because Rule 12b-1 fees are paid out of the Fund's assets on an on-going basis, over time these fees will increase the cost of your investment and may cost you more than paying other types of sales charges.

Generally, if you sell or exchange your shares within seven (7) days or less after the purchase date, you will be charged a redemption fee of 2.00% of the total redemption amount which is payable to the Fund. See "Redemption of Shares" herein.

### **PURCHASE OF SHARES**

You can purchase the Fund's shares on any day the NYSE is open for trading (a "Business Day"). You may purchase shares directly through registered broker-dealers, banks, or other financial intermediaries that have entered into appropriate selling agreements with the Fund's Distributor.

The broker-dealer, bank, or other financial intermediary will transmit a purchase order and payment to State Street on your behalf. Broker-dealers, banks, or other financial intermediaries may send you confirmations of your transactions and periodic account statements showing your investments in the Fund.

Presently, Class B Shares may only be acquired through an exchange of Class B Shares of another Gabelli/GAMCO Fund.

- **By Mail or In Person.** Your broker-dealer, bank, or financial intermediary can obtain a subscription order form by calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554). Checks made payable to a third party and endorsed by the depositor are not acceptable. For additional investments, send a check

to the following 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 Mail**

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

**By Personal Delivery**

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

- **By Bank Wire.** To open an account using the bank wire transfer system, first telephone the Fund at 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) to obtain a new account number. Then instruct your bank to wire funds to:

State Street Bank and Trust Company  
225 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110  
ABA #011-0000-28 REF DDA #99046187  
Re: GAMCO International Growth Fund, Inc.  
Account # \_\_\_\_\_  
Account of [Registered Owners]

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 State Street will not charge you for receiving wire transfers.

**Share Price.** The Fund sells its shares based on the NAV next determined after the time as of which the Fund receives your completed subscription order form and your payment, subject to an up-front sales charge in the case of Class A Shares. See “Pricing of Fund Shares” for a description of the calculation of the NAV as described under “Classes of Shares — Sales Charge — Class A Shares.”

**Minimum Investments.** Your minimum initial investment must be at least \$1,000 for Class A, Class B, and Class C Shares. See “Retirement Plans/Education Savings Plans” and “Automatic Investment Plan” under “Additional Purchase Information for Class A, Class B, and Class C Shares” regarding minimum investment amounts applicable to such plans.

Your minimum initial investment for Class I Shares must be at least \$500,000. The minimum initial investment for Class I Shares is waived for employee benefit plans with assets of at least \$50 million.

There is no minimum for subsequent investments. Broker-dealers may have different minimum investment requirements.

**General.** State Street 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 street 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 paid to brokers, dealers, or financial intermediaries as a re-allowance of a portion of the sales commission, the Adviser or an affiliate may, from time to time, at its expense out of its own financial resource (a source of which may be payments under the Fund’s distribution plans), make cash payments to some but not all brokers, dealers, or financial intermediaries for shareholder services, as an incentive to sell shares of the Fund, and/or to promote retention of their customers’ assets in the Fund.

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 brokers, dealers, and other financial intermediaries that provide services to the Fund or to shareholders in the Fund, including (without limitation) shareholder servicing, transaction processing, subaccounting services, marketing support, and/or access to sales meetings, sales representatives and management representatives of the broker, dealer, or other financial intermediary. Revenue sharing payments may also be made to brokers, dealers, and other financial intermediaries for inclusion of the Fund on a sales list, including a preferred or select sales list, 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 share class and the dollar amount of shares sold. Revenue sharing payments may be structured: (i) as a percentage of net sales; (ii) as a percentage of net assets; and/or (iii) as a fixed dollar amount.

The Adviser or an applicable affiliate may also provide non-cash compensation to broker/dealer firms or other financial intermediaries, in accordance with applicable rules of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“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; reimbursement for 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.

The Adviser or an applicable affiliate negotiates the level of payments described above to any particular broker, dealer, or financial intermediary with each firm. Currently, such payments 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.

#### ***Additional Purchase Information for Class A Shares, Class B Shares, and Class C Shares***

**Retirement Plans/Education Savings Plans.** The Fund makes available IRAs, “Roth” IRAs, and “Coverdell” Education Savings Plans 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 for subsequent investments in retirement and education savings plans.

**Automatic Investment Plan.** The Fund offers an automatic monthly investment plan. There is no initial minimum investment for accounts establishing an automatic investment plan. Call 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 Automated Clearing House (“ACH”) system. You must also have a completed, approved Investment Plan application on file with the Fund’s 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 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) or 800-872-5365 or visit our website at [www.gabelli.com](http://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 CDSC, as described under “Classes of Shares – Contingent Deferred Sales Charges” or a redemption fee as described below. See “Pricing of Fund Shares” for a description of the calculation of NAV.

You may redeem shares through a broker-dealer or other financial intermediary that has entered into a selling agreement with the Distributor. The broker-dealer or other financial intermediary will transmit a redemption order to State Street on your behalf. The redemption request will be effected at the NAV next determined (less any applicable CDSC) after the Fund receives the request in proper form. If you hold share certificates, you must present the certificates endorsed for transfer.

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 security 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 the 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 possible to always 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 which impose a 2.00% redemption fee (short-term trading fee) on Class A, Class B, Class C, and Class I Shares that are redeemed or exchanged within seven (7) days or less after the date 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 its 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.

In the event that you wish to redeem shares in a registered account established by a broker/dealer or other financial intermediary and you are unable to contact your broker-dealer or financial intermediary, you may redeem shares by mail. 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 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. If there is more than one owner of shares, all owners must sign. A signature guarantee is required for each signature on your redemption letter. You can obtain a signature guarantee from financial institutions such as commercial banks, brokers, dealers, and savings associations. A notary public cannot provide a signature guarantee.

**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 State Street. Call 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) for more information about this plan.

**Reinstatement Privilege.** A shareholder in the Fund who has redeemed Class A Shares may reinvest, without a sales charge, up to the full amount of such redemption at the NAV determined at the time of the reinvestment within 45 days of the original redemption. A redemption is a taxable transaction and a gain or loss may be recognized for federal income tax purposes even if the reinstatement privilege is exercised. However, any loss realized upon the redemption will not be recognized as to the number of shares acquired by reinstatement, except through an adjustment in the tax basis of the shares so acquired, if those shares are acquired within 30 days of the redemption.

**Involuntary Redemption.** The Fund may redeem all shares in your account (other than an IRA) if their 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 if the Fund initiates such action and allowed 30 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 10 days following the 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.** In certain circumstances, the Fund may pay your redemption proceeds wholly or partially in portfolio securities. Where applicable, payments would be made in Portfolio securities only in the rare instance that the Fund's Board believes that it would be in the best interest not to pay redemption proceeds in cash.

### ***EXCHANGE OF SHARES***

You can exchange shares of the Fund you hold for shares of the same class of certain other funds managed by the Adviser or its affiliates based on its relative NAV at the time of exchange. You may call your broker to obtain a list of the funds whose shares you may acquire through an exchange. Class B and Class C Shares will continue to age from the date of the original purchase of such shares and will assume the CDSC rate such shares had at the time of exchange. You may also exchange your shares for shares of a money market fund managed by the Adviser or its affiliates, without imposition of any CDSC at the time of exchange. Upon subsequent redemption from such money market fund or the Fund (after re-exchange into the Fund), such shares will be subject to the CDSC calculated by excluding the time such shares were held in a money market fund. The Fund or any of the other funds may impose limitations on, or terminate, the exchange privilege with respect to such fund or any investor at any time. You will be given notice 60 days prior to any material change in the exchange privilege.

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 higher sales charge, you must pay the difference at the time of exchange;
- 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 may realize a taxable gain or loss;
- 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](http://www.gabelli.com) to obtain the prospectus; and
- you should be aware that brokers may charge a fee for handling an exchange for you.

You may exchange shares by telephone, by mail, over the Internet, or through a registered broker-dealer or other financial intermediary.

- **Exchange by Telephone.** You may give exchange instructions by telephone by calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554). You may not exchange shares by telephone if you hold share certificates.

- **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](http://www.gabelli.com). You may not exchange shares through the Internet if you hold share certificates. The Fund may impose limitations from time to time on Internet exchanges.

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

### ***PRICING OF FUND SHARES***

The NAV is calculated separately for each class of shares 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 of each class 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 applicable class of shares by the total number of shares of such class 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 NAV of each class next made as of a time after the time as of which the purchase or redemption order is received in proper form.

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 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 with remaining maturities of 60 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 60 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. 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 to the valuation and changes in valuation of similar securities, including a comparison of foreign securities to 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 broker in writing at any time prior to the record date for a particular dividend or distribution. There are no sales or other charges in connection with the reinvestment of dividends and capital gain distributions. Shares purchased through dividend reinvestment will receive a price without sales charge 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 pay any dividends or realize any capital gains or other income. Dividends and distributions may differ for different classes of shares. Dividends and distributions are taxable whether paid in cash or reinvested in additional shares.

### ***TAX INFORMATION***

The Fund expects that distributions will consist primarily of investment company taxable income and net capital gains. Capital gains may be taxed at different rates depending on the length of time the Fund holds the securities giving rise to such capital gains. Dividends out of investment company taxable income and distributions of 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 are currently eligible for a reduced federal income tax rate. Distributions of net long-term capital gains are taxable to you at long-term capital gain rates no matter how long you have owned your shares. The Fund's dividends and distributions, whether you receive them in cash or reinvest them in additional shares of the Fund, generally will be subject to federal, state, and/or local taxes. Although dividends (including dividends from short-term capital gains) are generally taxable as ordinary income, individual shareholders who satisfy certain holding periods and other requirements are taxed on such dividends at long-term capital gain rates to the extent the dividends are attributable to "qualified dividend income" received by the Fund. "Qualified dividend income" generally consists of dividends received from U.S. corporations (other than dividends from tax-exempt organizations and certain dividends from real estate investment trusts and regulated investment companies) and certain foreign corporations.

Corporations may be able to take a dividends received deduction for a portion of the income dividends they receive.

A redemption of Fund shares or an exchange of Fund shares for shares of another fund will be treated for tax purposes as a sale of Fund shares, and any gain you realize on such a transaction generally will be taxable.

The Fund may be required to withhold 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 that they are subject to backup withholding. Also, dividends, distributions, and redemption proceeds payable to foreign shareholders may be subject to a federal withholding tax.

Dividends declared by the Fund in October, November, or December and paid in January of the following year will be treated as paid in December for tax purposes.

The Fund may be subject to foreign withholding and other taxes. The Fund expects to be eligible to elect for U.S. federal income tax purposes to treat any foreign income taxes paid by it as paid by its shareholders. If the Fund makes the election, the amount of foreign income taxes paid by the Fund would be included in the income of its shareholders and the shareholders may elect, subject to certain limitations, to credit such amount included against their U.S. tax due, if any, or to deduct such amount from their U.S. taxable income, if any.

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.

This summary of tax consequences is intended for general information only and is subject to change by legislative 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 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.

### ***MAILINGS TO SHAREHOLDERS***

In our continuing effort to reduce duplicative mail and Fund expenses, we currently send a single copy of prospectuses and shareholder reports to your household even if more than one family 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 will resume separate mailings, in accordance with your instructions, within 30 days of your request.

### ***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 return that an investor would have earned or lost on an investment in the designated class of 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.

## GAMCO International Growth Fund, Inc. Financial Highlights

Selected data for a share of capital stock outstanding throughout each period:

Period Ended December 31	Income from Investment Operations							Distributions				Ratios to Average Net Assets/ Supplemental Data				
	Net Asset Value, Beginning of Period	Net Investment Income (Loss)(a)	Net Realized Gain (Loss) on Investments	Total Investment Operations	Net Investment Income	Net Realized Gain on Investments	Return of Capital	Total Distributions	Redemption Fees(a)	Net Asset Value, End of Period	Total Return†	Net Assets End of Period (in 000's)	Net Investment Income (Loss)	Operating Expenses	Operating Expense Ratio (Net of Interest Expense)	Portfolio Turnover Rate††
<b>Class A</b>																
2008	\$26.45	\$0.30	\$(11.70)	\$(11.40)	\$(0.30)	\$(0.41)	\$(0.01)	\$(0.72)	\$0.00(b)	\$14.33	(43.0)%	\$ 153	1.37%	2.01%	2.00%	9%
2007	24.82	0.36	2.33	2.69	(0.36)	(0.70)	—	(1.06)	0.00(b)	26.45	10.9	473	1.34	1.91	1.87	18
2006	20.84	0.36	4.05	4.41	(0.43)	—	—	(0.43)	0.00(b)	24.82	21.1	334	1.60	1.79	1.78	18
2005	18.92	0.11	1.88	1.99	(0.07)	—	—	(0.07)	0.00(b)	20.84	10.5	253	0.56	1.89	1.88	19
2004	16.28	0.07	2.61	2.68	(0.06)	—	—	(0.06)	0.02	18.92	16.8	202	0.40	1.84	1.84	16
<b>Class B</b>																
2008	\$25.70	\$0.15	\$(11.38)	\$(11.23)	\$(0.17)	\$(0.41)	\$(0.01)	\$(0.59)	\$0.00(b)	\$13.88	(43.7)%	\$ 7	0.73%	2.76%	2.75%	9%
2007	24.00	0.13	2.27	2.40	0.00(b)	(0.70)	—	(0.70)	0.00(b)	25.70	10.0	12	0.51	2.66	2.62	18
2006	20.18	0.20	3.89	4.09	(0.27)	—	—	(0.27)	0.00(b)	24.00	20.2	59	0.91	2.54	2.53	18
2005	18.40	(0.06)	1.84	1.78	—	—	—	—	0.00(b)	20.18	9.7	49	(0.31)	2.63	2.62	19
2004	15.87	(0.04)	2.55	2.51	—	—	—	—	0.02	18.40	15.9	84	(0.23)	2.59	2.59	16
<b>Class C</b>																
2008	\$25.08	\$0.05	\$(11.01)	\$(10.96)	\$(0.03)	\$(0.41)	\$(0.01)	\$(0.45)	\$0.00(b)	\$13.67	(43.7)%	\$ 24	0.22%	2.76%	2.75%	9%
2007	23.67	0.27	2.10	2.37	(0.26)	(0.70)	—	(0.96)	0.00(b)	25.08	10.1	109	1.05	2.66	2.62	18
2006	20.00	0.00(b)	4.06	4.06	(0.39)	—	—	(0.39)	0.00(b)	23.67	20.2	52	(0.01)	2.54	2.53	18
2005	18.24	(0.18)	1.98	1.80	(0.04)	—	—	(0.04)	0.00(b)	20.00	9.9	15	(0.95)	2.62	2.61	19
2004	15.73	(0.07)	2.56	2.49	—	—	—	—	0.02	18.24	16.0	5	(0.40)	2.59	2.59	16
<b>Class I</b>																
2008(d)	\$24.96	\$0.41	\$(10.47)	\$(10.06)	\$(0.38)	\$(0.41)	\$(0.01)	\$(0.80)	\$0.00(b)	\$14.10	(40.2)%	\$ 1,008	2.01%(c)	1.76%(c)	1.75%(c)	9%

† Total return represents aggregate total return of a hypothetical \$1,000 investment at the beginning of the period and sold at the end of the period including reinvestment of distributions and does not reflect applicable sales charges. Total return for a period of less than one year is not annualized.

†† Effective in 2008, a change in accounting policy was adopted with regard to the calculation of the portfolio turnover rate to include cash proceeds due to mergers. Had this policy been adopted retroactively, the portfolio turnover rate for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006, 2005, and 2004 would have been as shown.

(a) Per share amounts have been calculated using the average shares outstanding method.

(b) Amount represents less than \$0.005 per share.

(c) Annualized.

(d) From the commencement of offering Class I Shares on January 11, 2008 through December 31, 2008.

## GABELLI FUNDS AND YOUR PERSONAL PRIVACY

### ***Who are we?***

The Gabelli/GAMCO Funds are investment companies registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the 1940 Act. We are managed by Gabelli Funds LLC or Teton Advisors, Inc., (formerly Gabelli Advisers, Inc.), which are affiliated with GAMCO Investors, Inc. GAMCO Investors, Inc. is a publicly held company that has subsidiaries which provide investment advisory or brokerage services for a variety of clients.

### ***What kind of non-public information do we collect about you if you become a Gabelli customer?***

If you apply to open an account directly with us, you will be giving us some non-public information about yourself. The non-public information we collect about you is:

- *Information you give us on your application form.* This could include your name, address, telephone number, social security number, bank account number, and other information.
- *Information about your transactions with us, any transactions with our affiliates, and transactions with the entities we hire to provide services to you.* This would include information about the shares that you buy or redeem. If we hire someone else to provide services — like a transfer agent — we will also have information about the transactions you conduct through them.

### ***What information do we disclose and to whom do we disclose it?***

We do not disclose any non-public personal information about our customers or former customers to anyone, other than our affiliates, our service providers who need to know such information, and as otherwise permitted by law. If you want to find out what the law permits, you can read the privacy rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission. They are in volume 17 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 248. The Securities and Exchange Commission often posts information about its regulations on its website, [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

### ***What do we do to protect your personal information?***

We restrict access to non-public personal information about you to the people who need to know that information in order to provide services to shareholders of the Fund and to ensure that we are complying with the laws governing the securities business. We maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards to keep your personal information confidential.

***This is not part of the Prospectus.***

# GAMCO International Growth Fund, Inc.

## Class A, B, C, and I Shares

### **For More Information:**

For more information about the Fund, the following documents are available free upon request:

### **Annual/Semi-annual Reports:**

The Fund's semi-annual 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.

You can obtain free copies of these documents and prospectuses of other funds in the Gabelli/GAMCO family, or request other information and discuss your questions about the Fund by contacting:

GAMCO International Growth Fund, Inc.  
One Corporate Center  
Rye, NY 10580-1422  
Telephone: 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554)  
[www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com)

You can also review and/or copy the Fund's Prospectuses, annual and semi-annual reports, and SAI at the Public Reference Room of the SEC. You can get text-only copies:

- Free from the Fund's website at [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com).
- For a fee, by electronic request at [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov), by writing to the Public Reference Section of the SEC, Washington, DC 20549-0104 or by calling 202-551-8090.
- Free from the EDGAR Database on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).