

Bancroft Fund Ltd.

Semiannual Report — March 31, 2024



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To Our Shareholders,

For the six months ended March 31, 2024, the Net Asset Value (NAV) total return of the Bancroft Fund Ltd. was 4.9% compared to the total return of 9.2% for the ICE Bank of America U.S. Convertibles Index. The total return for the Fund's publicly traded shares was 5.5%. The Fund's NAV per share was \$18.61, while the price of the publicly traded shares closed at \$15.99 on the NYSE American. See page 4 for additional performance information.

Enclosed are the financial statements, including the schedule of investments, as of March 31, 2024.

Investment Objective and Strategy (Unaudited)

The Fund is a closed-end, diversified management investment company and invests primarily in convertible securities, with the objectives of providing income and the potential for capital appreciation, which objectives the Fund considers to be relatively equal over the long term due to the nature of the securities in which it invests.

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Performance Discussion (Unaudited)

The first fiscal quarter began slowly, but animal spirits returned in November and December. Much of the move higher in the quarter was driven by the expectation that the Federal Reserve would stop increasing the Federal Funds Rate, and that upcoming interest rate cuts would help justify higher equity multiples in 2024. During the quarter, Bancroft was overweight balanced convertibles and underweight equity sensitive convertibles, which caused the Fund to lag as underlying equities moved sharply higher. Fortunately, the broad nature of the rally did benefit a number of our holdings in the quarter, such as HCI Group, Interdigital, and Stride.

The market was resilient in the second fiscal quarter despite significant changes in investor expectations for the trajectory of interest rates for the remainder of the year. The refinancing trade drove convertible performance in the quarter. Many issuers who were expected to refinance existing converts over the next two years were able to come to the market at reasonable terms, extending maturities without a significant increase in interest expense. This led to a number of our fixed income equivalent holdings being bid higher. We took advantage of these moves to raise cash that we were able to redeploy in some of the new issues. The terms of these issues have generally been attractive as we seek asymmetrical exposure to the underlying equities, and we will continue to add them to our portfolio as appropriate.

Convertible issuance has accelerated over the past six months, with a mix of existing issuer refinancing and new issuers. The issuance has come at attractive terms. There is a large amount of debt coming due over the next two years, and many companies have delayed addressing it because of market conditions. Converts offer an attractive way for companies to add relatively low cost capital to their balance sheets, particularly as interest rates move higher and other forms of financing, such as high yield, become more expensive. We expect to selectively layer new issues into our portfolio to maintain the asymmetrical risk profile we seek to achieve.

At current levels, the convertible market offers a yield to maturity (YTM) of 4.7% and a 47% premium to conversion value. Our portfolio offers a 5.2% YTM at a 34% conversion premium. Sensitivity to moves in underlying equities increased in the quarter, with the market delta now at 50, which is still historically relatively low. Bancroft's portfolio is slightly more equity sensitive with a delta of 58. At quarter end, our portfolio was 12% equity sensitive, 71% total return, and 17% fixed income equivalent. This compares to the market at 31% equity, 37% total return, and 32% fixed income equivalent.

Our top contributors to performance so far this year were HCI Group Inc. 4.75%, 06/01/42 (2.0% of total investments as of March 31, 2024), Impinj Inc. 1.125%, 05/15/27 (1.7%), and InterDigital Inc. 3.5%, 06/01/27 (2.6%). Our top detractors were Rivian Automotive Inc. 3.625%, 10/15/30 (1.1%) and Cutera Inc. 2.25%, 06/01/28 (0.6%). During the first half of Bancroft's fiscal year, we repurchased 11,249 shares of BCV common stock at an average discount to NAV of 15.7%.

We have managed convertibles through multiple market cycles, and remain optimistic for the possibilities of the asset class this year. We remain focused on the total return segment of the market for the most asymmetrical return profile, which allows us to position the portfolio cautiously, while participating when the market moves higher. With increasing issuance, this segment of the market has been expanding, often with higher coupons and lower premiums. We evaluate every new convertible issue for inclusion in the portfolio. We believe this balanced approach will provide the best opportunity for long term asymmetrical returns.

We appreciate your continued confidence and trust.

The views expressed reflect the opinions of the Fund's portfolio manager and Gabelli Funds, LLC, the Adviser, as of the date of this report and are subject to change without notice based on changes in market, economic, or other conditions. These views are not intended to be a forecast of future events and are no guarantee of future results.

Comparative Results

Average Annual Returns through March 31, 2024 (a) (b) (Unaudited)

	Six Months	1 Year	3 Year	5 Year	10 Year	Since Inception (4/20/71)
Bancroft Fund Ltd. (BCV)						
NAV Total Return (c)	4.92%	0.06%	(8.32)%	3.71%	5.51%	8.40%
Investment Total Return (d)	5.55	1.81	(9.86)	3.92	6.62	9.00
ICE Bank of America U.S. Convertibles Index	9.17	11.31	(0.98)	10.27	8.68	N/A(e)
Bloomberg Balanced U.S. Convertibles Index	6.98	8.13	(2.30)	7.47	5.72	N/A(f)

- (a) The Fund's fiscal year ends on September 30.
- (b) Performance returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. Returns represent past performance and do not guarantee future results. Investment returns and the principal value of an investment will fluctuate. The Fund's use of leverage may magnify the volatility of net asset value changes versus funds that do not employ leverage. 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. NAV total returns would have been lower had Gabelli Funds, LLC (the Adviser) not reimbursed certain expenses of the Fund. The ICE Bank of America U.S. Convertibles Index is a market value weighted index of all dollar denominated convertible securities that are exchangeable into U.S. equities that have a market value of more than \$50 million. The Bloomberg Balanced U.S. Convertibles Index is a market value weighted index that tracks the performance of publicly placed, dollar denominated convertible securities that are between 40% and 80% sensitive to movements in their underlying common stocks. Dividends and interest income are considered reinvested. You cannot invest directly in an index.
- (c) Total returns and average annual returns reflect changes in the NAV per share, reinvestment of distributions at NAV on the ex-dividend date for the period beginning November 2015, and are net of expenses. For the period December 2008 through October 2015, distributions were reinvested on the payable date using market prices. For the period May 2006 through November 2008, distributions were reinvested on the payable date using NAV. Total returns and average annual returns were adjusted for the 1987 tender offering (no adjustments were made for the 1982 and 2007 tender offers nor for the 1987 or 2003 rights offerings). Since inception return is based on an initial NAV of \$22.92.
- (d) Total returns and average annual returns reflect changes in closing market values on the NYSE American and reinvestment of distributions. Total returns and average annual returns were adjusted for the 1987 tender offering (no adjustments were made for the 1982 and 2007 tender offers nor for the 1987 or 2003 rights offerings). Since inception return is based on an initial offering price of \$25.00.
- (e) The ICE Bank of America U.S. Convertibles Index inception date is December 31, 1987.
- (f) The Bloomberg Balanced U.S. Convertibles Index inception date is January 1, 2003.

Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the Fund before investing.

Summary of Portfolio Holdings (Unaudited)

The following tables present portfolio holdings as a percent of total investments as of March 31, 2024:

Bancroft Fund Ltd.

Energy and Utilities.....	18.5%	U.S. Government Obligations.....	2.6%
Health Care	16.8%	Specialty Chemicals.....	1.7%
Computer Software and Services.....	13.6%	Telecommunications.....	1.7%
Semiconductors.....	8.5%	Food and Beverage.....	1.6%
Financial Services.....	6.5%	Security Software.....	1.3%
Entertainment	5.6%	Automotive: Parts and Accessories.....	1.1%
Business Services.....	4.4%	Transportation.....	1.0%
Communications Equipment	4.0%	Metals and Mining	0.8%
Diversified Industrial.....	3.5%	Aerospace and Defense	0.5%
Consumer Services	3.2%		<u>100.0%</u>
Real Estate Investment Trusts.....	3.1%		

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

Proxy Voting

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

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Schedule of Investments — March 31, 2024 (Unaudited)

Principal Amount	Cost	Market Value	Principal Amount	Cost	Market Value
CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS — 89.0%			\$ 1,600,000		
Aerospace and Defense — 0.5%					
\$ 700,000	Rocket Lab USA Inc., 4.250%, 02/01/29(a) ...	\$ 711,907 \$ 744,188	\$ 1,505,083	Stride Inc., 1.125%, 09/01/27	\$ 2,120,000
			640,000	Uber Technologies Inc., Ser. 2028, 0.875%, 12/01/28(a) ...	793,280
				640,931	793,280
				3,433,557	4,369,866
Automotive: Parts and Accessories — 1.1%			Diversified Industrial — 0.8%		
2,250,000	Rivian Automotive Inc., 3.625%, 10/15/30(a) ...	1,970,779 1,586,250	2,000,000	PureCycle Technologies Inc., 7.250%, 08/15/30(a) ...	1,121,038
Business Services — 4.4%			Energy and Utilities — 16.8%		
2,000,000	BigBear.ai Holdings Inc., 6.000%, 12/15/26(a) ...	2,000,000 1,480,000	2,938,000	Array Technologies Inc., 1.000%, 12/01/28	2,727,586
350,000	MicroStrategy Inc., 0.625%, 03/15/30(a) ...	350,000 469,210	1,850,000	Bloom Energy Corp., 3.000%, 06/01/28(a) ...	1,685,812
2,000,000	Shift4 Payments Inc., 0.875%, 03/15/31(a) ...	1,997,645 2,039,000	2,000,000	CMS Energy Corp., 3.375%, 05/01/28(a) ...	1,972,000
2,000,000	Zero Coupon, 12/15/25 ...	1,993,062 2,150,000	1,000,000	Fluor Corp., 1.125%, 08/15/29(a) ...	1,128,250
		6,340,707 6,138,210	700,000	Kosmos Energy Ltd., 3.125%, 03/15/30(a) ...	768,775
Communications Equipment — 4.0%			2,000,000	Nabors Industries Inc., 1.750%, 06/15/29	1,520,000
2,500,000	InterDigital Inc., 3.500%, 06/01/27	2,540,529 3,596,615	1,750,000	NextEra Energy Partners LP, 2.500%, 06/15/26(a) ...	1,581,486
2,000,000	Lumentum Holdings Inc., 1.500%, 12/15/29(a) ...	1,962,425 1,884,048	2,000,000	Northern Oil & Gas Inc., 3.625%, 04/15/29	2,442,500
		4,502,954 5,480,663	2,500,000	Ormat Technologies Inc., 2.500%, 07/15/27	2,425,000
Computer Software and Services — 13.6%			2,634,000	PG&E Corp., 4.250%, 12/01/27(a) ...	2,649,146
2,875,000	Akamai Technologies Inc., 1.125%, 02/15/29(a) ...	2,963,145 2,962,688	3,000,000	PPL Capital Funding Inc., 2.875%, 03/15/28	2,882,250
3,000,000	Bandwidth Inc., 0.250%, 03/01/26	3,007,179 2,651,250	1,500,000	Stem Inc., 4.250%, 04/01/30(a) ...	804,080
3,000,000	CSG Systems International Inc., 3.875%, 09/15/28(a) ...	2,972,863 2,967,290	1,900,000	Sunnova Energy International Inc., 2.625%, 02/15/28	774,153
1,250,000	PagerDuty Inc., 1.500%, 10/15/28(a) ...	1,250,000 1,336,000			25,319,783
1,500,000	PAR Technology Corp., 2.875%, 04/15/26	1,426,406 1,870,500			23,361,038
2,575,000	Progress Software Corp., 3.500%, 03/01/30(a) ...	2,619,075 2,613,625	Entertainment — 5.6%		
1,805,000	PROS Holdings Inc., 2.250%, 09/15/27	1,800,906 1,977,377	1,810,000	fuboTV Inc., 3.250%, 02/15/26	1,167,631
3,156,000	Veritone Inc., 1.750%, 11/15/26	2,903,448 1,125,221	2,915,000	Liberty Media Corp.-Liberty Formula One, 2.250%, 08/15/27	2,995,646
1,500,000	Workiva Inc., 1.250%, 08/15/28(a) ...	1,500,000 1,400,250	3,000,000	Live Nation Entertainment Inc., 3.125%, 01/15/29	3,613,200
		20,443,022 18,904,201			7,643,131
Consumer Services — 3.2%					7,776,477
660,000	NCL Corp. Ltd., 5.375%, 08/01/25	664,543 865,920			
623,000	1.125%, 02/15/27	623,000 590,666			

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Schedule of Investments (Continued) — March 31, 2024 (Unaudited)

Principal Amount		Cost	Market Value	Principal Amount		Cost	Market Value
CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS (Continued)				Metals and Mining — 0.8%			
Financial Services — 6.5%				\$ 1,150,000	MP Materials Corp.,		
\$ 1,500,000	Bread Financial Holdings Inc.,				3.000%, 03/01/30(a) . . .	\$ 1,146,289	\$ 1,077,550
	4.250%, 06/15/28(a) . . .	\$ 1,513,582	\$ 1,755,900	Real Estate Investment Trusts — 3.1%			
1,000,000	Coinbase Global Inc.,			1,500,000	Arbor Realty Trust Inc.,		
	0.250%, 04/01/30(a) . . .	990,062	1,058,419		7.500%, 08/01/25	1,500,000	1,477,050
1,900,000	Global Payments Inc.,			1,000,000	Redwood Trust Inc.,		
	1.500%, 03/01/31(a) . . .	1,936,044	2,017,800		7.750%, 06/15/27	1,000,000	962,500
1,750,000	HCI Group Inc.,			375,000	Rexford Industrial Realty LP,		
	4.750%, 06/01/42	1,750,000	2,720,200		4.125%, 03/15/29(a) . . .	375,000	379,866
1,500,000	SoFi Technologies Inc.,			1,710,000	Summit Hotel Properties Inc.,		
	1.250%, 03/15/29(a) . . .	1,522,707	1,513,500		1.500%, 02/15/26	1,728,205	1,531,305
		<u>7,712,395</u>	<u>9,065,819</u>			<u>4,603,205</u>	<u>4,350,721</u>
Food and Beverage — 1.6%				Security Software — 1.3%			
2,000,000	The Chefs' Warehouse Inc.,			1,500,000	Cardlytics Inc.,		
	2.375%, 12/15/28	2,006,743	2,199,000		4.250%, 04/01/29(a) . . .	1,530,000	1,644,375
Health Care — 14.5%				175,000	Rapid7 Inc.,		
2,000,000	Amphastar Pharmaceuticals Inc.,				1.250%, 03/15/29(a) . . .	175,000	178,327
	2.000%, 03/15/29(a) . . .	2,032,780	2,011,623			<u>1,705,000</u>	<u>1,822,702</u>
1,500,000	Coherus Biosciences Inc.,			Semiconductors — 8.5%			
	1.500%, 04/15/26	1,135,480	964,131	1,750,000	Impinj Inc.,		
3,750,000	Cutera Inc.,				1.125%, 05/15/27	1,769,868	2,372,300
	2.250%, 06/01/28	2,232,618	853,130	1,500,000	indie Semiconductor Inc.,		
750,000	Cytokinetics Inc.,				4.500%, 11/15/27(a) . . .	1,530,267	1,672,500
	3.500%, 07/01/27	1,277,339	1,192,500	3,000,000	ON Semiconductor Corp.,		
750,000	Dexcom Inc.,				0.500%, 03/01/29	2,891,649	2,967,000
	0.375%, 05/15/28(a) . . .	770,734	806,179	3,000,000	Semtech Corp.,		
1,500,000	Evolent Health Inc.,				1.625%, 11/01/27	2,752,633	2,964,300
	3.500%, 12/01/29(a) . . .	1,619,113	1,726,125	3,125,000	Wolfspeed Inc.,		
2,250,000	Exact Sciences Corp.,				1.875%, 12/01/29	2,666,897	1,755,781
	2.000%, 03/01/30(a) . . .	2,391,240	2,549,250			<u>11,611,314</u>	<u>11,731,881</u>
3,200,000	Halozyne Therapeutics Inc.,			Telecommunications — 1.7%			
	1.000%, 08/15/28	3,064,614	3,116,971	2,075,000	Infinera Corp.,		
400,000	Immunocore Holdings plc,				3.750%, 08/01/28	2,029,647	2,305,698
	2.500%, 02/01/30(a) . . .	419,225	418,260	Transportation — 1.0%			
1,000,000	Insmed Inc.,			1,600,000	Air Transport Services Group Inc.,		
	0.750%, 06/01/28	1,069,815	1,073,500		3.875%, 08/15/29(a) . . .	1,600,000	1,331,659
940,000	Invacare Corp., Escrow,						
	Zero Coupon,			TOTAL CONVERTIBLE CORPORATE BONDS			
	05/08/28(b)	2	0			<u>125,544,733</u>	<u>123,466,288</u>
1,150,000	iRhythm Technologies Inc.,			Shares			
	1.500%, 09/01/29(a) . . .	1,175,933	1,219,430	CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS — 0.5%			
2,150,000	Sarepta Therapeutics Inc.,			Business Services — 0.0%			
	1.250%, 09/15/27	2,435,539	2,516,790	809,253	Amerivon Holdings LLC,		
1,500,000	TransMedics Group Inc.,				4.000%(b)	1,294,693	0
	1.500%, 06/01/28(a) . . .	1,301,244	1,651,438				
		<u>20,925,676</u>	<u>20,099,327</u>				

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<u>Shares</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market Value</u>	<u>Principal Amount</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Market Value</u>
CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS (Continued)			U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS — 2.6%		
Business Services (Continued)			\$ 3,630,000	U.S. Treasury Bills, 5.292% to 5.311%††, 06/13/24 to 06/20/24 . . .	
272,728 Amerivon Holdings LLC, common equity units (b)	\$ 0 1,294,693	\$ 3 3		\$ 3,588,089	\$ 3,588,209
Health Care — 0.5%			TOTAL INVESTMENTS — 100.0%		
28,911 Invacare Holdings Corp., Ser. A, 9.000%(b)	722,775	650,497	Other Assets and Liabilities (Net)		364,599
TOTAL CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS . . .			PREFERRED SHARES		
	2,017,468	650,500	NET ASSETS — COMMON SHARES		
MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES(c) — 7.9%			NET ASSET VALUE PER COMMON SHARE		
Diversified Industrial — 2.7%			(5,871,690 common shares outstanding)		
58,600 Chart Industries Inc., Ser. B, 6.750%, 12/15/25	3,194,027	3,762,706	(\$109,301,447 ÷ 5,871,690 shares outstanding)		
Energy and Utilities — 1.7%			(a) Securities exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. These securities may be resold in transactions exempt from registration, normally to qualified institutional buyers.		
60,000 NextEra Energy Inc., 6.926%, 09/01/25	2,536,530	2,335,800	(b) Security is valued using significant unobservable inputs and is classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.		
Health Care — 1.8%			(c) Mandatory convertible securities are required to be converted on the dates listed; they generally may be converted prior to these dates at the option of the holder.		
56,500 BrightSpring Health Services Inc., 6.750%, 02/01/27	2,825,000	2,547,020	† Non-income producing security.		
Specialty Chemicals — 1.7%			†† Represents annualized yields at dates of purchase.		
40,000 Albemarle Corp., 7.250%, 03/01/27	2,039,000	2,360,000			
TOTAL MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES					
	10,594,557	11,005,526			
COMMON STOCKS — 0.0%					
Health Care — 0.0%					
12,938 Invacare Holdings Corp.†(b)	0	0			

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities

March 31, 2024 (Unaudited)

Assets:	
Investments, at value (cost \$141,744,847)	\$ 138,710,523
Cash	491
Receivable for investments sold	1,372,338
Dividends and interest receivable	754,336
Deferred offering expense	12,980
Total Assets	<u>140,850,668</u>
Liabilities:	
Distributions payable	22,227
Payable for investments purchased	1,530,000
Payable for investment advisory fees	84,906
Payable for payroll expenses	16,015
Payable for accounting fees	7,500
Other accrued expenses	114,898
Total Liabilities	<u>1,775,546</u>
Preferred Shares:	
Series A Cumulative Preferred Shares (5.375%, \$25 liquidation value, \$0.01 par value, unlimited shares authorized with 1,190,947 shares issued and outstanding).	29,773,675
Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders	<u>\$ 109,301,447</u>
Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders Consist of:	
Paid-in capital	\$ 119,280,797
Total accumulated loss	(9,979,350)
Net Assets	<u>\$ 109,301,447</u>
Net Asset Value per Common Share:	
(\$109,301,447 ÷ 5,871,690 shares outstanding at \$0.001 par value; unlimited number of shares authorized).	<u>\$ 18.61</u>

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Statement of Operations

	For the Six Months Ended March 31, 2024 (Unaudited)	For the Period November 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023
Investment Income:		
Dividends	\$ 235,176	\$ 569,115
Interest	2,110,359	3,367,939
Total Investment Income	<u>2,345,535</u>	<u>3,937,054</u>
Expenses:		
Investment advisory fees	497,932	963,518
Trustees' fees	68,307	133,671
Payroll expenses	35,881	64,542
Legal and audit fees	35,804	97,509
Shareholder communications expenses	35,548	88,266
Accounting fees	22,500	41,250
Shareholder services fees	21,427	50,447
Custodian fees	8,147	14,272
Interest expense	535	1,133
Shelf registration expense	—	183,069
Miscellaneous expenses	27,195	55,451
Total Expenses	<u>753,276</u>	<u>1,693,128</u>
Less:		
Expenses paid indirectly by broker (See Note 5)	(1,336)	(2,435)
Net Expenses	<u>751,940</u>	<u>1,690,693</u>
Net Investment Income	<u>1,593,595</u>	<u>2,246,361</u>
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on		
Investments:		
Net realized gain/(loss) on investments	(5,094,455)	6,853,675
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation:		
on investments	9,628,673	(10,660,821)
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on		
Investments	<u>4,534,218</u>	<u>(3,807,146)</u>
Net Increase/Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	<u>6,127,813</u>	<u>(1,560,785)</u>
Total Distributions to Preferred Shareholders	(800,067)	(1,474,107)
Net Increase/Decrease in Net Assets Attributable to		
Common Shareholders Resulting from		
Operations	<u>\$ 5,327,746</u>	<u>\$ (3,034,892)</u>

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders

	For the Six Months Ended March 31, 2024 (Unaudited)	For the Period November 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023	Year Ended October 31, 2022
Operations:			
Net investment income	\$ 1,593,595	\$ 2,246,361	\$ 821,864
Net realized gain/(loss) on investments	(5,094,455)	6,853,675	5,562,229
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments	9,628,673	(10,660,821)	(55,188,647)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	6,127,813	1,560,785	(48,804,554)
Distributions to Preferred Shareholders from Accumulated Earnings	(800,067)*	(1,474,107)	(1,612,500)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders Resulting from Operations	5,327,746	3,034,892	(50,417,054)
Distributions to Common Shareholders:			
Accumulated earnings	(2,170,855)*	(6,618,749)	(22,838,478)
Return of capital	(1,571,999)*	(863,594)	(276,677)
Total Distributions to Common Shareholders	(3,742,854)	(7,482,343)	(23,115,155)
Fund Share Transactions:			
Net increase in net assets from common shares issued upon reinvestment of distributions	920,505	927,330	9,754,495
Net decrease from repurchase of common shares	(205,752)	(1,067,712)	(1,125,238)
Net increase in net assets from repurchase of preferred shares	16,633	7,681	—
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets from Fund Share Transactions	731,386	(132,701)	8,629,257
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders	2,316,278	10,649,936	(64,902,952)
Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders:			
Beginning of year	106,985,169	117,635,105	182,538,057
End of period	<u>\$ 109,301,447</u>	<u>\$ 106,985,169</u>	<u>\$ 117,635,105</u>

* Based on year to date book income. Amounts are subject to change and recharacterization at year end.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Bancroft Fund Ltd.

Financial Highlights

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

	Six Months Ended March 31, 2024 (Unaudited)	For the Period November 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023	Year Ended October 31,			
			2022	2021	2020	2019
Operating Performance:						
Net asset value, beginning of year	\$ 18.36	\$ 20.15	\$ 33.08	\$ 28.83	\$ 25.92	\$ 24.22
Net investment income	0.27	0.38	0.18	0.24	0.42	0.44
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments	0.78	(0.64)	(8.48)	7.60	4.65	4.05
Total from investment operations	<u>1.05</u>	<u>(0.26)</u>	<u>(8.30)</u>	<u>7.84</u>	<u>5.07</u>	<u>4.49</u>
Distributions to Preferred Shareholders: (a)						
Net investment income	(0.14)*	(0.10)	(0.03)	(0.04)	(0.03)	(0.05)
Net realized gain	—	(0.15)	(0.25)	(0.26)	(0.27)	(0.26)
Total distributions to preferred shareholders. . .	<u>(0.14)</u>	<u>(0.25)</u>	<u>(0.28)</u>	<u>(0.30)</u>	<u>(0.30)</u>	<u>(0.31)</u>
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders Resulting from Operations						
	<u>0.91</u>	<u>(0.51)</u>	<u>(8.58)</u>	<u>7.54</u>	<u>4.77</u>	<u>4.18</u>
Distributions to Common Shareholders:						
Net investment income	(0.37)*	(0.46)	(0.40)	(0.39)	(0.22)	(0.45)
Net realized gain	—	(0.67)	(3.68)	(2.82)	(1.62)	(1.95)
Return of capital	(0.27)*	(0.15)	(0.05)	—	—	—
Total distributions to common shareholders. . .	<u>(0.64)</u>	<u>(1.28)</u>	<u>(4.13)</u>	<u>(3.21)</u>	<u>(1.84)</u>	<u>(2.40)</u>
Fund Share Transactions:						
Increase in net asset value from common share transactions	—	—	—	—	0.02	0.04
Decrease in net asset value from common shares issued upon reinvestment of distributions . . .	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.24)	(0.08)	(0.04)	(0.12)
Increase in net asset value from repurchase of common shares	0.01	0.03	0.02	—	—	—
Increase in net asset value from repurchase of preferred shares	0.00(b)	0.00(b)	—	—	—	—
Total Fund share transactions	<u>(0.02)</u>	<u>0.00(b)</u>	<u>(0.22)</u>	<u>(0.08)</u>	<u>(0.02)</u>	<u>(0.08)</u>
Net Asset Value Attributable to Common Shareholders, End of Period						
	<u>\$ 18.61</u>	<u>\$ 18.36</u>	<u>\$ 20.15</u>	<u>\$ 33.08</u>	<u>\$ 28.83</u>	<u>\$ 25.92</u>
NAV total return †	<u>4.92%</u>	<u>(2.79)%</u>	<u>(29.46)%</u>	<u>27.11%</u>	<u>19.55%</u>	<u>18.41%</u>
Market value, end of period	<u>\$ 15.99</u>	<u>\$ 15.77</u>	<u>\$ 17.75</u>	<u>\$ 30.07</u>	<u>\$ 24.63</u>	<u>\$ 23.94</u>
Investment total return ††	<u>5.55%</u>	<u>(4.22)%</u>	<u>(30.38)%</u>	<u>35.57%</u>	<u>11.08%</u>	<u>31.92%</u>
Ratios to Average Net Assets and Supplemental Data:						
Net assets including liquidation value of preferred shares, end of period (in 000's)	\$ 139,075	\$ 136,895	\$ 147,635	\$ 212,538	\$ 183,528	\$ 166,161
Net assets attributable to common shares, end of period (in 000's)	\$ 109,301	\$ 106,985	\$ 117,635	\$ 182,538	\$ 153,528	\$ 136,161
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets attributable to common shares before preferred share distributions	3.01%(c)	2.11%(c)	0.59%	0.71%	1.56%	1.77%
Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets attributable to common shares (d)(e)	1.42%(c)	1.59%(c)	1.15%	1.11%	1.24%	1.33%
Portfolio turnover rate	43%	44%(f)	52%	33%	58%	42%

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Financial Highlights (Continued)

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

	Six Months Ended March 31, 2024 (Unaudited)	For the Period November 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023	Year Ended October 31,			
			2022	2021	2020	2019
Cumulative Preferred Shares:						
5.375% Series A Preferred						
Liquidation value, end of period (in 000's)	\$ 29,774	\$ 29,910	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Total shares outstanding (in 000's)	1,191	1,196	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
Liquidation preference per share	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Average market value (g)	\$ 22.91	\$ 23.57	\$ 24.68	\$ 25.72	\$ 25.65	\$ 25.36
Asset coverage per share	\$ 116.78	\$ 114.42	\$ 123.03	\$ 177.12	\$ 152.94	\$ 138.47
Asset Coverage	467%	458%	492%	708%	612%	554%

- † Based on net asset value per share, adjusted for reinvestment of distributions at prices determined under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan. Total return for a period of less than one year is not annualized.
- †† Based on market value per share, adjusted for reinvestment of distributions at prices determined under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan. Total return for a period of less than one year is not annualized.
- * Based on year to date book income. Amounts are subject to change and recharacterization at year end.
- (a) Calculated based on average common shares outstanding on the record dates throughout the periods.
- (b) Amount represents less than \$0.005 per share.
- (c) Annualized.
- (d) The Fund received credits from a designated broker who agreed to pay certain Fund operating expenses. For all periods presented, there was no impact on the expense ratios.
- (e) Ratios of operating expenses to average net assets including liquidation value of preferred shares for the six months ended March 31, 2024 and period November 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023 and the fiscal years ended October 31, 2022, 2021, 2020, and 2019 were 1.11%, 1.26%, 0.95%, 0.95%, 1.02%, and 1.07%, respectively.
- (f) Not annualized.
- (g) Based on weekly prices.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Bancroft Fund Ltd.

Notes to Financial Statements (Unaudited)

1. Organization. Bancroft Fund Ltd. was organized in April 1971 as a Delaware statutory trust. The Fund is a diversified closed-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). The Fund commenced investment operations in April 1971. On February 15, 2023, the Board approved a change on the Fund's fiscal year end from October 31 to September 30, effective as of September 30, 2023.

The Fund's primary investment objective is to provide income and the potential for capital appreciation, which objectives the Fund considers to be relatively equal over the long term due to the nature of the securities in which it invests. The Fund invests primarily in convertible and equity securities.

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

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

Portfolio securities primarily traded on a foreign market are generally valued at the preceding closing values of such securities on the relevant market, but may be fair valued pursuant to procedures established by the Board if market conditions change significantly after the close of the foreign market, but prior to the close of business on the day the securities are being valued. Debt obligations 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 securities are valued using the closing bid price, unless the Board determines such amount does not reflect the securities' fair value, in which case these securities will be fair valued as determined by the Board. Certain securities are valued principally using dealer quotations. Futures contracts are valued at the closing settlement price of the exchange or board of trade on which the applicable contract is traded. OTC futures and options on futures for which market quotations are readily available will be valued by quotations received from a pricing service or, if no quotations are available from a pricing service, by quotations obtained from one or more dealers in the instrument in question by the Adviser.

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

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

- Level 1 — quoted prices in active markets for identical securities;
- Level 2 — other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.); and
- Level 3 — significant unobservable inputs (including the Board's determinations as to the fair value of investments).

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input both individually and in the aggregate that is significant to the fair value measurement. The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. The summary of the Fund's investments in securities by inputs used to value the Fund's investments as of March 31, 2024 is as follows:

	Valuation Inputs			Total Market Value at 03/31/24
	Level 1 Quoted Prices	Level 2 Other Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs (a)	
INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES:				
ASSETS (Market Value):				
Convertible Corporate Bonds (b)	—	\$ 123,466,288	\$ 0	\$ 123,466,288
Convertible Preferred Stocks (b)	—	—	650,500	650,500
Mandatory Convertible Securities(b)	\$ 11,005,526	—	—	11,005,526
Common Stocks				
Health Care	—	—	0	0
U.S. Government Obligations	—	3,588,209	—	3,588,209
TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES – ASSETS	\$ 11,005,526	\$ 127,054,497	\$ 650,500	\$ 138,710,523

(a) The inputs for these securities are not readily available and are derived based on the judgment of the Adviser according to procedures approved by the Board.

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

During the six months ended March 31, 2024, the Fund did not have material transfers into or out of Level 3. The Fund's policy is to recognize transfers among levels as of the beginning of the reporting period.

Additional Information to Evaluate Qualitative Information.

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

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Fair Valuation. Fair valued securities may be common or preferred equities, warrants, options, rights, or fixed income obligations. Where appropriate, Level 3 securities are those for which market quotations are not available, such as securities not traded for several days, or for which current bids are not available, or which are restricted as to transfer. When fair valuing a security, factors to consider include recent prices of comparable securities that are publicly traded, reliable prices of securities not publicly traded, the use of valuation models, current analyst reports, valuing the income or cash flow of the issuer, or cost if the preceding factors do not apply. A significant change in the unobservable inputs could result in a lower or higher value in Level 3 securities. The circumstances of Level 3 securities are frequently monitored to determine if fair valuation measures continue to apply.

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

Investments in other Investment Companies. The Fund may invest, from time to time, in shares of other investment companies (or entities that would be considered investment companies but are excluded from the definition pursuant to certain exceptions under the 1940 Act) (the Acquired Funds) in accordance with the 1940 Act and related rules. Shareholders in the Fund would bear the pro rata portion of the periodic expenses of the Acquired Funds in addition to the Fund's expenses. During the six months ended March 31, 2024, the Fund did not incur periodic expenses charged by Acquired Funds.

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

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

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

Restricted Securities. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its net assets in securities for which the markets are restricted. Restricted securities include securities whose disposition is subject to substantial legal or contractual

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restrictions. The sale of restricted securities often requires more time and results in higher brokerage charges or dealer discounts and other selling expenses than the sale of securities eligible for trading on national securities exchanges or in the over-the-counter markets. Restricted securities may sell at a price lower than similar securities that are not subject to restrictions on resale. Securities freely saleable among qualified institutional investors under special rules adopted by the SEC may be treated as liquid if they satisfy liquidity standards established by the Board. The continued liquidity of such securities is not as well assured as that of publicly traded securities, and accordingly the Board will monitor their liquidity. At March 31, 2024, the Fund did not hold any restricted securities.

Securities Transactions and Investment Income. Securities transactions are accounted for on the trade date with realized gain/(loss) on investments determined by using the identified cost method. Interest income (including amortization of premium and accretion of discount) is recorded on an accrual basis. Premiums and discounts on debt securities are amortized using the effective yield to maturity method or amortized to earliest call date, if applicable. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date, except for certain dividends from foreign securities that are recorded as soon after the ex-dividend date as the Fund becomes aware of such dividends.

Custodian Fee Credits. When cash balances are maintained in the custody account, the Fund receives credits which are used to offset custodian fees. The gross expenses paid under the custody arrangement are included in custodian fees in the Statement of Operations with the corresponding expense offset, if any, shown as "Custodian fee credits."

Distributions to Shareholders. Distributions to common shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The characterization of distributions to shareholders are based on income and capital gains as determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from income and capital gains as determined under GAAP. These differences are primarily due to differing treatments of income and gains on various investment securities and foreign currency transactions held by the Fund, timing differences, and differing characterizations of distributions made by the Fund. Distributions from net investment income for federal income tax purposes include net realized gains on foreign currency transactions. These book/tax differences are either temporary or permanent in nature. To the extent these differences are permanent, adjustments are made to the appropriate capital accounts in the period when the differences arise. These reclassifications have no impact on the NAV of the Fund.

Under the Fund's current common share distribution policy, the Fund declares and pays quarterly distributions from net investment income, capital gains, and paid-in capital. The actual source of the distribution is determined after the end of the year. Pursuant to this policy, distributions during the year may be made in excess of required distributions. To the extent such distributions are made from current earnings and profits, they are considered ordinary income or long term capital gains. Distributions sourced from paid-in capital should not be considered as dividend yield or the total return from an investment in the Fund. The Board will continue to monitor the Fund's distribution level, taking into consideration the Fund's NAV and the financial market environment. The Fund's distribution policy is subject to modification by the Board at any time.

Distributions to 5.375% Series A Cumulative Preferred Shares (Series A Preferred) are recorded on a daily basis and are determined as described in Note 6.

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The tax character of distributions paid during the fiscal period ended September 30, 2023 and the fiscal year ended October 31, 2022 was as follows:

	Eleven Months Ended September 30, 2023		Year Ended October 31, 2022	
	Common	Preferred	Common	Preferred
Distributions paid from:				
Ordinary income (inclusive of short term capital gains)	\$ 3,516,135	\$ 783,102	\$ 2,243,112	\$ 158,374
Net long term capital gains	3,102,614	691,005	20,595,366	1,454,126
Return of capital	863,594	—	276,677	—
Total distributions paid	<u>\$ 7,482,343</u>	<u>\$ 1,474,107</u>	<u>\$ 23,115,155</u>	<u>\$ 1,612,500</u>

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

At March 31, 2024, there was no tax adjustment to the cost of investments.

The Fund is required to evaluate tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Fund's tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are "more-likely-than-not" of being sustained by the applicable tax authority. Income tax and related interest and penalties would be recognized by the Fund as tax expense in the Statement of Operations if the tax positions were deemed not to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold. During the six months ended March 31, 2024, the Fund did not incur any income tax, interest, or penalties. As of March 31, 2024, the Adviser has reviewed all open tax years and concluded that there was no impact to the Fund's net assets or results of operations. The Fund's federal and state tax returns for the prior three fiscal years remain open, subject to examination. On an ongoing basis, the Adviser will monitor the Fund's tax positions to determine if adjustments to this conclusion are necessary.

3. Investment Advisory Agreement and Other Transactions. The Fund has entered into an investment advisory agreement (the Advisory Agreement) with the Adviser which provides that the Fund will pay the Adviser a fee, computed weekly and paid monthly, equal on an annual basis to 0.80% of the first \$100,000,000 of the Fund's average weekly net assets including the liquidation value of preferred shares and 0.55% of the Fund's average weekly net assets including the liquidation value of preferred shares in excess of \$100,000,000. In accordance with the Advisory Agreement, the Adviser provides a continuous investment program for the Fund's portfolio and oversees the administration of all aspects of the Fund's business and affairs.

4. Portfolio Securities. Purchases and sales of securities during the six months ended March 31, 2024, other than short term securities and U.S. Government obligations, aggregated \$56,897,035 and \$60,228,260, respectively.

5. Transactions with Affiliates and Other Arrangements. During the six months ended March 31, 2024, the Fund received credits from a designated broker who agreed to pay certain Fund operating expenses. The amount of such expenses paid through this directed brokerage arrangement during this period was \$1,336.

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The cost of calculating the Fund's NAV per share is a Fund expense pursuant to the Advisory Agreement between the Fund and the Adviser. Under the sub-administration agreement with Bank of New York Mellon, the fees paid include the cost of calculating the Fund's NAV. The Fund reimburses the Adviser for this service. During the six months ended March 31, 2024, the Fund accrued \$22,500 in accounting fees in the Statement of Operations.

As per the approval of the Board, the Fund compensates officers of the Fund, who are employed by the Fund and are not employed by the Adviser (although the officers may receive incentive based variable compensation from affiliates of the Adviser). During the six months ended March 31, 2024, the Fund accrued \$35,881 in payroll expenses in the Statement of Operations.

The Fund pays each Independent Trustee and certain Interested Trustees retainers and per meeting fees, plus specified amounts to the Lead Trustee and Audit Committee Chairman. Trustees are also reimbursed for out of pocket expenses incurred in attending meetings. Trustees who are directors or employees of the Adviser or an affiliated company receive no compensation or expense reimbursement from the Fund.

6. Capital. The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of common shares of beneficial interest (par value \$0.01). The Board has authorized the repurchase of its common shares on the open market when the shares are trading at a discount of 10.0% or more (or such other percentage as the Board may determine from time to time) from the NAV of the shares. During the six months ended March 31, 2024, the fiscal period ended September 30, 2023 and the fiscal year ended October 31, 2022, the Fund repurchased and retired 13,549, 64,063, and 55,950, of its common shares at investments of \$205,752, \$1,067,712, and \$1,125,238, respectively, and at average discounts of approximately 15.50%, 15.01%, and 11.82% from its NAV.

Transactions in common shares of beneficial interest for the six months ended March 31, 2024, the fiscal period ended September 30, 2023, and the fiscal year ended October 31, 2022 were as follows:

	Six Months Ended March 31, 2024 (Unaudited)		Eleven Months Ended September 30, 2023		Year Ended October 31, 2022	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Net increase in net assets from common shares issued upon reinvestment of distributions	57,210	\$ 920,505	53,634	\$ 927,330	376,622	\$ 9,754,495
Net increase from repurchase of common shares	(13,549)	(205,752)	(64,063)	(1,067,712)	(55,950)	(1,125,238)
Net increase/(decrease) from transactions in Fund shares	<u>43,661</u>	<u>\$ 714,753</u>	<u>(10,429)</u>	<u>\$ (140,382)</u>	<u>320,672</u>	<u>\$ 8,629,257</u>

On August 9, 2016, the Fund issued 1,200,000 shares of 5.375% Series A Cumulative Preferred (Series A Preferred). At any time, the Fund, at its option, may redeem its Series A Preferred in whole or in part at the redemption price plus an amount equal to the accumulated and unpaid dividends whether or not declared on such shares. In addition, the Board has authorized the repurchase of Series A Preferred Shares in the open market at prices less than the \$25 liquidation value per share. During the six months ended March 31, 2024, the Fund repurchased and retired 5,466 Series A Preferred at an investment of \$120,017 and at an average discount of approximately 12.21% to the liquidation preference. During the fiscal period ended September 30, 2023, the Fund repurchased and retired 3,587 Series A Preferred at an investment of \$81,994 and at an average discount of approximately 8.61% to the liquidation preference. During the fiscal year ended October 31,

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2022, the Fund did not repurchase any Series A Preferred. At March 31, 2024, 1,190,947 Series A Preferred were outstanding and accrued dividends amounted to \$22,227.

The Fund's Declaration of Trust, as amended, authorizes the issuance of an unlimited number of Series A Preferred, par value \$0.01. The Preferred Shares are senior to the common shares and result in the financial leveraging of the common shares. Such leveraging tends to magnify both the risks and opportunities to common shareholders. Dividends on the Series A Preferred are cumulative. The Fund is required by the 1940 Act and by the Fund's Statement of Preferences to meet certain asset coverage tests with respect to the Preferred Shares. If the Fund fails to meet these requirements and does not correct such failure, the Fund may be required to redeem, in part or in full, the Preferred Shares at the redemption price of \$25 per share plus an amount equal to the accumulated and unpaid dividends whether or not declared on such shares in order to meet these requirements. Additionally, failure to meet the foregoing asset coverage requirements could restrict the Fund's ability to pay dividends to common shareholders and could lead to sales of portfolio securities at inopportune times. The income received on the Fund's assets may vary in a manner unrelated to the fixed rates, which could have either a beneficial or detrimental impact on net investment income and gains available to common shareholders.

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

7. Convertible Securities Concentration. It is the Fund's policy to invest at least 65% of its assets in convertible securities. Although convertible securities do derive part of their value from that of the securities into which they are convertible, they are not considered derivative financial instruments. However, the Fund's mandatory convertible securities include features which render them more sensitive to price changes of their underlying securities. Thus they expose the Fund to greater downside risk than traditional convertible securities, but generally less than that of the underlying common stock.

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

9. Subsequent Events. Management has evaluated the impact on the Fund of all subsequent events occurring through the date the financial statements were issued and has determined that there were no other subsequent events requiring recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

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Shareholder Meeting – May 13, 2024 – Final Results

The Fund's Annual Meeting of Shareholders was held on May 13, 2024. At that meeting common and preferred shareholders, voting together as a single class, re-elected Mario J. Gabelli, Daniel D. Harding, and Christina A. Peeney as Trustees of the Fund, with 3,321,001 votes, 4,275,056 votes and 4,270,956 votes cast in favor of these Trustees, and 1,298,040 votes, 343,985 votes, and 348,085 votes withheld for these Trustees, respectively.

In addition, preferred shareholders, voting as a separate class, re-elected Nicolas W. Platt as a Trustee of the Fund, with 791,183 votes cast in favor of this Trustee and 59,137 votes withheld for this Trustee. Kinchen C. Bizzell, Elizabeth C. Bogan, James P. Conn., Frank J. Fahrenkopf, Agnes Mullady, Michael J. Melarkey, Jane D. O'Keeffe, and Anthonie C. van Ekris continue to serve in their capacities as Trustees of the Fund.

We thank you for your participation and appreciate your continued support.

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Board Consideration and Re-Approval of Investment Advisory Agreement (Unaudited)

At its meeting on February 13, 2024, the Board of Trustees (Board) of the Fund approved the continuation of the investment advisory agreement with the Adviser for the Fund on the basis of the recommendation by the trustees who are not interested persons of the Fund (the Independent Board Members). The following paragraphs summarize the material information and factors considered by the Independent Board Members as well as their conclusions relative to such factors.

Nature, Extent, and Quality of Services. The Independent Board Members considered information regarding the portfolio managers, the depth of the analyst pool available to the Adviser and the portfolio managers, the scope of supervisory, administrative, shareholder, and other services supervised or provided by the Adviser, and the absence of significant service problems reported to the Board. The Independent Board Members noted the experience, length of service, and reputation of the portfolio managers as well as the Independent Board Members' satisfaction with the performance of the portfolio managers since the Adviser assumed control of the Fund in 2015.

Investment Performance. The Independent Board Members reviewed the performance of the Fund for the one-, three-, five-, and ten-year periods (as of December 31, 2023) against a peer group of ten other convertible funds prepared by the Adviser (the Adviser Peer Group), and against a larger peer group of other closed-end funds constituting the Fund's Lipper category (Closed-End Core, Convertible and Value Equity Funds) (the Lipper Peer Group). The Independent Board Members noted that the Fund's performance was in the fourth quartile for the one-, three-, and five-year periods and the third quartile for the ten-year period for the Adviser Peer Group, and in the third quartile for the ten-year period, and in the fourth quartile for the one-, three-, and five-year periods for the Lipper Peer Group. The Independent Board Members then discussed the utility of these comparisons, noting the inclusion of unlevered open-end funds in the applicable peer groups and the impact of the Fund's leveraged capital structure in the challenging market for convertible securities over the past year. The Independent Board Members noted that the Fund's performance compared more favorably to leveraged closed-end funds included in the Adviser Peer Group. The Independent Board Members discussed how this result was consistent with their overall view of the high quality portfolio management services the Adviser provides to the Fund.

Profitability. The Independent Board Members reviewed summary data regarding the profitability of the Fund to the Adviser both with an administrative overhead charge and without such charge, and noted the Adviser's estimated pre-tax operating margin attributable to the Fund in both scenarios.

Economies of Scale. The Independent Board Members considered the major elements of the Adviser's cost structure and the relationship of those elements to potential economies of scale. The Independent Board Members noted that the Fund was a closed-end fund and unlikely to realize any economies of scale potentially available through growth in the absence of additional offerings.

Sharing of Economies of Scale. The Independent Board Members noted that the Fund's advisory fee contained a reduction for assets in excess of \$100 million, which would indicate a sharing even if economies of scale were not experienced at such a low asset level.

Service and Cost Comparisons. The Independent Board Members compared the expense ratios of the investment management fee, other expenses, and total expenses of the Fund with similar expense ratios of the Adviser Peer Group and the Lipper Peer Group. The Independent Board Members noted that the Adviser's

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management fee includes substantially all administrative services for the Fund as well as investment advisory services. The Independent Board Members noted that the Fund's investment management fee was below the Adviser Peer Group and Lipper Peer Group averages and total expense ratio was above the Adviser and Lipper Peer Group averages. The Independent Board Members also noted that the management fee structure was different from that in effect for most of the Gabelli funds, in that it contains a reduction for assets in excess of \$100 million and is lower than the management fees in effect for most other Gabelli funds due to the retention of the Fund's historical fee structure when the Adviser assumed the management of the Fund in 2015.

Conclusions. The Independent Board Members concluded that the Fund enjoyed highly experienced portfolio management services and good ancillary services, and that the Fund's performance record has been acceptable since the Adviser assumed control of the Fund in 2015. In light of the Fund's underperformance in the difficult market for convertibles over the last year, the Independent Board Members concluded that the profitability to the Adviser of managing the Fund was acceptable and that economies of scale were not a significant factor in their thinking at this point. The Independent Board Members did not view the potential profitability of ancillary services as material to their decision. On the basis of the foregoing and without assigning particular weight to any single conclusion, the Independent Board Members determined to recommend continuation of the Advisory Agreement to the full Board.

Based on a consideration of all these factors in their totality, the Board Members, including all of the Independent Board Members, determined that the Fund's advisory fee was appropriate in light of the quality of services provided and in light of the other factors described above that the Board deemed relevant. Accordingly, the Board Members determined to approve the continuation of the Fund's Advisory Agreement. The Board Members based their decision on evaluations of all these factors as a whole and did not consider any one factor as all important or controlling.

BANCROFT FUND LTD. AND YOUR PERSONAL PRIVACY

Who are we?

The Bancroft Fund Ltd. is a closed-end management investment company registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Investment Company Act of 1940. We are managed by Gabelli Funds, LLC, which is affiliated with GAMCO Investors, Inc., a publicly held company that has subsidiaries that provide investment advisory services for a variety of clients.

What kind of non-public information do we collect about you if you become a fund shareholder?

When you purchase shares of the Fund on the NYSE American, you have the option of registering directly with our transfer agent in order, for example, to participate in our dividend reinvestment plan.

- *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.* This would include information about the shares that you buy or sell; it may also include information about whether you sell or exercise rights that we have issued from time to time. If we hire someone else to provide services — like a transfer agent — we will also have information about the transactions that 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 Commission often posts information about its regulations on its website, 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 you or 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.

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(Y)our Portfolio Manager Biography

James A. Dinsmore, CFA, joined Gabelli Funds, LLC in 2015. He currently serves as a portfolio manager of Gabelli Funds, LLC and manages several funds within the Fund Complex. Mr. Dinsmore received a BA in Economics from Cornell University and an MBA degree from Rutgers University.

Consultant to Portfolio Manager

Thomas H. Dinsmore, CFA, joined Gabelli Funds, LLC in 2015. He currently serves as a consultant to Gabelli Funds, LLC. Previously Mr. Dinsmore was Chairman and CEO of Dinsmore Capital Management; CEO and Portfolio Manager of Bancroft Fund Ltd; and CEO, Portfolio Manager, and co-founder of Ellsworth Growth and Income Fund Ltd. He received a BS in Economics from the Wharton School of Business and an MA degree in Economics from Fairleigh Dickinson University.

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 “Convertible Securities 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 10% or more from the net asset value of the shares. The Fund may also, from time to time, purchase its preferred shares in the open market when the preferred shares are trading at a discount to the liquidation value.

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