

The Gabelli Focused Growth and Income Fund

Annual Report — September 30, 2024



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To Our Shareholders,

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the net asset value (NAV) total return per Class I Share of The Gabelli Focused Growth and Income Fund (the Fund) was 22.9% compared with a total return of 27.2% for the Lipper Equity Income Fund Average. Other classes of shares are available.

Enclosed are the financial statements, including the schedule of investments, as of September 30, 2024.

Summary of Portfolio Holdings (Unaudited)

The following table presents portfolio holdings as a percent of net assets as of September 30, 2024:

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Energy and Utilities.....	27.8%	Metals and Mining	2.3%
Real Estate Investment Trusts.....	23.9%	Computer Software and Services.....	1.8%
Financial Services	9.1%	Diversified Industrial.....	1.8%
Telecommunications.....	8.6%	Automotive: Parts and Accessories.....	0.9%
Retail.....	6.8%	Specialty Chemicals.....	0.7%
Food and Beverage.....	5.3%	Entertainment.....	0.3%
Health Care	4.1%	Other Assets and Liabilities (Net).....	1.8%
U.S. Government Obligations.....	2.4%		<u>100.0%</u>
Building and Construction	2.4%		

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 the 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 — September 30, 2024

Shares	Cost	Market Value	Shares	Cost	Market Value
COMMON STOCKS — 84.7%			Specialty Chemicals — 0.7%		
Automotive: Parts and Accessories — 0.9%			3,000 International Flavors & Fragrances Inc. \$ 188,944 \$ 314,790		
6,000	Aptiv plc†..... \$ 311,893	\$ 432,060	Telecommunications — 8.6%		
Building and Construction — 2.4%			154,000	AT&T Inc..... 2,395,984	3,388,000
6,850	Herc Holdings Inc..... 131,198	1,092,096	4,000	GCI Liberty Inc., Escrow†(a)	0
Computer Software and Services — 1.8%			2,850	T-Mobile US Inc. 204,462	588,126
5,000	Alphabet Inc., Cl. C..... 148,299	835,950		2,600,446	3,976,126
Energy and Utilities — 27.8%			TOTAL COMMON STOCKS .		
180,000	Energy Transfer LP..... 1,117,106	2,889,000		25,718,315	39,242,137
112,500	Enterprise Products Partners LP..... 1,760,762	3,274,875	PREFERRED STOCKS — 11.1%		
90,000	Kinder Morgan Inc..... 872,518	1,988,100	Diversified Industrial — 1.8%		
52,500	New Fortress Energy Inc..... 1,282,926	477,225	9,086	Babcock & Wilcox Enterprises Inc., 8.125%, 02/28/26.....	160,433 212,158
110,000	NextEra Energy Partners LP 3,031,795	3,038,200	25,018	Steel Partners Holdings LP, Ser. A, 6.000%, 02/07/26	500,277 607,937
27,500	TXNM Energy Inc. 998,626	1,203,675		660,710	820,095
		9,063,733			
Entertainment — 0.3%			Financial Services — 2.5%		
15,000	Paramount Global, Cl. B..... 191,326	159,300	36,528	FTAI Aviation Ltd., Ser. A, 12.094%	725,283 931,829
Financial Services — 6.6%			25,626	Greenidge Generation Holdings Inc., 8.500%, 10/31/26.....	154,854 227,559
18,500	Apollo Global Management Inc. 550,916	2,310,835		880,137	1,159,388
7,000	Morgan Stanley..... 265,487	729,680	Retail — 6.8%		
		816,403	73,069	Qurate Retail Inc., 8.000%, 03/15/31.....	2,932,697 3,178,502
Food and Beverage — 5.3%			TOTAL PREFERRED STOCKS		
107,500	Maple Leaf Foods Inc. 1,763,345	1,760,601		4,473,544	5,157,985
8,000	Mondelēz International Inc., Cl. A..... 327,345	589,360	Principal Amount		
1,000	Post Holdings Inc.†..... 22,462	115,750	U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS — 2.4%		
		2,113,152	\$ 1,125,000	U.S. Treasury Bills, 4.764% to 5.129%††, 11/14/24 to 12/12/24	1,115,071 1,115,694
Health Care — 4.1%			TOTAL INVESTMENTS —		
5,000	AbbVie Inc. 526,416	987,400	98.2%		
30,000	Option Care Health Inc.†..... 234,811	939,000		\$ 31,306,930	45,515,816
		761,227	Other Assets and Liabilities (Net) — 1.8%		
Metals and Mining — 2.3%			NET ASSETS — 100.0%		
20,000	Newmont Corp. 669,152	1,069,000	\$ 46,353,006		
Real Estate Investment Trusts — 23.9%					
165,000	Blackstone Mortgage Trust Inc., Cl. A..... 3,161,589	3,136,650			
190,000	Franklin BSP Realty Trust Inc. 2,488,517	2,481,400			
55,000	Medical Properties Trust Inc. 224,261	321,750			
6,500	Simon Property Group Inc. . 751,924	1,098,630			
120,705	VICI Properties Inc. 2,096,251	4,020,684			
		8,722,542			
		11,059,114			

(a) Security is valued using significant unobservable inputs and is classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.

† Non-income producing security.

†† Represents annualized yields at dates of purchase.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities September 30, 2024

Assets:	
Investments, at value (cost \$31,306,930)	\$ 45,515,816
Cash	94,540
Foreign currency, at value (cost \$14,925)	14,864
Receivable for investments sold	573,783
Receivable for Fund shares sold	4,523
Dividends receivable	219,590
Prepaid expenses	51,706
Total Assets	<u>46,474,822</u>
Liabilities:	
Payable for Fund shares redeemed	31,926
Payable for investment advisory fees	43,930
Payable for distribution fees	6,965
Payable for legal and audit fees	28,672
Other accrued expenses	10,323
Total Liabilities	<u>121,816</u>
Commitments and Contingencies (See Note 3)	
Net Assets	
(applicable to 2,602,410 shares outstanding)	\$ <u>46,353,006</u>
Net Assets consist of:	
Paid-in capital	\$ 32,901,050
Total distributable earnings	13,451,956
Net Assets	<u>\$ 46,353,006</u>
Shares of Capital Stock, each at \$0.001 par value:	
Class AAA:	
Net Asset Value, offering, and redemption price per share (\$5,051,287 ÷ 290,807 shares outstanding; 100,000,000 shares authorized)	<u>\$ 17.37</u>
Class A:	
Net Asset Value and redemption price per share (\$21,387,991 ÷ 1,211,343 shares outstanding; 50,000,000 shares authorized)	<u>\$ 17.66</u>
Maximum offering price per share (NAV ÷ 0.9425, based on maximum sales charge of 5.75% of the offering price)	<u>\$ 18.74</u>
Class C:	
Net Asset Value and offering price per share (\$2,055,353 ÷ 147,880 shares outstanding; 50,000,000 shares authorized)	<u>\$ 13.90(a)</u>
Class I:	
Net Asset Value, offering, and redemption price per share (\$17,858,375 ÷ 952,380 shares outstanding; 50,000,000 shares authorized)	<u>\$ 18.75</u>

Statement of Operations For the Year Ended September 30, 2024

Investment Income:	
Dividends (net of foreign withholding taxes of \$7,558)	\$ 2,513,087
Interest	127,665
Total Investment Income	<u>2,640,752</u>
Expenses:	
Investment advisory fees	430,071
Distribution fees - Class AAA	13,283
Distribution fees - Class A	48,955
Distribution fees - Class C	22,888
Legal and audit fees	51,635
Shareholder communications expenses	33,474
Registration expenses	33,211
Shareholder services fees	21,360
Custodian fees	8,180
Directors' fees	3,082
Interest expense	682
Miscellaneous expenses	14,427
Total Expenses	<u>681,248</u>
Less:	
Expense reimbursements (See Note 3)	(167,786)
Net Expenses	<u>513,462</u>
Net Investment Income	<u>2,127,290</u>
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments and Foreign Currency:	
Net realized gain on investments	18,721
Net realized loss on foreign currency transactions	(587)
Net realized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions	18,134
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments	6,523,736
on foreign currency translations	(72)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments and foreign currency translations	<u>6,523,664</u>
Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments and Foreign Currency	<u>6,541,798</u>
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	<u>\$ 8,669,088</u>

(a) Redemption price varies based on the length of time held.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets

	Year Ended September 30, 2024	Year Ended September 30, 2023
Operations:		
Net investment income	\$ 2,127,290	\$ 1,659,953
Net realized gain/(loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions	18,134	(718,637)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments and foreign currency translations	6,523,664	1,475,084
Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	8,669,088	2,416,400
Distributions to Shareholders:		
Class AAA	(239,749)	(247,172)
Class A	(1,002,056)	(683,676)
Class C	(128,575)	(207,466)
Class I	(767,597)	(723,663)
Total Distributions to Shareholders	(2,137,977)	(1,861,977)
Capital Share Transactions:		
Class AAA	(1,060,551)	123,815
Class A	2,053,952	5,597,058
Class C	(922,558)	(1,733,319)
Class I	190,803	(4,309,454)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets from Capital Share Transactions	261,646	(321,900)
Redemption Fees	—	60
Net Increase in Net Assets	6,792,757	232,583
Net Assets:		
Beginning of year	39,560,249	39,327,666
End of year	\$ 46,353,006	\$ 39,560,249

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Financial Highlights

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

Year Ended September 30	Income (Loss) from Investment					Distributions					Ratios to Average Net Assets/Supplemental Data				
	Net Asset Value, Beginning of Year	Net Investment Income (Loss)(a)(b)	Net Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	Total from Investment Operations	Net Investment Income	Net Realized Gain on Investments	Total Distributions	Redemption Fees(a)	Net Asset Value, End of Year	Total Return†	Net Assets, End of Year (in 000's)	Net Investment Income (Loss)(b)	Operating Expenses Before Reimbursement	Operating Expenses Net of Reimbursement(c)	Portfolio Turnover Rate
Class AAA															
2024	\$ 14.91	\$ 0.72	\$ 2.46	\$ 3.18	\$ (0.72)	\$ —	\$ (0.72)	\$ —	\$ 17.37	21.88%	\$ 5,051	4.51%	1.64%	1.64%	31%
2023	14.79	0.59	0.29	0.88	(0.66)	(0.10)	(0.76)	0.00(d)	14.91	8.88	5,321	3.79	1.79	1.79	36
2022	17.50	0.32	(2.31)	(1.99)	(0.66)	(0.06)	(0.72)	—	14.79	(11.85)	5,134	1.85	1.72	1.72	46
2021	12.48	0.34	5.22	5.56	(0.54)	—	(0.54)	—	17.50	44.76	6,927	2.15	1.96	1.96	54
2020	12.93	(0.03)	(0.42)	(0.45)	—	—	—	0.00(d)	12.48	(3.48)	8,713	(0.24)	1.71	1.71	59
Class A															
2024	\$ 15.19	\$ 0.80	\$ 2.49	\$ 3.29	\$ (0.82)	\$ —	\$ (0.82)	\$ —	\$ 17.66	22.34%	\$ 21,388	4.89%	1.64%	1.25%(e)	31%
2023	14.97	0.70	0.28	0.98	(0.66)	(0.10)	(0.76)	0.00(d)	15.19	6.53	16,368	4.43	1.79	1.26(e)	36
2022	17.71	0.34	(2.36)	(2.02)	(0.66)	(0.06)	(0.72)	—	14.97	(11.88)	10,810	1.94	1.72	1.70(e)	46
2021	12.62	0.30	5.33	5.63	(0.54)	—	(0.54)	—	17.71	44.82	8,958	1.83	1.96	1.96	54
2020	13.06	(0.03)	(0.41)	(0.44)	—	—	—	0.00(d)	12.62	(3.37)	6,644	(0.24)	1.71	1.71	59
Class C															
2024	\$ 12.15	\$ 0.48	\$ 1.99	\$ 2.47	\$ (0.72)	\$ —	\$ (0.72)	\$ —	\$ 13.90	20.98%	\$ 2,055	3.72%	2.39%	2.39%	31%
2023	12.25	0.37	0.27	0.64	(0.66)	(0.08)	(0.74)	0.00(d)	12.15	5.17	2,666	2.90	2.54	2.54	36
2022	14.73	0.15	(1.91)	(1.76)	(0.66)	(0.06)	(0.72)	—	12.25	(12.54)	4,357	1.02	2.47	2.47	46
2021	10.64	0.15	4.48	4.63	(0.54)	—	(0.54)	—	14.73	43.75	8,143	1.13	2.71	2.71	54
2020	11.10	(0.11)	(0.35)	(0.46)	—	—	—	0.00(d)	10.64	(4.14)	6,926	(1.00)	2.46	2.46	59
Class I															
2024	\$ 16.01	\$ 0.92	\$ 2.64	\$ 3.56	\$ (0.82)	\$ —	\$ (0.82)	\$ —	\$ 18.75	22.90%	\$ 17,859	5.33%	1.39%	0.80%(e)	31%
2023	15.68	0.79	0.31	1.10	(0.66)	(0.11)	(0.77)	0.00(d)	16.01	6.97	15,205	4.77	1.54	0.81(e)	36
2022	18.35	0.54	(2.49)	(1.95)	(0.66)	(0.06)	(0.72)	—	15.68	(11.07)	19,027	2.94	1.47	0.80(e)	46
2021	12.94	0.46	5.49	5.95	(0.54)	—	(0.54)	—	18.35	46.21	16,215	2.70	1.71	0.95(e)	54
2020	13.36	0.00(d)	(0.42)	(0.42)	—	—	—	0.00(d)	12.94	(3.14)	8,333	0.01	1.46	1.46	59

† Total return represents aggregate total return of a hypothetical investment at the beginning of the year and sold at the end of the year including reinvestment of distributions and does not reflect the applicable sales charges.

- (a) Per share amounts have been calculated using the average shares outstanding method.
- (b) Due to capital share activity, net investment income/(loss) per share and the ratio to average net assets may not be necessarily correlated among the different classes of shares.
- (c) The Fund incurred interest expense. For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024, 2023, 2022, and 2020, if interest expense had not been incurred, the ratios of operating expenses to average net assets would have been 1.63%, 1.78%, 1.72%, and 1.70% (Class AAA), 1.25%, 1.25%, 1.69%, and 1.70% (Class A), 2.38%, 2.53%, 2.47%, and 2.45% (Class C), and 0.80%, 0.80%, 0.80%, and 1.45% (Class I), respectively. For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2021, the effect of interest expense was minimal.
- (d) Amount represents less than \$0.005 per share.
- (e) Under an expense reimbursement agreement with the Adviser, the Adviser reimbursed expenses of \$167,786, \$187,761, \$119,130 and \$97,862 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024, 2023, 2022, and 2021, respectively.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements

1. Organization. The Gabelli Focused Growth and Income Fund, a series of the Gabelli Equity Series Funds, Inc. (the Corporation), was incorporated on July 25, 1991 in Maryland. The Fund is a diversified open-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), and is one of four separately managed portfolios (collectively, the Portfolios) of the Corporation. The Fund seeks to provide a high level of capital appreciation. The Fund commenced investment operations on December 31, 2002. Effective January 14, 2021, The Gabelli Focus Five Fund changed its name to Gabelli Focused Growth and Income Fund with a corresponding change in the name of each of its Classes of Shares.

Gabelli Funds, LLC (the “Adviser”), 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 Funds’ investment program and manages the operations of each Fund under the general supervision of the Company’s Board.

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 Directors (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 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 security is valued using the closing bid price, unless the Board determines such amount does not reflect the securities’ fair value, in which case these securities will be fair valued as determined by the Board. Certain securities are valued principally using dealer quotations. Futures contracts are valued at the closing settlement price of the exchange or board of trade on which the applicable contract is traded. OTC futures and options on futures for which market quotations are readily available will be valued by quotations received from a pricing service or, if no quotations are available from a pricing service, by quotations obtained from one of 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

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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.

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 September 30, 2024 is as follows:

	Valuation Inputs			Total Market Value at 09/30/24
	Level 1 Quoted Prices	Level 2 Other Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs (a)	
INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES:				
ASSETS (Market Value):				
Common Stocks:				
Telecommunications	\$ 3,976,126	—	\$ 0	\$ 3,976,126
Other Industries (b)	35,266,011	—	—	35,266,011
Total Common Stocks	39,242,137	—	0	39,242,137
Preferred Stocks (b)	5,157,985	—	—	5,157,985
U.S. Government Obligations	—	\$ 1,115,694	—	1,115,694
TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES – ASSETS	\$ 44,400,122	\$ 1,115,694	\$ 0	\$ 45,515,816

(a) The inputs for this security 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.

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.

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.

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.

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Determination of Net Asset Value and Calculation of Expenses. Certain administrative expenses are common to, and allocated among, various affiliated funds. Such allocations are made on the basis of each fund's average net assets or other criteria directly affecting the expenses as determined by the Adviser pursuant to procedures established by the Board.

In calculating the NAV per share of each class, investment income, realized and unrealized gains and losses, redemption fees, and expenses other than class specific expenses are allocated daily to each class of shares based upon the proportion of net assets of each class at the beginning of each day. Distribution expenses are borne solely by the class incurring the expense.

Distributions to Shareholders. Distributions to shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. 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. 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. Permanent differences were primarily due to non-deductible partnership expense. These reclassifications have no impact on the NAV of the Fund. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, reclassifications were made to decrease paid-in capital by \$931, with an offsetting adjustment to total distributable earnings.

The Fund has a fixed distribution policy. Under the policy, the Fund declares and pays monthly distributions from net investment income, capital gains, and paid-in capital. The actual source of the distribution is determined after the end of the calendar year. Pursuant to this policy, distributions during the calendar year are 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 continues to evaluate its distribution policy in light of ongoing economic and market conditions and may change the amount of the monthly distributions in the future.

The tax character of distributions paid during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023 was as follows:

	<u>Year ended</u> <u>September 30, 2024</u>	<u>Year ended</u> <u>September 30, 2023</u>
Distributions paid from:		
Ordinary income	\$ 2,137,977	\$ 1,600,441
Net long term capital gains	—	261,536
Total distributions paid.	<u>\$ 2,137,977</u>	<u>\$ 1,861,977</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.

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At September 30, 2024, the components of accumulated earnings/losses on a tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed ordinary income	\$ 487,488
Accumulated capital loss carryforwards	(1,246,813)
Net unrealized appreciation on investments and foreign currency translations.	<u>14,211,281</u>
Total	<u>\$ 13,451,956</u>

The Fund is permitted to carry capital losses forward for an unlimited period. Capital losses that are carried forward will retain their character as either short term or long term capital losses. The Fund has a short term capital loss carryforward with no expiration of \$1,135,934 and a long term capital loss carryforward with no expiration of \$110,879.

At September 30, 2024, the temporary difference between book basis and tax basis net unrealized appreciation on investments was due to tax basis adjustments on investments in partnerships, tax basis adjustments on investments in real estate investment trusts, and deferral of losses from wash sales for tax purposes.

The following summarizes the tax cost of investments and the related net unrealized appreciation at September 30, 2024:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Appreciation</u>	<u>Gross Unrealized Depreciation</u>	<u>Net Unrealized Appreciation</u>
Investments	\$31,304,473	\$15,318,321	\$(1,106,978)	\$14,211,343

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 fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the Fund did not incur any income tax, interest, or penalties. As of September 30, 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 daily and paid monthly, at the annual rate of 1.00% of the value of its average daily net assets. In accordance with the Advisory Agreement, the Adviser provides a continuous investment program for the Fund's portfolio, oversees the administration of all aspects of the Fund's business and affairs, and pays the compensation of all Officers and Directors of the Fund who are affiliated persons of the Adviser.

Effective August 17, 2022, the Adviser agreed to add the Fund's Class A shares to the classes of shares of the Fund for which the Adviser has contractually agreed to waive its investment advisory fees and/or to reimburse expenses of the Fund to the extent necessary to maintain the annualized total operating expenses of Class I and Class A (excluding brokerage costs, acquired fund fees and expenses, interest, taxes, and extraordinary expenses) at no more than an annual rate of 0.80% and 1.25% of the value of that class's average daily net

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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

assets. This agreement is in effect through January 31, 2025 for Class I and Class A, and may be terminated only by the Board before such time. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the Adviser reimbursed expenses in the amount of \$167,786 for Class I and Class A. In addition, the Fund has agreed, during the two year period following any waiver or reimbursement by the Adviser, to repay such amount to the extent, that after giving effect to the repayment, such adjusted annualized total operating expenses would not exceed 0.80% and 1.25% of the value of the average daily net assets of Class I and Class A, respectively. At September 30, 2024, the cumulative amount which the Fund may repay the Adviser, subject to the terms above, is \$355,547:

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2023, expiring September 30, 2025 . . .	\$	187,761
For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, expiring September 30, 2026 . . .		<u>167,786</u>
	\$	<u>355,547</u>

4. Distribution Plan. The Fund's Board has adopted a distribution plan (the Plan) for each class of shares, except for Class I Shares, pursuant to Rule 12b-1 under the 1940 Act. Under the Class AAA, Class A, and Class C Share Plans, payments are authorized to G.distributors, LLC (the Distributor), an affiliate of the Adviser, at annual rates of 0.25%, 0.25%, and 1.00%, respectively, of the average daily net assets of those classes, the annual limitations under each Plan. Such payments are accrued daily and paid monthly.

5. Portfolio Securities. Purchases and sales of securities during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, other than short term securities and U.S. Government obligations, aggregated \$14,419,372 and \$12,670,241, respectively.

6. Transactions with Affiliates and Other Arrangements. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the Fund paid \$30 in brokerage commissions on security trades to G.research, LLC, an affiliate of the Adviser. Additionally, the Distributor retained a total of \$18,729 from investors representing commissions (sales charges and underwriting fees) on sales and redemptions of Fund shares.

The Corporation pays retainer and per meeting fees to Directors not affiliated with the Adviser, plus specified amounts to the Lead Director and Audit Committee Chairman. Directors are also reimbursed for out of pocket expenses incurred in attending meetings. Directors who are directors or employees of the Adviser or an affiliated company receive no compensation or expense reimbursement from the Corporation.

7. Line of Credit. The Fund participates in an unsecured line of credit, which expires on February 26, 2025 and may be renewed annually, of up to \$75,000,000 under which it may borrow up to 10% of its net assets from the bank for temporary borrowing purposes. Borrowings under this arrangement bear interest at a floating rate equal to the higher of the Overnight Federal Funds Rate plus 135 basis points or the Overnight Bank Funding Rate plus 135 basis points in effect on that day. This amount, if any, would be included in "Interest expense" in the Statement of Operations. During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, there were no borrowings outstanding under the line of credit.

8. Capital Stock. The Fund offers four classes of shares – Class AAA Shares, Class A Shares, Class C Shares, and Class I Shares. From January 3, 2022 through March 14, 2023, the Fund's Class C Shares were closed to all purchases. On March 15, 2023, Class C Shares were re-opened for purchases. Class AAA and Class I Shares are offered without a sales charge. Class A Shares are subject to a maximum front-end sales charge of 5.75%. Class C Shares are subject to a 1.00% contingent deferred sales charge for one year after purchase.

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The Fund imposes a redemption fee of 2.00% on all classes of shares that are redeemed or exchanged on or before the seventh day after the date of a purchase. The redemption fee is deducted from the proceeds otherwise payable to the redeeming shareholders and is retained by the Fund as an increase in paid-in capital. The redemption fees retained by the Fund during the fiscal years ended September 30, 2024 and 2023, if any, can be found in the Statement of Changes in Net Assets under Redemption Fees.

Transactions in shares of capital stock were as follows:

	Year Ended September 30, 2024		Year Ended September 30, 2023	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Class AAA				
Shares sold	23,114	\$ 356,897	82,978	\$ 1,292,550
Shares issued upon reinvestment of distributions	14,895	237,184	15,953	244,989
Shares redeemed	(103,972)	(1,654,632)	(89,323)	(1,413,724)
Net increase/(decrease)	<u>(65,963)</u>	<u>\$ (1,060,551)</u>	<u>9,608</u>	<u>\$ 123,815</u>
Class A				
Shares sold	301,441	\$ 4,801,975	444,081	\$ 6,994,691
Shares issued upon reinvestment of distributions	59,044	962,453	41,391	645,659
Shares redeemed	(226,620)	(3,710,476)	(129,980)	(2,043,292)
Net increase	<u>133,865</u>	<u>\$ 2,053,952</u>	<u>355,492</u>	<u>\$ 5,597,058</u>
Class C				
Shares sold	39,627	\$ 507,504	7,733	\$ 98,511
Shares issued upon reinvestment of distributions	9,831	125,993	16,264	205,883
Shares redeemed	(121,020)	(1,556,055)	(160,129)	(2,037,713)
Net decrease	<u>(71,562)</u>	<u>\$ (922,558)</u>	<u>(136,132)</u>	<u>\$ (1,733,319)</u>
Class I				
Shares sold	284,507	\$ 4,919,181	388,157	\$ 6,526,936
Shares issued upon reinvestment of distributions	41,208	711,221	41,222	674,944
Shares redeemed	(322,820)	(5,439,599)	(693,181)	(11,511,334)
Net increase/(decrease)	<u>2,895</u>	<u>\$ 190,803</u>	<u>(263,802)</u>	<u>\$ (4,309,454)</u>

9. 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.

10. 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 subsequent events requiring recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of The Gabelli Focused Growth and Income Fund

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities of The Gabelli Focused Growth and Income Fund (the "Fund") (one of the funds constituting Gabelli Equity Series Funds, Inc. (the "Corporation")), including the schedule of investments, as of September 30, 2024, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Fund (one of the funds constituting Gabelli Equity Series Funds, Inc.) at September 30, 2024, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and its financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Corporation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Fund's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Corporation in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Corporation is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of September 30, 2024, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers; when replies were not received from brokers, we performed other auditing procedures. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Ernst + Young LLP

We have served as the auditor of one or more Gabelli Funds investment companies since 1992.

New York, New York
November 29, 2024

The Gabelli Focused Growth and Income Fund Liquidity Risk Management Program (Unaudited)

In accordance with Rule 22e-4 under the 1940 Act, the Fund has established a liquidity risk management program (the LRM Program) to govern its approach to managing liquidity risk. The LRM Program is administered by the Liquidity Committee (the Committee), which is comprised of members of Gabelli Funds, LLC management. The Board has designated the Committee to administer the LRM Program.

The LRM Program's principal objectives include supporting the Fund's compliance with limits on investments in illiquid assets and mitigating the risk that the Fund will be unable to meet its redemption obligations in a timely manner. The LRM Program also includes elements that support the management and assessment of liquidity risk, including an annual assessment of factors that influence the Fund's liquidity and the monthly classification and re-classification of certain investments that reflect the Committee's assessment of their relative liquidity under current market conditions.

At a meeting of the Board held on May 15, 2024, the Board received a written report from the Committee regarding the design and operational effectiveness of the LRM Program. The Committee determined, and reported to the Board, that the LRM Program is reasonably designed to assess and manage the Fund's liquidity risk and has operated adequately and effectively since its implementation. The Committee reported that there were no liquidity events that impacted the Fund or its ability to timely meet redemptions without dilution to existing shareholders. The Committee noted that the Fund is primarily invested in highly liquid securities and, accordingly, continues to be exempt from the requirement to determine a "highly liquid investment minimum" as defined in the Rule 22e-4. Because of that continued qualification for the exemption, the Fund has not adopted a "highly liquid investment minimum" amount. The Committee further noted that while changes to the LRM Program were made during the Review Period and reported to the Board, no material changes were made to the LRM Program as a result of the Committee's annual review.

There can be no assurance that the LRM Program will achieve its objectives in the future. Please refer to the Fund's Prospectus for more information regarding its exposure to liquidity risk and other principal risks to which an investment in the Fund may be subject.

Gabelli Funds and Your Personal Privacy

Who are we?

The Gabelli Funds are investment companies 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 with subsidiaries and affiliates 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?

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 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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THE GABELLI FOCUSED GROWTH AND INCOME FUND

2024 TAX NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS (Unaudited)

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, the Fund paid to shareholders ordinary income distributions totaling \$0.7218, \$0.8221, \$0.7218, and \$0.8221 for each of Class AAA, Class A, Class C, and Class I, respectively. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024, 61.98% of the ordinary income distribution qualifies for the dividends received deduction available to corporations. The Fund designates 67.34% of the ordinary income distribution as qualified dividend income pursuant to the Jobs and Growth Tax Relied Reconciliation Act of 2003. The Fund designates 4.16% of the ordinary income distribution as qualified interest income pursuant to the Tax Relief, Unemployment Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010.

U.S. Government Income:

The percentage of the ordinary income distribution paid by the Fund during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024 which was derived from U.S. Treasury securities was 4.16%. Such income is exempt from state and local tax in all states. However, many states, including New York and California, allow a tax exemption for a portion of the income earned only if a mutual fund has invested at least 50% of its assets at the end of each quarter of the Fund's fiscal year in U.S. Government securities. The Gabelli Focused Growth and Income Fund did not meet this strict requirement in 2024. The percentage of U.S. Government securities held as of September 30, 2024 was 2.4%. Due to the diversity in state and local tax law, it is recommended that you consult your personal tax adviser as to the applicability of the information provided to your specific situation.

All designations are based on financial information available as of the date of this annual report and, accordingly, are subject to change. For each item, it is the intention of the Fund to designate the maximum amount permitted under the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations thereunder.

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