

Gabelli Healthcare & WellnessRx Trust  
Form N-CSR  
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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM N-CSR**

**CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT**  
**INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

Investment Company Act file number 811-22021

**The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness<sup>Rx</sup> Trust**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**One Corporate Center**

**Rye, New York 10580-1422**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

**Agnes Mullady**

**Gabelli Funds, LLC**

**One Corporate Center**

**Rye, New York 10580-1422**

(Name and address of agent for service)

registrant's telephone number, including area code: 1-800-422-3554

Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: December 31, 2011

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**Item 1. Reports to Stockholders.**

The Report to Shareholders is attached herewith.

## The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness<sup>Rx</sup> Trust

Annual Report December 31, 2011

Mario J. Gabelli, CFA

Kevin V. Dreyer

Jeffrey J. Jonas, CFA

### To Our Shareholders,

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act requires a fund's principal executive and financial officers to certify the entire contents of the semiannual and annual shareholder reports in a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on Form N-CSR. This certification would cover the portfolio managers' commentary and subjective opinions if they are attached to or a part of the financial statements. Many of these comments and opinions would be difficult or impossible to certify.

Because we do not want our portfolio managers to eliminate their opinions and/or restrict their commentary to historical facts, we have separated their commentary from the financial statements and investment portfolio and have sent it to you separately. Both the commentary and the financial statements, including the portfolio of investments, will be available on our website at [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com).

### Investment Performance

For the year ended December 31, 2011, the net asset value (NAV) total return of The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness Trust (the Fund) was 8.8%, compared with a total return of 12.7% for the Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500 Health Care Index. The total return for the Fund's publicly traded shares was 6.7%. On December 31, 2011, the Fund's NAV per share was \$8.51, while the price of the publicly traded shares closed at \$7.14 on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE).

Enclosed are the schedule of investments and financial statements as of December 31, 2011.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce N. Alpert

Secretary

February 22, 2012

### Comparative Results

#### Average Annual Returns through December 31, 2011 (a) (Unaudited)

	1 Year	3 Year	Since Inception (06/28/07)
<b>Gabelli Healthcare &amp; Wellness<sup>Rx</sup> Trust</b>			
<b>NAV Total Return (b)</b>	8.80%	14.06%	3.51%
<b>Investment Total Return (c)</b>	6.68	14.66	(0.89)
S&P 500 Health Care Index	12.73	11.56	1.69
S&P 500 Index	2.11	14.11	(1.76)(d)
S&P 500 Consumer Staples Index	13.99	14.33	7.31

(a) *Returns represent past performance and do not guarantee future results. Investment returns and the principal value of an investment will fluctuate. When shares are sold, they may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be lower or*

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higher than the performance data presented. Visit [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com) for performance information as of the most recent month end. Performance returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized. **Investors should carefully consider the investment objectives, risks, charges, and expenses of the Fund before investing.** The S&P 500 Health Care Index is an unmanaged indicator of health care equipment and services, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, and life sciences stock performance. The S&P 500 Index is an unmanaged indicator of stock market performance. The S&P 500 Consumer Staples Index is an unmanaged indicator of food and staples retailing, food, beverage and tobacco, and household and personal products stock performance. Dividends are considered reinvested. You cannot invest directly in an index.

- (b) Total returns and average annual returns reflect changes in the NAV per share and reinvestment of distributions at NAV on the ex-dividend date and are net of expenses. Since inception return is based on an initial NAV of \$8.00.
  - (c) Total returns and average annual returns reflect changes in closing market values on the NYSE and reinvestment of distributions. Since inception return is based on an initial offering price of \$8.00.
  - (d) From June 30, 2007, the date closest to the Fund's inception for which data is available.

**THE GABELLI HEALTHCARE & WELLNESS<sup>Rx</sup> TRUST****Summary of Portfolio Holdings (Unaudited)**

The following table presents portfolio holdings as a percent of total investments as of December 31, 2011:

Food	25.8%
Health Care Providers and Services	15.7%
Pharmaceuticals	15.2%
Health Care Equipment and Supplies	12.7%
Beverages	10.4%
Food and Staples Retailing	8.7%
U.S. Government Obligations	6.5%
Biotechnology	1.1%
Aerospace and Defense	1.0%
Computer Software and Services	0.8%
Consumer Services and Supplies	0.7%
Electronics	0.5%
Specialty Chemicals	0.3%
Information Technology	0.3%
Hotels and Gaming	0.1%
Household and Personal Products	0.1%
Health Care	0.1%
	100.0%

*The Fund files a complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the SEC for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. Shareholders may obtain this information at [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com) or by calling the Fund at 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554). The Fund's form N-Q is available on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://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 30th, no later than August 31st 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](http://www.sec.gov).

**THE GABELLI HEALTHCARE & WELLNESS<sup>Rx</sup> TRUST****SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS****December 31, 2011**

Shares		Cost	Market Value
<b>COMMON STOCKS 93.4%</b>			
<b>Aerospace and Defense 1.0%</b>			
10,000	Goodrich Corp.	\$ 1,208,486	\$ 1,237,000
<b>Beverages 10.4%</b>			
45,000	Dr Pepper Snapple Group Inc.	1,287,601	1,776,600
51,000	ITO EN Ltd.	965,313	877,277
45,000	Mead Johnson Nutrition Co.	1,986,296	3,092,850
15,000	Morinaga Milk Industry Co. Ltd.	48,287	58,075
400,000	Parmalat SpA	1,096,287	688,539
35,000	Peet's Coffee & Tea Inc.	1,447,343	2,193,800
30,000	PepsiCo Inc.	1,903,267	1,990,500
30,000	The Coca-Cola Co.	1,666,457	2,099,100
400,000	Vitasoy International Holdings Ltd.	234,646	294,595
		10,635,497	13,071,336
<b>Biotechnology 1.1%</b>			
60,000	3SBio Inc., ADR	646,256	613,200
10,000	Acorda Therapeutics Inc.	235,298	238,400
10,000	Gilead Sciences Inc.	392,865	409,300
66,800	NeoGenomics Inc.	90,850	93,520
		1,365,269	1,354,420
<b>Computer Software and Services 0.8%</b>			
70,000	Computer Task Group Inc.	901,829	985,600
8,600	eResearchTechnology Inc.	53,110	40,334
		954,939	1,025,934
<b>Consumer Services and Supplies 0.7%</b>			
15,000	Weight Watchers International Inc.	448,019	825,150
<b>Electronics 0.5%</b>			
12,000	Netlogic Microsystems Inc.	578,462	594,840
<b>Food 25.8%</b>			
10,000	Campbell Soup Co.	331,113	332,400
31,000	Danone	1,859,688	1,948,709
32,000	Dean Foods Co.	487,702	358,400
45,000	Flowers Foods Inc.	657,458	854,100
60,000	General Mills Inc.	1,870,784	2,424,600
20,000	H.J. Heinz Co.	855,165	1,080,800
65,000	Inventure Foods Inc.	262,878	243,100

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25,000	Kellogg Co.	1,263,183	1,264,250
29,000	Kerry Group plc, Cl. A	954,025	1,064,065
130,000	Kikkoman Corp.	1,475,429	1,493,049
45,000	Kraft Foods Inc., Cl. A	1,335,847	1,681,200
82,000	Lifeway Foods Inc.	825,174	790,480
10,000	MEIJI Holdings Co. Ltd.	433,330	415,097
61,000	Nestlé SA	2,868,674	3,506,867
20,000	Ralcorp Holdings Inc.	1,518,544	1,710,000
6,000	Rock Field Co. Ltd.	81,896	99,701
150,000	Sara Lee Corp.	2,183,382	2,838,000
80,000	Smart Balance Inc.	330,120	428,800
55,000	Snyders-Lance Inc.	1,075,409	1,237,500
62,000	The Hain Celestial Group Inc.	1,444,927	2,272,920
24,000	The J.M. Smucker Co.	1,307,314	1,876,080
110,000	Tingyi (Cayman Islands) Holding Corp.	176,608	334,252
60,000	Unilever plc, ADR	1,850,196	2,011,200
70,000	Yakult Honsha Co. Ltd.	1,848,639	2,205,405

27,297,485 32,470,975

**Food and Staples Retailing 8.7%**

82,000	CVS Caremark Corp.	2,780,246	3,343,960
5,000	GNC Holdings, Inc., Cl. A	143,338	144,750
30,000	Ingles Markets Inc., Cl. A	454,430	451,800

**Shares**

**Cost**

**Market Value**

15,000	Safeway Inc.	\$ 319,188	\$ 315,600
40,000	The Kroger Co.	852,218	968,800
40,000	United Natural Foods Inc.	1,339,920	1,600,400
3,000	Vitamin Shoppe, Inc.	114,849	119,640
30,000	Walgreen Co.	1,018,750	991,800
42,000	Whole Foods Market Inc.	1,077,597	2,922,360
20,000	Winn-Dixie Stores Inc.	187,998	187,600

8,288,534 11,046,710

**Health Care Equipment and Supplies 12.7%**

17,000	Baxter International Inc.	874,002	841,160
14,000	Becton, Dickinson and Co.	1,071,317	1,046,080
40,000	Boston Scientific Corp.	324,877	213,600
50,000	Cantel Medical Corp.	1,119,055	1,396,500
38,000	Covidien plc	1,514,865	1,710,380
37,000	Cutera Inc.	387,329	275,650
5,000	Exactech Inc.	89,295	82,350
25,000	Gerresheimer AG	1,114,378	1,041,707
30,300	Greatbatch Inc.	684,116	669,630
9,400	Henry Schein Inc.	418,608	605,642
15,000	Hologic Inc.	242,714	262,650
30,000	ICU Medical Inc.	1,191,740	1,350,000
12,000	IRIS International Inc.	111,243	112,200
5,500	MAKO Surgical Corp.	147,000	138,655
500	Medtronic Inc.	17,170	19,125
550,000	Northstar Neuroscience Inc.	0	13,750
112,470	Oridion Systems Ltd.	1,437,739	832,180
30,000	Orthofix International NV	980,165	1,056,900
12,000	Palomar Medical Technologies Inc.	153,019	111,600
45,000	Q-Med AB, Escrow (a)	0	0
22,000	Rochester Medical Corp.	220,200	182,380
35,000	St. Jude Medical Inc.	1,416,097	1,200,500
10,000	Stryker Corp.	489,374	497,100
53,954	SurModics Inc.	553,075	790,965
1,900	Synovis Life Technologies Inc.	52,934	52,877
6,225	The Cooper Companies Inc.	435,922	438,987
53,989	Vascular Solutions Inc.	496,554	600,897
10,000	Zimmer Holdings Inc.	560,785	534,200



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16,077,665

<b>Health Care Providers and Services 15.7%</b>			
20,000	Aetna Inc.	846,240	843,800
130,000	American Dental Partners Inc.	2,423,590	2,447,900
35,000	AmerisourceBergen Corp.	918,724	1,301,650
43,000	Chemed Corp.	2,337,322	2,202,030
30,000	Cigna Corp.	1,113,675	1,260,000
20,000	Express Scripts Inc.	758,404	893,800
23,000	Gentiva Health Services Inc.	329,578	155,250
20,000	HCA Holdings Inc.	620,625	440,600
10,000	Healthspring Inc.	542,356	545,400
25,000	McKesson Corp.	1,547,922	1,947,750
40,000	Medco Health Solutions Inc.	1,915,206	2,236,000
300,000	Metropolitan Health Networks Inc.	1,427,998	2,241,000
20,250	Owens & Minor Inc.	501,559	562,748
5,000	PSS World Medical Inc.	74,952	120,950
100,000	Tenet Healthcare Corp.	644,750	513,000
28,500	UnitedHealth Group Inc.	1,065,732	1,444,380
48,437	Universal American Corp.	487,994	615,634
		17,556,627	19,771,892
<b>Hotels and Gaming 0.1%</b>			
7,000	Gaylord Entertainment Co.	156,474	168,980
<b>Household and Personal Products 0.1%</b>			
7,000	Avon Products Inc.	179,890	122,290
<b>Information Technology 0.3%</b>			
10,000	RightNow Technologies Inc.	426,650	427,300

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**THE GABELLI HEALTHCARE & WELLNESS<sup>Rx</sup> TRUST****SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS (Continued)****December 31, 2011**

Shares		Cost	Market Value
<b>COMMON STOCKS (Continued)</b>			
<b>Pharmaceuticals 15.2%</b>			
48,000	Abbott Laboratories	\$ 2,441,010	\$ 2,699,040
1,000	Allergan Inc.	70,890	87,740
39,000	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.	1,039,144	1,374,360
40,000	Endo Pharmaceuticals Holdings Inc.	1,410,649	1,381,200
39,000	Johnson & Johnson	2,301,260	2,557,620
44,000	Merck & Co. Inc.	1,418,383	1,658,800
60,000	Mylan Inc.	946,512	1,287,600
200	Onyx Pharmaceuticals Inc.	8,907	8,790
38,000	Par Pharmaceutical Cos. Inc.	1,173,231	1,243,740
35,000	Pfizer Inc.	619,185	757,400
29,500	Pharmasset Inc.	3,921,898	3,781,900
6,000	Roche Holding AG, ADR	250,095	255,300
15,000	Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd., ADR	743,749	605,400
25,000	Watson Pharmaceuticals Inc.	1,176,383	1,508,500
		17,521,296	19,207,390
<b>Specialty Chemicals 0.3%</b>			
5,000	FMC Corp.	393,194	430,200
	<b>TOTAL COMMON STOCKS</b>	103,114,395	117,832,082
<b>RIGHTS 0.1%</b>			
<b>Health Care 0.1%</b>			
40,000	American Medical Alert Corp. (a)	0	400
100,000	Sanofi, CVR, expire 12/31/20	179,866	120,000
	<b>TOTAL RIGHTS</b>	179,866	120,400
<b>Principal Amount</b>			
<b>U.S. GOVERNMENT OBLIGATIONS 6.5%</b>			
\$ 8,250,000	U.S. Treasury Bills, 0.000% to 0.050% , 02/09/12 to 06/14/12	8,249,010	8,248,858
	<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS 100.0%</b>	\$ 111,543,271	126,201,340
	<b>Other Assets and Liabilities (Net)</b>		(625,225)
<b>PREFERRED STOCK</b>			
	(1,200,000 preferred shares outstanding)		(30,000,000)
			\$ 95,576,115

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### NET ASSETS COMMON SHARES

(11,229,660 common shares outstanding)

### NET ASSET VALUE PER COMMON SHARE

(\$95,576,115 ÷ 11,229,660 shares outstanding)

\$8.51

- (a) Security fair valued under procedures established by the Board of Trustees. The procedures may include reviewing available financial information about the company and reviewing the valuation of comparable securities and other factors on a regular basis. At December 31, 2011, the market value of the fair valued securities amounted to \$400 or 0.00% of net assets.

Non-income producing security.

Represents annualized yield at date of purchase.

ADR American Depositary Receipt

CVR Contingent Value Right

<b>Geographic Diversification</b>	<b>% of Market Value</b>	<b>Market Value</b>
North America	83.2%	\$ 104,969,442
Europe	11.7	14,841,248
Japan	4.1	5,148,603
Asia/Pacific	1.0	1,242,047
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$ 126,201,340</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

## THE GABELLI HEALTHCARE & WELLNESS<sup>Rx</sup> TRUST

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities

December 31, 2011

<b>Assets:</b>	
Investments, at value (cost \$111,543,271)	\$ 126,201,340
Cash	15,782
Dividends receivable	188,556
Deferred offering expense	92,439
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>126,498,117</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>	
Payable for investments purchased	566,400
Distributions payable	24,000
Payable for investment advisory fees	105,745
Payable for payroll expenses	49,345
Payable for accounting fees	3,750
Payable for shareholder communications expenses	113,081
Other accrued expenses	59,681
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>922,002</b>
<b>Preferred Shares:</b>	
Series A Cumulative Preferred Shares (5.760%, \$25 liquidation value, \$0.001 par value 1,200,000 shares authorized, issued, and outstanding)	30,000,000
<b>Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders</b>	<b>\$ 95,576,115</b>
<b>Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders Consist of:</b>	
Paid-in capital	\$ 81,491,071
Accumulated net realized loss on investments and foreign currency transactions	(574,171)
Net unrealized appreciation on investments	14,658,069
Net unrealized appreciation on foreign currency translations	1,146
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 95,576,115</b>
<b>Net Asset Value per Common Share:</b>	
(\$95,576,115 ÷ 11,229,660 shares outstanding at \$0.001 par value; unlimited number of shares authorized)	\$ 8.51

### Statement of Operations

For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

<b>Investment Income:</b>	
Dividends (net of foreign withholding taxes of \$12,795)	\$ 1,585,347
Interest	6,193
<b>Total Investment Income</b>	<b>1,591,540</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Investment advisory fees	1,194,544
Shareholder communications expenses	294,988
Payroll expenses	139,425
Legal and audit fees	101,514
Shareholder services fees	68,124

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Trustees fees	64,411
Accounting fees	45,000
Custodian fees	17,929
Miscellaneous expenses	57,724
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,983,659</b>
<b>Net Investment Loss</b>	<b>(392,119)</b>
<b>Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments and Foreign Currency:</b>	
Net realized gain on investments	3,919,654
Net realized gain on foreign currency transactions	9,558
Net realized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions	3,929,212
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation:	
on investments	4,571,195
on foreign currency translations	(3,348)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments and foreign currency translations	4,567,847
<b>Net Realized and Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments and Foreign Currency</b>	<b>8,497,059</b>
<b>Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations</b>	<b>8,104,940</b>
Total Distributions to Preferred Shareholders	(1,728,000)
<b>Net Increase in Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders Resulting from Operations</b>	<b>\$ 6,376,940</b>

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

**THE GABELLI HEALTHCARE & WELLNESS<sup>Rx</sup> TRUST****STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

	<b>Year Ended December 31, 2011</b>	<b>Year Ended December 31, 2010</b>
<b>Operations:</b>		
Net investment loss	\$ (392,119)	\$ (435,800)
Net realized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions	3,929,212	1,567,551
Net change in unrealized appreciation on investments and foreign currency translations	4,567,847	6,812,239
<b>Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations</b>	<b>8,104,940</b>	<b>7,943,990</b>
<b>Distributions to Preferred Shareholders:</b>		
Net investment income		(633,600)
Net realized long-term gain	(1,728,000)	
<b>Total Distributions to Preferred Shareholders</b>	<b>(1,728,000)</b>	<b>(633,600)</b>
<b>Net Increase in Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders Resulting from Operations</b>	<b>6,376,940</b>	<b>7,310,390</b>
<b>Fund Share Transactions:</b>		
Net increase in net assets from common shares issued in rights offering	18,262,221	
Offering costs for common shares charged to paid-in capital	(423,803)	
Net decrease from repurchase of common shares	(77,575)	(293,456)
Offering costs for preferred shares charged to paid-in capital	(1,488)	(1,326,936)
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets from Fund Share Transactions</b>	<b>17,759,355</b>	<b>(1,620,392)</b>
<b>Net Increase in Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders</b>	<b>24,136,295</b>	<b>5,689,998</b>
<b>Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders:</b>		
Beginning of period	71,439,820	65,749,822
End of period (including undistributed net investment income of \$0 and \$0, respectively)	\$ 95,576,115	\$ 71,439,820

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## THE GABELLI HEALTHCARE & WELLNESS<sup>Rx</sup> TRUST

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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

	Year Ended December 31,				Period Ended
	2011	2010	2009	2008	December 31, 2007 (c)
<b>Operating Performance:</b>					
Net asset value, beginning of period	\$ 8.47	\$ 7.76	\$ 6.21	\$ 8.03	\$ 8.00
Net investment income/(loss)	0.01	(0.05)	(0.05)	(0.07)	0.02
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments and foreign currency transactions	0.95	0.98	1.60	(1.70)	0.06
Total from investment operations.	0.96	0.93	1.55	(1.77)	0.08
<b>Distributions to Preferred Shareholders: (a)</b>					
Net investment income		(0.07)			
Net realized short-term/long-term gain	(0.16)				
Total distributions to preferred shareholders	(0.16)	(0.07)			
<b>Net Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets Attributable to Common Shareholders Resulting from Operations</b>	0.80	0.86	1.55	(1.77)	0.08
<b>Distributions to Common Shareholders:</b>					
Net investment income				(0.01)	(0.01)
Net realized short-term gain				(0.04)	(0.04)
Total distributions to common shareholders				(0.05)	(0.05)
<b>Fund Share Transactions:</b>					
Increase/(Decrease) in net asset value from common share transactions	(0.72)	0.01			
Offering costs for preferred shares charged to paid-in capital		(0.16)			
Offering costs for common shares charged to paid-in capital	(0.04)				
Total fund share transactions	(0.76)	(0.15)			
<b>Net Asset Value Attributable to Common Shareholders, End of Period</b>	\$ 8.51	\$ 8.47	\$ 7.76	\$ 6.21	\$ 8.03
NAV total return	8.80%	9.15%	24.96%	(22.03)%	1.00%
Market value, end of period	\$ 7.14	\$ 7.08	\$ 6.70	\$ 5.01	\$ 7.09
Investment total return	6.68%	5.67%	33.73%	(28.63)%	(10.75)%
<b>Ratios to Average Net Assets and Supplemental Data:</b>					
Net assets including liquidation value of preferred shares, end of period (in 000 s)	\$ 125,576	\$ 101,440			
Net assets attributable to common shares, end of period (in 000 s)	\$ 95,576	\$ 71,440	\$ 65,750	\$ 52,622	\$ 68,069
Ratio of net investment income/(loss) to average net assets attributable to common shares	(0.44)%	(0.65)%	(0.72)%	(0.94)%	0.56%(d)

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Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets attributable to common shares	2.22%	2.11%	2.04%	2.41%	1.97%(d)
Ratio of operating expenses to average net assets including liquidation value of preferred shares	1.66%	1.82%			
Portfolio turnover rate	66.2%	45.2%	55.7%	122.0%	26.7%

### Preferred Shares:

#### 5.760% Series A Cumulative Preferred Shares

Liquidation value, end of period (in 000 s)	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000
Total shares outstanding (in 000 s)	1,200	1,200
Liquidation preference per share	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Average market value (b)	\$ 26.34	\$ 25.35
Asset coverage per share	\$ 104.65	\$ 84.53
<b>Asset coverage</b>	419%	338%

Based on net asset value per share at commencement of operations of \$8.00 per share, adjusted for reinvestment of distributions at the net asset value per share on the ex-dividend dates including the effect of shares issued pursuant to the 2011 rights offering, assuming full subscription by shareholders. Total return for a period of less than one year is not annualized.

Based on market value per share at initial public offering of \$8.00 per share, adjusted for reinvestment of distributions at prices determined under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan including the effect of shares issued pursuant to the 2011 rights offering, assuming full subscription by shareholders. Total return for a period of less than one year is not annualized.

Effective in 2008, a change in accounting policy was adopted with regard to the calculation of the portfolio turnover rate to include cash proceeds due to mergers. Had this policy been adopted retroactively, the portfolio turnover rate for the period ended December 31, 2007 would have been 60.6%.

(a) Calculated based upon average common shares outstanding on the record dates throughout the periods.

(b) Based on weekly prices.

(c) The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness<sup>Rx</sup> Trust commenced investment operations on June 28, 2007.

(d) Annualized.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.



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## THE GABELLI HEALTHCARE & WELLNESS<sup>Rx</sup> TRUST

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**1. Organization.** The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness<sup>Rx</sup> Trust (the Fund) is a non-diversified closed-end management investment company organized as a Delaware statutory trust on February 20, 2007 and registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as amended (the 1940 Act). Investment operations commenced on June 28, 2007.

The Fund's investment objective is long-term growth of capital. Under normal market conditions, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its assets in equity securities and income producing securities of domestic and foreign companies in the healthcare and wellness industries. As a result, the Fund may be more susceptible to economic, political, and regulatory developments in this particular sector of the market, positive or negative, and may experience increased volatility to the Fund's NAV and a magnified effect in its total return.

**2. Significant Accounting Policies.** The Fund's financial statements are prepared in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), which may require the use of management estimates and assumptions. Actual results could differ from those estimates. The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements.

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

Portfolio securities primarily traded on a foreign market are generally valued at the preceding closing values of such securities on the relevant market, but may be fair valued pursuant to procedures established by the Board if market conditions change significantly after the close of the foreign market, but prior to the close of business on the day the securities are being valued. Debt instruments with remaining maturities of sixty days or less that are not credit impaired are valued at amortized cost, unless the Board determines such amount does not reflect the securities' fair value, in which case these securities will be fair valued as determined by the Board. Debt instruments having a maturity greater than sixty days for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the average of the latest bid and asked prices. If there were no asked prices quoted on such day, the security is valued using the closing bid price. U.S. government obligations with maturities greater than sixty days are normally valued using a model that incorporates market observable data such as reported sales of similar securities, broker quotes, yields, bids, offers, and reference data. Certain securities are valued principally using dealer quotations. Futures contracts are valued at the closing settlement price of the exchange or board of trade on which the applicable contract is traded.

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

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

Level 1 quoted prices in active markets for identical securities;

Level 2 other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.); and

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Level 3 – significant unobservable inputs (including the Fund’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 December 31, 2011 is as follows:

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	Level 1 Quoted Prices	Valuation Inputs Level 2 Other Significant Observable Inputs	Level 3 Significant Unobservable Inputs	Total Market Value at 12/31/11
<b>INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES:</b>				
<b>ASSETS (Market Value):</b>				
Common Stocks:				
Health Care Equipment and Supplies	\$ 16,077,665		\$ 0	\$ 16,077,665
Other Industries (a)	101,754,417			101,754,417
Total Common Stocks	117,832,082			117,832,082
Rights (a)	120,000		400	120,400
U.S. Government Obligations		\$ 8,248,858		8,248,858
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES - ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 117,952,082</b>	<b>\$ 8,248,858</b>	<b>\$ 400</b>	<b>\$ 126,201,340</b>

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

The Fund did not have significant transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 during the year ended December 31, 2011. The Fund's policy is to recognize transfers among Levels as of the beginning of the reporting period.

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

	Balance as of 12/31/10	Accrued discounts/ (premiums)	Realized gain/ (loss)	Change in unrealized appreciation/ depreciation	Purchases	Sales	Transfers into Level 3	Transfers out of Level 3	Balance as of 12/31/11	Net change in unrealized appreciation/ depreciation during the period on Level 3 investments still held at 12/31/11
<b>INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES:</b>										
<b>ASSETS (Market Value):</b>										
Common Stocks:										
Healthcare Equipment and Supplies	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 0	\$	\$	\$	\$ 0	\$
Rights:										
Health Care				400	0				400	400
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN SECURITIES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 400</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 400</b>	<b>\$ 400</b>

Net change in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments is included in the related amounts in the Statement of Operations.

In May 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2011-04 Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). ASU 2011-04 includes common requirements for measurement of and disclosure about fair value between U.S. GAAP and IFRS. ASU 2011-04 will require reporting entities to disclose the following information for fair value measurements categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy: quantitative information about the unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement, the valuation processes used by the reporting entity, and a narrative description of the sensitivity of the fair value measurement to changes in unobservable inputs and the interrelationships between those unobservable inputs. In addition, ASU 2011-04 will require reporting entities to make disclosures about amounts and reasons for all transfers into and out of Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements. The new and revised disclosures are effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2011. At this time, management is evaluating the implications of ASU 2011-04 and its impact on the financial statements.

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### *Derivative Financial Instruments.*

The Fund may engage in various portfolio investment strategies by investing in a number of derivative financial instruments for the purposes of increasing the income of the Fund, hedging against changes in the value of its portfolio securities and in the value of securities it intends to purchase, or hedging against a specific transaction with respect to either the currency in which the transaction is denominated or another currency. Investing in certain derivative financial instruments, including participation in the options, futures, or swap markets, entails certain execution, liquidity, hedging, tax, and securities, interest, credit, or currency

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market risks. Losses may arise if the Adviser's prediction of movements in the direction of the securities, foreign currency, and interest rate markets is inaccurate. Losses may also arise if the counterparty does not perform its duties under a contract, or that, in the event of default, the Fund may be delayed in or prevented from obtaining payments or other contractual remedies owed to it under derivative contracts. The creditworthiness of the counterparties is closely monitored in order to minimize these risks. Participation in derivative transactions involves investment risks, transaction costs, and potential losses to which the Fund would not be subject absent the use of these strategies. The consequences of these risks, transaction costs, and losses may have a negative impact on the Fund's ability to pay distributions.

The Fund's derivative contracts held at December 31, 2011, if any, are not accounted for as hedging instruments under GAAP and are disclosed in the Schedule of Investments together with the related counterparty.

*Forward Foreign Exchange Contracts.* The Fund may engage in forward foreign exchange contracts for the purpose of hedging a specific transaction with respect to either the currency in which the transaction is denominated or another currency as deemed appropriate by the Adviser. Forward foreign exchange contracts are valued at the forward rate and are marked-to-market daily. The change in market value is included in unrealized appreciation/depreciation on investments and foreign currency translations. When the contract is closed, the Fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the difference between the value of the contract at the time it was opened and the value at the time it was closed.

The use of forward foreign exchange contracts does not eliminate fluctuations in the underlying prices of the Fund's portfolio securities, but it does establish a rate of exchange that can be achieved in the future. Although forward foreign exchange contracts limit the risk of loss due to a decline in the value of the hedged currency, they also limit any potential gain that might result should the value of the currency increase. During the year ended December 31, 2011, the Fund held no investments in forward foreign exchange contracts.

*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 and Illiquid Securities.* The Fund may invest without limit in illiquid securities. Illiquid securities include securities the disposition of which is subject to substantial legal or contractual restrictions. The sale of illiquid securities often requires more time and results in higher brokerage charges or dealer discounts and other selling expenses than does 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. The Fund held no restricted or illiquid securities at December 31, 2011.

*Securities Transactions and Investment Income.* Securities transactions are accounted for on the trade date with realized gain or loss on investments determined by using the identified cost method. Interest income (including amortization of premium



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and accretion of discount) is recorded on the accrual basis. Premiums and discounts on debt securities are amortized using the effective yield to maturity method. 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 and Interest Expense.* 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. When cash balances are overdrawn, the Fund is charged an overdraft fee equal to 110% of the 90 day Treasury Bill rate on outstanding balances. This amount, if any, would be included in the Statement of Operations.

*Distributions to Shareholders.* Distributions to common 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. 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. Permanent differences were primarily due to the tax treatment of currency gains and losses and a write-off of the current year net operating loss. These reclassifications have no impact on the NAV of the Fund. For the year ended December 31, 2011, reclassifications were made to decrease accumulated net investment loss by \$392,119 and decrease accumulated net realized gain on investments and foreign currency transactions by \$9,558, with an offsetting adjustment to paid-in capital.

The tax character of distributions paid during the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 was as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, 2011		Year Ended December 31, 2010	
	Common	Preferred	Common	Preferred
<b>Distributions paid from:</b>				
Ordinary income				\$ 633,600
Net long-term capital gain		\$ 1,728,000		

*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.

As of December 31, 2011, the components of accumulated earnings/losses on a tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed long-term capital gains	\$ 73,429
Net unrealized appreciation on investments and foreign currency translations	14,011,615
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,085,044</b>

Under the Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010, the Fund will be permitted to carry forward for an unlimited period capital losses incurred in years beginning after December 22, 2010. As a result of the rule, post-enactment capital losses that are carried forward will retain their character as either short-term or long-term capital losses rather than being considered all short-term as under previous law.

During the year ended December 31, 2011, the Fund utilized capital loss carryforwards of \$2,159,475.

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At December 31, 2011, the temporary difference between book basis and tax basis net unrealized appreciation on investments was primarily due to deferral of losses on wash sales for tax purposes.



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The following summarizes the tax cost of investments and the related net unrealized appreciation at December 31, 2011:

	Cost	Gross Unrealized Appreciation	Gross Unrealized Depreciation	Net Unrealized Appreciation
Investments	\$ 112,190,871	\$ 17,794,991	\$ (3,784,522)	\$ 14,010,469

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. For the year ended December 31, 2011, the Fund did not incur any income tax, interest, or penalties. As of December 31, 2011, 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. Tax years ended December 31, 2008 through December 31, 2011 remain subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service and state taxing authorities. On an ongoing basis, the Adviser will monitor the Fund's tax positions to determine if adjustments to this conclusion are necessary.

**3. Agreements and Transactions with Affiliates.** 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 1.00% of the value of the Fund's average weekly net assets including the liquidation value of preferred shares. 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.

During the year ended December 31, 2011, the Fund paid brokerage commissions on security trades of \$72,378 to Gabelli & Company, Inc. (Gabelli & Co.), an affiliate of the Adviser.

The cost of calculating the Fund's NAV per share is a Fund expense pursuant to the Advisory Agreement. During the year ended December 31, 2011, the Fund paid or accrued \$45,000 to the Adviser in connection with the cost of computing the Fund's NAV.

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) and pays its allocated portion of the cost of the Fund's Chief Compliance Officer. For the year ended December 31, 2011, the Fund accrued \$139,425 in payroll expenses in the Statement of Operations.

The Fund pays each Trustee who is not considered an affiliated person an annual retainer of \$3,000 plus \$1,000 for each Board meeting attended. Each Trustee is reimbursed by the Fund for any out of pocket expenses incurred in attending meetings. All Board committee members receive \$500 per meeting attended. In addition, the Audit Committee Chairman receives an annual fee of \$3,000, the Nominating Committee Chairman receives an annual fee of \$2,000, and the Lead Trustee receives an annual fee of \$1,000. A Trustee may receive a single meeting fee, allocated among the participating funds, for participation in certain meetings held on behalf of multiple funds. Trustees who are directors or employees of the Adviser or an affiliated company receive no compensation or expense reimbursement from the Fund.

**4. Portfolio Securities.** Purchases and sales of securities during the year ended December 31, 2011, other than short-term securities and U.S. Government obligations, aggregated \$87,205,709 and \$73,989,251, respectively.

**5. Capital.** The Fund is authorized to issue an unlimited number of shares of beneficial interest (par value \$0.001). The Board has authorized the repurchase of its shares on the open market when the shares are trading on the NYSE at a discount of 10% or more (or such other percentage as the Board may determine from time to time) from the NAV of the shares. During the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, the Fund repurchased and retired 11,056 and 43,058 common shares on the open market at a cost of \$77,575 and \$293,456 and an average discount of approximately 16.67%, and 17.27%, respectively, from its NAV.

Transactions in shares of beneficial interest were as follows:

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	Year Ended December 31, 2011		Year Ended December 31, 2010	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount
Shares issued in rights offering	2,809,315	\$ 18,262,221		
Net decrease from repurchase of common shares	(11,056)	(77,575)	(43,058)	\$ (293,456)

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The Fund's Declaration of Trust, as amended, authorizes the issuance of an unlimited number of shares of \$0.001 par value Preferred Shares ( Preferred Shares ). 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 5.760% Series A Preferred Shares are cumulative. The Fund is required by the 1940 Act and by the 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 redemption prices 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 5.760% rate, which could have either a beneficial or detrimental impact on net investment income and gains available to common shareholders.

The Fund filed a \$100 million shelf registration statement with the SEC that went effective June 21, 2010, enabling the Fund to offer additional common and preferred shares.

On August 20, 2010, the Fund received net proceeds of \$28,725,173 (after underwriting discounts of \$945,000 and offering expenses of \$329,827) from the public offering of 1,200,000 shares of 5.760% Series A Cumulative Preferred Shares. Commencing August 20, 2015 and at any time thereafter, the Fund, at its option, may redeem the Preferred Shares in whole or in part at the redemption price. The Board has authorized the repurchase of the Preferred Shares in the open market at prices less than the \$25 liquidation value per share. During the year ended December 31, 2011, the Fund did not repurchase any of the Preferred Shares. At December 31, 2011, 1,200,000 Preferred Shares were outstanding and accrued dividends amounted to \$24,000.

On March 8, 2011, the Fund distributed one transferable right for each of the 8,427,945 shares of common stock outstanding on that date. Three rights were required to purchase one additional share of common stock at the subscription price of \$6.50 per share. On April 12, 2011, the Fund issued 2,809,315 shares of common stock, receiving proceeds of \$18,262,221, prior to the deduction of offering expenses of \$425,291. The NAV per share of the Fund was reduced by approximately \$0.72 per share as a result of the issuance of shares below NAV.

**6. Industry Concentration.** Because the Fund primarily invests in common stocks and other securities of foreign and domestic companies in the health care, pharmaceuticals, and food and beverage industries, its portfolio may be subject to greater risk and market fluctuations than a portfolio of securities representing a broad range of investments.

**7. 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.

**8. Other Matters.** On April 24, 2008, the Adviser entered into a settlement with the SEC to resolve an inquiry regarding prior frequent trading in shares of the GAMCO Global Growth Fund (the Global Growth Fund ) by one investor who was banned from the Global Growth Fund in August 2002. Under the terms of the settlement, the Adviser, without admitting or denying the SEC's findings and allegations, paid \$16 million (which included a \$5 million civil monetary penalty). On the same day, the SEC filed a civil action in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York against the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Adviser, alleging violations of certain federal securities laws arising from the same matter. The officer, who also is an officer of the Global Growth Fund and other funds in the Gabelli/GAMCO complex, including the Fund, denies the allegations and is continuing in his positions with the Adviser and the funds. The settlement by the Adviser did not have, and the resolution of the action against the officer is not expected to have, a material adverse impact on the Adviser or its ability to fulfill its obligations under the Advisory Agreement.

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

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Trustees and Shareholders of

The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness<sup>Rx</sup> Trust:

In our opinion, the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of investments, and the related statements of operations and of changes in net assets and the financial highlights present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness<sup>Rx</sup> Trust (hereafter referred to as the Trust ) at December 31, 2011, the results of its operations for the year then ended, and the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended and the financial highlights for the periods presented, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The financial statements and financial highlights (hereafter referred to as financial statements ) are the responsibility of the Trust 's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these financial statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits, which included confirmation of securities at December 31, 2011 by correspondence with the custodian and brokers, provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

New York, New York

February 28, 2012

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### ADDITIONAL FUND INFORMATION (Unaudited)

The business and affairs of the Fund are managed under the direction of the Fund's Board of Trustees. Information pertaining to the Trustees and officers of the Fund is set forth below. The Fund's Statement of Additional Information includes additional information about the Fund's Trustees and is available without charge, upon request, by calling 800-GABELLI (800-422-3554) or by writing to The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness<sup>Rx</sup> Trust at One Corporate Center, Rye, NY 10580-1422.

Name, Position(s) Address <sup>1</sup>  and Age	Term of Office and Length of Time Served <sup>2</sup>	Number of Funds in Fund Complex Overseen by Trustee	Principal Occupation(s)  During Past Five Years	Other Directorships  Held by Trustee <sup>4</sup>
<b>INTERESTED TRUSTEES<sup>3</sup>:</b>				
<b>Mario J. Gabelli, CFA</b>  Trustee and  Chief Investment Officer  Age: 69	Since 2007***	27	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Investment Officer - Value Portfolios of GAMCO Investors, Inc. and Chief Investment Officer - Value Portfolios of Gabelli Funds, LLC and GAMCO Asset Management Inc.; Director/Trustee or Chief Investment Officer of other registered investment companies in the Gabelli/GAMCO Funds Complex; Chief Executive Officer of GGCP, Inc.	Director of Morgan Group Holdings, Inc. (holding company); Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of LICT Corp. (multimedia and communication services company); Director of CIBL, Inc. (broadcasting and wireless communications); Director of RLJ Acquisition Inc. (blank check company)
<b>INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES<sup>5</sup>:</b>				
<b>Thomas E. Bratter</b>  Trustee  Age: 72	Since 2007**	3	Director, President, and Founder of The John Dewey Academy (residential college preparatory therapeutic high school)	
<b>Anthony J. Colavita</b>  Trustee  Age: 76	Since 2007*	35	President of the law firm of Anthony J. Colavita, P.C.	
<b>James P. Conn</b>  Trustee  Age: 73	Since 2007**	19	Former Managing Director and Chief Investment Officer of Financial Security Assurance Holdings Ltd. (insurance holding company) (1992-1998)	Director of First Republic Bank (banking) through January 2008 and LaQuinta Corp. (hotels) through January 2006
<b>Vincent D. Enright</b>  Trustee  Age: 68	Since 2007***	17	Former Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of KeySpan Corporation (public utility) (1994-1998)	Director of Echo Therapeutics, Inc. (therapeutics and diagnostics); Director of LGL Group, Inc. and until September 2006, Director of Apton Corporation (pharmaceuticals)
<b>Robert C. Kolodny, MD</b>  Trustee  Age: 67	Since 2007*	2	Physician; Principal of KBS Management LLC (investment adviser) since 2006; General Partner of KBS Partnership, KBS II Investment Partnership, KBS III Investment Partnership, KBS IV Limited Partnership, KBS New Dimensions, L.P., KBS Global Opportunities, L.P. and KBS VII Limited Partnership (private investment partnerships) since 1981; Medical Director and Chairman of the Board of the Behavioral Medicine Institute since 1983	

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<b>Anthonie C. van Ekris</b> Trustee	Since 2007***	20	Chairman of BALMAC International, Inc. (commodities and futures trading)	Director of Aurado Energy Inc. (oil and gas operations) through 2005
Age: 77				
<b>Salvatore J. Zizza</b> Trustee	Since 2007*	29	Chairman (since 1978) of Zizza & Company, Ltd. (financial consulting); Chairman (since 2006) of Metropolitan Paper Recycling, Inc. (recycling); Chairman (since 2000) of BAM Inc. (manufacturing); Chairman (since 2009) of E-Corp English (business services)	Non-Executive Chairman and Director of Harbor BioSciences, Inc. (biotechnology); Vice Chairman and Director of Trans-Lux Corporation (business services); Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of General Employment Enterprises, Inc. (staffing); Director of Bion Environmental Technologies (technology) (2005-2008); Director of Earl Schieb Inc. (automotive painting) through April 2009.
Age: 66				

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**ADDITIONAL FUND INFORMATION (Continued) (Unaudited)**

Name, Position(s) Address <sup>1</sup> and Age	Term of Office and Length of Time Served <sup>2</sup>	Principal Occupation(s) During Past Five Years
<b>OFFICERS:</b>		
<b>Agnes Mullady</b> President and Treasurer  Age: 53	Since 2007	President and Chief Operating Officer of the Open-End Fund Division of Gabelli Funds, LLC since September 2010; Senior Vice President of GAMCO Investors, Inc. since 2009; Vice President of Gabelli Funds, LLC since 2007; Officer of all of the registered investment companies in the Gabelli/GAMCO Funds Complex
<b>Bruce N. Alpert</b> Secretary and Acting Chief Compliance Officer Age: 60	Since 2007  Since November 2011	Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Gabelli Funds, LLC since 1988; Officer of all of the registered investment companies in the Gabelli/GAMCO Funds complex. Director of Teton Advisors, Inc. since 1998; Chairman of Teton Advisors, Inc. 2008 to 2010; President of Teton Advisors, Inc. 1998 through 2008; Senior Vice President of GAMCO Investors, Inc. since 2008
<b>Carter W. Austin</b>  Vice President  Age: 45	Since 2007	Vice President and or Ombudsman of closed-end funds within the Gabelli/GAMCO Funds complex; Vice President of Gabelli Funds, LLC since 1996
<b>Wayne C. Pinsent, CFA</b> Assistant/Vice President and Ombudsman Age: 26	Since 2011	Assistant Vice President of the Fund since 2011; Research Analyst for Gabelli & Co (2008-2010); Student New York University (2004-2008)
<b>Adam E. Tokar</b>  Vice President  Age: 31	Since 2007	Vice President of the Fund since 2011, Assistant Vice President and Ombudsman of the Fund 2007-2010; Vice President and Ombudsman of the Gabelli Global Utility & Income Trust since 2011
<b>David I. Schachter</b>  Vice President  Age: 58	Since 2007	Vice President and or Ombudsman of closed-end funds within the Gabelli/GAMCO Funds Complex; Vice President of Gabelli & Company, Inc. since 1999

1 Address: One Corporate Center, Rye, NY 10580-1422, unless otherwise noted.

2 The Fund's Board of Trustees is divided into three classes, each class having a term of three years. Each year the term of office of one class expires and the successor or successors elected to such class serve for a three year term. The three year term for each class expires as follows:

\* Term expires at the Fund's 2012 Annual Meeting of Shareholders or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

\*\* Term expires at the Fund's 2013 Annual Meeting of Shareholders or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

\*\*\* Term expires at the Fund's 2014 Annual Meeting of Shareholders or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

Each officer will hold office for an indefinite term until the date he or she resigns or retires or until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

3 Interested person of the Fund as defined in the 1940 Act. Mr. Gabelli is considered an interested person of the Fund because of his affiliation with the Gabelli Funds, LLC which acts as the Fund's investment adviser.

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This column includes only directorships of companies required to report to the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, i.e., public companies, or other investment companies registered under the 1940 Act.

5 Trustees who are not interested persons are considered Independent Trustees.

### **Certifications**

The Fund's Chief Executive Officer has certified to the New York Stock Exchange ( NYSE ) that, as of June 15, 2011, he was not aware of any violation by the Fund of applicable NYSE corporate governance listing standards. The Fund reports to the SEC on Form N-CSR which contains certifications by the Fund's principal executive officer and principal financial officer that relate to the Fund's disclosure in such reports and that are required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act.



**THE GABELLI HEALTHCARE & WELLNESS<sup>Rx</sup> TRUST****INCOME TAX INFORMATION (Unaudited)****December 31, 2011****Historical Distribution Summary**

	<b>Investment Income (a)</b>	<b>Short-Term Capital Gains (a)</b>	<b>Long-Term Capital Gains</b>	<b>Total Distributions</b>
<b>Common Shares</b>				
2011				
2010				
2009				
2008	\$ 0.0114	\$ 0.0386		\$ 0.0500
2007	0.0115	0.0385		0.0500
<b>5.760% Series A Cumulative Preferred Shares</b>				
2011			\$ 1.44000	\$ 1.44000
2010		\$ 0.50800		0.50800

(a) Taxable as ordinary income for federal tax purposes.

**Cash Dividends and Distributions**

	<b>Payable Date</b>	<b>Record Date</b>	<b>Total Amount Paid Per Share</b>	<b>Ordinary Investment Income</b>	<b>Long-Term Capital Gains</b>
<b>5.760% Series A Cumulative Preferred Shares</b>					
	03/28/11	03/21/11	\$ 0.36000		\$ 0.36000
	06/27/11	06/20/11	0.36000		0.36000
	09/26/11	09/19/11	0.36000		0.36000
	12/27/11	12/19/11	0.36000		0.36000
			\$ 1.44000		\$ 1.44000

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.

**AUTOMATIC DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT  
AND VOLUNTARY CASH PURCHASE PLANS**

**Enrollment in the Plan**

It is the policy of The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness<sup>Rx</sup> Trust (the Fund) to automatically reinvest dividends payable to common shareholders. As a registered shareholder you automatically become a participant in the Fund's Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the Plan). The Plan authorizes the Fund to credit shares of common stock to participants upon an income dividend or a capital gains distribution regardless of whether the shares are trading at a discount or a premium to net asset value. All distributions to shareholders whose shares are registered in their own names will be automatically reinvested pursuant to the Plan in additional shares of the Fund. Plan participants may send their stock certificates to Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (Computershare) to be held in their dividend reinvestment account. Registered shareholders wishing to receive their distribution in cash must submit this request in writing to:

The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness<sup>Rx</sup> Trust

c/o Computershare

P.O. Box 43010

Providence, RI 02940-3010

Shareholders requesting this cash election must include the shareholder's name and address as they appear on the share certificate. Shareholders with additional questions regarding the Plan or requesting a copy of the terms of the Plan, may contact Computershare at (800) 336-6983.

If your shares are held in the name of a broker, bank, or nominee, you should contact such institution. If such institution is not participating in the Plan, your account will be credited with a cash dividend. In order to participate in the Plan through such institution, it may be necessary for you to have your shares taken out of street name and re-registered in your own name. Once registered in your own name your dividends will be automatically reinvested. Certain brokers participate in the Plan. Shareholders holding shares in street name at participating institutions will have dividends automatically reinvested. Shareholders wishing a cash dividend at such institution must contact their broker to make this change.

The number of shares of common stock distributed to participants in the Plan in lieu of cash dividends is determined in the following manner. Under the Plan, whenever the market price of the Fund's common stock is equal to or exceeds net asset value at the time shares are valued for purposes of determining the number of shares equivalent to the cash dividends or capital gains distribution, participants are issued shares of common stock valued at the greater of (i) the net asset value as most recently determined or (ii) 95% of the then current market price of the Fund's common stock. The valuation date is the dividend or distribution payment date or, if that date is not a New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) trading day, the next trading day. If the net asset value of the common stock at the time of valuation exceeds the market price of the common stock, participants will receive shares from the Fund valued at market price. If the Fund should declare a dividend or capital gains distribution payable only in cash, Computershare will buy common stock in the open market, or on the NYSE or elsewhere, for the participants' accounts, except that Computershare will endeavor to terminate purchases in the open market and cause the Fund to issue shares at net asset value if, following the commencement of such purchases, the market value of the common stock exceeds the then current net asset value.

The automatic reinvestment of dividends and capital gains distributions will not relieve participants of any income tax which may be payable on such distributions. A participant in the Plan will be treated for federal income tax purposes as having received, on a dividend payment date, a dividend or distribution in an amount equal to the cash the participant could have received instead of shares.

**Voluntary Cash Purchase Plan**

The Voluntary Cash Purchase Plan is yet another vehicle for our shareholders to increase their investment in the Fund. In order to participate in the Voluntary Cash Purchase Plan, shareholders must have their shares registered in their own name.

Participants in the Voluntary Cash Purchase Plan have the option of making additional cash payments to Computershare for investments in the Fund's shares at the then current market price. Shareholders may send an amount from \$250 to \$10,000. Computershare will use these funds to purchase shares in the open market on or about the 1st and 15th of each month. Computershare will charge each shareholder who participates \$0.75, plus a pro rata share of the brokerage commissions. Brokerage charges for such purchases are expected to be less than the usual brokerage charge for such transactions. It is suggested that any voluntary cash payments be sent to Computershare, P.O. Box 43010, Providence, RI 02940 3010 such that Computershare receives such payments approximately 10 days before the 1st and 15th of the month. Funds not received at

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least five days before the investment date shall be held for investment until the next purchase date. A payment may be withdrawn without charge if notice is received by Computershare at least 48 hours before such payment is to be invested.

*Shareholders wishing to liquidate shares held at Computershare* must do so in writing or by telephone. Please submit your request to the above mentioned address or telephone number. Include in your request your name, address, and account number. The cost to liquidate shares is \$2.50 per transaction as well as the brokerage commission incurred. Brokerage charges are expected to be less than the usual brokerage charge for such transactions.

For more information regarding the Dividend Reinvestment Plan and Voluntary Cash Purchase Plan, brochures are available by calling (914) 921-5070 or by writing directly to the Fund.

The Fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan as applied to any voluntary cash payments made and any dividend or distribution paid subsequent to written notice of the change sent to the members of the Plan at least 90 days before the record date for such dividend or distribution. The Plan also may be amended or terminated by Computershare on at least 90 days written notice to participants in the Plan.

**TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS**

**THE GABELLI HEALTHCARE & WELLNESS<sup>Rx</sup> TRUST**

**One Corporate Center, Rye, NY 10580-1422**

***Trustees***

Mario J. Gabelli, CFA

*Chairman & Chief Executive Officer,*

*GAMCO Investors, Inc.*

Dr. Thomas E. Bratter

*President & Founder, John Dewey Academy*

Anthony J. Colavita

*President,*

*Anthony J. Colavita, P.C.*

James P. Conn

*Former Managing Director &*

*Chief Investment Officer,*

*Financial Security Assurance Holdings Ltd.*

Vincent D. Enright

*Former Senior Vice President &*

*Chief Financial Officer, KeySpan Corp.*

Robert C. Kolodny, MD

*Physician, Principal of KBS Management LLC*

Anthonie C. van Ekris

*Chairman, BALMAC International, Inc.*

Salvatore J. Zizza

*Chairman, Zizza & Co., Ltd.*

***Officers***

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Agnes Mullady

*President & Treasurer*

Bruce N. Alpert

*Secretary and Acting Chief Compliance Officer*

Carter W. Austin

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Wayne C. Pinsent, CFA

*Assistant Vice President & Ombudsman*

David I. Schachter

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***Investment Adviser***

Gabelli Funds, LLC

One Corporate Center

Rye, New York 10580-1422

***Custodian***

The Bank of New York Mellon

***Counsel***

Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP

***Transfer Agent and Registrar***

Computershare Trust Company, N.A.

***Stock Exchange Listing***

		5.76%
NYSE Symbol:	Common GRX	Preferred GRX PrA
Shares Outstanding:	11,229,660	1,200,000

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The Net Asset Value per share appears in the Publicly Traded Funds column, under the heading Specialized Equity Funds, in Monday's The Wall Street Journal. It is also listed in Barron's Mutual Funds/Closed End Funds section under the heading Specialized Equity Funds.

The Net Asset Value per share may be obtained each day by calling (914) 921-5070 or visiting [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com).

The NASDAQ symbol for the Net Asset Value is XXGRX.

For general information about the Gabelli Funds, call **800-GABELLI** (800-422-3554), fax us at 914-921-5118, visit Gabelli Funds' Internet homepage at: [www.gabelli.com](http://www.gabelli.com), or e-mail us at: [closedend@gabelli.com](mailto:closedend@gabelli.com)

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.



**Item 2. Code of Ethics.**

- (a) The registrant, as of the end of the period covered by this report, has adopted a code of ethics that applies to the registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, regardless of whether these individuals are employed by the registrant or a third party.
- (c) There have been no amendments, during the period covered by this report, to a provision of the code of ethics that applies to the registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, regardless of whether these individuals are employed by the registrant or a third party, and that relates to any element of the code of ethics description.
- (d) The registrant has not granted any waivers, including an implicit waiver, from a provision of the code of ethics that applies to the registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, regardless of whether these individuals are employed by the registrant or a third party, that relates to one or more of the items set forth in paragraph (b) of this item's instructions.

**Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert.**

As of the end of the period covered by the report, the registrant's Board of Trustees has determined that Vincent D. Enright is qualified to serve as an audit committee financial expert serving on its audit committee and that he is independent, as defined by Item 3 of Form N-CSR.

**Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.**

Audit Fees

- (a) The aggregate fees billed for each of the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for the audit of the registrant's annual financial statements or services that are normally provided by the accountant in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for those fiscal years are \$24,927 for 2010 and \$24,927 for 2011.

Audit-Related Fees

- (b) The aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for assurance and related services by the principal accountant that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of the registrant's financial statements and are not reported under paragraph (a) of this Item are \$60,000 for 2010 and \$6,000 for 2011.



Tax Fees

- (c) The aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning are \$3,250 for 2010 and \$3,250 for 2011. Tax fees represent tax compliance services provided in connection with the review of the Registrant's tax returns.

All Other Fees

- (d) The aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for products and services provided by the principal accountant, other than the services reported in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this Item are \$0 for 2010 and \$0 for 2011.

(e)(1) Disclose the audit committee's pre-approval policies and procedures described in paragraph (c)(7) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X. Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures. The Audit Committee ( Committee ) of the registrant is responsible for pre-approving (i) all audit and permissible non-audit services to be provided by the independent registered public accounting firm to the registrant and (ii) all permissible non-audit services to be provided by the independent registered public accounting firm to the Adviser, Gabelli Funds, LLC, and any affiliate of Gabelli Funds, LLC ( Gabelli ) that provides services to the registrant (a Covered Services Provider ) if the independent registered public accounting firm's engagement related directly to the operations and financial reporting of the registrant. The Committee may delegate its responsibility to pre-approve any such audit and permissible non-audit services to the Chairperson of the Committee, and the Chairperson must report to the Committee, at its next regularly scheduled meeting after the Chairperson's pre-approval of such services, his or her decision(s). The Committee may also establish detailed pre-approval policies and procedures for pre-approval of such services in accordance with applicable laws, including the delegation of some or all of the Committee's pre-approval responsibilities to the other persons (other than Gabelli or the registrant's officers). Pre-approval by the Committee of any permissible non-audit services is not required so long as: (i) the permissible non-audit services were not recognized by the registrant at the time of the engagement to be non-audit services; and (ii) such services are promptly brought to the attention of the Committee and approved by the Committee or Chairperson prior to the completion of the audit.

- (e)(2) The percentage of services described in each of paragraphs (b) through (d) of this Item that were approved by the audit committee pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(i)(C) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X are as follows:

(b) 100%

(c) 100%

(d) N/A

- (f) The percentage of hours expended on the principal accountant's engagement to audit the registrant's financial statements for the most recent fiscal year that were attributed to work performed by persons other than the principal accountant's full-time, permanent employees was 0%.

- (g) The aggregate non-audit fees billed by the registrant's accountant for services rendered to the registrant, and rendered to the registrant's investment adviser (not including any sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment adviser), and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant for each of the last two fiscal years of the registrant was \$0 for 2010 and \$0 for 2011.
- (h) The registrant's audit committee of the board of directors has considered whether the provision of non-audit services that were rendered to the registrant's investment adviser (not including any sub-adviser whose role is primarily portfolio management and is subcontracted with or overseen by another investment adviser), and any entity controlling, controlled by, or under common control with the investment adviser that provides ongoing services to the registrant that were not pre-approved pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(ii) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X is compatible with maintaining the principal accountant's independence.

**Item 5. Audit Committee of Listed registrants.**

The registrant has a separately designated audit committee consisting of the following members: Anthony J. Colavita, Vincent D. Enright, and Salvatore J. Zizza.

**Item 6. Investments.**

- (a) Schedule of Investments in securities of unaffiliated issuers as of the close of the reporting period is included as part of the report to shareholders filed under Item 1 of this form.
- (b) Not applicable.

**Item 7. Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Management Investment Companies.**

The Proxy Voting Policies are attached herewith.

### **The Voting of Proxies on Behalf of Clients**

Rules 204(4)-2 and 204-2 under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and Rule 30b1-4 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 require investment advisers to adopt written policies and procedures governing the voting of proxies on behalf of their clients.

These procedures will be used by GAMCO Asset Management Inc., Gabelli Funds, LLC, Gabelli Securities, Inc., and Teton Advisors, Inc. (collectively, the Advisers ) to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities held by their clients, including the procedures that the Advisers use when a vote presents a conflict between the interests of the shareholders of an investment company managed by one of the Advisers, on the one hand, and those of the Advisers; the principal underwriter; or any affiliated person of the investment company, the Advisers, or the principal underwriter. These procedures will not apply where the Advisers do not have voting discretion or where the Advisers have agreed to with a client to vote the client s proxies in accordance with specific guidelines or procedures supplied by the client (to the extent permitted by ERISA).

#### **I. Proxy Voting Committee**

The Proxy Voting Committee was originally formed in April 1989 for the purpose of formulating guidelines and reviewing proxy statements within the parameters set by the substantive proxy voting guidelines originally published in 1988 and updated periodically, a copy of which are appended as Exhibit A. The Committee will include representatives of Research, Administration, Legal, and the Advisers. Additional or replacement members of the Committee will be nominated by the Chairman and voted upon by the entire Committee.

Meetings are held as needed basis to form views on the manner in which the Advisers should vote proxies on behalf of their clients.

In general, the Director of Proxy Voting Services, using the Proxy Guidelines, recommendations of Institutional Shareholder Corporate Governance Service ( ISS ), other third-party services and the analysts of Gabelli & Company, Inc., will determine how to vote on each issue. For non-controversial matters, the Director of Proxy Voting Services may vote the proxy if the vote is (1) consistent with the recommendations of the issuer s Board of Directors and not contrary to the Proxy Guidelines; (2) consistent with the recommendations of the issuer s Board of Directors and is a non-controversial issue not covered by the Proxy Guidelines; or (3) the vote is contrary to the recommendations of the Board of Directors but is consistent with the Proxy Guidelines. In those instances, the Director of Proxy Voting Services or the Chairman of the Committee may sign and date the proxy statement indicating how each issue will be voted.

All matters identified by the Chairman of the Committee, the Director of Proxy Voting Services or the Legal Department as controversial, taking into account the

recommendations of ISS or other third party services and the analysts of Gabelli & Company, Inc., will be presented to the Proxy Voting Committee. If the Chairman of the Committee, the Director of Proxy Voting Services or the Legal Department has identified the matter as one that (1) is controversial; (2) would benefit from deliberation by the Proxy Voting Committee; or (3) may give rise to a conflict of interest between the Advisers and their clients, the Chairman of the Committee will initially determine what vote to recommend that the Advisers should cast and the matter will go before the Committee.

**A. Conflicts of Interest.**

The Advisers have implemented these proxy voting procedures in order to prevent conflicts of interest from influencing their proxy voting decisions. By following the Proxy Guidelines, as well as the recommendations of ISS, other third-party services and the analysts of Gabelli & Company, the Advisers are able to avoid, wherever possible, the influence of potential conflicts of interest. Nevertheless, circumstances may arise in which one or more of the Advisers are faced with a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest in connection with its vote. In general, a conflict of interest may arise when an Adviser knowingly does business with an issuer, and may appear to have a material conflict between its own interests and the interests of the shareholders of an investment company managed by one of the Advisers regarding how the proxy is to be voted. A conflict also may exist when an Adviser has actual knowledge of a material business arrangement between an issuer and an affiliate of the Adviser.

In practical terms, a conflict of interest may arise, for example, when a proxy is voted for a company that is a client of one of the Advisers, such as GAMCO Asset Management Inc. A conflict also may arise when a client of one of the Advisers has made a shareholder proposal in a proxy to be voted upon by one or more of the Advisers. The Director of Proxy Voting Services, together with the Legal Department, will scrutinize all proxies for these or other situations that may give rise to a conflict of interest with respect to the voting of proxies.

**B. Operation of Proxy Voting Committee**

For matters submitted to the Committee, each member of the Committee will receive, prior to the meeting, a copy of the proxy statement, any relevant third party research, a summary of any views provided by the Chief Investment Officer and any recommendations by Gabelli & Company, Inc. analysts. The Chief Investment Officer or the Gabelli & Company, Inc. analysts may be invited to present their viewpoints. If the Director of Proxy Voting Services or the Legal Department believe that the matter before the committee is one with respect to which a conflict of interest may exist between the Advisers and their clients, counsel will

provide an opinion to the Committee concerning the conflict. If the matter is one in which the interests of the clients of one or more of Advisers may diverge, counsel will so advise and the Committee may make different recommendations as to different clients. For any matters where the recommendation may trigger appraisal rights, counsel will provide an opinion concerning the likely risks and merits of such an appraisal action.

Each matter submitted to the Committee will be determined by the vote of a majority of the members present at the meeting. Should the vote concerning one or more recommendations be tied in a vote of the Committee, the Chairman of the Committee will cast the deciding vote. The Committee will notify the proxy department of its decisions and the proxies will be voted accordingly.

Although the Proxy Guidelines express the normal preferences for the voting of any shares not covered by a contrary investment guideline provided by the client, the Committee is not bound by the preferences set forth in the Proxy Guidelines and will review each matter on its own merits. Written minutes of all Proxy Voting Committee meetings will be maintained. The Advisers subscribe to ISS, which supplies current information on companies, matters being voted on, regulations, trends in proxy voting and information on corporate governance issues.

If the vote cast either by the analyst or as a result of the deliberations of the Proxy Voting Committee runs contrary to the recommendation of the Board of Directors of the issuer, the matter will be referred to legal counsel to determine whether an amendment to the most recently filed Schedule 13D is appropriate.

## **II. Social Issues and Other Client Guidelines**

If a client has provided special instructions relating to the voting of proxies, they should be noted in the client's account file and forwarded to the proxy department. This is the responsibility of the investment professional or sales assistant for the client. In accordance with Department of Labor guidelines, the Advisers' policy is to vote on behalf of ERISA accounts in the best interest of the plan participants with regard to social issues that carry an economic impact. Where an account is not governed by ERISA, the Advisers will vote shares held on behalf of the client in a manner consistent with any individual investment/voting guidelines provided by the client. Otherwise the Advisers will abstain with respect to those shares.

## **III. Client Retention of Voting Rights**

If a client chooses to retain the right to vote proxies or if there is any change in voting authority, the following should be notified by the investment professional or sales assistant for the client.

- Operations
- Legal Department
- Proxy Department
- Investment professional assigned to the account

In the event that the Board of Directors (or a Committee thereof) of one or more of the investment companies managed by one of the Advisers has retained direct voting control over any security, the Proxy Voting Department will provide each Board Member (or Committee member) with a copy of the proxy statement together with any other relevant information including recommendations of ISS or other third-party services.

#### **IV. Voting Records**

The Proxy Voting Department will retain a record of matters voted upon by the Advisers for their clients. The Advisers will supply information on how an account voted its proxies upon request.

A letter is sent to the custodians for all clients for which the Advisers have voting responsibility instructing them to forward all proxy materials to:

[Adviser name]

Attn: Proxy Voting Department

One Corporate Center

Rye, New York 10580-1433

The sales assistant sends the letters to the custodians along with the trading/DTC instructions. Proxy voting records will be retained in compliance with Rule 204-2 under the Investment Advisers Act.

#### **V. Voting Procedures**

1. Custodian banks, outside brokerage firms and clearing firms are responsible for forwarding proxies directly to the Advisers.

Proxies are received in one of two forms:

Shareholder Vote Authorization Forms ( VAFs ) Issued by Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. ( Broadridge ) VAFs must be voted through the issuing institution causing a time lag. Broadridge is an outside service contracted by the various institutions to issue proxy materials.

Proxy cards which may be voted directly.

2. Upon receipt of the proxy, the number of shares each form represents is logged into the proxy system according to security.

3. In the case of a discrepancy such as an incorrect number of shares, an improperly signed or dated card, wrong class of security, etc., the issuing custodian is notified by phone. A corrected proxy is requested. Any arrangements are made to insure that a

proper proxy is received in time to be voted (overnight delivery, fax, etc.). When securities are out on loan on record date, the custodian is requested to supply written verification.

4. Upon receipt of instructions from the proxy committee (see Administrative), the votes are cast and recorded for each account on an individual basis.

Records have been maintained on the Proxy Edge system. The system is backed up regularly.

Proxy Edge records include:

Security Name and Cusip Number

Date and Type of Meeting (Annual, Special, Contest)

Client Name

Adviser or Fund Account Number

Directors Recommendation

How GAMCO voted for the client on each issue

5. VAFs are kept alphabetically by security. Records for the current proxy season are located in the Proxy Voting Department office. In preparation for the upcoming season, files are transferred to an offsite storage facility during January/February.

6. Shareholder Vote Authorization Forms issued by Broadridge are always sent directly to a specific individual at Broadridge.

7. If a proxy card or VAF is received too late to be voted in the conventional matter, every attempt is made to vote on one of the following manners:

VAFs can be faxed to Broadridge up until the time of the meeting. This is followed up by mailing the original form.

When a solicitor has been retained, the solicitor is called. At the solicitor's direction, the proxy is faxed.

8. In the case of a proxy contest, records are maintained for each opposing entity.

9. Voting in Person

a) At times it may be necessary to vote the shares in person. In this case, a legal proxy is obtained in the following manner:

Banks and brokerage firms using the services at Broadridge:

The back of the VAF is stamped indicating that we wish to vote in person. The forms are then sent overnight to Broadridge. Broadridge issues individual legal proxies and

sends them back via overnight (or the Adviser can pay messenger charges). A lead-time of at least two weeks prior to the meeting is needed to do this. Alternatively, the procedures detailed below for banks not using Broadridge may be implemented.

Banks and brokerage firms issuing proxies directly:  
The bank is called and/or faxed and a legal proxy is requested.

All legal proxies should appoint:

**Representative of [Adviser name] with full power of substitution.**

b) The legal proxies are given to the person attending the meeting along with the following supplemental material:

A limited Power of Attorney appointing the attendee an Adviser representative.

A list of all shares being voted by custodian only. Client names and account numbers are not included. This list must be presented, along with the proxies, to the Inspectors of Elections and/or tabulator at least one-half hour prior to the scheduled start of the meeting. The tabulator must qualify the votes (i.e. determine if the vote have previously been cast, if the votes have been rescinded, etc. vote have previously been cast, etc.).

A sample ERISA and Individual contract.

A sample of the annual authorization to vote proxies form.

A copy of our most recent Schedule 13D filing (if applicable).



**Appendix A**

**Proxy Guidelines**

**PROXY VOTING GUIDELINES**

***GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT***

It is the policy of **GAMCO Investors, Inc.** to vote in the best economic interests of our clients. As we state in our Magna Carta of Shareholders Rights, established in May 1988, we are neither *for* nor *against* management. We are for shareholders.

At our first proxy committee meeting in 1989, it was decided that each proxy statement should be evaluated on its own merits within the framework first established by our Magna Carta of Shareholders Rights. The attached guidelines serve to enhance that broad framework.

We do not consider any issue routine. We take into consideration all of our research on the company, its directors, and their short and long-term goals for the company. In cases where issues that we generally do not approve of are combined with other issues, the negative aspects of the issues will be factored into the evaluation of the overall proposals but will not necessitate a vote in opposition to the overall proposals.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The advisers do not consider the election of the Board of Directors a routine issue. Each slate of directors is evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Factors taken into consideration include:

Historical responsiveness to shareholders  
This may include such areas as:

- Paying greenmail
- Failure to adopt shareholder resolutions receiving a majority of shareholder votes

Qualifications

Nominating committee in place

Number of outside directors on the board

Attendance at meetings

Overall performance

**SELECTION OF AUDITORS**

In general, we support the Board of Directors' recommendation for auditors.

**BLANK CHECK PREFERRED STOCK**

We oppose the issuance of blank check preferred stock.

Blank check preferred stock allows the company to issue stock and establish dividends, voting rights, etc. without further shareholder approval.

**CLASSIFIED BOARD**

A classified board is one where the directors are divided into classes with overlapping terms. A different class is elected at each annual meeting.

While a classified board promotes continuity of directors facilitating long range planning, we feel directors should be accountable to shareholders on an annual basis. We will look at this proposal on a case-by-case basis taking into consideration the board's historical responsiveness to the rights of shareholders.

Where a classified board is in place we will generally not support attempts to change to an annually elected board.

When an annually elected board is in place, we generally will not support attempts to classify the board.

***INCREASE AUTHORIZED COMMON STOCK***

The request to increase the amount of outstanding shares is considered on a case-by-case basis.

Factors taken into consideration include:

- Future use of additional shares
- Stock split
- Stock option or other executive compensation plan
- Finance growth of company/strengthen balance sheet
- Aid in restructuring
- Improve credit rating
- Implement a poison pill or other takeover defense

Amount of stock currently authorized but not yet issued or reserved for stock option plans

Amount of additional stock to be authorized and its dilutive effect

We will support this proposal if a detailed and verifiable plan for the use of the additional shares is contained in the proxy statement.

***CONFIDENTIAL BALLOT***

We support the idea that a shareholder's identity and vote should be treated with confidentiality.

However, we look at this issue on a case-by-case basis.

In order to promote confidentiality in the voting process, we endorse the use of independent Inspectors of Election.

***CUMULATIVE VOTING***

In general, we support cumulative voting.

Cumulative voting is a process by which a shareholder may multiply the number of directors being elected by the number of shares held on record date and cast the total number for one candidate or allocate the voting among two or more candidates.

Where cumulative voting is in place, we will vote against any proposal to rescind this shareholder right.

Cumulative voting may result in a minority block of stock gaining representation on the board. When a proposal is made to institute cumulative voting, the proposal will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. While we feel that each board member should represent all shareholders, cumulative voting provides minority shareholders an opportunity to have their views represented.

***DIRECTOR LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION***

We support efforts to attract the best possible directors by limiting the liability and increasing the indemnification of directors, except in the case of insider dealing.

***EQUAL ACCESS TO THE PROXY***

The SEC's rules provide for shareholder resolutions. However, the resolutions are limited in scope and there is a 500 word limit on proponents written arguments. Management has no such limitations. While we support equal access to the proxy, we would look at such variables as length of time required to respond, percentage of ownership, etc.

***FAIR PRICE PROVISIONS***

Charter provisions requiring a bidder to pay all shareholders a fair price are intended to prevent two-tier tender offers that may be abusive. Typically, these provisions do not apply to board-approved transactions.

We support fair price provisions because we feel all shareholders should be entitled to receive the same benefits.

Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

***GOLDEN PARACHUTES***

Golden parachutes are severance payments to top executives who are terminated or demoted after a takeover.

We support any proposal that would assure management of its own welfare so that they may continue to make decisions in the best interest of the company and shareholders even if the decision results in them losing their job. We do not, however, support excessive golden parachutes. Therefore, each proposal will be decided on a case-by- case basis.

*Note: Congress has imposed a tax on any parachute that is more than three times the executive s average annual compensation.*

***ANTI-GREENMAIL PROPOSALS***

We do not support greenmail. An offer extended to one shareholder should be extended to all shareholders equally across the board.

***LIMIT SHAREHOLDERS RIGHTS TO CALL SPECIAL MEETINGS***

We support the right of shareholders to call a special meeting.

***CONSIDERATION OF NONFINANCIAL EFFECTS OF A MERGER***

This proposal releases the directors from only looking at the financial effects of a merger and allows them the opportunity to consider the merger s effects on employees, the community, and consumers.

As a fiduciary, we are obligated to vote in the best economic interests of our clients. In general, this proposal does not allow us to do that. Therefore, we generally cannot support this proposal.

Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

***MERGERS, BUYOUTS, SPIN-OFFS, RESTRUCTURINGS***

Each of the above is considered on a case-by-case basis. According to the Department of Labor, we are not required to vote for a proposal simply because the offering price is at a premium to the current market price. We may take into consideration the long term interests of the shareholders.

***MILITARY ISSUES***

Shareholder proposals regarding military production must be evaluated on a purely economic set of criteria for our **ERISA** clients. As such, decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

In voting on this proposal for our non-**ERISA** clients, we will vote according to the client's direction when applicable. Where no direction has been given, we will vote in the best economic interests of our clients. It is not our duty to impose our social judgment on others.

***NORTHERN IRELAND***

Shareholder proposals requesting the signing of the MacBride principles for the purpose of countering the discrimination of Catholics in hiring practices must be evaluated on a purely economic set of criteria for our **ERISA** clients. As such, decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis.

In voting on this proposal for our non-**ERISA** clients, we will vote according to client direction when applicable. Where no direction has been given, we will vote in the best economic interests of our clients. It is not our duty to impose our social judgment on others.

***OPT OUT OF STATE ANTI-TAKEOVER LAW***

This shareholder proposal requests that a company opt out of the coverage of the state's takeover statutes. Example: Delaware law requires that a buyer must acquire at least 85% of the company's stock before the buyer can exercise control unless the board approves.

We consider this on a case-by-case basis. Our decision will be based on the following:

State of Incorporation

Management history of responsiveness to shareholders

Other mitigating factors

***POISON PILL***

In general, we do not endorse poison pills.

In certain cases where management has a history of being responsive to the needs of shareholders and the stock is very liquid, we will reconsider this position.

***REINCORPORATION***

Generally, we support reincorporation for well-defined business reasons. We oppose reincorporation if proposed solely for the purpose of reincorporating in a state with more stringent anti-takeover statutes that may negatively impact the value of the stock.

***STOCK OPTION PLANS***

Stock option plans are an excellent way to attract, hold and motivate directors and employees. However, each stock option plan must be evaluated on its own merits, taking into consideration the following:

Dilution of voting power or earnings per share by more than 10%

Kind of stock to be awarded, to whom, when and how much

Method of payment

Amount of stock already authorized but not yet issued under existing stock option plans

***SUPERMAJORITY VOTE REQUIREMENTS***

Supermajority vote requirements in a company's charter or bylaws require a level of voting approval in excess of a simple majority of the outstanding shares. In general, we oppose supermajority-voting requirements. Supermajority requirements often exceed the average level of shareholder participation. We support proposals' approvals by a simple majority of the shares voting.

***LIMIT SHAREHOLDERS RIGHT TO ACT BY WRITTEN CONSENT***

Written consent allows shareholders to initiate and carry on a shareholder action without having to wait until the next annual meeting or to call a special meeting. It permits action to be taken by the written consent of the same percentage of the shares that would be required to effect proposed action at a shareholder meeting.

Reviewed on a case-by-case basis.



**Item 8. Portfolio Managers of Closed-End Management Investment Companies.****PORTFOLIO MANAGERS**

Mr. Mario J. Gabelli, CFA, is primarily responsible for the day-to-day management of Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness<sup>Rx</sup> Trust, (the Trust). Mr. Gabelli has served as Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and Chief Investment Officer -Value Portfolios of GAMCO Investors, Inc. and its affiliates since their organization.

Kevin V. Dreyer joined Gabelli & Company, Inc. in 2005 as a research analyst upon earning an MBA from Columbia Business School. Mr. Dreyer previously worked as an investment banking analyst at Banc of America Securities following his graduation from the University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Jeffrey J. Jonas, CFA joined Gabelli & Company, Inc. in 2003 as a research analyst. Prior to his appointment as Associated Portfolio Manager of the Healthcare Trust, Mr. Jonas served as co-portfolio manager of GAMCO Medical Opportunities LP. Mr. Jonas was a Presidential Scholar at Boston College where he received a BS in finance and management information systems.

**MANAGEMENT OF OTHER ACCOUNTS**

The table below shows the number of other accounts managed by the portfolio managers and the total assets in each of the following categories: registered investment companies, other paid investment vehicles and other accounts as of December 31, 2011. For each category, the table also shows the number of accounts and the total assets in the accounts with respect to which the advisory fee is based on account performance.

Name of Portfolio Manager or Team Member	Type of Accounts	Total No. of Accounts Managed	Total Assets	No. of Accounts where Advisory Fee is Based on Performance	Total Assets in Accounts where Advisory Fee is Based_on Performance
1. Mario J. Gabelli	Registered Investment Companies:	26	18.1B	8	4.2B
	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles:	16	604.9M	13	551.7M
	Other Accounts:	1,766	13.4B	9	1.4B
2. Kevin V. Dreyer	Registered Investment Companies:	5	5.0B	1	1.9B
	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles:	0	0	0	0
	Other Accounts:	99	164.0M	0	0
3. Jeff Jonas	Registered Investment Companies:	0	0	0	0
	Other Pooled Investment Vehicles:	0	0	0	0
	Other Accounts:	2	1.2M	0	0

**POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Actual or apparent conflicts of interest may arise when a Portfolio Manager also has day-to-day management responsibilities with respect to one or more other accounts. These potential conflicts include:

**ALLOCATION OF LIMITED TIME AND ATTENTION.** Because the portfolio managers manage many accounts, they may not be able to formulate as complete a strategy or identify equally attractive investment opportunities for each of those accounts as might be the case if they were to devote all of their attention to the management of only a few accounts.

**ALLOCATION OF LIMITED INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES.** If the portfolio managers identify an investment opportunity that may be suitable for multiple accounts, the Fund may not be able to take full advantage of that opportunity because the opportunity may be allocated among all or many of these accounts or other accounts managed primarily by other portfolio managers of the Adviser, and their affiliates.

**PURSUIT OF DIFFERING STRATEGIES.** At times, the portfolio managers may determine that an investment opportunity may be appropriate for only some of the accounts for which they exercise investment responsibility, or may decide that certain of these accounts should take differing positions with respect to a particular security. In these cases, the portfolio managers may execute differing or opposite transactions for one or more accounts which may affect the market price of the security or the execution of the transaction, or both, to the detriment of one or more of their accounts.

**VARIATION IN COMPENSATION.** A conflict of interest may arise where the financial or other benefits available to the portfolio manager differ among the accounts that they manage. If the structure of the Adviser's management fee or the portfolio manager's compensation differs among accounts (such as where certain accounts pay higher management fees or performance-based management fees), the portfolio managers may be motivated to favor certain accounts over others. The portfolio managers also may be motivated to favor accounts in which they have an investment interest, or in which the Adviser, or its affiliates have investment interests. In Mr. Gabelli's case, the Adviser's compensation and expenses for the Fund are marginally greater as a percentage of assets than for certain other accounts and are less than for certain other accounts managed by Mr. Gabelli, while his personal compensation structure varies with near-term performance to a greater degree in certain performance fee based accounts than with on-performance based accounts. In addition, he has investment interests in several of the funds managed by the Adviser and its affiliates.

The Adviser, and the Funds have adopted compliance policies and procedures that are designed to address the various conflicts of interest that may arise for the Adviser and their staff members. However, there is no guarantee that such policies and procedures will be able to detect and prevent every situation in which an actual or potential conflict may arise.

#### **COMPENSATION STRUCTURE FOR MARIO J. GABELLI**

Mr. Gabelli receives incentive-based variable compensation based on a percentage of net revenues received by the Adviser for managing the Trust. Net revenues are determined by deducting from gross investment management fees the firm's expenses (other than Mr. Gabelli's compensation) allocable to this Trust. Five closed-end registered investment companies (including this Trust) managed by Mr. Gabelli have arrangements whereby the Adviser will only receive its investment advisory fee attributable to the liquidation value of outstanding preferred stock (and Mr. Gabelli would only receive his percentage of such advisory fee) if certain performance levels are met. Additionally, he receives similar incentive based variable compensation for managing other accounts within the firm and its affiliates. This method of compensation is based on the premise that superior long-term performance in managing a portfolio should be rewarded with higher compensation as a result of growth of assets through appreciation and net investment activity. The level of compensation is not determined with specific reference to the performance of any account against any specific benchmark. One of the other registered investment companies managed by Mr. Gabelli has a performance (fulcrum) fee arrangement for which his compensation is adjusted up or down based on the performance of the investment company relative to an index. Mr. Gabelli manages other accounts with performance fees. Compensation for managing these accounts has two components. One component is based on a percentage of net revenues to the investment adviser for managing the account. The second component is based on absolute performance of the account, with respect to which a percentage of such performance fee is paid to Mr. Gabelli. As an executive officer of the Adviser's parent company, GBL, Mr. Gabelli also receives ten percent of the net operating profits of the parent company. He receives no base salary, no annual bonus, and no stock options.

**COMPENSATION STRUCTURE FOR PORTFOLIO MANAGERS OF THE ADVISER OTHER THAN MARIO GABELLI**

The compensation of the Portfolio Managers for the Fund is structure to enable the Adviser to attract and retain highly qualified professionals in a competitive environment. The Portfolio Managers receive a compensation package that includes a minimum draw or base salary, equity-based incentive compensation via awards of stock options, and incentive-based variable compensation based on a percentage of net revenue received by the Adviser for managing a Fund to the extent that the amount exceeds a minimum level of compensation. Net revenues are determined by deducting from gross investment management fees certain of the firm's expenses (other than the respective Portfolio Manager's compensation) allocable to the respective Fund (the incentive-based variable compensation for managing other accounts is also based on a percentage of net revenues to the investment adviser for managing the account). This method of compensation is based on the premise that superior long-term performance in managing a portfolio should be rewarded with higher compensation as a result of growth of assets through appreciation and net investment activity. The level of equity-based incentive and incentive-based variable compensation is based on an evaluation by the Adviser's parent, GBL, of quantitative and qualitative performance evaluation criteria. This evaluation takes into account, in a broad sense, the performance of the accounts managed by the Portfolio Manager, but the level of compensation is not determined with specific reference to the performance of any account against any specific benchmark. Generally, greater consideration is given to the performance of larger accounts and to longer term performance over smaller accounts and short-term performance.

**OWNERSHIP OF SHARES IN THE FUND**

Mario J. Gabelli, Kevin V. Dreyer, and Jeff Jonas each owned \$500,001 to \$999,999, \$100,001 to \$500,000 and \$10,001-\$50,000, respectively, of shares of the Trust as of December 31, 2011.

(b) Not applicable.

**Item 9. Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Company and Affiliated Purchasers.****REGISTRANT PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES**

Period	(a) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased		(b) Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit)		(c) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs		(d) Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
	Common	Preferred	Common	Preferred	Common	Preferred	
Month #1 07/01/11 through 07/31/11	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Common 11,237,260 Preferred Series A 1,200,000
Month #2 08/01/11 through 08/31/11	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Common 11,237,260 Preferred Series A 1,200,000
Month #3 09/01/11 through 09/30/11	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Common 11,237,260 Preferred Series A 1,200,000

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Month #4	Common	N/A	Common	N/A	Common	N/A	Common	11,237,260
10/01/11 through								
10/31/11	Preferred Series A	N/A	Preferred Series A	N/A	Preferred Series A	N/A	Preferred Series A	1,200,000
Month #5	Common	7,600	Common	\$6.9641	Common	7,600	Common	11,229,660
11/01/11 through	Preferred Series A	N/A	Preferred Series A	N/A	Preferred Series A	N/A	Preferred Series A	1,200,000
11/30/11								
Month #6	Common	N/A	Common	N/A	Common	N/A	Common	11,229,660
12/01/11 through	Preferred Series A	N/A	Preferred Series A	N/A	Preferred Series A	N/A	Preferred Series A	1,200,000
12/31/11								
Total	Common	7,600	Common	\$6.9641	Common	7,600	N/A	
	Preferred Series A	N/A	Preferred Series A	N/A	Preferred Series A	N/A		

Footnote columns (c) and (d) of the table, by disclosing the following information in the aggregate for all plans or programs publicly announced:

- The date each plan or program was announced The notice of the potential repurchase of common and preferred shares occurs quarterly in the Fund s quarterly report in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
- The dollar amount (or share or unit amount) approved Any or all common shares outstanding may be repurchased when the Fund s common shares are trading at a discount of 10% or more from the net asset value of the shares. Any or all preferred shares outstanding may be repurchased when the Fund s preferred shares are trading at a discount to the liquidation value of \$25.00.
- The expiration date (if any) of each plan or program The Fund s repurchase plans are ongoing.
- Each plan or program that has expired during the period covered by the table The Fund s repurchase plans are ongoing.
- Each plan or program the registrant has determined to terminate prior to expiration, or under which the registrant does not intend to make further purchases. The Fund s repurchase plans are ongoing.

**Item 10. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

There have been no material changes to the procedures by which the shareholders may recommend nominees to the registrant s Board of Trustees, where those changes were implemented after the registrant last provided disclosure in response to the requirements of Item 407(c)(2)(iv) of Regulation S-K (17 CFR 229.407) (as required by Item 22(b)(15) of Schedule 14A (17 CFR 240.14a-101)), or this Item.

**Item 11. Controls and Procedures.**

- (a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 12. Exhibits.**

- (a)(1) Code of ethics, or any amendment thereto, that is the subject of disclosure required by Item 2 is attached hereto.
- (a)(2) Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.
- (a)(3) Not applicable.
- (b) Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(b) under the 1940 Act and Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(registrant) The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness<sup>Rx</sup> Trust

By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ Agnes Mullady  
Agnes Mullady, Principal Executive Officer and Principal  
Financial Officer

Date 3/9/12

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)\* /s/ Agnes Mullady  
Agnes Mullady, Principal Executive Officer and Principal  
Financial Officer

Date 3/9/12

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