

BANCROFT FUND LTD

Form 3

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response... 0.5**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

Â GABELLI MARIO J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O GAMCO INVESTORS,
INC,Â ONE CORPORATE
CENTER

(Street)

RYE,Â NYÂ 10580

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

11/01/2015

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
BANCROFT FUND LTD [BCV]4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner☐ Officer ☒ Other
(give title below) (specify below)

Control Person of Adviser

6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing(Check Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting
Person
☐ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Shares

200,000

D

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Common Shares

55,400

I

GAMCO Investors, Inc. ⁽¹⁾Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially
owned directly or indirectly.

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(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security4. Conversion
or Exercise5. Ownership
Form of6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title (Instr. 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

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

11/04/2015

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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