

GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 BANK OF AMERICA CORP /DE/

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC [GAB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/11/2010

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_X\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 \_\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATE CENTER, 100 N. TRYON STREET

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 \_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 \_\_\_X\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CHARLOTTE, NC 28255

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V Amount (A) or (D) Price   |   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/11/2010                           |  | P                              | 1 A \$ 5.19   | 1   | I  | By Subsidiary   |
| Common Stock                    | 01/11/2010                           |  | S                              | 1 D \$ 5.16   | 0   | I  | By Subsidiary   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/05/2010                           |  | P                              | 1,000 A \$ 5.18   | 1,000   | I  | By Subsidiary   |
| Common Stock                    | 04/05/2010                           |  | S                              | 1,000 D \$ 5.17   | 0   | I  | By Subsidiary   |
|                                 | 04/29/2010                           |  | P                              | 1,000 A   | 1,000   | I  |   |

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|              |            |  |   |       |   |         |       |  |   |               |
|--------------|------------|--|---|-------|---|---------|-------|--|---|---------------|
| Common Stock |            |  |   |       |   | \$ 5.42 |       |  |   | By Subsidiary |
| Common Stock | 04/29/2010 |  | S | 1,000 | D | \$ 5.34 | 0     |  | I | By Subsidiary |
| Common Stock | 12/03/2010 |  | P | 1,546 | A | \$ 5.63 | 1,546 |  | I | By Subsidiary |
| Common Stock | 12/03/2010 |  | P | 3,254 | A | \$ 5.64 | 4,800 |  | I | By Subsidiary |
| Common Stock | 12/06/2010 |  | S | 4,800 | D | \$ 5.62 | 0     |  | I | By Subsidiary |
| Common Stock | 12/13/2010 |  | P | 400   | A | \$ 5.59 | 400   |  | I | By Subsidiary |
| Common Stock | 12/13/2010 |  | P | 400   | A | \$ 5.7  | 800   |  | I | By Subsidiary |
| Common Stock | 12/13/2010 |  | S | 400   | D | \$ 5.6  | 400   |  | I | By Subsidiary |
| Common Stock | 12/13/2010 |  | S | 400   | D | \$ 5.69 | 0     |  | I | By Subsidiary |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Code   | V   | (A)  | (D)   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BANK OF AMERICA CORP /DE/<br>BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATE CENTER<br>100 N. TRYON STREET<br>CHARLOTTE, NC 28255 |               | X         |         |       |
| MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INC.<br>4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER NORTH TOWER<br>NEW YORK, NY 10080    |               | X         |         |       |

## Signatures

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| Bank of America Corporation, By: /s/ Beth Dorfman, Authorized Signatory                                  | 03/17/2011 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person  | Date       |
| Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, By: /s/ Lawrence Emerson, Title:<br>Attorney-In-Fact | 03/17/2011 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person  | Date       |

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

### Remarks:

The transactions reported on this Form 4 were effected by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, an indirect, wh

Disgorgement of profits, if applicable, based on transactions reported above is being made by the Reporting Persons to the Issu

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