

GDL FUND  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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 \*  
GABELLI MARIO J

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O GAMCO INVESTORS,  
INC, ONE CORPORATE CENTER

(Street)

RYE, NY 10580

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
GDL FUND [GDL]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
08/13/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Control Person of Adviser

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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) |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                  |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Amount or Price   |  |   |
| Common Shares, Par Value \$0.001 | 08/13/2012                           |  | P                              | A   | \$ 2,000 11.956   | D  |   |
| Common Shares, Par Value \$0.001 |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,120,312.51  | I  | GAMCO Investors, Inc. <sup>(1)</sup>                  |
| Common Shares, Par Value \$0.001 |                                      |  |                                |   | 7,174.2   | I  | Gabelli Securities, Inc. <sup>(2)</sup>               |

|                                  |         |   |   |
|----------------------------------|---------|---|---|
| Common Shares, Par Value \$0.001 | 115,437 | I | GGCP, Inc. <sup>(3)</sup>                 |
| Common Shares, Par Value \$0.001 | 45,205  | I | MJG Management, LLC <sup>(4)</sup>        |
| Common Shares, Par Value \$0.001 | 35,980  | I | MJG IV Limited Partnership <sup>(5)</sup> |
| Common Shares, Par Value \$0.001 | 23,439  | I | GPJ Retirement Partners <sup>(6)</sup>    |

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 Transaction (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address              | Relationships |           |         |                           |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|---------------------------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other                     |
| GABELLI MARIO J<br>C/O GAMCO INVESTORS, INC | X             |           |         | Control Person of Adviser |

ONE CORPORATE CENTER  
RYE, NY 10580

## Signatures

Douglas R. Jamieson as Attorney-in-Fact for Mario J.  
Gabelli

08/15/2012

\*\*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).

The shares reported reflect the total shares owned by GAMCO Investors, Inc. (GAMCO). Mario J. Gabelli is the Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, and controlling shareholder of GAMCO. 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.

(1) The shares reported reflect the total shares owned by Gabelli Securities, Inc. (GSI), a majority owned subsidiary of GAMCO. Mr. Gabelli has less than a 100% interest in GSI and disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by this entity which are in excess of his indirect pecuniary interest.

(2) The shares reported reflect the total shares owned by GGCP, Inc. (GGCP). Mario J. Gabelli is the Chief Executive Officer, a director, and the controlling shareholder of GGCP. Mr. Gabelli has less than a 100% interest in GGCP and disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by it which are in excess of his indirect pecuniary interest.

(3) The shares reported reflect the total shares owned by MJG Management, LLC a limited liability company for which Mr. Gabelli serves as the member.

(4) The shares reported reflect the total shares owned by MJG IV Limited Partnership, a limited partnership for which Mr. Gabelli serves as a general partner. Mr. Gabelli has less than a 100% interest in the entity and disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by this entity which are in excess of his indirect pecuniary interest.

(5) The shares reported reflect the total shares owned by GPJ Retirement Partners, LLC, a limited liability company. Mr. Gabelli has less than a 100% interest in the entity and disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by this entity which are in excess of his indirect pecuniary interest.

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