

GDL FUND  
Form SC 13D/A  
December 22, 2016

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 2)

The GDL Fund  
(Name of Issuer)

Series B Cumulative Puttable and Callable Preferred Shares ("Series B")  
(Title of Class of Securities)

361570302  
(CUSIP Number)

David Goldman  
GAMCO Investors, Inc.  
One Corporate Center  
Rye, New York 10580-1435  
(914) 921-5000  
(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

December 15, 2016  
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§ 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box .

CUSIP No. 361570302

Names of reporting persons  
I.R.S. identification nos. of  
above persons (entities only)

1 GAMCO Asset  
Management, Inc. I.D. No.  
13-4044521

Check the appropriate box if  
a member of a group (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS) (a)

2 (b)

3 Sec use only

Source of funds (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS)

4 00-Funds of investment  
advisory clients

Check box if disclosure of  
legal proceedings is required  
pursuant to items 2 (d) or 2  
(e)

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Citizenship or place of  
organization  
New York

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Number Of :7 Sole voting power

Shares : 8,825 (Item 5)

Beneficially :8 Shared voting power

Owned : None

By Each :9 Sole dispositive power

Reporting : 8,825 (Item 5)

Person :10 Shared dispositive power

With : None

11 Aggregate amount  
beneficially owned by each  
reporting person

12 8,825 (Item 5)  
Check box if the aggregate  
amount in row (11) excludes  
certain shares  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

13 Percent of class represented  
by amount in row (11)

14 0.34%  
Type of reporting person  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
IA, CO

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1 Names of reporting persons  
I.R.S. identification nos. of  
above persons (entities only)

E3M 2016 LLC I.D.  
No. 81-4199633

2 Check the appropriate box if  
a member of a group (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS) (a)

(b)

3 Sec use only

4 Source of funds (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS)  
Private Funds

5 Check box if disclosure of  
legal proceedings is required  
pursuant to items 2 (d) or 2  
(e)

6 Citizenship or place of  
organization  
Delaware

Number Of :<sup>7</sup> Sole voting power

Shares : 450,000 (Item 5)

Beneficially :<sup>8</sup> Shared voting power

Owned : None

By Each :<sup>9</sup> Sole dispositive power

Reporting : 450,000 (Item 5)

Person :<sup>10</sup> Shared dispositive power

With : None

11 Aggregate amount  
beneficially owned by each  
reporting person

450,000 (Item 5)

12 Check box if the aggregate  
amount in row (11) excludes  
certain shares  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

13 Percent of class represented  
by amount in row (11)

17.15%

14 Type of reporting person  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
HC, CO

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CUSIP No. 361570302

1 Names of reporting persons  
 I.R.S. identification nos. of  
 above persons (entities only)  
 GAMCO Investors,  
 Inc. I.D. No.  
 13-4007862  
 Check the appropriate box if  
 a member of a group (SEE  
 INSTRUCTIONS) (a)

2  
 (b)

3 Sec use only

4 Source of funds (SEE  
 INSTRUCTIONS)  
 None

5 Check box if disclosure of  
 legal proceedings is required  
 pursuant to items 2 (d) or 2  
 (e)

6 Citizenship or place of  
 organization  
 Delaware

Number Of :7 Sole voting power

Shares : None (Item 5)

Beneficially :8 Shared voting power

Owned : None

By Each :9 Sole dispositive power

Reporting : None (Item 5)

Person :10 Shared dispositive power

With : None

11 Aggregate amount  
 beneficially owned by each  
 reporting person

12 None (Item 5)  
Check box if the aggregate  
amount in row (11) excludes  
certain shares  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS) X

13 Percent of class represented  
by amount in row (11)

0.00%

14 Type of reporting person  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
HC, CO

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CUSIP No. 361570302

1 Names of reporting persons  
I.R.S. identification nos. of  
above persons (entities only)

GGCP, Inc. I.D. No.  
13-3056041

2 Check the appropriate box if  
a member of a group (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS) (a)

(b)

3 Sec use only

4 Source of funds (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS)

None

5 Check box if disclosure of  
legal proceedings is required  
pursuant to items 2 (d) or 2  
(e)

6 Citizenship or place of  
organization  
Wyoming

Number Of :<sup>7</sup> Sole voting power

Shares : None (Item 5)

Beneficially :<sup>8</sup> Shared voting power

Owned : None

By Each :<sup>9</sup> Sole dispositive power

Reporting : None (Item 5)

Person :<sup>10</sup> Shared dispositive power

With : None

11 Aggregate amount  
beneficially owned by each  
reporting person

None (Item 5)



12 Check box if the aggregate  
amount in row (11) excludes  
certain shares

(SEE INSTRUCTIONS) X

13 Percent of class represented  
by amount in row (11)

0.00%

14 Type of reporting person  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

HC, CO

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CUSIP No. 361570302

Names of reporting persons  
I.R.S. identification nos. of  
above persons (entities only)

1 Associated Capital  
Group, Inc.

I.D. No. 47-3965991  
Check the appropriate box if  
a member of a group (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS) (a)

(b)

3 Sec use only

4 Source of funds (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS)

None  
Check box if disclosure of  
legal proceedings is required  
pursuant to items 2 (d) or 2  
(e)

6 Citizenship or place of  
organization  
Delaware

Number Of :7 Sole voting power

Shares : None (Item 5)

Beneficially :8 Shared voting power

Owned : None

By Each :9 Sole dispositive power

Reporting : None (Item 5)

Person :10 Shared dispositive power

With : None

11 Aggregate amount  
beneficially owned by each  
reporting person

None (Item 5)

12 Check box if the aggregate  
amount in row (11) excludes  
certain shares  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS) X

13 Percent of class represented  
by amount in row (11)

0.00%

14 Type of reporting person  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
HC, CO

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CUSIP No. 361570302

1 Names of reporting persons  
I.R.S. identification nos. of  
above persons (entities only)

Mario J. Gabelli

2 Check the appropriate box if  
a member of a group (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS) (a)

(b)

3 Sec use only

4 Source of funds (SEE  
INSTRUCTIONS)  
00-Private Funds

5 Check box if disclosure of  
legal proceedings is required  
pursuant to items 2 (d) or 2  
(e)

6 Citizenship or place of  
organization  
USA

Number Of :<sup>7</sup> Sole voting power

Shares : 38,400 (Item 5)

Beneficially :<sup>8</sup> Shared voting power

Owned : None

By Each :<sup>9</sup> Sole dispositive power

Reporting : 38,400 (Item 5)

Person :<sup>10</sup> Shared dispositive power

With : None

11 Aggregate amount  
beneficially owned by each  
reporting person

38,400 (Item 5)

12 Check box if the aggregate  
amount in row (11) excludes

certain shares  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS) X

13 Percent of class represented  
by amount in row (11)

14 1.46%  
Type of reporting person  
(SEE INSTRUCTIONS)  
IN

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Item 1. Security and Issuer

This Amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13D on the Series B Preferred Shares of The GDL Fund (the "Issuer") is being filed on behalf of the undersigned to amend the Schedule 13D, as amended (the "Schedule 13D") which was originally filed on July 18, 2016. Unless otherwise indicated, all capitalized terms used herein but not defined herein shall have the same meanings as set forth in the Schedule 13D.

Item 2. Identity and Background

Item 2 to Schedule 13D is amended, in pertinent part, as follows:

This statement is being filed by Mario J. Gabelli ("Mario Gabelli") and various entities which he directly or indirectly controls or for which he acts as chief investment officer. These entities, except for LICT Corporation ("LICT"), CIBL, Inc. ("CIBL"), ICTC Group, Inc. ("ICTC") and E3M 2016 LLC ("E3M 2016"), engage in various aspects of the securities business, primarily as investment adviser to various institutional and individual clients, including registered investment companies and pension plans, and as general partner or the equivalent of various private investment partnerships or private funds. Certain of these entities may also make investments for their own accounts.

The foregoing persons in the aggregate often own beneficially more than 5% of a class of equity securities of a particular issuer. Although several of the foregoing persons are treated as institutional investors for purposes of reporting their beneficial ownership on the short-form Schedule 13G, the holdings of those who do not qualify as institutional investors may exceed the 1% threshold presented for filing on Schedule 13G or implementation of their investment philosophy may from time to time require action which could be viewed as not completely passive. In order to avoid any question as to whether their beneficial ownership is being reported on the proper form and in order to provide greater investment flexibility and administrative uniformity, these persons have decided to file their beneficial ownership reports on the more detailed Schedule 13D form rather than on the short-form Schedule 13G and thereby to provide more expansive disclosure than may be necessary.

(a), (b) and (c) - This statement is being filed by one or more of the following persons: GGCP, Inc. ("GGCP"), GGCP Holdings LLC ("GGCP Holdings"), GAMCO Investors, Inc. ("GBL"), Associated Capital Group, Inc. ("AC"), Gabelli Funds, LLC ("Gabelli Funds"), GAMCO Asset Management Inc. ("GAMCO"), Teton Advisors, Inc. ("Teton Advisors"), Gabelli & Company Investment Advisers, Inc. ("GCIA"), G.research, LLC ("G.research"), MJG Associates, Inc. ("MJG Associates"), Gabelli Foundation, Inc. ("Foundation"), MJG-IV Limited Partnership ("MJG-IV"), E3M 2016, Mario Gabelli, LICT, CIBL and ICTC. Those of the foregoing persons signing this Schedule 13D are hereinafter referred to as the "Reporting Persons".

GGCP makes investments for its own account and is the manager and a member of GGCP Holdings which is the controlling shareholder of GBL and AC. GBL, a public company listed on the New York Stock Exchange, is the parent company for a variety of companies engaged in the securities business, including certain of those named below. AC, a public company listed on the New York Stock Exchange, is the parent company for a variety of companies engaged in the securities business, including certain of those listed below.

GAMCO, a wholly-owned subsidiary of GBL, is an investment adviser registered under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended ("Advisers Act"). GAMCO is an investment manager providing discretionary managed account services for employee benefit plans, private investors, endowments, foundations and others.

GCIA, a wholly owned subsidiary of AC, is an investment adviser registered under the Advisers Act and serves as a general partner or investment manager to limited partnerships and offshore investment companies and other accounts. As a part of its business, GCIA may purchase or sell securities for its own account. GCIA is a general partner or investment manager of a number of funds or partnerships, including Gabelli Associates Fund, L.P., Gabelli Associates Fund II, L.P., Gabelli Associates Limited, Gabelli Associates Limited II E, ALCE Partners, L.P., Gabelli Capital Structure Arbitrage Fund LP, Gabelli Capital Structure Arbitrage Fund Limited, Gabelli Intermediate Credit Fund L.P., GAMA Select Energy + L.P., GAMCO Medical Opportunities L.P., and Gabelli Multimedia Partners, L.P. G.research, a wholly owned subsidiary of GCIA, is a broker-dealer registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("1934 Act"), which as a part of its business regularly purchases and sells securities for its own account.

Gabelli Funds, a wholly owned subsidiary of GBL, is a limited liability company. Gabelli Funds is an investment adviser registered under the Advisers Act which provides advisory services for The Gabelli Equity Trust Inc., The

Gabelli Asset Fund, The GAMCO Growth Fund, The Gabelli Convertible and Income Securities Fund Inc., The Gabelli Value 25 Fund Inc., The Gabelli Small Cap Growth Fund, The Gabelli Equity Income Fund, The Gabelli ABC Fund, The GAMCO Global Telecommunications Fund, The Gabelli Gold Fund, Inc., The Gabelli Multimedia Trust Inc., The Gabelli Global Rising Income & Dividend Fund, The Gabelli Capital Asset Fund, The GAMCO International Growth Fund, Inc., The GAMCO Global Growth Fund, The Gabelli Utility Trust, The GAMCO Global Opportunity Fund, The Gabelli Utilities Fund, The Gabelli Dividend Growth Fund, The GAMCO Mathers Fund, The Gabelli Focus Five Fund, The Comstock Capital Value Fund, The Gabelli Dividend and Income Trust, The Gabelli Global Utility & Income Trust, The GAMCO Global Gold, Natural Resources, & Income Trust, The GAMCO Natural Resources Gold & Income Trust, The GDL Fund, Gabelli Enterprise Mergers & Acquisitions Fund, The Gabelli ESG Fund, Inc., The Gabelli Healthcare & Wellness<sup>Rx</sup> Trust, The Gabelli Global Small and Mid Cap Value Trust, Gabelli Value Plus+ Trust, The Gabelli Go Anywhere Trust, Bancroft Fund Ltd. and Ellsworth Growth & Income Fund Ltd. (collectively, the "Funds"), which are registered investment companies. Gabelli Funds is also the investment adviser to The GAMCO International SICAV (sub-funds GAMCO Merger Arbitrage and GAMCO All Cap Value), a UCITS III vehicle.

Teton Advisors, an investment adviser registered under the Advisers Act, provides discretionary advisory services to The TETON Westwood Mighty Mites<sup>sm</sup> Fund, The TETON Westwood Income Fund, The TETON Westwood SmallCap Equity Fund, and The TETON Westwood Mid-Cap Equity Fund.

MJG Associates provides advisory services to private investment partnerships and offshore funds. Mario Gabelli is the sole shareholder, director and employee of MJG Associates. MJG Associates is the Investment Manager of Gabelli International Limited and Gabelli Fund, LDC. Mario J. Gabelli is the general partner of Gabelli Performance Partnership, LP.

The Foundation is a private foundation. Mario Gabelli is the Chairman, a Trustee and the Investment Manager of the Foundation. Elisa M. Wilson is the President of the Foundation.

LICT is a holding company with operating subsidiaries engaged primarily in the rural telephone industry. LICT actively pursues new business ventures and acquisitions. LICT makes investments in marketable securities to preserve capital and maintain liquidity for financing their business activities and acquisitions and are not engaged in the business of investing, or trading in securities. Mario J. Gabelli is the Chief Executive Officer, a director, and substantial shareholder of LICT.

ICTC is a holding company with subsidiaries in voice, broadband and other telecommunications services, primarily in the rural telephone industry. ICTC makes investments in marketable securities to preserve capital and maintain liquidity for financing their business activities and acquisitions and are not engaged in the business of investing, or trading in securities. Mario J. Gabelli is a director, and substantial shareholder of ICTC.

CIBL is a holding company with interests in telecommunications operations, primarily in the rural telephone industry. CIBL actively pursues new business ventures and acquisitions. CIBL makes investments in marketable securities to preserve capital and maintain liquidity for financing their business activities and acquisitions and are not engaged in the business of investing, or trading in securities. Mario J. Gabelli is a director, and substantial shareholder of CIBL. Mario Gabelli is the controlling stockholder, Chief Executive Officer and a director of GGCP and Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of GBL. He is the Executive Chairman of AC. Mario Gabelli is also a member of GGCP Holdings. Mario Gabelli is the controlling shareholder of Teton.

MJG-IV is a family partnership in which Mario Gabelli is the general partner. Mario Gabelli has less than a 100% interest in MJG-IV. MJG-IV makes investments for its own account. Mario Gabelli disclaims ownership of the securities held by MJG-IV beyond his pecuniary interest.

E3M 2016 is a limited liability company owned entirely by Mr. Gabelli, the initial manager of which is his wife, Regina Pitaro, and the other manager of which is Christopher Desmarais.

The Reporting Persons do not admit that they constitute a group.

GAMCO is a New York corporation and GBL, AC, GCIA, and Teton Advisors are Delaware corporations, each having its principal business office at One Corporate Center, Rye, New York 10580. GGCP is a Wyoming corporation having its principal business office at 140 Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830. GGCP Holdings is a Delaware limited liability corporation having its principal business office at 140 Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830.

G.research is a Delaware limited liability company having its principal officers at One Corporate Center, Rye, New York 10580. Gabelli Funds is a New York limited liability company having its principal business office at One

Corporate Center, Rye, New York 10580. MJG Associates is a Connecticut corporation having its principal business office at 140 Greenwich Avenue, Greenwich, CT 06830. The Foundation is a Nevada corporation having its principal offices at 165 West Liberty Street, Reno, Nevada 89501. LICT is a Delaware corporation having its principal place of business as 401 Theodore Fremd Avenue, Rye, New York 10580. CIBL, Inc. is a Delaware corporation having its principal place of business as 165 West Liberty Street, Suite 220, Reno, NV 89501. ICTC Group Inc. is a Delaware corporation having its principal place of business as 556 Main Street, Nome, North Dakota 58062. E3M 2016 is a Delaware limited liability company having its principal place of business as One North Broadway, White Plains, New York 10601.

For information required by instruction C to Schedule 13D with respect to the executive officers and directors of the foregoing entities and other related persons (collectively, "Covered Persons"), reference is made to Schedule I annexed hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

(d) – Not applicable.

(e) – Not applicable.

(f) – Reference is made to Schedule I hereto.

**Item 5. Interest In Securities Of The Issuer**

(a) On December 15, 2016, Mr. Gabelli transferred 450,000 Series B Shares representing 17.15% of the 2,624,025 Series B Shares outstanding as reported by the Issuer to E3M 2016 LLC. Mr. Gabelli owns all the equity interests in E3M 2016 LLC, so the transfer was from a direct ownership by Mr. Gabelli to an indirect ownership by him in the 450,000 Series B Shares.

The aggregate number of Securities to which this Schedule 13D relates is 497,225 Series B Shares representing 18.95% of the 2,624,025 shares outstanding as reported by the Issuer. The Reporting Persons beneficially own those Securities as follows:

Name	Shares of Series B Preferred	% of Series B Preferred
Mario Gabelli	38,400	1.46%
GAMCO	8,825	0.34%
E3M 2016	450,000	17.15%

Mario Gabelli is deemed to have beneficial ownership of the Securities owned beneficially by each of the foregoing persons. GCIA is deemed to have beneficial ownership of the Securities owned beneficially by G.research. AC, GBL and GGCP are deemed to have beneficial ownership of the Securities owned beneficially by each of the foregoing persons other than Mario Gabelli and the Foundation.

(b) Each of the Reporting Persons and Covered Persons has the sole power to vote or direct the vote and sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of the Securities reported for it, either for its own benefit or for the benefit of its investment clients or its partners, as the case may be.

(c) Information with respect to all transactions in the Securities which were effected during the past sixty days or since the most recent filing on Schedule 13D, whichever is less, by each of the Reporting Persons and Covered Persons is set forth on Schedule II annexed hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

(e) Not applicable.



Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: December 22, 2016

GGCP, INC.

MARIO J. GABELLI

GAMCO ASSET MANAGEMENT INC.

ASSOCIATED CAPITAL GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ Douglas R. Jamieson

Douglas R. Jamieson

Attorney-in-Fact for GGCP, Inc. and Mario J. Gabelli

President & Chief Executive Officer – Associated Capital

Group, Inc.

President – GAMCO Asset Management Inc.

GAMCO INVESTORS, INC.

By: /s/ Kevin Handwerker

Kevin Handwerker

General Counsel & Secretary – GAMCO Investors, Inc.

E3M 2016 LLC

By: /s/ Regina Pitaro

Regina Pitaro

Manager – E3M 2016 LLC

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Schedule I

Information with Respect to Executive  
Officers and Directors of the Undersigned

Schedule I to Schedule 13D is amended, in pertinent part, as follows:

The following sets forth as to each of the executive officers and directors of the undersigned: his name; his business address; his present principal occupation or employment and the name, principal business and address of any corporation or other organization in which such employment is conducted. Unless otherwise specified, the principal employer of each such individual is GAMCO Asset Management Inc., Gabelli Funds, LLC, Gabelli & Company Investment Advisers, Inc., G.research, LLC, Teton Advisors, Inc., Associated Capital Group, Inc. or GAMCO Investors, Inc., the business address of each of which is One Corporate Center, Rye, New York 10580, and each such individual identified below is a citizen of the United States. To the knowledge of the undersigned, during the last five years, no such person has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors), and no such person was a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction as a result of which he was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities law or finding any violation with respect to such laws except as reported in Item 2(d) and (e) of this Schedule 13D.

GAMCO  
Investors, Inc.  
Directors:

L. Artzt      Edwin      Former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer  
Procter & Gamble Company  
900 Adams Crossing  
Cincinnati, OH 45202

Raymond C.      Chairman & Chief Executive Officer  
Avansino      E.L. Wiegand Foundation  
165 West Liberty Street  
Reno, NV 89501

B. Daniels      Leslie      Director  
c/o GAMCO Investors, Inc.  
One Corporate Center  
Rye, NY 10580

Mario J.      Chief Executive Officer and Chief Investment Officer of GGCP, Inc.  
Gabelli      Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of GAMCO Investors, Inc.  
Executive Chairman & Chief Executive Officer of Associated Capital Group, Inc.  
Director/Trustee of all registered investment companies advised by Gabelli Funds, LLC.

M. Wilson      Elisa      Director  
c/o GAMCO Investors, Inc.