

GDL FUND  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
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.B]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/25/2013

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) |                                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
|                                                            |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V                                                                 | Amount                                                                                        | (D)                                                      | Price                                                 |                                      |
| Series B Cumulative Puttable and Callable Preferred Shares | 03/25/2013                           |                                                    | J <sup>(1)</sup>               |                                                                   | 85,100                                                                                        | D                                                        | \$ 50 0                                               | GAMCO Investors, Inc. <sup>(2)</sup> |
| Series B Cumulative Puttable and Callable Preferred Shares |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 130,000                                                                                       | I                                                        |                                                       | GGCP, Inc. <sup>(3)</sup>            |

Series B  
 Cumulative  
 Puttable and  
 Callable 425,148 D  
 Preferred  
 Shares

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 Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                            |                                                        |                                      |                                                    | Code                           | V (A) (D)                                                                               | Date Exercisable                                         | Expiration Date                                               | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                                          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                       | Relationships |           |         |                               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------------|
|                                                                                      | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other                         |
| GABELLI MARIO J<br>C/O GAMCO INVESTORS, INC<br>ONE CORPORATE CENTER<br>RYE, NY 10580 | X             | X         |         | Control Person of Adviser     |
| GGCP, INC.<br>140 GREENWICH AVENUE<br>GREENWICH, CT 06830                            |               |           |         | Majority shareholder of GAMCO |
| GAMCO INVESTORS, INC. ET AL<br>ONE CORPORATE CENTER<br>RYE, NY 10580                 |               |           |         | Owner of Adviser              |

## Signatures

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

03/26/2013

\_\_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).
- (1) Shares were surrendered in accordance with Right to Put to the Fund up to 100% of the Outstanding Series B Cumulative Puttable and Callable Preferred Shares.  
  
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.
- (3) 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.

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