

# 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 <b>BANK OF AMERICA CORP /DE/</b>		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <b>GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC [GAB]</b>		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)	
(Last) (First) (Middle) <b>BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATE CENTER, 100 N. TRYON STREET</b>		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <b>01/11/2010</b>			
(Street) <b>CHARLOTTE, NC 28255</b>		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)		<b>Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>			

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
Common Stock	04/29/2010		P		1,000	A	\$ 5.42	1,000	I	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 Stok	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(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				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
BANK OF AMERICA CORP /DE/ BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATE CENTER 100 N. TRYON STREET CHARLOTTE, NC 28255		X		

MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INC. 4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER NORTH TOWER NEW YORK, NY 10080		X		
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## 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: 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, wholly owned subsidiary of Bank of America Corporation.

Disbursement of profits, if applicable, based on transactions reported above is being made by the Reporting Persons to the Issuer.

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