GABELLI EQUITY TRUST INC
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ALPERT BRUCE N

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O GAMCO INVESTORS, INC., ONE CORPORATE CENTER

(Street)

RYE, NY 16580

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
08/03/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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			
Series G Cumulative Preferred Stock	08/03/2012		X		800	A	$ 25	800	D (1)	
Series G Cumulative Preferred Stock	08/03/2012		X		200	A	$ 25	1,000	D (2)	
Series G Cumulative Preferred	08/03/2012		X		8,000	A	$ 25	8,000	I	By Spouse (1)

Stock									
Series G Cumulative Preferred Stock	08/03/2012		X	2,000	A	$ 25	10,000	I	By Spouse (2)

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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				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
ALPERT BRUCE N C/O GAMCO INVESTORS, INC. ONE CORPORATE CENTER RYE, NY 16580			President	

Signatures

Bruce N. Alpert	08/06/2012
**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).

(1) The reporting person acquired these shares of preferred stock through the exercise of preferred stock purchase rights.

(2) The reporting person acquired these additional shares of preferred stock through a pro-rata oversubscription allocation based on the exercise of preferred stock purchase rights.

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