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Dear Shareholders of the Gabelli Value Plus<sup>+</sup> Trust:

Q. Why this letter from GAMCO to shareholders of Value Plus<sup>+</sup>?

A. Investec Wealth & Investment is encouraging shareholders vote against continuation at the Company's July 30<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.

Q. What is a continuation vote?

A. An investment company's articles of association often provide for the shareholders to vote on whether the company should continue to exist under certain circumstances. It is usually an advisory vote. In the case of GVP, there is a provision for a continuation after 5 years, and then every two years thereafter.

Background on Gabelli Value Plus<sup>+</sup>

Investec Bank took (y)our fund public in February 2015, and raised approximately £73 million, alongside an affiliate of Gabelli Funds, which provided cornerstone investment of approximately £27 million, for a total fund raise of approximately £100 million. The investment style during the road show was described as a select portfolio of All-Cap Value US equities, built using Gabelli's core Private Market Value with a Catalyst<sup>TM</sup> methodology.

Subsequently, the investment banking sales team which took the Company public left Investec in December 2015, and in early 2016 the GVP Board replaced Investec with an alternate corporate broker.

## Performance of the Fund

Investec has made observations in their letter to GVP shareholders about performance of (y)our Value fund's focus.

Our Growth team, led by Howard Ward, who has been with us for a quarter of a century, has generated a trailing five year return of approximately 15.6% per annum, as of June 29, 2020. In 2019 the fund returned 34.2% and is up 10.5% YTD. Our Gold team, led by Caesar Bryan, has also performed excellently, with a trailing five year return of approximately 15.9% p.a. through June 29<sup>th</sup>. Our Value team, however, is on the other barbell of these returns. We have experienced the worst relative performance in our value focused small and mid-cap stocks over the past five years. We commend Investec for shifting their clients' accounts to growth and gold holdings during this period.

Historically, we have witnessed other periods when a small number of large cap stocks have dominated equity returns. In the early 1970s, there was the Nifty Fifty. We also again witnessed this in the 1990s, when the dotcom boom fueled speculative fervor. We believe that the substantial differentiation between value and growth will again change and provide meaningful and significant returns for value investors over the next investment cycle.

GAMCO understands that Associated Capital and related parties, which own 27.9% of GVP, are still considering how they plan to vote on this continuation proposal. While Associated Capital was spun-off from GAMCO in November 2015, they have clearly witnessed GAMCO's success with big distribution policies for closed-end funds. Of note, one of the closed-end funds we manage trades at a 90% premium as of this past weekend. Several other Gabelli closed-end funds are also selling at premiums.

We understand that Associated Capital would be favorable to a 5% payout, paid semi-annually. In addition, they would vote in favor of a reset of fees to 0.85% based on net asset value versus a percentage of fees based on market capitalization. If the fund were trading at a 10% or greater discount from net asset value, AC would support a buyback program and participate pari passu on any repurchases.

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As further background, Associated Capital owns 27.4% of outstanding GVP shares and Mario Gabelli, Chairman of GAMCO, owns 0.5%. Investec Wealth during these last several months has been an expressed seller, as evidenced by public filings. A US-based activist fund, headquartered in Richmond, Virginia, 1607 Capital Partners, has been an aggressive buyer and has allegedly been communicating with Investec.

We thank our long term shareholders for their support and look forward to continuing to serve the UK market.

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