

6th July 2020

Gabelli Value Plus + Trust – Continuation Vote

Dear fellow shareholders,

Clients advised by CG Asset Management LTD hold, under the designation of nominee companies, 3.06mn shares in Gabelli Value Plus+ (the Company) representing c.3.1% of the issued share capital.

On the 15th June 2020 the board of directors of the Company recommended that shareholders vote against continuation in the forthcoming vote. The board's decision was reached "after consultation with a range of shareholders and reflects, amongst other points, disappointment with the Company's performance since launch". We endorse this recommendation and commend the board for its decisiveness in this matter. Our clients will be adhering to the board's recommendation and voting **against continuation**.

The largest shareholder in the Company is Associated Capital Group, which together with related parties owns 27.9% of the issued share capital. Associated Capital Group was spun off from the investment manager, Gamco Investors, in 2015. Both Associated Capital Group and Gamco are chaired by Mario Gabelli. The affiliation between these groups is openly acknowledged, including in the recent letter from Gamco to shareholders of the Company. That letter states that "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".

It is of considerable concern that an affiliated party of the investment manager might have an influential role in whether the Company continues or not. Should a majority of the independent shareholders who cast a vote express a desire for discontinuation, confirming the board's recommendation, it would be problematic if the Company continued due to the vote of an affiliated party of the investment manager.

Given the close relationship between Associated Capital Group and Gamco, we would assume that Associated Capital Group could achieve investment exposure to the Gabelli Value team via other funds or a managed account should they wish to do so. This would seem a more sustainable arrangement in the event that a majority of independent shareholders of the Company follow the board's recommendation and vote against continuation.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Spiller
Chief Investment Officer

Alastair Laing
Chief Executive Officer