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Form N-Q  
March 30, 2007

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

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number: 811-02151  
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Bancroft Fund Ltd.  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

65 Madison Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960-7308  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Thomas H. Dinsmore  
Bancroft Fund Ltd.  
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Date of fiscal year end: October 31, 2007

Date of reporting period: January 31, 2007

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

Portfolio of Investments January 31, 2007 (unaudited)-----

Principal Amount -----	Value (Note 1) -----
CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES -- 61.9%	
AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE -- 4.3%	
\$1,500,000	AAR Corp. 1.75%, due 2026 cv. sr. notes (BB) .....
1,000,000	Alliant Techsystems Inc. 2.75%, due 2011 cv. sr. sub. notes (B1) \$ 1,809,3

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	(Acquired 09/07/06; Cost \$1,009,375) (1) .....	1,045,0
1,000,000	Ceradyne, Inc. 2.875%, due 2035 sr. sub. cv. notes (NR) (2) .....	1,152,5
1,500,000	DRS Technologies, Inc. 2%, due 2026 cv. sr. notes (B1) (Acquired 01/30/06; Cost \$1,582,097) (1,2) .....	1,640,6
		5,647,5
	<b>BANKING/SAVINGS AND LOAN -- 2.0%</b>	
2,500,000	U.S. Bancorp floating rate, due 2035 cv. sr. deb. (Aa2) .....	2,568,7
	<b>COMPUTER HARDWARE -- 4.0%</b>	
1,000,000	C&D Technologies, Inc. 5.25%, due 2025 cv. sr. notes (NR) (Acquired 11/16/05; Cost \$1,000,000) (1) .....	973,7
2,000,000	Credit Suisse First Boston (USA), Inc. 15.55%, due 2007 equity-linked notes (Aa3)(exchangeable for Corning Inc. common stock) .	2,014,0
500,000	EMC Corp. 1.75%, due 2011 cv. sr. notes (BBB+) (Acquired 11/14/06 - 01/23-07; Cost \$512,245) (1) .....	534,3
500,000	EMC Corp. 1.75%, due 2013 cv. sr. notes (BBB+) (Acquired 11/14/06; Cost \$500,000) (1) .....	533,1
1,000,000	Richardson Electronics, Ltd. 8%, due 2011 cv. sr. sub. notes (NR) .....	1,107,5
		5,162,7
	<b>COMPUTER SOFTWARE -- 2.9%</b>	
1,500,000	Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. 1%, due 2009 medium-term notes (A1) (performance linked to Microsoft Corp. common stock) (2) .....	1,590,7
1,000,000	Sybase, Inc. 1.75%, due 2025 cv. sub. notes (NR) .....	1,157,5
1,000,000	Symantec Corp. 1%, due 2013 cv. sr. notes (NR) .....	1,085,0
		3,833,2
	<b>CONSUMER GOODS -- 1.2%</b>	
1,000,000	Church & Dwight Co., Inc. 5.25%, due 2033 cv. sr. deb. (Ba1) .....	1,527,5
	<b>ENERGY -- 5.3%</b>	
1,000,000	Cameron International Corp. 2.50%, due 2026 cv. sr. notes (Baa1) .....	1,063,7
1,500,000	Covanta Holding Corp. 1% 2027 sr. cv. deb. (B1) (Acquired 01/25/07 - 01/26/07; Cost \$1,523,750) (1,2) .....	1,541,2
1,500,000	Nabors Industries, Inc. 0.94%, due 2011 sr. exchangeable notes (A-) (exchangeable for Nabors Industries Ltd. common stock) .....	1,441,8
1,225,000	Oil States International, Inc. 2.375%, due 2025 contingent cv. sr. notes (NR) .....	1,433,2
1,250,000	Rentech, Inc. 4%, due 2013 cv. sr. notes (NR) .....	1,367,9
		6,848,1
	<b>ENTERTAINMENT -- 5.8%</b>	
2,500,000	EchoStar Communications Corp. 5.75%, due 2008 cv. sub. notes (B1) .....	2,553,1
4,000,000	The Walt Disney Company 2.125%, due 2023 cv. sr. notes (A3) .....	4,995,0
		7,548,1
	<b>FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 1.6%</b>	
2,000,000	Euronet Worldwide, Inc. 3.50%, due 2025 cv. deb. (NR) (2) .....	2,102,5
	<b>FOODS -- 0.8%</b>	
1,000,000	Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. 3%, due 2012 medium-term notes (A1) (performance linked to General Mills, Inc. common stock) (2) .....	1,044,0

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Principal Amount -----		Value (Note 1) -----
CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES -- CONTINUED		
HEALTH CARE -- 2.9%		
\$1,000,000	China Medical Technologies, Inc. 3.5%, due 2011 cv. sr. sub. notes (NR) (Acquired 11/15/06 - 01/23/07; Cost \$1,022,953) (1) .....	\$ 1,022,5
1,500,000	Manor Care, Inc. 2.125%, due 2035 cv. sr. notes (Baa3) .....	1,871,2
1,000,000	Omnicare, Inc. 3.25%, due 2035 cv. sr. deb. (B2) (2). .....	877,5
		----- 3,771,2 -----
INSURANCE -- 2.3%		
3,000,000	Prudential Financial, Inc. floating rate, due 2036 cv. sr. notes (A3) (Acquired 12/08/06 - 01/25/07; Cost \$2,973,500) (1) .....	2,983,8
MULTI-INDUSTRY -- 5.2%		
2,000,000	Citigroup Funding, Inc. 1%, due 2010 medium-term notes (Aa1) (exchangeable for the cash value of a basket of technology stocks) (2) .	1,946,2
1,590,000	FTI Consulting, Inc. 3.75%, due 2012 cv. sr. sub. notes (B1) .....	1,816,5
1,450,000	LSB Industries, Inc. 7%, due 2011 cv. sr. sub. deb. (NR) .....	2,965,2
		----- 6,728,0 -----
PHARMACEUTICALS -- 9.6%		
2,000,000	Alza Corp. 0%, due 2020 cv. sub. deb. (Aa1) (exch. for Johnson & Johnson common stock) . .....	1,845,0
1,250,000	Amgen Inc. 0.125%, due 2011 cv. sr. notes (A2) .....	1,248,4
500,000	Amgen Inc. 0.375%, due 2013 cv. sr. notes (A2) .....	501,2
2,500,000	Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. floating rate, due 2023 cv. sr. deb. (A2) .....	2,553,1
1,000,000	Ivax Corp. 4.5%, due 2008 cv. sr. sub. notes (NR) (exchangeable for Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. ADR and cash) ....	1,010,0
750,000	MedImmune, Inc. 1.375%, due 2011 cv. sr. notes (BBB) .....	887,8
750,000	MedImmune, Inc. 1.625%, due 2013 cv. sr. notes (BBB) .....	901,8
2,000,000	Teva Pharmaceutical Finance Co. B.V. 1.75%, due 2026 cv. sr. deb. (Baa2) (exchangeable for Teva Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd. ADR) .....	1,895,0
1,500,000	Wyeth floating rate, due 2024 cv. sr. deb. (A3) .....	1,611,4
		----- 12,453,9 -----
REAL ESTATE -- 1.2%		
500,000	Archstone-Smith Operating Trust 4%, due 2036 exchangeable sr. notes(Baa1) (exchangeable into Archstone-Smith Trust common stock) .....	560,0
1,000,000	United Dominion Realty Trust, Inc. 3.625%, due 2011 cv. sr. notes (NR) (Acquired 10/06/06; Cost \$986,875) (1) .....	1,010,0
		----- 1,570,0 -----
RETAIL -- 1.1%		
1,500,000	Amazon.com, Inc. 4.75%, due 2009 cv. sub. notes (Ba3)	1,477,5
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	SEMICONDUCTORS -- 9.2%	
2,000,000	Agere Systems Inc. 6.5%, due 2009 cv. sub. notes (B1) .....	2,055,0
1,000,000	Conexant Systems, Inc. 4%, due 2026 cv. sub. notes (NR) .....	885,0
2,000,000	Fairchild Semiconductor Corp. 5%, due 2008 cv. sr. sub. notes (B) (exchangeable into Fairchild Semiconductor International, Inc. common stock) .....	1,992,5
2,000,000	Intel Corp. 2.95%, due 2035 jr. sub. cv. deb. (A-) (2) .....	1,840,0
2,250,000	International Rectifier Corp. 4.25%, due 2007 cv. sub. notes (B1) .....	2,247,1
1,500,000	LSI Logic Corp. 4%, due 2010 cv. sub. notes (B) .....	1,567,5
1,400,000	Vishay Intertechnology, Inc. 3.625%, due 2023 cv. sub. notes (B3) .....	1,396,5
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		11,983,6
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Principal Amount -----		Value (Note 1) -----
	CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES -- CONTINUED	
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS -- 1.1%	
\$1,000,000	Time Warner Telecom Inc. 2.375%, due 2026 cv. sr. deb. (Caa1) .....	\$ 1,420,0
	UTILITIES -- 1.5%	
1,500,000	CMS Energy Corp. 2.875%, due 2024 cv. sr. notes (Ba3) .....	1,920,0
	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES .....	\$ 80,590,7
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	Shares	
	CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS -- 17.4%	
	AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE -- 0.4%	
40,000	Ionatron, Inc. 6.5% Series A redeemable cv. pfd. (NR) (Acquired 10/27/05; Cost \$1,000,000) (1) .....	520,0
	BANKING/SAVINGS AND LOAN -- 4.7%	
20,000	National Australia Bank Ltd. 7.875% exch. capital units (NR) .....	1,024,0
46,679	New York Community Bancorp, Inc. 6% BONUSSES units (Baa2) .....	2,182,2
25,000	Sovereign Capital Trust IV 4.375% PIERS (Baa2) (exchangeable for Sovereign Bancorp, Inc. common stock) (2) .....	1,250,0
30,000	Washington Mutual Capital Trust 5.375% PIERS units (BBB) (exchangeable for Washington Mutual, Inc. common stock) .....	1,693,2
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		6,149,4
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	BUILDING PRODUCTS -- 1.1%	
20,000	TXI Capital Trust I 5.5% SPuRS (B2) (exchangeable for Texas Industries, Inc. common stock) .....	1,440,0
	CHEMICALS -- 2.3%	
85,000	Celanese Corp. 4.25% cv. perpetual pfd. (NR) .....	3,043,8
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	ENERGY -- 2.6%	
25,000	Chesapeake Energy Corp. 4.5% cum. cv. pfd. (B+) .....	2,393,5
5,000	SEMCO Energy, Inc. 5% Series B cv. cum. pfd. (B-) .....	953,1
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		3,346,6
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	INSURANCE -- 5.6%	
75,000	Citigroup Funding Inc. variable rate exch. notes (Aa1) (exchangeable for Genworth Financial, Inc. common stock) .....	2,467,5
20,000	Reinsurance Group of America, Inc. 5.75% PIERS (Baa2) .....	1,465,0
132,500	The St. Paul Travelers Companies, Inc. 4.5%, due 2032 cv. jr. sub. notes (Baa1) .....	3,413,2
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		7,345,7
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	TELECOMMUNICATIONS -- 0.6%	
100	Medis Technologies Ltd 7.25% Series A cum. cv. perpetual pfd. (NR) (Acquired 11/10/06; Cost \$1,000,000) (1) .....	743,5
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	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS .....	\$ 22,589,1
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Shares		Value (Note 1)
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	MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES -- 16.3% (3)	
	CHEMICALS -- 1.4%	
40,000	Huntsman Corp. 5% mandatory cv. pfd., due 02/16/08 (NR) .....	\$ 1,766,8
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	ENERGY -- 1.4%	
30,000	Bristow Group Inc. 5.5% mandatory cv. pfd., due 09/15/09 (B) .....	1,552,5
1,000	Chesapeake Energy Corp. 6.25% mandatory cv. pfd., due 06/15/09 (B+) ....	256,5
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		1,809,0
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	FINANCE -- 2.6%	
30,000	Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. 6.75% mandatorily exchangeable securities, due 10/15/07 (Aa3) (exchangeable for Nuveen Investments, Inc. common stock) .....	1,335,0
45,500	Morgan Stanley, Inc. 5.875% mandatorily exchangeable securities, due 10/15/08 (Aa3) (exchangeable for Nuveen Investments, Inc. common stock).....	1,984,9
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		3,319,9
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	FINANCIAL SERVICES -- 1.4%	
59,500	E*TRADE Financial Corp. 6.125% equity units, due 11/18/08 (Ba3) .....	1,833,7
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	FOODS -- 0.8%	
40,000	Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. 6.25% PIES, due 10/15/07 (A1)	

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	(exchangeable for General Mills, Inc. common stock) .....	1,094,8
	INSURANCE -- 4.8%	
7,000	Alleghany Corp. 5.75% mandatory cv. pfd., due 06/15/09 (BBB-) .....	2,352,0
80,000	MetLife, Inc. 6.375% common equity units, due 08/15/08 (BBB+) .....	2,513,6
52,500	XL Capital, Ltd. 7% equity security units, due 02/15/09 (A3) .....	1,339,2
		6,204,8
	PHARMACEUTICALS -- 0.9%	
20,000	Schering-Plough Corp. 6% mand. cv. pfd., due 09/14/07 (Baa3) .....	1,179,0
	SEMICONDUCTORS -- 1.3%	
98,850	The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. 14.75% mandatory exchangeable notes, due 06/22/07 (NR) (exchangeable for Advanced Micro Devices, Inc. common stock) (Acquired 06/14/06; Cost \$2,500,411) (1) .....	1,701,7
	TELECOMMUNICATIONS -- 1.7%	
30,000	Credit Suisse First Boston (USA), Inc. 5.5% SAILS, due 11/15/08 (Aa3) (exchangeable for Equinix, Inc. common stock) .....	2,242,2
	TOTAL MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES (3) .....	\$ 21,152,1
	COMMON STOCKS -- 0.0%	
	AEROSPACE AND DEFENSE -- 0.0%	
3,444	Ionatron, Inc. (Acquired 01/15/07; Cost \$16,250) (1,4) .....	17,7

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Principal Amount		Value (Note 1)
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	SHORT-TERM SECURITIES -- 3.5%	
	COMMERCIAL PAPER -- 3.5%	
\$4,600,000	American Express Credit Corp. 5.13%, due 02/01/07 (P1) .....	\$ 4,598,0
	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE BONDS AND NOTES -- 61.9% .....	\$ 80,590,7
	TOTAL CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCKS -- 17.4% .....	22,589,1
	TOTAL MANDATORY CONVERTIBLE SECURITIES -- 16.3% .....	21,152,1
	TOTAL COMMON STOCKS -- 0.0% .....	17,7
	TOTAL SHORT-TERM SECURITIES -- 3.5% .....	4,598,0
	TOTAL INVESTMENTS -- 99.1% .....	128,947,7
	OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, NET -- 0.9% .....	1,182,3

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TOTAL NET ASSETS -- 100.0% ..... \$130,130,1  
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- (1) Security not registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (e.g., the security was purchased in a Rule 144A or a Reg D transaction). The security may be resold only pursuant to an exemption from registration under the 1933 Act, typically to qualified institutional buyers. The Fund generally has no rights to demand registration of these securities. The aggregate market value of these securities at January 31, 2007 was \$14,267,429 which represented 11.0% of the Fund's net assets.
- (2) Contingent payment debt instrument which accrues contingent interest. See Note 2.
- (3) These securities are required to be converted on the dates listed; they generally may be converted prior to these dates at the option of the holder.
- (4) Non-income producing security.

ADR American Depositary Receipts.  
BONUSES Bifurcated Option Note Unit Securities.  
PIES Premium Income Exchangeable Securities.  
PIERS Preferred Income Equity Redeemable Securities.  
SAILS Shared Appreciation Income Linked Securities.  
SPuRS Shared Preference Redeemable Securities.

Ratings in parentheses by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or Standard & Poor's. NR is used whenever a rating is unavailable.

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(Selected) Notes to Financial Statements (unaudited)-----

Bancroft Fund Ltd. (established in 1971)) (the "Fund"), is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as a diversified, closed-end management investment company.

Note 1. Security Valuation - Investments in securities traded on a national securities exchange are valued at market using the last reported sales price as of the close of regular trading. Listed securities, for which no sales were reported, are valued at the mean between closing reported bid and asked prices as of the close of regular trading. Unlisted securities traded in the over-the-counter market are valued using an evaluated quote provided by an independent pricing service. The independent pricing service derives an evaluated quote by obtaining dealer quotes, analyzing the listed markets, reviewing trade execution data and employing sensitivity analysis. Evaluated quotes may also reflect appropriate factors such as individual characteristics of the issue, communications with broker-dealers, and other market data. Securities for which quotations are not readily available, restricted securities and other assets are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by management pursuant to procedures approved by the Board of Trustees. Short-term debt securities with original maturities of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost.

Note 2. Securities Transactions and Related Investment Income - Security

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transactions are accounted for on the trade date (date the order to buy or sell is executed) with gain or loss on the sale of securities being determined based upon identified cost. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date and interest income is recorded on the accrual basis, including accretion of discounts and amortization of non-equity premium. For certain securities, known as "contingent payment debt instruments," Federal tax regulations require the Fund to record non-cash "contingent" interest income in addition to interest income actually received.

At January 31, 2007 unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investment securities on a tax basis were as follows:

Unrealized appreciation	\$ 12,007,808
Unrealized depreciation	(3,502,912)
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Net unrealized appreciation	8,504,896
Cost for federal income tax purposes	\$120,442,849

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### ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

Conclusions of principal officers concerning controls and procedures

(a) The Registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "Act"), (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective as of February 21, 2007, based on the evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the Act (and 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.15d-15(b))).

(b) There have been no changes in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the Registrant's last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

### ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

Separate certifications of the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer of the Registrant, as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, are filed herewith.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Bancroft Fund Ltd.

By: /s/Thomas H. Dinsmore  
Thomas H. Dinsmore  
Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)



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Date: March 31, 2007

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By: /s/Thomas H. Dinsmore  
Thomas H. Dinsmore  
Chairman of the Board and  
Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: March 31, 2007

By: /s/Gary I. Levine  
Gary I. Levine  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: March 31, 2007