

BANCROFT FUND LTD  
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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 \*  
**PIERRE MERCEDES A**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BANCROFT FUND LTD [BCV]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**C/O DINSMORE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, 65 MADISON AVE**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**02/03/2016**

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_ Officer (give title below)  10% Owner  
 \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below) former Vice President and CCO

**MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960**

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
Shares of Beneficial Interest	02/03/2016		J <sup>(1)</sup>	0	A \$ 0	307.077 <sup>(2)</sup>	D

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)**

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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 Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director      10% Owner      Officer      Other

PIERRE MERCEDES A  
 C/O DINSMORE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT  
 65 MADISON AVE  
 MORRISTOWN, NJ 07960

former Vice President  
 and CCO

## Signatures

/s/ Gary I. Levine,  
 attorney-in-fact

02/03/2016

\*\*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) This filing is being made for the sole reason that the reporting person is no longer an officer of the Registrant.
  - (2) Includes 142.077 shares acquired in fiscal years 2005 through 2016 under the BCV dividend reinvestment plan.

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