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Virtus Artificial Intelligence & Technology Opportunities Fund Announces Increase to Monthly Distributions and Discloses Sources of Distribution – Section 19(a) Notice

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HARTFORD, Conn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **Virtus Artificial Intelligence & Technology Opportunities Fund** (NYSE: AIO) today announced it will increase its monthly distribution from \$0.18 per share to \$0.21 per share, an increase of 17% or \$0.03 per share, effective with the October distribution:

Ticker	Amount of Distribution	Ex-Date/Record Date	Payable Date
AIO	\$0.21	October 13, 2026	October 29, 2026
AIO	\$0.21	November 12, 2026	November 27, 2026

This increase is part of the Fund's ongoing efforts to enhance shareholder value by seeking to provide a more attractive distribution rate and to address the current discount to net asset value (NAV) at which its shares currently trade. This new distribution rate represents a per annum rate of approximately 9.9% based on the market price of the Fund's shares of \$25.37 as of the close of the New York Stock Exchange on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, and approximately 9.0% based on the Fund's NAV of \$27.99 as of the same date.

Under the terms of its Managed Distribution Plan, the Fund will seek to maintain a consistent distribution level that may be paid, in part or in full, from net investment income and realized capital gains, or a combination thereof. Shareholders should note, however, that if the Fund's aggregate net investment income and net realized capital gains are less than the amount of the distribution level, the difference will be distributed from the Fund's assets and will constitute a return of shareholders' capital. You should not draw any conclusions about the Fund's investment performance from the amount of this distribution or from the terms of the Fund's Managed Distribution Plan.

The Fund previously announced its September 2026 distribution and is providing this estimate of the sources of the distributions:

Distribution Estimates	September 2026 (MTD)		Fiscal Year-to-Date (YTD)(1)	
(Sources)	Per Share Amount	Percentage of Current Distribution	Per Share Amount	Percentage of Current Distribution
Net Investment Income	\$ 0.002	1.1%	\$ 0.018	1.4%
Net Realized Short-Term Capital Gains	0.178	98.9%	1.302	98.6%
Net Realized Long-Term Capital Gains	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
Return of Capital (or other Capital Source)	0.000	0.0%	0.000	0.0%
Total Distribution	\$ 0.180	100.0%	\$ 1.320	100.0%

(1) Fiscal year started February 1, 2026.

Information regarding the Fund's performance and distribution rates is set forth below. Please note that all performance figures are based on the Fund's net asset value (NAV) and not the market price of the Fund's shares. Performance figures are not meant to represent individual shareholder performance.

August 31, 2026	
Average Annual Total Return on NAV for the 5-year period(2)	10.35%
Annualized Current Distribution Rate(3)	7.80%
Fiscal YTD Cumulative Total Return on NAV(4)	16.05%
Fiscal YTD Cumulative Distribution Rate(5)	4.12%

- (2) Average Annual Total Return on NAV is the annual compound return for the five-year period. It reflects the change in the Fund's NAV and reinvestment of all distributions.
- (3) Annualized Current Distribution Rate is the current distribution rate (\$0.18 per share) annualized as a percentage of the Fund's NAV at month end.
- (4) Fiscal YTD Cumulative Total Return on NAV is the percentage change in the Fund's NAV from the first day of the fiscal year to this month end, including distributions paid and assuming reinvestment of those distributions.
- (5) Fiscal YTD Cumulative Distribution Rate is the dollar value of distributions from the first day of the fiscal year to this month end as a percentage of the Fund's NAV at month end.

The amounts and sources of distributions reported in this notice are estimates only and are not being provided for tax reporting purposes. The actual amounts and sources of the distributions for tax purposes will depend on the Fund's investment experience during the remainder of its fiscal year and may be subject to changes based on tax regulations. The Fund or your broker will send you a Form 1099-DIV for the calendar year that will tell you what distributions to report for federal income tax purposes.

About the Fund

Virtus Artificial Intelligence & Technology Opportunities Fund is a diversified closed-end fund that seeks to provide total return through a combination of current income, current gains, and long-term capital appreciation. A multi-asset approach based on fundamental research is employed, dynamically allocating to attractive segments of a company's debt and equity in order to offer an attractive risk/reward profile. The Fund has a limited term and will terminate on or around October 29, 2031, absent approval by the Fund's Board of Trustees to extend the Fund's term by up to 18 months. Virtus Investment Advisers, LLC, a registered investment adviser affiliated with Virtus Investment Partners, Inc., and **Voya Investment Management** provide investment advisory services to the Fund pursuant to an advisory agreement and a sub-advisory agreement, respectively.

For more information on the Fund, contact shareholder services at (866) 270-7788, by email at closedendfunds@virtus.com, or through the **Closed-End Funds** section of virtus.com.

Fund Risks

An investment in a fund is subject to risk, including the risk of possible loss of principal. A fund's shares may be worth less upon their sale than what an investor paid for them. Shares of closed-end funds may trade at a premium or discount to their NAV. For more information about the Fund's investment objective and risks, please see the Fund's annual report. A copy of the Fund's most recent annual report can be accessed through the **Closed-End Funds** section of virtus.com and may be obtained free of charge by contacting "Shareholder Services" as set forth at the end of this press release.

About Virtus Investment Partners, Inc.

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