



NEWS RELEASE

# Virtus Closed-End Funds Announce Results of Joint Annual Meeting of Shareholders

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HARTFORD, Conn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Virtus Artificial Intelligence & Technology Opportunities Fund (NYSE: AIO), Virtus Convertible & Income 2024 Target Term Fund (NYSE: CBH), Virtus Convertible & Income Fund (NYSE: NCV), Virtus Convertible & Income Fund II (NYSE: NCZ), Virtus Diversified Income & Convertible Fund (NYSE: ACV), Virtus Dividend, Interest & Premium Strategy Fund (NYSE: NFJ), Virtus Equity & Convertible Income Fund (NYSE: NIE), Virtus Global Multi-Sector Income Fund (NYSE: VGI), Virtus Stone Harbor Emerging Markets Total Income Fund (NYSE: EDI), and Virtus Total Return Fund Inc. (NYSE: ZTR) announced the results of the joint annual meeting of shareholders that was held on May 22, 2023.

The voting results are as follows:

	Virtus Artificial Intelligence & Technology Opportunities Fund (AIO)			
	For		Withheld	
	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>
Geraldine M. McNamara	25,449,848.000	91%	2,387,432.000	9%
R. Keith Walton	24,816,212.000	89%	3,021,068.000	11%
Brian T. Zino	24,384,569.000	88%	3,452,711.000	12%

	Virtus Convertible & Income 2024 Target Term Fund (CBH)			
	For		Withheld	
	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>
George R. Aylward	15,435,719.000	98%	321,457.000	2%
Sarah E. Cogan	15,495,271.000	98%	261,905.000	2%
Deborah A. DeCotis	15,481,552.000	98%	275,624.000	2%

	Virtus Convertible & Income Fund (NCV)			
	For		Withheld	
	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares</u> <u>Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares</u> <u>Voted</u>
Geraldine M. McNamara	65,386,695.237	95%	3,548,056.000	5%
George R. Aylward	65,824,290.237	95%	3,110,461.000	5%
Sarah E. Cogan	64,641,352.237	94%	4,293,399.000	6%
R. Keith Walton	65,715,220.237	95%	3,219,531.000	5%

	Virtus Convertible & Income Fund II (NCZ)			
	For		Withheld	
	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares</u> <u>Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares</u> <u>Voted</u>
George R. Aylward	54,990,250.892	90%	5,863,833.050	10%
Deborah A. DeCotis	52,093,752.892	86%	8,760,331.050	14%
Philip R. McLoughlin	52,198,023.892	86%	8,656,060.050	14%

	Virtus Diversified Income & Convertible Fund (ACV)			
	For		Withheld	
	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares</u> <u>Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares</u> <u>Voted</u>
Geraldine M. McNamara	9,588,007.000	98%	230,769.000	2%
George R. Aylward	9,551,890.000	97%	266,886.000	3%
F. Ford Drummond	9,560,662.000	97%	258,114.000	3%
R. Keith Walton	9,562,100.000	97%	256,676.000	3%

	Virtus Dividend, Interest & Premium Strategy Fund (NFJ)			
	For		Withheld	
	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares</u> <u>Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares</u> <u>Voted</u>
Sarah E. Cogan	77,144,005.293	90%	8,621,246.000	10%
F. Ford Drummond	77,043,366.293	90%	8,721,885.000	10%
R. Keith Walton	80,003,337.293	93%	5,761,914.000	7%

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	Virtus Equity & Convertible Income Fund (NIE)			
	For		Withheld	
	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>
Geraldine M. McNamara	22,085,159.425	97%	661,867.470	3%
R. Keith Walton	22,174,615.425	97%	572,411.470	3%
Brian T. Zino	22,158,648.425	97%	588,378.470	3%

	Virtus Global Multi-Sector Income Fund (VGI)			
	For		Withheld	
	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>
Donald C. Burke	9,014,101.971	95%	480,381.000	5%
Sarah E. Cogan	9,090,449.971	96%	404,033.000	4%
Sidney E. Harris	9,029,214.971	95%	465,268.000	5%
John R. Mallin	9,011,111.971	95%	483,371.000	5%

	Virtus Stone Harbor Emerging Markets Total Income Fund (EDI)			
	For		Withheld	
	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>
George R. Aylward	6,913,167.000	96%	302,358.000	4%
Deborah A. DeCotis	6,919,200.000	96%	296,325.000	4%
John R. Mallin	6,914,074.000	96%	301,451.000	4%
R. Keith Walton	6,882,455.000	95%	333,070.000	5%

	Virtus Total Return Fund Inc. (ZTR)			
	For		Withheld	
	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>
Connie D. McDaniel	47,912,294.268	97%	1,428,550.331	3%
Geraldine M. McNamara	47,828,788.823	97%	1,512,055.776	3%
R. Keith Walton	47,920,932.018	97%	1,419,912.581	3%
Brian T. Zino	47,952,553.357	97%	1,388,291.242	3%

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