



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 Income Fund (NYSE: EDF), and Virtus Total Return Fund Inc. (NYSE: ZTR) announced the results of the joint annual meeting of shareholders that was held on June 3, 2024.

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>
Donald C. Burke	25,221,219	93%	2,000,036	7%
F. Ford Drummond	25,569,178	94%	1,652,077	6%
Connie D. McDaniel	25,684,076	94%	1,537,179	6%
Philip R. McLoughlin	25,111,791	92%	2,109,464	8%

	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>
Connie D. McDaniel	14,861,446	95%	709,509	5%
Philip R. McLoughlin	14,937,935	96%	633,020	4%
R. Keith Walton	14,950,872	96%	620,083	4%
Brian T. Zino	14,919,148	96%	651,807	4%

	Virtus Convertible & Income Fund (NCV)			
	For		Withheld	
	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>
Deborah A. DeCotis	67,297,614	94%	4,520,554	6%
F. Ford Drummond	5,751,894	99%	43,960	1%
Connie D. McDaniel	68,885,687	96%	2,932,481	4%
Brian T. Zino	67,431,930	94%	4,386,238	6%

	Virtus Convertible & Income Fund II (NCZ)			
	For		Withheld	
	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>
F. Ford Drummond	3,413,920	89%	413,085	11%
Connie D. McDaniel	57,831,291	95%	3,185,443	5%
Geraldine M. McNamara	55,553,240	91%	5,463,494	9%
R. Keith Walton	57,670,470	95%	3,346,264	5%

	Virtus Diversified Income & Convertible Fund (ACV)			
	For		Withheld	
	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>
Sarah E. Cogan	1,200,000	100%	0	0%
Deborah A. DeCotis	9,547,733	98%	193,903	2%
Connie D. McDaniel	9,572,088	98%	169,548	2%
Philip R. McLoughlin	9,601,380	99%	140,256	1%

	Virtus Dividend, Interest & Premium Strategy Fund (NFJ)			
	For		Withheld	
	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>
Donald C. Burke	76,475,199	88%	10,052,498	12%
Connie D. McDaniel	77,955,215	90%	8,572,482	10%
Geraldine M. McNamara	76,363,352	88%	10,164,345	12%
Brian T. Zino	76,427,715	88%	10,099,982	12%

	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>
Donald C. Burke	21,798,438	97%	712,355	3%
F. Ford Drummond	21,791,071	97%	719,722	3%
Connie D. McDaniel	21,773,469	97%	737,324	3%
Philip R. McLoughlin	21,750,017	97%	760,776	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>
George R. Aylward	9,041,043	95%	488,380	5%
F. Ford Drummond	9,133,586	96%	395,837	4%
Connie D. McDaniel	9,098,656	95%	430,767	5%
Philip R. McLoughlin	9,032,405	95%	497,018	5%

	Virtus Stone Harbor Emerging Markets Income Fund (EDF)			
	For		Withheld	
	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>
George R. Aylward	18,559,627	91%	1,914,014	9%
Deborah A. DeCotis	18,653,535	91%	1,820,106	9%
John R. Mallin	18,491,727	90%	1,981,914	10%
R. Keith Walton	18,532,575	91%	1,941,066	9%

	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>
Donald C. Burke	42,948,062	88%	6,001,110	12%
Sarah E. Cogan	42,780,364	87%	6,168,807	13%
Deborah A. DeCotis	42,749,495	87%	6,199,676	13%
Sidney E. Harris	42,833,482	88%	6,115,689	12%

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