



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 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 2, 2025.

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>
George R. Aylward	25,828,098	96%	947,166	4%
Sarah E. Cogan	26,070,369	97%	704,895	3%
Deborah A. DeCotis	26,094,886	97%	680,378	3%

	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>
Donald C. Burke	5,850,664	99%	46,364	1%
Connie D. McDaniel	20,939,675	95%	1,178,892	5%

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	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>
Donald C. Burke	16,852,914	91%	1,708,084	9%
Sarah E. Cogan	3,442,744	90%	377,980	10%
Brian T. Zino	16,825,685	91%	1,735,313	9%

	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>
Donald C. Burke	9,212,616	97%	250,719	3%
Connie D. McDaniel	6,004,948	63%	3,458,387	37%
Brian T. Zino	1,200,000	100%	0	n/a

	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>
George R. Aylward	74,745,195	88%	10,647,254	12%
Donald C. Burke	73,161,316	86%	12,231,133	14%
Deborah A. DeCotis	73,068,634	86%	12,323,815	14%

	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>
George R. Aylward	21,902,629	97%	578,373	3%
Sarah E. Cogan	21,963,698	98%	517,304	2%
Deborah A. DeCotis	21,885,094	97%	595,908	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>
Deborah A. DeCotis	8,975,892	98%	144,874	2%
R. Keith Walton	8,926,936	98%	193,830	2%
Brian T. Zino	8,925,500	98%	195,266	2%

	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>
Donald C. Burke	20,423,754	94%	1,395,107	6%
Sarah E. Cogan	20,385,390	93%	1,433,471	7%
Connie D. McDaniel	20,368,397	93%	1,450,464	7%
Brian T. Zino	20,295,588	93%	1,523,273	7%

	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>
George R. Aylward	34,495,925	89%	4,093,458	11%
F. Ford Drummond	34,413,394	89%	4,175,990	11%
John R. Mallin	34,450,792	89%	4,138,592	11%

About the Funds

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