



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 1, 2026.

The voting results are as follows:

	Virtus Artificial Intelligence & Technology Opportunities Fund (AIO)					
	For		Withheld		Abstain	
	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>
Donald C. Burke	26,068,695.000	95%	1,450,588.000	5%	n/a	n/a
R. Keith Walton	26,096,007.000	95%	1,423,276.000	5%	n/a	n/a
Brian T. Zino	26,041,455.000	95%	1,477,828.000	5%	n/a	n/a
Ratification of PwC	26,761,031.00	97%	210,101.000	1%	548,151.000	2%

	Virtus Convertible & Income Fund (NCV)					
	For		Withheld		Abstain	
	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>
George R. Aylward	20,365,070.239	92%	1,769,310.000	8%	n/a	n/a
Sarah E. Cogan	20,363,580.239	92%	1,770,800.000	8%	n/a	n/a
R. Keith Walton	20,330,880.239	92%	1,803,500.000	8%	n/a	n/a

Ratification of PwC	20,604,462.239	93%	1,153,278.000	5%	376,640.000	2%
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	Virtus Convertible & Income Fund II (NCZ)					
	For		Withheld		Abstain	
	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>
George R. Aylward	17,499,402.789	92%	1,457,877.796	8%	n/a	n/a
R. Keith Walton	17,464,053.789	92%	1,493,226.796	8%	n/a	n/a
Ratification of PwC	17,070,094.789	90%	1,539,762.013	8%	347,423.783	2%

	Virtus Diversified Income & Convertible Fund (ACV)					
	For		Withheld		Abstain	
	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>
F. Ford Drummond	6,619,528.490	77%	1,947,918.000	23%	n/a	n/a
George R. Aylward	8,301,679.490	97%	265,767.000	3%	n/a	n/a
R. Keith Walton	8,229,472.490	96%	337,974.000	4%	n/a	n/a
Ratification of PwC	8,407,226.490	98%	89,390.000	1%	70,830.000	1%

	Virtus Dividend, Interest & Premium Strategy Fund (NFJ)					
	For		Withheld		Abstain	
	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>
F. Ford Drummond	77,165,229.296	91%	7,562,128.000	9%	n/a	n/a
Sarah E. Cogan	80,559,006.296	95%	4,168,351.000	5%	n/a	n/a
R. Keith Walton	80,525,620.296	95%	4,201,737.000	5%	n/a	n/a
Ratification of PwC	77,292,274.296	91%	6,820,705.000	8%	614,378.000	1%

	Virtus Equity & Convertible Income Fund (NIE)					
	For		Withheld		Abstain	
	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>
F. Ford Drummond	17,715,204.474	78%	5,042,176.000	22%	n/a	n/a
R. Keith Walton	21,840,688.474	96%	916,692.000	4%	n/a	n/a

Brian T. Zino	21,765,105.474	96%	992,275.000	4%	n/a	n/a
Ratification of PwC	22,259,419.474	98%	268,337.000	1%	229,624.000	1%

	Virtus Global Multi-Sector Income Fund (VGI)					
	For		Withheld		Abstain	
	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>
Donald C. Burke	8,447,864.000	95%	389,676.000	4%	89,537.000	1%
Sarah E. Cogan	8,519,449.000	95%	328,802.000	4%	78,826.000	1%
Ratification of PwC	8,488,180.000	95%	301,570.000	3%	137,327.000	2%

	Virtus Stone Harbor Emerging Markets Income Fund (EDF)					
	For		Withheld		Abstain	
	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>
F. Ford Drummond	21,523,769.000	94%	1,378,891.000	6%	n/a	n/a
Connie D. McDaniel	21,358,527.000	93%	1,544,133.000	7%	n/a	n/a
Ratification of PwC	22,028,589.000	96%	294,840.000	1%	579,231.000	3%

	Virtus Total Return Fund Inc. (ZTR)					
	For		Withheld		Abstain	
	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>	<u># of Shares</u>	<u>% of Shares Voted</u>
Connie D. McDaniel	31,107,906.541	89%	3,773,971.384	11%	n/a	n/a
R. Keith Walton	30,833,413.272	88%	4,048,464.653	12%	n/a	n/a
Brian T. Zino	30,887,508.790	89%	3,994,369.135	11%	n/a	n/a
Ratification of PwC	31,614,048.612	91%	2,517,168.384	7%	750,660.929	2%

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