The Zweig Total Return Fund, Inc. Declares Distribution

NEW YORK, May 1, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- The Zweig Total Return Fund, Inc. (NYSE: ZTR) announced a monthly distribution of $0.021 per share, payable on May 18, 2012, to shareholders of record on May 11, 2012 (ex-date May 9, 2012).

The distribution represents a cash yield of 7 percent on an annualized basis. Distributions may represent earnings from net investment income, capital gains, excess gains taxable as ordinary income or, if necessary, return of capital. Any portion of the fund's distributions that is a return of capital does not necessarily reflect the fund's investment performance and should not be confused with "yield" or "income." The tax status of the Fund's distributions is determined at the end of the taxable year.

The Zweig closed-end funds are advised by Zweig Advisers LLC. For more information on the Fund, please contact shareholder services at 800.272.2700, by email at zweig@virtus.com, or visit us on the web at www.virtus.com.

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