

The Zweig Fund, Inc. Declares Distribution and Discloses Sources of Distribution - Section 19(a) Notice

HARTFORD, Conn., March 14, 2017 /[PRNewswire](#)/ -- The Zweig Fund, Inc. (NYSE: ZF) announced the following quarterly distribution:

Amount of Distribution	Ex-Date	Record Date	Payable Date
\$0.361	March 22, 2017	March 24, 2017	March 31, 2017

Under the terms of its managed distribution plan, the fund will seek to maintain a consistent distribution level that may be paid in part or in full from net investment income and realized capital gains, or a combination thereof. Shareholders should note, however, that if the fund's aggregate net investment income and net realized capital gains are less than the amount of the distribution level, the difference will be distributed from the fund's assets and will constitute a return of the shareholder's capital. You should not draw any conclusions about the fund's investment performance from the amount of this distribution or from the terms of the fund's managed distribution plan.

The fund estimates that it has distributed more than its income and capital gains; therefore, a portion of your distribution may be a return of capital. A return of capital may occur, for example, when some or all of the money that you invested in the fund is paid back to you. A return of capital distribution does not necessarily reflect the fund's investment performance and should not be confused with 'yield' or 'income'.

The fund provided this estimate of the sources of the distributions:

Distribution Estimates (Sources)	March 2017 (QTD)		Year-to-date (YTD) ⁽¹⁾	
	<i>Per Share Amount</i>	<i>Percentage of Current Distribution</i>	<i>Per Share Amount</i>	<i>Percentage of Current Distribution</i>
Net Investment Income	\$ 0.103	28.5%	\$ 0.103	28.5%
Net Realized Foreign Currency Gains	0.001	0.3%	0.001	0.3%
Net Realized Short-Term Capital Gains	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Net Realized Long-Term Capital Gains	0.156	43.2%	0.156	43.2%
Return of Capital (or other Capital Source)	0.101	28.0%	0.101	28.0%
Total Distribution	\$ 0.361	100.0%	\$ 0.361	100.0%

(1) YTD January 11, 2017 to January 9, 2018. (The distribution paid on January 10, 2017 was reportable for tax on Form 1099 in 2016)

Information regarding the fund's performance and distribution rates is set forth below. Please note that all performance figures are based on the fund's NAV and not the market price of the fund's shares. Performance figures are not meant to represent individual shareholder performance.

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<i>Average Annual Total Return on NAV for the 5-year period ended this quarter</i> ⁽²⁾	7.16%
<i>Current Fiscal YTD Annualized Distribution Rate</i> ⁽³⁾	11.31%
<i>YTD Cumulative Total Return on NAV</i> ⁽⁴⁾	7.44%
<i>YTD Cumulative Distribution Rate</i> ⁽⁵⁾	2.83%

- (2) Average Annual Total Return on NAV is the annual compound return for the five-year period. It reflects the change in the fund's NAV and reinvestment of all distributions.
- (3) Current Fiscal YTD Annualized Distribution Rate is the current distribution rate annualized as a percentage of the fund's NAV at quarter end.
- (4) YTD Cumulative Total Return on NAV is the percentage change in the fund's NAV from the first day of the year to this quarter end, including distributions paid and assuming reinvestment of those distributions.
- (5) YTD Cumulative Distribution Rate is the dollar value of distributions from the first day of the year to this quarter end as a percentage of the fund's NAV at quarter end.

The amounts and sources of distributions reported in this notice are estimates only and are not being provided for tax reporting purposes. The actual amounts and sources of the distributions will depend on the fund's investment experience during the remainder of its fiscal year and may be subject to changes based on tax regulations. The fund or your broker will send shareholders a Form 1099-DIV for the calendar year that will tell shareholders what distributions to report for federal income tax purposes.

About the Fund

The Zweig Fund is a diversified closed-end fund whose investment objective is capital appreciation, with current income as a secondary objective. It currently targets an allocation of 60 percent of its assets in equity securities and 40 percent fixed income. The equity allocation invests globally in owners/operators of infrastructure in the communications, utility, energy, and transportation industries. The fixed income portion utilizes an approach of active sector rotation, extensive credit research and disciplined risk management designed to capitalize on opportunities across undervalued areas of the fixed income markets. The fund also pursues an options income strategy whereby it purchases and sells out-of-the money puts and calls, creating an options spread.

Virtus Investment Advisers has been the investment adviser to the fund and Duff & Phelps Investment Management Co. and Newfleet Asset Management have been subadvisers since September 7, 2016. Performance and characteristics prior to that date were attained by the previous adviser using a different investment strategy.

For more information on the fund, contact shareholder services at (866) 270-7788, by email at closedendfunds@virtus.com, or through the [closed end fund](#) section on the web at www.virtus.com.

Fund Risks

An investment in a fund is subject to risk, including the risk of possible loss of principal. A fund's shares may be worth less upon their sale than what an investor paid for them. Shares of closed-end funds may trade at a discount to their net asset value. For more information about each fund's investment objective and risks, please see the fund's annual report. A copy of the fund's most recent annual report may be obtained free of charge by contacting "Shareholder Services" as set forth at the end of this press release.

About Duff & Phelps Investment Management Co.

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About Newfleet Asset Management

[Newfleet Asset Management](#) provides comprehensive fixed income portfolio management in multiple strategies. Newfleet leverages the knowledge and skill of a team of investment professionals with expertise in every sector of the bond market, including evolving, specialized, and out-of-favor sectors. The team employs active sector rotation and disciplined risk management to portfolio construction, avoiding interest rate bets, and remaining duration neutral to each strategy's stated benchmark.

About Virtus Investment Partners

Virtus Investment Partners (NASDAQ: VRTS) is a distinctive partnership of boutique investment managers singularly committed to the long-term success of individual and institutional investors. For more information visit www.virtus.com.

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