# Zweig Closed End Funds Declare Distributions

NEW YORK, Oct. 1, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- The Zweig Fund, Inc. (NYSE: ZF) and The Zweig Total Return Fund, Inc. (NYSE: ZTR) announced the dividend distributions on each fund's common stock as follows:

**ZF**

| Cents Per Share | Record Date | Ex Date | Payable Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0.213 * | October 11, 2012 | October 9, 2012 | October 18, 2012 |

* Distribution represents a cash yield of 6 percent on an annualized basis.

**ZTR**

| Cents Per Share | Record Date | Ex Date | Payable Date |
|---|---|---|---|
| $0.084** | October 11, 2012 | October 9, 2012 | October 18, 2012 |

** 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 funds, 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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