

ZWEIG TOTAL RETURN FUND INC  
Form DEFA14A  
May 11, 2010

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 14A**

**(Rule 14A-101)**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT**

**SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION**

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**Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**(Amendment No. )**

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**THE ZWEIG TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.**

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Dear Valued Shareholder:

The May 11<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of shareholders of **The Zweig Total Return Fund, Inc.** has been adjourned to provide shareholders who have not yet cast their proxy vote for Proposal 2 (the Charter Amendment Proposal ) with additional time to do so. It is critical to the business of *your* fund that we receive your proxy voting instructions before the adjourned meeting resumes on June 2, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. at the offices of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP, located at 787 Seventh Avenue (between 51<sup>st</sup> and 52<sup>nd</sup> Streets), 34<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, New York 10019.

**The Board of Directors has unanimously recommended a FOR vote on the Charter Amendment Proposal. Please help us by casting your vote today.** Failure to secure sufficient votes for the Charter Amendment Proposal will result in additional costly solicitation efforts and could delay the important business of the fund.

Enclosed you will find another copy of your proxy ballot(s). If you have not yet cast your vote on Proposal 2 the Charter Amendment Proposal, **please do so today.**

I also want to inform you that before the meeting adjourned on May 11, the fund's shareholders re-elected Alden Olson and myself as Directors of the fund.

If you need another copy of the proxy statement or have any proxy-related questions, please call 1-877-297-1739 for assistance. I thank you in advance for your help with this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

George R. Aylward

Chairman of the Board and President of The Zweig Total Return Fund, Inc.

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