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Form N-Q
November 29, 2011

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-05620

The Zweig Total Return Fund, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

900 Third Ave, 31st Floor
New York, NY 10022-4728
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Kevin J. Carr, Esq.
Vice President, Chief Legal Officer, Counsel and Secretary for Registrant
100 Pearl Street
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(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 800-272-2700

Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: September 30, 2011

Form N-Q is to be used by management investment companies, other than small business investment companies registered on Form N-5 ((S) (S) 239.24 and 274.5 of this chapter), to file reports with the Commission, not later than 60 days after the close of the first and third fiscal quarters, pursuant to rule 30b1-5 under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (17 CFR 270.30b1-5). The Commission may use the information provided on Form N-Q in its regulatory, disclosure review, inspection, and policymaking roles.

A registrant is required to disclose the information specified by Form N-Q, and the Commission will make this information public. A registrant is not required to respond to the collection of information contained in Form N-Q unless the Form displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") control number. Please direct comments concerning the accuracy of the information collection burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. The OMB has reviewed this collection of information under the clearance requirements of 44 U.S.C. (S) 3507.

ITEM 1. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

The Schedule of Investments is attached herewith.

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PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

ASSET ALLOCATION AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

The following graph illustrates asset allocations within certain sectors and as a percentage of total investments as of September 30, 2011.

[CHART]

| | |
|---|-----|
| U.S. Government Securities | 47% |
| (includes U.S. Treasury Bills which are Short-term investments) | |
| Common Stocks | 41% |
| Foreign Government Securities | 5% |
| Exchange Traded Funds | 3% |
| Corporate Bonds | 2% |
| Money Market Mutual Funds - (Short-term investment) | 2% |

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THE ZWEIG TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2011
(UNAUDITED)

(\$ REPORTED IN THOUSANDS)

| | PAR | VALUE |
|---|-------------|-----------|
| | ----- | ----- |
| INVESTMENTS | | |
| U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES | 25.5% | |
| U.S. Treasury Inflation Indexed Note/(3)/ | | |
| 1.625%, 1/15/15..... | \$ 28,000 | \$ 35,630 |
| 2.000%, 1/15/16..... | 25,000 | 31,613 |
| 2.375%, 1/15/17..... | 31,000 | 39,926 |
| U.S. Treasury Note 4.000%, 11/15/12..... | 18,500 | 19,285 |
| | | ----- |
| TOTAL U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES (Identified Cost | | |
| \$111,654)..... | | 126,454 |
| | | ----- |
| FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES | 5.1% | |
| Australia Government Bond | | |
| 6.500%, 5/15/13..... | 5,000 | 5,052 |
| 5.500%, 12/15/13..... | 11,000 | 11,067 |
| Kingdom of Norway Series 470, 6.500%, 5/15/13.... | 50,000/(4)/ | 9,190 |
| | | ----- |

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|---|------|---------------------|--------|
| TOTAL FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES (Identified Cost | | | |
| \$25,883)..... | | | 25,309 |
| | | | ----- |
| CORPORATE BONDS | 2.1% | | |
| INDUSTRIALS -- 2.1% | | | |
| CSX Corp. 6.250%, 3/15/18..... | | 4,000 | 4,824 |
| Ingersoll-Rand Global Holding Co., Ltd. 6.875%, 8/15/18..... | | 4,814 | 5,910 |
| | | | ----- |
| TOTAL CORPORATE BONDS (Identified Cost \$8,302)..... | | | 10,734 |
| | | | ----- |
| | | NUMBER OF SHARES | |
| | | ----- | |
| COMMON STOCKS | | 40.7% | |
| CONSUMER DISCRETIONARY -- 5.2% | | | |
| Amazon.com, Inc./ (2) /..... | | 16,200 | 3,503 |
| AutoZone, Inc./ (2) /..... | | 9,200 | 2,936 |
| Comcast Corp. Class A..... | | 229,000 | 4,786 |
| Darden Restaurants, Inc..... | | 120,000 | 5,130 |
| Leggett & Platt, Inc..... | | 86,000 | 1,702 |
| Lululemon Athletica, Inc./ (2) /..... | | 58,000 | 2,822 |
| McDonald's Corp..... | | 57,000 | 5,006 |
| | | | ----- |
| | | | 25,885 |
| | | | ----- |

See Notes to Schedule of Investments

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| | NUMBER OF SHARES | VALUE |
|---|---------------------|----------|
| | ----- | ----- |
| CONSUMER STAPLES -- 3.1% | | |
| Altria Group, Inc..... | 244,000 | \$ 6,541 |
| Heinz (H.J.) Co..... | 33,000 | 1,666 |
| Kimberly-Clark Corp..... | 25,000 | 1,775 |
| PepsiCo, Inc..... | 83,000 | 5,138 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 15,120 |
| | | ----- |
| ENERGY -- 7.2% | | |
| Alpha Natural Resources, Inc./ (2) /..... | 40,000 | 708 |
| Chesapeake Energy Corp..... | 140,000 | 3,577 |
| Chevron Corp..... | 57,000 | 5,274 |
| ConocoPhillips..... | 91,000 | 5,762 |
| El Paso Corp..... | 161,000 | 2,814 |
| Halliburton Co..... | 99,000 | 3,021 |
| Occidental Petroleum Corp..... | 48,000 | 3,432 |
| Petroleo Brasileiro S.A. ADR..... | 54,000 | 1,212 |
| Schlumberger Ltd..... | 63,000 | 3,763 |
| Total SA Sponsored ADR..... | 41,000 | 1,799 |
| Williams Cos., Inc. (The)..... | 184,000 | 4,479 |

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|--|---------|--------|
| | | ----- |
| | | 35,841 |
| | | ----- |
| FINANCIALS -- 2.5% | | |
| Bank of America Corp..... | 317,000 | 1,940 |
| Citigroup, Inc..... | 69,000 | 1,768 |
| Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (The)..... | 35,000 | 3,309 |
| HCP, Inc..... | 51,000 | 1,788 |
| Lincoln National Corp..... | 119,000 | 1,860 |
| New York Community Bancorp, Inc. Class A.. | 143,000 | 1,702 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 12,367 |
| | | ----- |
| HEALTH CARE -- 3.8% | | |
| Abbott Laboratories..... | 119,000 | 6,086 |
| Biogen Idec, Inc./ (2)/..... | 28,000 | 2,608 |
| Bristol-Myers Squibb Co..... | 53,000 | 1,663 |
| Eli Lilly & Co..... | 47,000 | 1,737 |
| Gilead Sciences, Inc./ (2)/..... | 72,000 | 2,794 |
| UnitedHealth Group, Inc..... | 91,000 | 4,197 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 19,085 |
| | | ----- |
| INDUSTRIALS -- 5.0% | | |
| Alaska Air Group, Inc./ (2)/..... | 48,000 | 2,702 |
| Caterpillar, Inc..... | 52,000 | 3,840 |
| Cummins, Inc..... | 45,000 | 3,675 |
| Deere & Co..... | 68,000 | 4,391 |
| Foster Wheeler AG..... | 117,000 | 2,081 |

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| | NUMBER OF | |
|--|-----------|----------|
| | SHARES | VALUE |
| | ----- | ----- |
| INDUSTRIALS (CONTINUED) | | |
| Lockheed Martin Corp..... | 25,000 | \$ 1,816 |
| Union Pacific Corp..... | 47,000 | 3,838 |
| United Continental Holdings, Inc./ (2)/..... | 120,000 | 2,326 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 24,669 |
| | | ----- |
| INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY -- 5.2% | | |
| Apple, Inc./ (2)/..... | 12,200 | 4,650 |
| Intel Corp..... | 253,000 | 5,397 |
| International Business Machines Corp..... | 25,000 | 4,376 |
| Paychex, Inc..... | 58,000 | 1,530 |
| QUALCOMM, Inc..... | 81,000 | 3,939 |
| SanDisk Corp./ (2)/..... | 61,000 | 2,461 |
| Visa, Inc. Class A..... | 39,000 | 3,343 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 25,696 |
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| | | |
|---|---------|---------|
| MATERIALS -- 6.0% | | |
| Alcoa, Inc..... | 259,000 | 2,479 |
| CF Industries Holdings, Inc..... | 26,000 | 3,208 |
| Cliffs Natural Resources, Inc..... | 56,000 | 2,865 |
| Du Pont (E.I) de Nemours & Co..... | 122,000 | 4,876 |
| Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc..... | 106,000 | 3,228 |
| MeadWestvaco Corp..... | 59,000 | 1,449 |
| Monsanto Co..... | 66,000 | 3,963 |
| Nucor Corp..... | 130,000 | 4,113 |
| Potash Corp. of Saskatchewan, Inc..... | 83,000 | 3,587 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 29,768 |
| | | ----- |
| TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES -- 2.0% | | |
| AT&T, Inc..... | 58,000 | 1,654 |
| CenturyLink, Inc..... | 50,000 | 1,656 |
| Verizon Communications, Inc..... | 175,000 | 6,440 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 9,750 |
| | | ----- |
| UTILITIES -- 0.7% | | |
| Duke Energy Corp..... | 89,000 | 1,779 |
| FirstEnergy Corp..... | 41,000 | 1,841 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 3,620 |
| | | ----- |
| TOTAL COMMON STOCKS (Identified Cost \$205,122) | | 201,801 |
| | | ----- |
| EXCHANGE-TRADED FUNDS 2.6% | | |
| Consumer Staples Select Sector SPDR Fund.... | 153,000 | 4,544 |
| Health Care Select Sector SPDR Fund..... | 129,000 | 4,092 |
| Templeton Dragon Fund, Inc..... | 113,000 | 2,735 |

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| | NUMBER OF SHARES | VALUE |
|---|---------------------|----------|
| | ----- | ----- |
| EXCHANGE-TRADED FUNDS (CONTINUED) | | |
| Utilities Select Sector SPDR Fund..... | 42,000 | \$ 1,413 |
| | | ----- |
| TOTAL EXCHANGE-TRADED FUNDS (Identified Cost \$12,707) | | 12,784 |
| | | ----- |
| TOTAL LONG TERM INVESTMENTS -- 76.0% (Identified cost \$363,668)..... | | 377,082 |
| | | ----- |
| SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS 23.9% | | |
| MONEY MARKET MUTUAL FUNDS -- 1.6% | | |
| Dreyfus Cash Management Fund -- Institutional Shares (seven-day effective yield 0.050%)..... | 7,727,023 | 7,727 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 7,727 |
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| | PAR | |
|--|-----------|-----------|
| | ----- | |
| U.S. TREASURY BILLS/(5)/ -- 22.3% | | |
| U.S. Treasury Bill | | |
| 0.085%, 11/17/11..... | \$ 25,000 | 25,000 |
| 0.115%, 12/15/11..... | 50,000 | 49,998 |
| 0.160%, 5/31/12..... | 11,000 | 10,995 |
| 0.140%, 6/28/12..... | 15,000 | 14,990 |
| 0.160%, 7/26/12..... | 10,000 | 9,992 |
| | | ----- |
| | | 110,975 |
| | | ----- |
| TOTAL SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS (Identified Cost \$118,672) | | 118,702 |
| | | ----- |
| TOTAL INVESTMENTS (Identified Cost \$482,340) -- | | |
| 99.9%/(1)/..... | | 495,784 |
| OTHER ASSETS AND LIABILITIES, NET -- 0.1%..... | | 353 |
| | | ----- |
| NET ASSETS -- 100.0%..... | | \$496,137 |
| | | ===== |

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- (1) Federal Income Tax Information : For tax information at September 30, 2011, see Note 4 Federal Income Tax Information in the Notes to Schedule of Investments.
 - (2) Non-income producing.
 - (3) Principal amount is adjusted daily pursuant to the change in the Consumer Price Index.
 - (4) Par value represents Norwegian Krone (reported in thousands).
 - (5) The rate shown is the discount rate.

See Notes to Schedule of Investments

| | |
|---------------------------------|------|
| COUNTRY WEIGHTINGS (UNAUDITED)+ | |
| United States..... | 92% |
| Norway..... | 2% |
| Australia..... | 3% |
| Canada..... | 1% |
| China..... | 1% |
| Switzerland..... | 1% |
| | --- |
| Total..... | 100% |
| | === |

+ % of total investments as of September 30, 2011

The following table provides a summary of inputs used to value the Fund's net assets as of September 30, 2011 (See Security Valuation Note 1A in the Notes to Schedule of Investments):

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| | TOTAL VALUE AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 | LEVEL 1 QUOTED PRICES | LEVEL 2 SIGNIFICANT UNOBSERVABLE INPUTS |
|---|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Debt Securities: | | | |
| U.S. Government Securities (includes short-term investments)..... | \$237,429 | \$ -- | \$237,429 |
| Foreign Government Securities..... | 25,309 | -- | 25,309 |
| Corporate Bonds..... | 10,734 | -- | 10,734 |
| Equity Securities: | | | |
| Common Stocks..... | 201,801 | 201,801 | 201,801 |
| Exchange-Traded Funds..... | 12,784 | 12,784 | 12,784 |
| Short-Term Investments..... | 7,727 | 7,727 | 7,727 |
| Total..... | \$495,784 | \$222,312 | \$270,472 |

There are no Level 3 (significant unobservable input) securities.

See Notes to Schedule of Investments

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THE ZWEIG TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2011
(UNAUDITED)

NOTE 1 -- SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principals generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of increases and decreases in net assets from operations during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates and those differences could be significant.

A. SECURITY VALUATION:

Security Valuation procedures for the funds have been approved by the Board of Trustees. All internally fair valued securities referred to below are approved by a valuation committee appointed under the direction of the Board of Trustees.

The Fund utilizes a fair value hierarchy which prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels.

- . Level 1 -- quoted prices in active markets for identical securities
- . Level 2 -- prices determined using other significant observable inputs

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(including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.)

- . Level 3 -- prices determined using significant unobservable inputs (including the valuation committee's own assumptions in determining the fair value of investments)

A description of the valuation techniques applied to the Fund's major categories of assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis is as follows:

Equity securities are valued at the official closing price (typically last sale) on the exchange on which the securities are primarily traded, or if no closing price is available, at the last bid price and are categorized as Level 1 in the hierarchy. Restricted equity securities and private placements that are not widely traded, are illiquid or are internally fair valued by the valuation committee, are generally categorized as Level 3 in the hierarchy.

Certain foreign securities may be fair valued in cases where closing prices are not readily available or are deemed not reflective of readily available market prices. For example, significant events (such as movement in the U.S. securities market, or other regional and local developments) may occur between the time that foreign markets close (where the security is principally traded) and the time that the Fund calculates its net asset value (generally, the close of the NYSE) that may impact the value of securities traded in these foreign markets. In such cases the Fund fair values foreign securities using an external pricing service which considers the correlation of the trading patterns of the foreign security to the

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intraday trading in the U.S. markets for investments such as American Depositary Receipts, financial futures, exchange-traded funds, and certain indexes as well as prices for similar securities. Such fair valuations are categorized as Level 2 in the hierarchy. Because the frequency of significant events is not predictable, fair valuation of certain foreign common stocks may occur on a frequent basis.

Debt securities, including restricted securities, are valued based on evaluated quotations received from independent pricing services or from dealers who make markets in such securities. For most bond types, the pricing service utilizes matrix pricing which considers yield or price of bonds of comparable quality, coupon, maturity, current cash flows, type, and current day trade information, as well as dealer supplied prices. These valuations are generally categorized as Level 2 in the hierarchy. Structured debt instruments such as mortgage-backed and asset-backed securities may also incorporate collateral analysis and utilize cash flow models for valuation and are generally categorized as Level 2 in the hierarchy. Pricing services do not provide pricing for all securities and therefore dealer supplied prices are utilized representing indicative bids based on pricing models used by market makers in the security and are generally categorized as Level 2 in the hierarchy. Debt securities that are not widely traded, are illiquid, or are internally fair valued by the valuation committee are generally categorized as Level 3 in the hierarchy.

Listed derivatives that are actively traded are valued based on quoted prices from the exchange and are categorized as Level 1 in the hierarchy. Over the counter (OTC) derivative contracts, which include forward currency contracts and equity linked instruments are valued based on inputs observed

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from actively quoted markets and are categorized as Level 2 in the hierarchy.

Investments in open-end mutual funds are valued at their closing net asset value determined as of the close of business of the New York Stock Exchange (generally 4:00 p.m. Eastern time) each business day and are categorized as Level 1 in the hierarchy.

Short-term notes having a remaining maturity of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market and are generally categorized as Level 2 in the hierarchy.

A summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's major categories of assets and liabilities, which primarily include investments of the Fund, by each major security type is disclosed at the end of the Schedule of Investments for the Fund. The inputs or methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities.

B. SECURITY TRANSACTIONS AND RELATED INCOME:

Security transactions are recorded on the trade date. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date, or in the case of certain foreign securities, as soon as the Fund is notified. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. The Fund amortizes premiums and accretes discounts using the effective interest method. Realized gains and losses are determined on the identified cost basis.

NOTE 2 -- INDEMNIFICATIONS

Under the Fund's organizational documents and related agreements, its directors and officers are indemnified against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Fund. In addition, the Fund enters into contracts that contain a variety of indemnifications. The Fund's maximum

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exposure under these arrangements is unknown. However, the Fund has not had prior claims or losses pursuant to these arrangements.

NOTE 3 -- CREDIT RISK AND ASSET CONCENTRATIONS

In countries with limited or developing markets, investments may present greater risks than in more developed markets and the prices of such investments may be volatile. The consequences of political, social or economic changes in these markets may have disruptive effects on the market prices of these investments and the income they generate, as well as the Fund's ability to repatriate such amounts.

The Fund may invest a high percentage of its assets in specific sectors of the market in its pursuit of a greater investment return. Fluctuations in these sectors of concentration may have a greater impact on the Fund, positive or negative, than if the Fund did not concentrate its investments in such sectors.

At September 30, 2011, the Fund held 47% of its total investments in U.S. Government securities (includes 22% of U.S. Treasury Bills which are Short-term investments).

NOTE 4 -- FEDERAL INCOME TAX INFORMATION

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At September 30, 2011, federal tax cost and aggregate gross unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of securities held by the Fund were as follows:

| FEDERAL TAX COST | UNREALIZED APPRECIATION | UNREALIZED DEPRECIATION | NET UNREALIZED APPRECIATION (DEPRECIATION) |
|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| \$484,651 | \$30,824 | \$(19,691) | \$11,133 |

NOTE 5 -- RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENT

In May 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2011-04 "Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs". ASU 2011-04 includes common requirements for measurement of and disclosure about fair value between U.S. GAAP and IFRS. ASU 2011-04 will require reporting entities to disclose quantitative information about the unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurements categorized within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. In addition, ASU 2011-04 will require reporting entities to make disclosures about amounts and reasons for all transfers in and out of Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements. The new and revised disclosures are effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2011. At this time, management is evaluating the implications of ASU No. 2011-04 and its impact on the financial statements has not been determined.

NOTE 6 -- SUBSEQUENT EVENT EVALUATIONS

Management has evaluated the impact of all subsequent events on the Fund through the date the financial statements were issued, and has determined that there are no subsequent events that require recognition or disclosure in these financial statements.

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ITEM 2. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of the report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on the evaluation of these controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the registrant's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 3. EXHIBITS.

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Certifications pursuant to Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) The Zweig Total Return Fund, Inc.

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ George R. Aylward

George R. Aylward, President
(principal executive officer)

Date 11/23/11

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ George R. Aylward

George R. Aylward, President
(principal executive officer)

Date 11/23/11

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ W. Patrick Bradley

W. Patrick Bradley, Treasurer
(principal financial officer)

Date 11/23/11

* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.