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**Alpine View**  
October 31, 2010 (Unaudited)

Dear Investor:

Since the September, 2008 collapse of Lehman Brothers nearly imploded the global financial system in a far reaching credit crisis, investors have understood that the financial markets are in transition, but have been focused on two divergent prospects. Either the world would again descend into financial chaos, or financial normalization would be followed by sustained economic recovery leading to long term growth. Mutual fund flows over the past two years show that some investors have favored the security of U.S. Treasury notes, bonds and gold, while others emphasize the growth opportunities in emerging markets, commodities and industrial metals. Both sets of investors have enjoyed solid returns over both the fiscal year ended October 31, 2010 and since the equity market low point of March 9, 2009. However, recent data and even fund flows have supported the view favoring economic growth. Even though headline figures for U.S job growth and household formation have remained soft over the past 18 months, global economic data reinforced the trend of the last 6 years, showing a strong growth rate in emerging economies. While many people in developed countries seek a return to the prior economic order of the world, an increasing number of investors and corporations are embracing opportunities to participate in an ongoing reorganization of the global economy.

**Crisis Remedies: Past, Present and Future**

Opposing outlooks for economic growth have influenced prospective solutions to repairing the economic damage from the crisis, as well as how to safeguard against future failures. However, there has been universal agreement that the principal problems that must be fixed are excessive debt and inadequate stable income. Clearly, income and revenues failed to cover personal, corporate and sovereign debt service, let alone provide for repayment. Since both the solution and future protection can create different winners or losers, various views have been hotly debated, focusing on the nexus of financial, regulatory and monetary mechanisms for both capital markets and governments. As a result, the platform of national debates over the merits of near term austerity versus continued monetary and fiscal stimulus has taken on a political dimension. Budget pressures will continue to force countries to adjust their regulatory, monetary and fiscal structures to match the current prospects for their economy, in light of both aspirations and concerns for the future. Inevitably, many countries will feel compelled to reassess their collective world view regarding the respective roles of both the state and private enterprise in providing for the security, health, education and well being of its populace.

Crisis or near crisis events such as the great recession of 2008-2009 are often necessary to initiate such difficult debates. Financial imbalances or weaknesses have been revealed around the world by the credit crises. The dispassionate and free roaming nature of global capital flows highlights distinctions in economic strength and capacity of each country's markets. This past April, the U.S. was the initial beneficiary of the flight to quality and stability during the depth of the crisis, while Greece became the

first sovereign casualty, as its fiscal imbalance created by poor tax collection and imprudent spending could no longer be supported by excessive borrowing. This has spiraled through a fear of contagion within the banking sector and bond markets to other countries around Europe's core for different local reasons. In addition to financial instability, it has called into question the structure and efficacy of the European Union.

Even in the U.S., we are forced to confront potential imbalances in the entitlement programs which constitute 85% of the U.S. Government's annual budget, lest our own fiscal shortfalls and long term deficit impair this country's global standing. Unfortunately, the increased political polarization of our government over the past few decades has prevented our leaders from addressing these issues until now that the structural imbalances have become so critical! High unemployment has reduced incomes in combination with the negative wealth effect from declines in the stock and housing markets, so that tax revenues are lagging far behind government expenditures. As a result, our country's debt to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) has not been so out of kilter since the end of World War II! Back then, the day was saved by stimulus programs such as the G.I. Bill providing financing for education and housing, the Marshall Plan to rebuild Europe giving us huge export markets, while establishing the National Highway System created jobs and laid the foundation for a mobile and efficient economy. A renewed focus on domestic demand after the war, combined with technological innovation (television and transistors) to create new industries, enabled the U.S. to enjoy a sustained period of growth in incomes and output which helped to reduce deficits and spread middle class wealth during the 1950's. Thus, we should be mindful of how our country has historically succeeded in similar circumstances, as we debate a future course for the U.S.

Once again, the U.S. stands at a crossroads which could influence the course of future economic activity. This time, European nations have initiated a diet of fiscal austerity, slashing annual budgets by up to 5%. Deficit reduction is viewed as an imperative. However, without

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off-setting economic stimulus the resultant drag on economic growth could prolong a period of low to negative growth for many of those countries constrained by the monetary and currency inflexibility of a unified Euro. While the U.S. has greater flexibility, the Federal Reserve has become the principal branch of our government currently capable of action to provide stimulus to offset the subpar economic recovery. Through its program of quantitative easing, the Federal Reserve is, in effect, inflating equity values in the stock market to substitute for the deflation of home values over the past four years or so. This appears similar with the Fed's approach during 2002 and 2003 where low interest rates helped to inflate home values to offset the negative wealth effect of a falling stock market during 2001 and 2002. This movable feast of monetary liquidity may also be fueling the rise of commodity markets just like they did in the spring of 1998. Unlike these prior periods which resulted in medium term bubbles, unwinding the Fed's stimulus will have to be more carefully communicated to the markets and executed. It is also safe to say that the central banks of the world probably have more control over the credit markets than

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they did in 2006 through 2008 as a result of the decimation of the derivative propelled structures which permitted the securitization machinery of Wall Street to disproportionately influence money supply and fund flows. Thus, we are not overly concerned about the emergence of 1970's level of inflation on a broad basis.

### **Ultimately, It's About Jobs**

The just agreed upon extension of Bush-era tax levels, plus other targeted deductions should have a beneficial impact over the next 12-24 months. However, the potential for sustained job growth as a result of productive capital deployment by either business initiatives or government stimulus is uncertain. Historically, one of the greatest economic triumphs of 20th century America has been our capacity to create productive employment. Job growth helped in the assimilation of immigrants, giving common purpose and aligning the melting pot of diverse cultures, experiences and talents that has helped this country to lead the rest of the world. Currently, non-farm payrolls stand at 130.54 million people, down from the peak of 137.95 million in December, 2007. Although slightly higher than the recent low of 129.59 million last December, current payrolls are virtually flat with the number employed (130.53 million) in December, 1999! During Alpine's fiscal year, the U. S. added an average of +49,000 new jobs per month, which compares poorly with the monthly averages sustained between September, 2003-September, 2007 (+160,000) and March, 1993-March, 2000 (+252,000) when the economy was strong. Meanwhile, our population has continued to grow between 0.9-1.0% per year as the census just reported 9.7% growth over the past decade. While slower than the long term historical rate, this suggests that the monthly job growth must be well over 100,000, just to keep the unemployment rate flat.

It is worth noting one startling trend in terms of overall unemployment. The data suggests that civilians unemployed for greater than 27 weeks (or roughly half a year) have historically stayed below 15% to 20% of all claimants during most recessions and only once exceeded 25% in the early 1980's. Unfortunately, long term unemployment now accounts for almost 42% of all unemployed. This reflects not only the slow recovery from the most recent downturn, but perhaps a structural mismatch between the skill set of our work force and jobs which are available. It is notable that the gap between unemployed and underemployed (includes part-time or marginally employed but seeking work) has expanded from roughly 3% during 2000 to 2001, to 7 1/2% today. This suggests that people who have lost jobs are not finding employment which matches their prior job history, so they settle for alternative situations. Updated adult education and retraining programs could adapt many of the underemployed if new skills sets can be linked to new jobs.

Over time, Alpine would hope a balanced program tilted toward greater stimulation in the early years to generate jobs with austerity targets focused on later years could provide confidence by benchmarking progress. Furthermore, public private partnerships and long term leasing (30 to 50 years) of highways, bridges, and

other infrastructure could accelerate a rebalancing of our nation's and states' balance sheets, while adding jobs and enabling future efficiency. Emphasizing capital spending on education, scientific research with a focus on alternative energy sources and healthcare could help the U.S. maintain economic primacy.

### **Emerging Economies: Fast Forward to the Future**

In contrast to the fiscal cash flow and structural deficit problems of the U.S., Europe and Japan, most emerging market countries have benefited from lower indebtedness, higher domestic savings and competitive costs of production. The Asian Contagion and Tequila Crisis of recent decades, followed by the decline of the internet bubble actually constrained these countries' banks and financial markets from rewarding excessive risk. Unlike the developed countries which are still fighting a deflationary trend, fast growth has pressured the central banks of Brazil, India, Indonesia and, most recently, China to tighten monetary conditions in order to constrain inflationary pressures. This suggests that they are moving past the recovery phase of the business cycle into a middle period of stable job creation, capacity utilization and wealth creation. Hopefully, the U.S. is only 12-24 months behind the leader's pace, followed perhaps by Japan and the U.K., while the Euro region may be much further behind in recovery.

It is clear that we are witnessing a two-speed world, where slow recoveries in countries which are facing possible deflation sit in contrast with countries which are reshaping their export-oriented economies to meet the demands of large numbers of upwardly mobile people finally capable of sustaining domestic consumption. Rising local incomes, huge infrastructure expenditures, and growing concerns for the health, welfare and

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service requirements of expanding middle class consumer populations are creating new jobs to fulfill domestic demand. We do not try to predict the future, but understanding trends is important, and Alpine believes that consumption patterns are evolving rapidly in emerging countries. In 1990, the U.S., Europe and Japan accounted, respectively, for 27%, 34% and 14% of global GDP. By 2008, these geographic contributions were reduced to 24%, 30% and 8%, respectively. All 13% of the aggregate decline in GDP contribution from these countries has been taken up by emerging market output, from 21% in 1990, to 34% today. As a by-product of this trend, emerging market consumption as a share of global private purchases has grown from 17% in 1990 to 27% in 2008, and 29% today. The U.S. was 31% of global consumption in 1990, peaked at 38% in 2002, then slowed to 30% in 2008 and today. Alpine believes the divergence of global growth rates and consumption patterns will likely continue over this next decade.

While direct exposure to emerging countries should be beneficial, many companies in the developed economies are participating in global growth. U.S. companies as diverse as G.M., Procter & Gamble and Pepsi generated over one-third of their sales from emerging markets last year. Global brands are keen to participate as the impact of globalization and technological integration continues to evolve. Historically, such companies enjoyed enhanced productivity



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and lower cost goods, then the rebalancing of local labor demand, and now a shift in consumption patterns. The prospects of rising domestic wealth suggests investment patterns could shift as well. This has already been felt in the capital markets, but this may well accelerate. The market capitalization of emerging markets in the MSCI World Index in 1990 was 2% and grew to 12% by 2008. Even though the disparity between market capitalization and the shared proportion of both global consumption and GDP has improved, it may be significantly realigned over the next decade as a result of rising domestic investment patterns in addition to international investment flows and economic growth. Thus, capital market participation in the emerging countries will likely continue to grow. This will create investment opportunities for companies in both the developed and emerging markets.

Alas, capital market concerns are not behind the U.S. yet. Debt maturities and sovereign refinancings loom ahead. Nonetheless, the liquidity crisis seems to be in the past. Alpine will continue to focus on both growth and value opportunities for investment. Broad macro themes, be they domestic or global, will be studied; market inefficiencies or perceived mispricing will be analyzed; technological or scientific advancements and innovation of products, processes or methodologies will be understood; while corporate transformations which rework old business models to better function today will be examined. Such levels of research are all part of Alpine's focus. We will continue to explore varied opportunities for our Funds, and appreciate your interest in discovering and participating in the potential of these investments.

Before closing, I am delighted to introduce shareholders to our new shareholder service provider, administrator and custodian, State Street Corporation and our new transfer agent, Boston Financial Data Services (BFDS). State Street is listed on the New York Stock Exchange with a market capitalization of more than \$23 billion. State Street and BFDS are widely regarded for their advanced technological systems, depth of experienced personnel and State Street's strong global custody network. Alpine believes that by consolidating both our open-end and closed-end funds multiple service providers with one entity, we will be able to ensure a high level of service while minimizing operating costs for the Funds shareholders. The conversion of all accounts and records took place in early December, so do not hesitate to contact [info@alpinefunds.com](mailto:info@alpinefunds.com) with any questions, comments or concerns. As always, we appreciate your interest and support.

Sincerely,

Samuel A. Lieber

President

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*The **MSCI World** is a stock market index of 1,500 world stocks. It is maintained by MSCI Inc., formerly Morgan Stanley Capital International, and is often used as a common benchmark for world or global stock funds.*

*An investor cannot invest directly in an index.*

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Fiscal year 2010 was very challenging for the Alpine Total Dynamic Dividend Fund (AOD) and its strategies. After renewed asset value growth and sustained dividend payout through the first five months of the fiscal year, the Fund encountered a sudden and difficult challenge between April 15th, and May 25th 2010. That challenge was the decline of 8.17% in the value of the Euro currency and the decline of 13.53% in Euro terms for the equity markets in Europe as represented by the Euro STOXX 600 Index, resulting in a decline in US Dollar terms of 21.70% during this period. With a substantial portion of our holdings in high-dividend paying European securities at that time, the Fund was adversely affected with a substantial fall in net asset value and, thus, reduction of dividend paying capacity.

Our response was to reduce the dividend to \$0.055 per share per month, an approximate 12% payout on the net asset value prevailing in mid June, 2010. Further, we revised our operating policy to a greater emphasis on achieving capital appreciation in order to restore asset values. Thus, in the final quarter of our fiscal year from 7/30/10 through 10/31/10, we achieved a 7.08% growth in net asset value while sustaining the dividend payout of \$0.055 per share per month.

For the full fiscal year ended 10/31/10, AOD's NAV (Net Asset Value) provided a total return of 4.52% while AOD's market price produced a negative 21.34% total return, including dividend reinvestment. This compares to a 16.52% increase in the S&P 500 Index and 9.80% increase in the STOXX Europe 600 Index in US dollar terms for the same period. The principal reason for the dramatic difference between the performance of the NAV and the stock price is that AOD went from trading at a 26.80% premium to its NAV on 10/30/09 to a discount of 4.6% at fiscal year end on 10/31/10. This was in reaction to the reduction in the dividend payment for AOD that was announced on June 24th, 2010 and which we will discuss in more detail below.

### **AOD provided a high dividend yield in a still challenging equity income environment**

The Fund's primary objective continues to be to provide the Fund's investors with high current dividend income that is not restricted to tax-qualified dividend distributions, while also focusing on long-term growth of capital. In addition, the fund has no limitations on the percentage of holdings that can be in either international or domestic U.S. companies. We have strived to achieve the Fund's goals despite a difficult dividend investment environment and tremendous market volatility over the past several years. AOD's NAV had been severely impacted by the global financial crisis and recession in 2008 and 2009 and then again by the European debt crisis in April and May of 2010. From April 1, 2010 through the low on June 7, 2010 the Euro currency declined by over 12% and the S&P 500 Index recorded one of its worst May's on record with an 8% decline.

The timing of the crisis in Europe was particularly detrimental for AOD since that region has become one of our primary dividend markets, as European companies have traditionally paid out attractive annual dividends during the first half of the year. Also impacting our dividend capture program had been the decline in

dividends paid globally as a result of the Great Recession of 2008/09 as well as the decline in liquidity available for our dividend trades. One of our risk management disciplines for dividend capture is sufficient liquidity to allow the fund to exit the holding in case of negative market or company specific news flow during our targeted holding period.

As discussed in our semi-annual letter, this difficult investment environment and the decline in dividends paid globally contributed to the decision to reduce the dividend of the Fund to a level that was viewed to be more in line with market conditions and that would provide greater flexibility for the NAV to appreciate if market conditions improved. A number of factors were considered before making this decision, including uncertain equity prospects, particularly in the Fund's then, largest dividend region in Europe, equity liquidity, volatility, level of assets in the Fund, and the dividend yield of the Fund.

The regular monthly distribution for AOD was reduced to \$0.055 per share versus the previous distribution rate of \$0.12. Annualized, the new dividend rate of \$0.66 per share represents a dividend yield of 11.72% on AOD's closing price of \$5.63 per share on 10/29/10, and a dividend yield of 11.19% on AOD's closing NAV of \$5.90 per share. During fiscal 2010, the Fund distributed total dividends of \$1.188 per share, representing a trailing twelve-month dividend yield of 20.13% based on the NAV price at fiscal year end.

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Since inception on January 26, 2007, AOD has paid a total of \$7.01 per share in earned dividend income. Since the dividend reduction on 6/24/10, AOD's NAV has appreciated by 14.47% including dividend reinvestment through fiscal year end 10/30/10 versus 10.94% for the S&P 500 Index and 20.57% for the STOXX Europe 600 Index.

### **AOD's NAV posted a solid total return in fiscal 2010 despite the mid-year collapse of European markets**

While we are encouraged by our total return performance since the dividend cut in late June, the Fund's results lagged the broader U.S. S&P 500 Index for the full fiscal year 2010 due to its international exposure and specifically in the Fund's European equities. We have continued to find attractive growth opportunities and significantly larger dividend payouts overseas than in the U.S. The U.S. is one of the lowest yielding countries in the group of G20 nations with a 1.94% dividend yield for the S&P 500 Index versus for example 4.02% for Australia, 3.63% in France, 3.32% in Britain and 3.24% in Brazil for the 12 month period ending 10/31/10. In addition, we expect economic growth in many emerging markets to be substantially higher than the 2.6%-3.5% Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecasted for the U.S. in 2011, while also receiving attractive dividends. Therefore, we have invested a significant portion of AOD's assets in overseas markets to help achieve the Fund's goal of high dividends and capital appreciation in comparison to the S&P 500 Index and most of the Fund's equity income peers.

As of 10/31/10, the Fund had invested 55.5% of net assets in companies based in 18 different countries and 40.3% of its value in

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domestic U.S. companies, with 4.2% in cash and equivalents. At fiscal year end the Fund had 18.1% of the portfolio invested in emerging market countries including Brazil, South Korea, Russia, and India. Following the United States, the Fund's current top five countries are Brazil, Sweden, the U.K. Switzerland, and Japan. The average dividend yield for the major indices in these five countries, for the 12 month period ending 10/31/10, is currently 2.72% versus the average dividend yield on the S&P 500 Index of 1.94%.

The global equity markets were hit in the first half of 2010 by the sovereign debt crisis in Europe and the slowing of the global growth engine of the Chinese economy. Unfortunately, the timing of these issues and subsequent market correction in April and May occurred when we had our highest dividend capture opportunities in the European region. We ended April 30th with about 23% of net assets invested in Europe, so the Fund was particularly hard hit at the end of fiscal first half 2010 by the Euro decline. During the same time, the U.S. markets outperformed as investors looked for relative safety in the U.S. dollar and the U.S. economy.

Given the continued uncertain outlook that still remains for the Euro region, we have diversified the Fund's exposure away from companies with Euro denominated currencies. On 10/31/10, approximately 27.2% of the Fund's assets were invested in Europe, but only 6.4% in Euro denominated currencies, with the rest being in Sweden, Switzerland, Norway, Russia, Denmark and the UK. We did hedge a portion of our currency exposure in Europe as a result of the crisis and we continue to diversify the portfolio globally with investments in Asia, South America, and Australia. Our dividend capture strategy tends to be seasonally focused in Europe in the spring. Our recently lowered dividend payment does provide more flexibility and we will assess increasing our investment in that region at that time based on market conditions.

The global equity markets have reversed their declines since their mid-year lows, with international markets outperforming the U.S. This is a reflection of the stabilizing of the crisis in European debt as the European Central Bank (ECB) stepped in and provided funding for the troubled EU nations, Chinese GDP growth reaccelerating, and the Fed in the U.S. announcing its willingness for additional quantitative easing to support U.S. economic growth. AOD's NAV has returned to a period of outperformance relative to the S&P 500 Index since its 52-week low on July 1, 2010 through fiscal year end, with an 18.90% total return for AOD's NAV versus 15.90% for the S&P 500 Index.

To offset the challenged market conditions, the Fund utilized a more rapid rotation of holdings in its dividend capture program. This is reflected in the substantial increase in the Fund's portfolio turnover for the Fund from over 300% in fiscal 2008 to 487% in fiscal 2010. We do not expect any material capital gains tax implications from our increased turnover due to a substantial amount of tax loss carry-forwards. The escalation of our portfolio turnover naturally increased our aggregate transaction expenses. We have also utilized leveraged total return equity swap transactions in the Fund to gain efficiencies and reduce transactional costs associated with the increased rotation

in its international holdings. The implied leverage in the swaps increased volatility in the trade; however, we mitigated the risk by having generally short holding periods in the swap transaction. The total return swaps are not included in our turnover ratio.

The investment process for AOD has not changed and the Fund intends to continue generating dividend payouts consisting of net investment income. However the dividend cut allows for a more balanced approach for high dividend income plus capital appreciation within AOD's four sub strategies: Dividend Capture, Special Dividend, Growth and Income, and Value with a Catalyst.

### **Portfolio Construction Illustrated by Top Ten Holdings**

Throughout fiscal 2010, it remained challenging to balance the Fund's portfolio in an attempt to continue to provide a high level of current income while also investing the Fund's assets for capital appreciation. We will continue to scan the globe searching for attractive dividend investment opportunities for the Fund's investors within these volatile markets. And we will continue to execute on the Fund's goals with our four research-driven investment strategies in an effort to maximize the amount of the Fund's earned dividend income and to identify companies globally with the potential for dividend increases and capital appreciation. While the currency hedges had a negative impact on total return, the losses on these hedges were offset by currency gains in equity positions in these currencies held by the Fund. The following sections focus on these strategies using out top ten holdings as examples. The top ten holdings in AOD constituted 22.28% of assets as of 10/31/10.

**The Fund's *Dividend Capture Strategy* and *Special Dividend Strategy* Seeks to Enhance the Dividend Income Generated by the Fund**

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We run a portion of the Fund's portfolio with a dividend capture strategy and special dividend strategy, where we invest in historically high dividend yielding stocks or in special situations where large cash balances are being returned to shareholders as one-time special dividends. We then look to enhance the Fund's dividend return by rotating a portion of the Fund's high yielding holdings after receiving the dividend.

As mentioned earlier, our dividend capture strategy was negatively impacted during fiscal 2010 by the European debt crisis in April and May 2010 which resulted in a sharp decline in our dividend capture trades in the region during that time. In addition, continuing depressed levels of dividends and liquidity has also made our dividend capture strategy more challenging in fiscal 2010. However, we are encouraged to see companies beginning to raise dividends globally as the economy has improved, credit markets are open, and balance sheets are strong. In addition, the number of special dividends that we participated in fiscal 2010 rebounded from the depressed levels experienced in 2008 and 2009 as companies distributed some of their record cash levels ahead of potential dividend tax hikes in the U.S. in 2011. AOD participated in a total of

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40 special dividends in fiscal 2010 versus about 60 in fiscal 2007, 30 in fiscal 2008 and 16 in fiscal 2009.

### **The Fund's *Growth and Income Strategy* targets capital appreciation in addition to yield**

The Fund's third strategy identifies core growth and income stocks that may have slightly lower but still attractive current dividend yields plus an outlook for strong and/or predictable earnings streams that should support additional future dividend increases. We believe several of the Fund's top ten holdings are industry leaders with strong growth in their categories and the potential for attractive and rising dividend payouts. These include Nestle, IBM, Abbott Laboratories, PDG Realty, and Multiplus.

The Fund's largest holding by weight at fiscal year end was Nestle SA (NESN VX), based in Switzerland. Nestle is a global packaged food company that has grown revenues by focusing on emerging markets and health and wellness products. Their broad ranges of products including chocolates, coffees and pet food are often considered staples and were able to experience solid demand throughout the economic downturn. In addition, Nestle is improving margins through its cost reduction efforts which are supporting earnings and dividend growth. Nestle raised its annual dividend by almost 15% in 2010 and offered an attractive 2.9% yield as of 12/16/10. The holding produced a 17.59% total return for AOD in fiscal 2010.

We have found attractive growth and income opportunities in the technology sector in fiscal 2010 with one of the Fund's top 10 holdings by weight being the bellwether International Business Machines (IBM). Based in Armonk, NY, IBM is one of the world's largest providers of enterprise solutions, offering a broad range of IT hardware, business and IT services, and software solutions. We believe IBM can be a steady double-digit earnings grower as it enhances its services and software offerings to add more revenue opportunities. In addition, it has benefitted from its emerging markets growth, large cost cutting efforts, and share repurchases. IBM raised its dividend by 18% in 2010 and offered a 1.8% dividend yield as of 12/17/10. IBM provided a 21.74% total return for AOD in fiscal 2010.

We look to diversify the Fund's portfolio and sectors and identified what we thought was an attractive growth and income opportunity in the healthcare sector, being Abbott Laboratories (ABT), which was in our top 10 holdings by weight. We believe that ABT's five year growth outlook is attractive based on the strength of its new cholesterol products as well as its Humira arthritis and Xience drug stent franchises. However, the stock declined toward the end of the fiscal year on concerns about potential approval of a competitor to its Humira drug several years from now, which we think is an overreaction. We anticipate 10% sustainable EPS growth over the next several years supported by limited generic risk relative to its peer group, smart acquisitions including recently the largest pharmaceutical company in India, and solid earnings visibility. In addition, ABT raised its dividend by 10% in 2010 and offered a 3.8%

dividend yield as of 12/16/10. ABT provided a 5.76% total return for the Fund in fiscal 2010.

Two of the Fund's top 10 holdings in AOD by weight were in companies that operate in Brazil where we see very attractive growth and income opportunities. PDG Realty (PDGR3 BZ) based in Rio De Janeiro is one of the largest real estate developers in Brazil. It is seeing strong demand for its residential and commercial projects as the Brazilian economy is experiencing a strong expansion. The company recently signed an agreement with the Marriot hotel chain for the construction of up to 50 hotels. PDG has a solid track record of acquisitions, a sizeable land bank and a management team driven by Return on Equity (ROE) and stock performance. It is forecasted to possibly deliver over 20% compound annual earnings per share growth in the next several years in addition to its 1.1% dividend yield as of 12/16/10 that is positioned to grow with earnings. PDG provided a 48.53% total return for AOD in fiscal 2010.

Multiplus SA (MPLU3 BA), based in Sao Paulo, is a loyalty marketing company and is the sole provider to the largest Brazilian airline TAM. Its major partnerships are in credit cards, airlines, and retail, which are all experiencing strong growth in Brazil on the strength of their emerging middle class. Multiplus is a cash flow company, with the average time between the sale of a point and the cost of reward being 24 months, with over 25% of all points expiring without being redeemed. It is debt-free and management has stated its commitment to returning excess cash to shareholders and we anticipate a one-time cash dividend in 2011 that could yield more than 10%. Multiplus provided a 99.38% total return for AOD in fiscal 2010.

**The Fund's *Value/Restructuring Strategy* looks for attractively valued or restructuring dividend payers**

The Fund's fourth major strategy is what we call *value with a catalyst or restructuring strategy*, where our research points to under-valued or mis-priced companies with, in our opinion, attractive dividend yields. We also look for turnaround situations or depressed earnings where we believe there is a catalyst for an earnings recovery or a restructuring or corporate action that is expected to add value. With many companies having responded to the global recession with significant corporate restructurings and are still trading at discounted valuations, it is not surprising to find several of the Fund's top 10 holdings in this strategy including Hyundai Motor, Seadrill, Atlas Copco, Occidental Petroleum, and Mitsubishi Corp.

The Fund's top value holding and a top 10 holding by weight was also an outstanding performer in fiscal 2010, with a 76.58% total return, being Hyundai Motor Company (005380 KS). Based in Seoul, Hyundai is the largest auto maker in Korea. It also owns 38% of KIA Motors, which combined have over 80% of the domestic Korean market and are the world's fifth-largest auto manufacturer. Hyundai has reaped the benefits of its global expansion strategy started in 2002 and quality improvements have helped it gain overall share, particularly from Toyota, in its key China, India and U.S. markets. Auto demand is rebounding from the depressed levels of 2008/9 and



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secular growth is occurring in Asia and other emerging markets. Hyundai currently trades at less than 9 times forward earnings as of 12/16/10, which is a deep discount to its Japanese and European peers and its historical peak.

Another top performing stock in fiscal 2010 and one of the Fund's largest holdings by weight was Seadrill, with a total return of 53.42% for the period. Seadrill Ltd. (SDRL NO), based in Bermuda and traded in Norway, is Europe's largest offshore driller. Its aggressive newbuild program and acquisition strategy has given it one of the world's youngest fleets. Seadrill is a leader in the high-growth and technologically advanced deepwater and ultra-deepwater rig markets which have experienced strong demand in regions like Brazil, West Africa, and the Gulf of Mexico as oil is getting harder to find and exploration is moving further out to sea. The company reinstated its quarterly dividend in November 2009, providing a very attractive dividend yield of 8.0% as of 12/16/10 and yet the stock is trading at less than 10 times forward earnings.

In addition to Seadrill in the energy sector, the Fund also owned Occidental Petroleum (OXY) as a top value holding at fiscal year end and a top holding by weight. We believe crude oil fundamentals are compelling over the next several years as growing demand from emerging economies and limited new supply should offset weakness in the developed world economies. OXY is one of the most well positioned of the U.S. large cap oil companies, we believe, based on its large exposure to oil versus gas, its 3.2 billion barrels of proven reserves, and its ability to grow production at about a 5% annual rate when other companies are experiencing declining production. It also has substantial free cash flow to fund growth opportunities, including its recent discovery in California which should warrant a multiple expansion relative to its peers. OXY raised its dividend by 15% in 2010 and offered a 1.7% dividend yield as of 12/16/10. The holding provided a 2.52% negative total return for the Fund for the fiscal year but the stock has had strong appreciation in the beginning of fiscal 2011.

One of the Fund's top holding by weight and top performing stocks in fiscal 2010 with a 66.79% total return was Atlas Copco AB (ATCOA SS). Based in Sweden, Atlas Copco is a global industrial conglomerate that manufactures air compressors and generators, construction and mining equipment, and industrial power tools to various industries including mining, auto, construction, manufacturing and utilities. The company has benefitted from strong growth in global industrial production as its products are sold and rented under different brands through a worldwide service network in 150 countries. In addition, a high percentage of revenues has been derived from aftermarket business which offers strong cash flows and greater earnings resilience than many of its peers. The stock offers a 1.8% dividend yield as of 12/16/10 which we believe should rise in 2011 with earnings growth.

Also in the industrial sector, a top holding by weight on 10/31/10 was Mitsubishi Corp. (8058 JP), which is a diversified conglomerate based in Tokyo. Their metals and energy divisions represent 70% of operating income with the remaining businesses being industrial

finance, chemicals, and machinery. The machinery unit has operations in Asia relating to Mitsubishi Motor and Isuzu but growth in production rights of iron ore and coal are the focal point for growth. Its key coking coal, iron ore, copper and energy operations should produce strong results in 2011 based on tight supply-demand fundamentals while the non-resource divisions appeared to have bottomed and offer additional upside. We believe Mitsubishi's valuation looks attractive based on expectations of a strong turnaround in profit growth yet the stock is trading at only 10 times forward earnings and 1 times book value as of 12/16/10 plus a 2.6% dividend yield. The stock provided a 20.92% total return in fiscal 2010.

**Outlook for 2011: We remain positive on global growth and dividends, but volatility will remain**

We believe that a global economic recovery is still solidly in place heading into 2011 following the Great Recession of 2008/09 and the economic rebound experienced in 2010. We remain particularly optimistic about tapping opportunities to invest in growth in emerging markets like Brazil and China where strong employment and wage growth is helping to propel millions of people each year from a subsistence existence to an emerging consumer of everything from durable goods to discretionary items to healthcare. Brazil has also benefitted from large infrastructure spending in its energy sector in addition to stimulus provided by hosting the soccer World Cup games in 2014 and the summer Olympics in 2016. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) forecasts China will grow far faster than the rest of the world for the next five years, with approximately 10% compound annual GDP growth on average through 2014 compared to 6% for all emerging nations like Brazil and 2.5% for the developed markets.

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As we look into 2011, we would also expect continued volatility in equity markets as many countries in Europe face austerity measures to curb sovereign debt concerns and as the U.S. economy is struggling with sluggish economic growth and stubbornly high unemployment. However, companies in the U.S. and around the world are expected to produce continued attractive corporate profit growth in 2011 based on solid demand trends, margin expansion, and productivity initiatives. In addition, corporate balance sheet quality is at all time highs and companies are sitting on record amounts of cash which should support capital growth initiatives, mergers and acquisitions, and the return of cash to shareholders via share buybacks and dividend increases.

The U.S. Federal Reserve initiating additional quantitative easing and the potential for the extension of tax benefits in 2011 should also help to increase CEO confidence and support U.S. economic growth, even as consumer confidence is still impacted by depressed housing and employment markets. The consensus S&P 500 earnings are forecasted to grow 13% in 2011 on U.S. GDP growth estimated at 3.0% in 2011 according to Credit Suisse research. Based on this earnings outlook, equity valuations still appear attractive relative to historical averages and particularly relative to bonds, which should support capital flows into equities.

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Over the long term, we continue to remain optimistic that dividend stocks will attract increasing amounts of capital as investors around the world search for income. With many companies sitting on record amounts of cash and corporate profits at all time highs, we are hopeful that dividend increases will occur in 2011 and beyond. In addition, as global demographics point to an aging population in the industrialized world, these millions of savers are facing zero to low interest rates for quarters or potentially years to come. For example, the U.S. in the 1930's and Japan in the past 20 years have shown that when interest rates go close to zero they can stay there for extended periods of time until structural economic issues are resolved. We see dividend income as an attractive investment opportunity for this increasingly large population of retirees, particularly if interest rates rise and bond valuations suffer.

In summary, we see both opportunities and risks in 2011. The Fund's approach during these uncertain times is to remain broadly diversified within the dividend-paying universe while actively scanning the globe for undervalued opportunities and high quality cash flow generators. We are confident that we should be able to continue to distribute attractive dividend payouts by capitalizing on our research driven approach to identifying value opportunities as well as through active management of the portfolio.

Thank you for your support of the Alpine Total Dynamic Dividend Fund. We look forward to more prosperous years in 2011 and beyond.

Sincerely,

Jill K. Evans and Kevin Shacknofsky

Co-Portfolio Managers

**Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.**

*Please refer to the schedule of portfolio investments for fund holding information. Fund holdings and sector allocations are subject to change and should not be considered a recommendation to buy or sell any security.*

**Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk.**

***Equity Securities Risk** The stock or other security of a company may not perform as well as expected, and may decrease in value, because of factors related to the company (such as poorer than expected earnings or certain management decisions) or to the industry in which the company is engaged (such as a reduction in the demand for products or services in a particular industry).*

**The Fund invests in foreign securities which involve greater volatility and political, economic and currency risks and differences in accounting methods.**

**The letter represents the opinions of Alpine Funds management and are subject to change, are not guaranteed and should not be considered recommendations to buy or sell any security.**

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**recommendation to buy or sell any security. Current and future portfolio holdings are subject to risk.**

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*All index performance reflects no deduction for direct fees, expenses or taxes. Please note that an investor cannot invest directly in an index.*

*Favorable tax treatment of Fund distributions may be adversely affected, changed or repealed by future changes in tax laws. Alpine may not be able to anticipate the level of dividends that companies will pay in any given timeframe.*

*The Fund may include equity-linked securities and various other derivative instruments, which can be illiquid, may disproportionately increase losses, and have a potentially large impact on Fund performance. Leverage may magnify gains or increase losses in the Fund's portfolio.*

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*Neither the Fund nor any of its representatives may give tax advice. Investors should consult their tax advisor for information concerning their particular situation.*

**Diversification does not assure a profit or protect against loss in a declining market.**

**Investing in small and mid cap stocks involves additional risks such as limited liquidity and greater volatility as compared to large cap stocks.**

*Cash flow measures the cash generating capability of a company by adding non-cash charges (e.g. depreciation) and interest expense to pretax income.*

***Earnings Growth** is a measure of a company's net income over a specific period, generally one year, is a key indicator for measuring a company's success, and the driving force behind stock price appreciation.*

***Dividend Yield:** The yield a company pays out to its shareholders in the form of dividends. It is calculated by taking the amount of dividends paid per share over a specific period of time and dividing by the stock's price.*

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*The S&P 500 Index is a broad based unmanaged index of 500 stocks, which is widely recognized as representative of the equity market in general.*

*Lipper Averages are compiled by Lipper, Inc., an independent mutual fund research and rating service. Each Lipper average represents a universe of funds with similar investment objectives.*

*Lipper rankings are based on total return and do not include the effect of a sales charge. Rankings are only for the classes listed. Rankings of other classes will vary.*

*The S&P 500 Financial Select Sector Index (IXM) is a modified cap-weighted index that is intended to track the movements of companies that are components of the S&P 500 and are involved in the development or production of financial products. This index serves as the benchmark for the Financial Select Sector SPDR Fund XLF.*

*The STOXX Europe 600 (Price) Index is a broad based capitalization-weighted index of European stocks designed to provide a broad yet liquid representation of companies in the European region. The equities use free float shares in the index calculation. The index was developed with a base value of 100 as of December 31, 1991. This index uses float shares.*

*ROE The amount of net income returned as a percentage of shareholders equity. Return on equity measures a corporation's profitability by revealing how much profit a company generates with the money shareholders have invested.*

*Net income is for the full fiscal year (before dividends paid to common stock holders but after dividends to preferred stock.) Shareholder's equity does not include preferred shares.*

*These being Closed-end funds and do not continuously offer shares.*

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|   | <b>Ending Value<br/>as of 10/31/10</b> | <b>Six<br/>Month</b> | <b>One<br/>Year</b> | <b>Since<br/>Inception<sup>(2)(3)(4)</sup></b> |
|---|--|----------------------|---------------------|--|
| Alpine Total Dynamic Dividend Fund   NAV          | \$5.90                                 | (0.77%)              | 4.52%               | (12.27%)                                       |
| Alpine Total Dynamic Dividend Fund   Market Price | \$5.63                                 | (31.45%)             | (21.34%)            | (14.45%)                                       |
| S&P 500 Index                                     |  | 0.74%                | 16.52%              | (2.67%)  |
| STOXX 600   |  |                      | 9.80%               | (12.13%)                                       |

<sup>(1)</sup> Performance information calculated after consideration of dividend reinvestment. All returns for periods of less than one year are not annualized.

<sup>(2)</sup> Commenced operations on January 26, 2007.

<sup>(3)</sup> Annualized.

<sup>(4)</sup> IPO price of \$20 used in calculating performance information.

To the extent that the Fund's historical performance resulted from gains derived from participation in initial public offerings (IPOs), there is no guarantee that these results can be replicated in future periods or that the Fund will be able to participate to the same degree in IPO offerings in the future.

Performance data quoted represents past performance. Past performance is no guarantee of future results and investment returns and principle value of the Fund will fluctuate so that shares, when redeemed, may be worth more or less than their original cost. Current performance may be higher or lower than the performance quoted. Call 1(800)617.7616 or visit [www.alpinecef.com](http://www.alpinecef.com) for current month end performance.

The Standard & Poor's 500 Index (S&P 500) is an unmanaged index containing common stocks of 500 industrial, transportation, utility and financial companies, regarded as generally representative of the U.S. stock market. The index return reflects the reinvestment of income dividends and capital gain distributions, if any, but does not reflect fees, brokerage commissions, or other expenses of investing.

The STOXX Europe 600 Index is derived from the STOXX Europe Total Market Index (TMI) and is a subset of the STOXX Global 1800 Index. With a fixed number of 600 components, the STOXX Europe 600 Index represents large, mid and small capitalisation companies across 18 countries of the European region: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

**PORTFOLIO DISTRIBUTIONS\*****TOP TEN HOLDINGS\***

|                                       |              |               |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Nestle SA                             | 2.9%         | Switzerland   |
| Hyundai Motor Co.                     | 2.9%         | South Korea   |
| Seadrill, Ltd.                        | 2.8%         | Norway        |
| Atlas Copco AB, A Shares              | 2.2%         | Sweden        |
| Occidental Petroleum Corp.            | 2.1%         | United States |
| International Business Machines Corp. | 2.1%         | United States |
| Abbott Laboratories                   | 2.0%         | United States |
| Mitsubishi Corp.                      | 2.0%         | Japan         |
| PDG Realty SA Empreendimento          |              |               |
| Participacoes                         | 1.8%         | Brazil        |
| Multipius SA                          | 1.8%         | Brazil        |
| <b>Top 10 Holdings</b>                | <b>22.6%</b> |               |

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TOP FIVE COUNTRIES\*

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| United States  | 40.3% |
| Brazil         | 12.5% |
| Sweden         | 6.1%  |
| United Kingdom | 4.6%  |
| Switzerland    | 4.6%  |

\* As a percentage of net assets

*Portfolio holdings and distributions are subject to change and are not recommendations to buy and sell any security.*

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**REGIONAL ALLOCATION\*** *As of October 31, 2010*

*\* As a percentage of net assets, excluding any short-term investments.*

**NAV, MARKET PRICE, AND TOTAL RETURN** *Year Ended October 31, 2010*

<sup>(1)</sup>*Total return is calculated assuming a purchase of a common share at the opening on the first day and a sale at closing on the last day of each period reported. Total return on market price reflects a \$20.00 opening IPO price per share for the year ending October 31, 2010. Dividends and distributions, if any, are assumed for purposes of this calculation to be reinvested.*



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## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

October 31, 2010

### **REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Shareholders and Board of Trustees of

Alpine Total Dynamic Dividend Fund:

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the schedule of portfolio investments of Alpine Total Dynamic Dividend Fund (the Fund), as of October 31, 2010, and the related statement of operations for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and financial highlights for each of the periods presented. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. The Fund is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of October 31, 2010, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers; where replies were not received from brokers, we performed other auditing procedures. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Alpine Total Dynamic Dividend as of October 31, 2010, the results of its operations for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the periods presented, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

December 30, 2010

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| Description   | Shares    | Value<br>(Note 1) |
|---|-----------|-------------------|
| <b>COMMON STOCKS (95.1%)</b>  |           |                   |
| <b>Australia (3.5%)</b>   |           |                   |
| BHP Billiton, Ltd. - ADR  | 195,400   | \$16,138,086      |
| CSR, Ltd.   | 3,181,239 | 5,671,435         |
| Macquarie Group, Ltd.   | 3,300     | 117,017           |
| Myer Holdings, Ltd.   | 3,462,689 | 13,024,769        |
| WorleyParsons, Ltd.   | 487,800   | 10,966,039        |
|   |           | 45,917,346        |
| <b>Belgium (1.4%)</b>   |           |                   |
| Anheuser-Busch InBev NV   | 287,100   | 17,995,447        |
| <b>Brazil (12.5%)</b>   |           |                   |
| Banco do Brasil SA  | 793,854   | 15,370,037        |
| Cia Brasileira de Distribuicao Grupo Pao de Acucar, Preference A Shares | 516,800   | 20,288,420        |
| Cia de Bebidas das Americas, Preference - ADR                           | 64,700    | 9,008,828         |
| Cia de Concessoes Rodoviaras  | 467,800   | 12,655,884        |
| Cia Hering  | 131,300   | 6,466,542         |
| Hypermarcas SA*   | 500,000   | 8,263,248         |
| Julio Simoes Logistica SA*  | 2,109,380 | 11,152,930        |
| MRV Engenharia e Participacoes SA                                       | 2,089,900 | 20,342,201        |
| Multiplus SA  | 1,415,593 | 23,727,813        |
| PDG Realty SA Empreendimentos e Participacoes                           | 1,933,126 | 23,932,425        |
| Petroleo Brasileiro SA - ADR  | 361,396   | 12,330,831        |
|   |           | 163,539,159       |
| <b>Canada (3.4%)</b>  |           |                   |
| HudBay Minerals, Inc.   | 510,800   | 8,063,418         |
| Teck Resources, Ltd., Class B   | 482,045   | 21,566,693        |
| Uranium One, Inc.*  | 3,592,300 | 14,687,608        |
|   |           | 44,317,719        |
| <b>Denmark (1.0%)</b>   |           |                   |
| FLSmith & Co. A/S   | 178,300   | 13,177,582        |
| <b>France (1.0%)</b>  |           |                   |
| Renault SA*   | 242,600   | 13,480,779        |
| <b>Germany (1.3%)</b>   |           |                   |
| Fresenius Medical Care AG & Co. 276,962                                 |           | 17,666,451        |
| <b>India (1.3%)</b>   |           |                   |
| Mahindra & Mahindra, Ltd.   | 806,200   | 13,314,776        |
| Shree Renuka Sugars, Ltd.   | 1,579,900 | 3,220,258         |

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|                       |         |            |
|-----------------------|---------|------------|
|                       |         | 16,535,034 |
| <b>Ireland (2.4%)</b> |         |            |
| Covidien PLC          | 286,900 | 11,438,703 |



| Description                                | Shares    | Value<br>(Note 1) |
|--|-----------|-------------------|
| <b>Ireland (continued)</b>                 |           |                   |
| Ryanair Holdings PLC                       | 3,519,300 | \$20,239,318      |
|  |           | 31,678,021        |
| <b>Israel (1.2%)</b>                       |           |                   |
| Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd. - ADR | 297,528   | 15,441,703        |
| <b>Japan (3.0%)</b>                        |           |                   |
| Marubeni Corp.                             | 2,223,100 | 13,978,981        |
| Mitsubishi Corp.                           | 1,073,100 | 25,804,008        |
|  |           | 39,782,989        |
| <b>Norway (3.1%)</b>                       |           |                   |
| Seadrill, Ltd.                             | 1,199,700 | 36,339,648        |
| Statoil Fuel & Retail ASA*                 | 500,000   | 3,543,011         |
|  |           | 39,882,659        |
| <b>Portugal (0.3%)</b>                     |           |                   |
| Portugal Telecom SGPS SA                   | 280,200   | 4,044,140         |
| <b>Russia (1.4%)</b>                       |           |                   |
| Mechel - Preference Sponsored - ADR        | 790,978   | 18,627,532        |
| <b>Singapore (0.7%)</b>                    |           |                   |
| Global Logistic Properties, Ltd.*          | 5,041,577 | 9,036,899         |
| <b>South Korea (2.9%)</b>                  |           |                   |

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|                                |           |            |
|--------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Hyundai Motor Co.              | 248,800   | 37,588,091 |
| <b>Sweden (6.1%)</b>           |           |            |
| Atlas Copco AB, A Shares       | 1,360,000 | 28,423,046 |
| Hennes & Mauritz AB, B Shares  | 648,950   | 22,869,885 |
| SKF AB                         | 618,400   | 15,969,999 |
| Volvo AB, B Shares *           | 876,077   | 11,863,071 |
|                                |           | 79,126,001 |
| <b>Switzerland (4.6%)</b>      |           |            |
| Nestle SA                      | 701,200   | 38,407,276 |
| Syngenta AG                    | 76,283    | 21,100,790 |
|                                |           | 59,508,066 |
| <b>United Kingdom (4.6%)</b>   |           |            |
| Cairn Energy PLC*              | 1,608,800 | 9,948,018  |
| International Power PLC        | 1,985,500 | 13,276,329 |
| Man Group PLC                  | 1,497,400 | 6,257,562  |
| Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC    | 326,800   | 18,280,650 |
| Vedanta Resources PLC          | 356,900   | 11,866,548 |
|                                |           | 59,629,107 |
| <b>United States (39.4%)</b>   |           |            |
| Abbott Laboratories            | 502,988   | 25,813,344 |
| Anixter International, Inc.    | 116,234   | 6,240,603  |
| Apache Corp.                   | 188,388   | 19,030,956 |
| Avon Products, Inc.            | 366,526   | 11,160,717 |
| Cliffs Natural Resources, Inc. | 180,600   | 11,775,120 |

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| Description   | Shares    | Value<br>(Note 1) |
|---|-----------|-------------------|
| <b>United States (continued)</b>                                    |           |                   |
| Colgate-Palmolive Co.   | 218,400   | \$16,843,008      |
| Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.                                     | 90,273    | 5,972,462         |
| Freeport-McMoRan Copper & Gold, Inc.                                | 221,100   | 20,933,748        |
| Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.   | 39,726    | 6,393,900         |
| Halliburton Co.   | 381,100   | 12,141,846        |
| Hess Corp.  | 162,900   | 10,267,587        |
| Hewlett-Packard Co.   | 474,659   | 19,964,158        |
| Intel Corp.   | 580,729   | 11,655,231        |
| International Business Machines Corp.                               | 187,301   | 26,896,424        |
| ITC Holdings Corp.  | 322,200   | 20,172,942        |
| Johnson Controls, Inc.  | 408,975   | 14,363,202        |
| JP Morgan Chase & Co.   | 585,971   | 22,050,089        |
| Lance, Inc.   | 143,586   | 3,265,146         |
| McDonald's Corp.  | 211,900   | 16,479,463        |
| MeadWestvaco Corp.  | 82,659    | 2,126,816         |
| Microchip Technology, Inc.  | 401,030   | 12,905,145        |
| Microsoft Corp.   | 724,102   | 19,290,077        |
| The Mosaic Co.  | 207,991   | 15,216,622        |
| Norfolk Southern Corp.  | 214,610   | 13,196,369        |
| Occidental Petroleum Corp.  | 348,848   | 27,429,918        |
| PPL Corp.   | 413,911   | 11,134,206        |
| Regal Entertainment Group, Class A                                  | 827,367   | 11,169,454        |
| Schlumberger, Ltd.  | 307,209   | 21,470,837        |
| Snap-On, Inc.   | 269,201   | 13,729,251        |
| The TJX Cos., Inc.  | 278,886   | 12,798,078        |
| Tupperware Brands Corp.   | 468,595   | 20,997,742        |
| United Parcel Service, Inc., Class B                                | 156,620   | 10,546,791        |
| United Technologies Corp.   | 269,856   | 20,177,133        |
| Walter Energy, Inc.   | 197,368   | 17,360,489        |
| Werner Enterprises, Inc.  | 142,394   | 3,035,840         |
|   |           | 514,004,714       |
| <b>TOTAL COMMON STOCKS</b><br>(Identified Cost \$1,035,612,554)     |           | 1,240,979,439     |
| <b>INVESTMENT COMPANIES (0.9%)</b>                                  |           |                   |
| <b>United States (0.9%)</b>   |           |                   |
| PennantPark Investment Corp.  | 1,044,000 | 11,609,280        |
| <b>TOTAL INVESTMENT COMPANIES</b><br>(Identified Cost \$15,447,094) |           | 11,609,280        |





| Description   | 7 Day<br>Yield | Shares | Value<br>(Note 1) |
|---|----------------|--------|-------------------|
| <b>SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS (0.0%)<sup>(1)</sup></b>                    |                |        |                   |
| Federated Treasury Obligations Money Market Fund                      | 0.014%         | 595    | \$595             |
| <b>TOTAL SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS</b><br>(Identified Cost \$595)        |                |        | 595               |
| <b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS (96.0%)</b><br>(Identified Cost \$1,051,060,243) |                |        | 1,252,589,314     |
| <b>TOTAL OTHER ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES (4.0%)</b>                     |                |        | 52,360,064        |
| <b>NET ASSETS (100.0%)</b>  |                |        | \$1,304,949,378   |

\* *Non-income producing security.*

<sup>(1)</sup> *Less than 0.05% of Net Assets.*

**Common Abbreviations**

*AB - Aktiebolag is the Swedish equivalent of the term corporation.*

*ADR - American Depositary Receipts*

*AG - Aktiengesellschaft is a German term that refers to a corporation that is limited by shares, i.e., owned by shareholders.*

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*A/S - Aktieselskab is the Danish term for a stock-based corporation.*

*ASA - Allmennaksjeselskap is the Norwegian term for a public limited company.*

*Co. - Company*

*Corp. - Corporation*

*Inc. - Incorporated*

*Ltd. - Limited*

*NV - Naamloze Vennootschap is the Dutch term for a public limited liability corporation.*

*PLC - Public Limited Company*

*SA - Generally designates corporations in various countries, mostly those employing the civil law.*

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| <b>ASSETS</b>   |                        |
|---|------------------------|
| Investments, at value <sup>(1)</sup>  | \$1,252,589,314        |
| Foreign currency, at value <sup>(2)</sup>   | 2,566,585              |
| Unrealized appreciation on forward currency contracts                             | 4,346,194              |
| Receivable for investment securities sold   | 159,727,456            |
| Receivable for total return swap contracts  | 119,082                |
| Dividends receivable  | 28,539,384             |
| Dividends receivable on total return swap contracts                               | 552,335                |
| Deposit with broker on total return swap contracts                                | 8,970,000              |
| Deposit with broker on initial public offering                                    | 66,178,953             |
| Prepaid and other assets  | 58,436                 |
| <b>Total Assets</b>   | <b>1,523,647,739</b>   |
| <b>LIABILITIES</b>  |                        |
| Loan payable  | 179,465,000            |
| Interest on loan payable  | 98,710                 |
| Payable for investment securities purchased                                       | 25,765,257             |
| Payable for total return swap contracts   | 876,243                |
| Unrealized depreciation on forward currency contracts                             | 10,676,207             |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities:   |                        |
| Investment advisory fees  | 1,238,251              |
| Administrative fees   | 160,972                |
| Trustee fees  | 16,000                 |
| Officer fees  | 34,245                 |
| Other   | 367,476                |
| <b>Total Liabilities</b>  | <b>218,698,361</b>     |
| <b>Net Assets</b>   | <b>\$1,304,949,378</b> |
| <b>NET ASSETS REPRESENTED BY</b>  |                        |
| Paid-in-capital   | \$4,078,883,629        |
| Undistributed net investment income   | 15,915,461             |
| Accumulated net realized loss on investments, swap contracts and foreign currency | (2,986,538,636)        |
| Net unrealized appreciation on investments and foreign currency translations      | 196,688,924            |
| <b>Net Assets</b>   | <b>\$1,304,949,378</b> |
| Net asset value   |                        |
| Net assets  | \$1,304,949,378        |
| Shares of beneficial interest issued and outstanding                              | 221,030,493            |
| Net asset value per share   | \$5.90                 |

|                                    |                 |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| (1) Total Cost of Investments      | \$1,051,060,243 |
| (2) Total Cost of Foreign Currency | \$2,564,464     |

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For the Year Ended October 31, 2010

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| <b>INCOME</b>  |                     |
| Dividends*   | \$187,732,229       |
| Interest   | 1,303               |
| <b>Total Income</b>  | <b>187,733,532</b>  |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>  |                     |
| Interest on loan   | 1,505,989           |
| Investment advisory fee  | 15,677,166          |
| Administrative fee   | 2,038,032           |
| Audit and tax fees   | 76,742              |
| Custodian fees   | 661,522             |
| Officer fees   | 153,855             |
| Insurance fees   | 26,233              |
| Legal fees   | 65,334              |
| Printing fees  | 439,004             |
| Trustee fees   | 64,000              |
| NYSE fees  | 219,566             |
| Miscellaneous fees   | 42,936              |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>  | <b>20,970,379</b>   |
| <b>Net Investment Income</b>   | <b>166,763,153</b>  |
| <b>NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS, SWAP CONTRACTS AND FOREIGN CURRENCY</b> |                     |
| Net realized loss on investments:  |                     |
| Securities transactions  | (227,497,674)       |
| Swap contracts   | (30,232,239)        |
| Foreign currency transactions  | (4,751,455)         |
| Net realized loss on investments   | (262,481,368)       |
| Change in net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) of:   |                     |
| Investments  | 195,672,327         |
| Foreign currency translations  | (15,605,584)        |
| Net unrealized appreciation of investments   | 180,066,743         |
| <b>Net realized/unrealized loss on investments, swap contracts and foreign currency</b>            | <b>(82,414,625)</b> |
| <b>Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations</b>  | <b>\$84,348,528</b> |

\*Net of foreign taxes withheld

\$9,443,635

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## Statements of Changes in Net Assets

|  | For the<br>Year Ended<br>October 31, 2010 | For the<br>Year Ended<br>October 31, 2009 |
|--|---|---|
| <b>OPERATIONS</b>  |   |   |
| Net investment income  | \$166,763,153                             | \$345,390,844                             |
| Net realized gain/(loss) on investments:   |   |   |
| Securities transactions  | (227,497,674)                             | (840,825,200)                             |
| Swap contracts   | (30,232,239)                              | 14,080,235                                |
| Foreign currency transactions  | (4,751,455)                               | (2,200,980)                               |
| Net increase from payments by affiliates and net gains/(losses) realized on the disposal of investments in violation of restrictions |   | 2,128,796                                 |
| Net change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) of:   |   |   |
| Investments  | 195,672,327                               | 522,740,527                               |
| Foreign currency translations  | (15,605,584)                              | 66,276,593                                |
| <b>Net increase in net assets resulting from operations</b>  | <b>84,348,528</b>                         | <b>107,590,815</b>                        |
| <b>DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS</b>  |   |   |
| From net investment income   | (260,750,863)                             | (359,140,563)                             |
| <b>Net decrease in net assets resulting from distributions to shareholders</b>   | <b>(260,750,863)</b>                      | <b>(359,140,563)</b>                      |
| <b>CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS</b>  |   |   |
| Common stock issued to shareholders from reinvestment of dividends   | 28,668,838                                | 43,425,607                                |
| Net increase in net assets derived from capital share transactions   | 28,668,838                                | 43,425,607                                |
| <b>Net Decrease in Net Assets</b>  | <b>(147,733,497)</b>                      | <b>(208,124,141)</b>                      |
| <b>Net Assets</b>  |   |   |
| Beginning of year  | 1,452,682,875                             | 1,660,807,016                             |
| End of year*   | \$1,304,949,378                           | \$1,452,682,875                           |
| *Including undistributed net investment income of:   | \$15,915,461                              | \$44,104,008                              |

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|   | For the<br>Year Ended<br>October 31, 2010 | For the<br>Year Ended<br>October 31, 2009 | For the<br>Year Ended<br>October 31, 2008 | For the<br>Period Ended<br>October 31, 2007 <sup>(1)</sup> |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| <b>PER COMMON SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE</b>   |   |   |   |  |
| Net asset value per share, beginning of period  | \$6.68                                    | \$7.85                                    | \$20.23                                   | \$19.10  |
| Income/(loss) from investment operations:   |   |   |   |  |
| Net investment income   | 0.76                                      | 1.61                                      | 2.49                                      | 2.14   |
| Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments, swap contracts and foreign currency | (0.35)                                    | (1.10)                                    | (12.17)                                   | 0.46   |
| Total from investment operations  | 0.41                                      | 0.51                                      | (9.68)                                    | 2.60   |
| <b>LESS DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS</b>  |   |   |   |  |
| From net investment income  | (1.19)                                    | (1.68)                                    | (2.70)                                    | (1.44)   |
| Total distributions   | (1.19)                                    | (1.68)                                    | (2.70)                                    | (1.44)   |
| <b>CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS</b>   |   |   |   |  |
| Common share offering costs charged to paid-in-capital                                      |   |   |   | (0.03)   |
| Total capital share transactions  |   |   |   | (0.03)   |
| Net asset value per share, end of period  | \$5.90                                    | \$6.68                                    | \$7.85                                    | \$20.23  |
| Per share market value, end of period   | \$5.63                                    | \$8.47                                    | \$8.15                                    | \$19.90  |
| Total return based on:  |   |   |   |  |
| Net Asset Value <sup>(2)</sup>  | 4.52%                                     | 8.71% <sup>(5)</sup>                      | (52.86)%                                  | 14.09%   |
| Market Value <sup>(2)</sup>   | (21.34)%                                  | 32.76%                                    | (50.25)%                                  | 7.01%  |
| <b>RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA</b>   |   |   |   |  |
| Net Assets attributable to common shares, at end of period (000)                            | \$1,304,949                               | \$1,452,683                               | \$1,660,807                               | \$4,149,029  |
| Ratio of total expenses to average net assets   | 1.53%                                     | 1.45%                                     | 1.35%                                     | 1.25% <sup>(3)</sup>                                       |
| Ratio of total expenses excluding interest expense to average net assets                    | 1.42%                                     | 1.41%                                     | 1.30%                                     |  |
| Ratio of net investment income to average net assets  | 12.19%                                    | 24.48%                                    | 17.06%                                    | 14.63% <sup>(3)</sup>                                      |

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|                         |      |      |      |                     |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|---------------------|
| Portfolio turnover rate | 487% | 653% | 423% | 148% <sup>(4)</sup> |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|---------------------|

**Borrowings at End of Period**

|                                    |           |          |     |     |
|------------------------------------|-----------|----------|-----|-----|
| Aggregate Amount Outstanding (000) | \$179,465 | \$75,605 | N/A | N/A |
| Asset Coverage Per \$1,000 (000)   | \$8,271   | \$20,214 | N/A | N/A |

<sup>(1)</sup> For the period from January 26, 2007 (inception of the fund) to October 31, 2007.

<sup>(2)</sup> Total investment return is calculating assuming a purchase of a common share at the opening on the first day and a sale at closing on the last day of each period reported. Total investment return on net asset value reflects a \$20.00 opening IPO price and sales load of \$0.90 per share for the period ended October 31, 2007. Dividends and distributions, if any, are assumed for purposes of this calculation to be reinvested at prices obtained under the Fund's dividend reinvestment plan. Total investment returns do not reflect brokerage commissions. Total investment returns for less than a full year are not annualized. Past performance is not a guarantee of future results.

<sup>(3)</sup> Annualized.

<sup>(4)</sup> Not Annualized. Portfolio turnover rate does not reflect total return swap transactions. (See Note 2 Under Notes to Financial Statements)

<sup>(5)</sup> In 2009, 0.09% of the Fund's total return consists of a voluntary reimbursement by the Advisor for a realized investment loss, and another 0.07% consists of a loss on an investment not meeting the Fund's investment restriction. Excluding these items, total return would have been 8.55%.

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### 1. ORGANIZATION:

Alpine Total Dynamic Dividend Fund (the Fund) is a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on October 27, 2006, and had no operating history prior to January 26, 2007. The Fund has an investment objective to invest in equity securities that provide high current dividend income. The Fund also focuses on long-term growth of capital as a secondary investment objective.

The Fund had no operations prior to January 26, 2007 other than matters relating to its organization and the sale and issuance of 5,235,602 shares of beneficial interest in the Fund to Alpine Woods Capital Investors, LLC (Alpine Woods) at a net asset value of \$19.10 per share. Alpine Woods serves as the Fund's investment adviser. The Fund's Common Shares are listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol AOD.

### 2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies consistently followed by the Fund in the preparation of their financial statements. The policies are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), which require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect amounts reported herein. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Valuation of Securities:** The net asset value (NAV) of shares of the Fund is calculated by dividing the value of the Fund's net assets by the number of outstanding shares. NAV is determined each day the NYSE is open as of the close of regular trading (normally, 4:00 p.m., Eastern time). In computing NAV, portfolio securities of the Fund are valued at their current market values determined on the basis of market quotations. In computing the Fund's net asset value, portfolio securities that are traded on a securities exchange in the United States, except for option securities, are valued at the last reported sale price as of the time of valuation, or lacking any current reported sale at the time of valuation, at the mean between the most recent bid and asked quotations, or if market quotations are not available or determined to be unreliable, through procedures and/or guidelines established by the Board of Trustees. Each option security traded on a securities exchange in the United States is valued at the last current reported sale price as of the time of valuation if the last current reported sale price falls within the consolidated bid/ask quote for the option security. If the last current reported sale price as of the time of valuation does not fall within the consolidated bid/ask quote for the option security, the security is valued at the mid-point of the consolidated bid/ask quote for the option security. Each security traded in the over-the-counter market and quoted on the NASDAQ National Market System, is valued at the NASDAQ Official Closing Price (NOCP), as determined by NASDAQ, or lacking an NOCP, the last current reported sale price as of the time of valuation by NASDAQ, or lacking any current reported sale on NASDAQ at the time of valuation, at the mean between the most

recent bid and asked quotations. Each over-the-counter option that is not traded through the Options Clearing Corporation is valued by the counterparty, or if the counterparty's price is not readily available then by using the Black-Scholes method. Each other security traded over-the-counter is valued at the mean between the most recent bid and asked quotations. Short-term securities with maturities of 60 days or less are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value.

Securities that are principally traded in a foreign market are valued at the last current sale price at the time of valuation or lacking any current or reported sale, at the time of valuation, at the mean between the most recent bid and asked quotations as of the close of the appropriate exchange

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or other designated time. Trading in securities on European and Far Eastern securities exchanges and over-the-counter markets is normally completed at various times before the close of business on each day on which the NYSE is open. Trading of these securities may not take place on every NYSE business day. In addition, trading may take place in various foreign markets on Saturdays or on other days when the NYSE is not open and on which the Fund's net asset value is not calculated. As stated below, if the market prices are not readily available or are not reflective of the fair value of the security, as of the close of the regular trading on the NYSE (normally, 4:00pm Eastern time), the security will be priced at a fair value following procedures approved by the Board of Trustees.

When market quotations are not readily available or when the valuation methods mentioned above are not reflective of a fair value of the security, the security is valued at fair value following procedures and/or guidelines approved by the Board of Trustees. The Fund may also use fair value pricing, if the value of a security it holds is, pursuant to Board of Trustees guidelines, materially affected by events occurring before the Fund's pricing time but after the close of the primary market or exchange on which the security is traded. These procedures may utilize valuations furnished by pricing services approved by the Board of Trustees, which may be based on market transactions for comparable securities and various relationships between securities that are generally recognized by institutional traders, a computerized matrix system, or appraisals derived from information concerning the securities or similar securities received from recognized dealers in those securities. When fair value pricing is employed, the value of the portfolio security used to calculate the Fund's net asset value may differ from quoted or official closing prices.

**Fair Value Measurement:** In accordance with GAAP, the Fund uses a three-tier hierarchy to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Inputs refer broadly to the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability, including assumptions about risk. Inputs may be observable or unobservable. Observable inputs are inputs that reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability that are developed based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable

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inputs are inputs that reflect the reporting entities own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability that are developed based on the best information available.

- Level 1 - Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Fund has the ability to access.
- Level 2 - Observable inputs other than quoted prices included in level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These inputs may include quoted prices for the identical instrument on an inactive market, prices for similar instruments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, yield curves, default rates and similar data.
- Level 3 - Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, to the extent relevant observable inputs are not available; representing the Fund's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in valuing the asset or liability, and would be based on the best information available.

The availability of observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including, for example, the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, the liquidity of markets, and other characteristics particular to the security. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in level 3.

The inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls in its entirety, is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

Various inputs are used in determining the value of the Fund's investments as of the reporting period end. The designated input levels are not necessarily an indication of the risk or liquidity associated with these investments. These inputs are categorized in the following hierarchy under applicable financial accounting standards.

The following is a summary of the inputs used to value the Fund's net assets as of October 31, 2010:

**Alpine Total Dynamic Dividend Fund**

| Investments in Securities at Value* | Valuation Inputs        |           |           | Total                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|
|                                     | Level 1**               | Level 2** | Level 3   |                         |
| Common Stocks                       | \$ 1,240,979,439        | \$        | \$        | \$ 1,240,979,439        |
| Investment Companies                | 11,609,280              |           |           | 11,609,280              |
| Short Term Investments              | 595                     |           |           | 595                     |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>\$ 1,252,589,314</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>\$</b> | <b>\$ 1,252,589,314</b> |

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| Other Financial Instruments | Valuation Inputs |                |         | Total          |
|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------|---------|----------------|
|                             | Level 1          | Level 2        | Level 3 |                |
| <b>Assets</b>               |                  |                |         |                |
| Forward Contracts           | \$               | \$ 4,346,194   | \$      | \$ 4,346,194   |
| <b>Liabilities</b>          |                  |                |         |                |
| Forward Contracts           |                  | (10,676,207)   |         | (10,676,207)   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                | \$               | \$ (6,330,013) | \$      | \$ (6,330,013) |

\* For detailed country descriptions, see accompanying Schedule of Portfolio Investments.

\*\* A security's classification as Level 1 or Level 2 within the Fund can move on a daily basis throughout the year depending on whether or not the Fund has determined the value of securities principally traded in foreign markets has become stale between the close of the foreign exchanges and the time the funds calculate their NAV. If management determines the price has become stale, a fair value adjustment will be made to the impacted securities and these fair value adjusted securities are considered to be priced using Level 2 inputs.

**Security Transactions and Investment Income:** Security transactions are recorded on the date a security is purchased or sold (i.e. on the trade date). Realized gains and losses are computed on the identified cost basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis and includes accretion of discounts and amortization of premiums, where applicable. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date or in the case of some foreign securities, on the date thereafter when the Fund is made aware of the dividend. Foreign income may be subject to foreign withholding taxes, which are

accrued as applicable. Capital gains realized on some foreign securities are subject to foreign taxes, which are accrued as applicable. Dividends and interest from non-U.S. sources received by the Fund are generally subject to non-U.S. withholding taxes at rates ranging up to 30%. Such withholding taxes may be reduced or eliminated under the terms of applicable U.S. income tax treaties, and the Fund intends to undertake any procedural steps required to claim the benefits of such treaties.

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**Income Taxes:** It is the Fund's policy to comply with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute timely, all of its investment company taxable income and net realized capital gains to shareholders. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is recorded. Under applicable foreign tax laws, a withholding tax may be imposed on interest, dividends, and capital gains earned on foreign investments. Where available, the Fund will file for claims on foreign taxes withheld.

The Fund accounts for uncertainty related to income taxes in accordance with U.S. GAAP. The Fund recognizes tax benefits only if it is more likely than not that a tax position (including the Fund's assertion that its income is exempt from tax) will be sustained upon examination.

The Fund has no material uncertain tax positions and has no unrecognized tax benefits as of October 31, 2010. Since its inception, the Fund has not recorded any amounts for interest or penalties related to uncertain tax benefits. The statute of limitations on the Fund's Federal and New York State tax return filings remains open for the years ended October 31, 2007 through October 31, 2010.

**Distributions:** The Fund intends to make a level distribution each month to its shareholders of the net investment income of the Fund after payment of Fund operating expenses. The level distribution rate may be modified by the Board of Trustees from time to time. If, for any monthly distribution, investment company taxable income, if any (which term includes net short-term capital gain) and net tax-exempt income, if any, is less than the amount of the distribution, the difference will generally be a tax-free return of capital distributed from the Fund's assets. The Fund's final distribution for each calendar year will include any remaining investment company taxable income and net tax-exempt income undistributed during the year, as well as all net capital gains, if any, realized during the year. If the total distributions made in any fiscal year exceed annual investment company taxable income, net tax-exempt income and net capital gain, such excess distributed amount would be treated as ordinary dividend income to the extent of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits. Distributions in excess of the earnings and profits would first be a tax-free return of capital to the extent of the adjusted tax basis in the shares. After such adjusted tax basis is reduced to zero, the distribution would constitute capital gain (assuming the shares are held as capital assets). Distributions to shareholders are recorded by the Fund on the ex-dividend date.

**Foreign Currency Translation Transactions:** The Fund may invest a portion of its assets in foreign securities. In the event that the Fund executes a foreign security transaction, the Fund will generally enter into a forward foreign currency contract to settle the foreign security transaction. The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Non-U.S. denominated amounts are translated into U.S. dollars as follows, with the resultant translation gains and losses recorded in the Statements of Operations:

- i) market value of investment securities and other assets and liabilities at the exchange rate on the valuation date,
- ii) purchases and sales of investment securities, income and expenses at the exchange rate prevailing on the respective date of such transactions.

**Risk Associated With Foreign Securities and Currencies:** Investments in securities of foreign issuers carry certain risks not ordinarily associated with investments in securities of domestic issuers. Such risks include future political and economic developments and the possible imposition of exchange controls or other foreign governmental laws and restrictions. In addition, with respect to certain countries, there is a possibility of expropriation of assets, confiscatory taxation, political or social instability or diplomatic developments, which could adversely affect investments in those countries. Certain countries may also impose substantial restrictions on investments in their capital markets by foreign entities, including restrictions on investments in issuers or industries deemed sensitive to relevant national interests. These factors may limit the investment opportunities available to the Fund or result in a lack of liquidity and high price volatility with respect to securities of issuers from developing countries.

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**Total Return Swaps:** The Fund may invest in total return swap agreements to manage or gain exposure to various securities or markets in pursuit of its investment objectives.

A total return swap is an agreement between the Fund and a counter-party to exchange a market linked return for a floating rate payment, both based on a notional principal amount. Because the principal amount is not exchanged, it represents neither an asset nor a liability to either counterparty, and is referred to as notional. Total return swaps are marked to market daily based upon quotations from the market makers and the change in value, if any, is recorded as an unrealized gain or loss in the Statement of Operations. The unrealized gain (loss) related to the daily change in the valuation of the notional amount of the swap, as well as the amount due to (owed by) the Fund at termination or settlement, is combined and separately disclosed as an asset (liability). The Fund also records any periodic payments received from (paid to) the counter-party, including at termination, under such contracts as realized gain (loss).

In connection with these agreements, securities or cash may be identified as collateral in accordance with the terms of the respective swap agreements to provide assets of value and recourse in the event of default or bankruptcy/insolvency. Entering into these agreements involves, to varying degrees, elements of credit, market and documentation risk in excess of the amounts recognized on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Such risks involve the possibility that there will be no liquid market for these agreements, that the counterparty to the agreements may default on its obligation to perform or disagree as to the meaning of contractual terms in the agreements and that there may be unfavorable changes in interest rates. The Fund's maximum risk of loss from counterparty credit risk is the discounted net value of the cash flows to be received from the



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counterparty over the contract's remaining life, to the extent that amount is positive. The Fund did not hold total return swaps as of October 31, 2010:

During the year ended October 31, 2010, the Fund entered into approximately 277 total return swap agreements with a total notional amount of \$1,663,502,772 and recorded a net realized loss of \$30,232,239 on the Statement of Operations related to investments in total return swaps.

**Equity-Linked Structured Notes:** The Fund may invest in equity-linked structured notes. Equity-linked structured notes are derivative securities which are specially designed to combine the characteristics of one or more underlying securities and their equity derivatives in a single note form. The return and/or yield or income component may be based on the performance of the underlying equity securities, and equity index, and/or option positions. Equity-linked structured notes are typically offered in limited transactions by financial institutions in either registered or non-registered form. An investment in equity-linked structured notes creates exposure to the credit risk of the issuing financial institution, as well as to the market risk of the underlying securities. There is no guaranteed return of principal with these securities and the appreciation potential of these securities may be limited by a maximum payment or call right. In certain cases, equity linked structured notes may be more volatile and less liquid than less

complex securities or other types of fixed income securities. Such securities may exhibit price behavior that does not correlate with other fixed-income securities. The Fund did not hold any equity-linked structured notes at October 31, 2010.

**Forward Currency Contracts:** The Fund is subject to foreign currency exchange rate risk in the normal course of pursuing its investment objective. The Fund may use forward currency contracts to gain exposure to or hedge against changes in the value of foreign currencies. A forward currency contract (forward) is an agreement between two parties to buy and sell a currency at a set price on a future date. The market value of the forward contract fluctuates with changes in forward currency exchange rates. The forward contract is marked-to-market daily and the change in market value is recorded by the Fund as unrealized appreciation or depreciation. When the forward contract is closed, the Fund records a realized gain or loss equal to the fluctuation in value during the period the forward contract was open. The Fund could be exposed to risk if a counterparty is unable to meet the terms of a forward or if the value of the currency changes unfavorably.

During the year ended October 31, 2010, the Fund entered into approximately 10 forward currency contracts with a total amount of \$6,330,013 and recorded a net realized loss of \$0 on the Statement of Operations related to investments in forward currency contracts.

The Fund held the following forward currency contracts at October 31, 2010:

| Description                 | Expiration Date | Contracts to Deliver/Receive | Settlement Value | Current Value | Unrealized Gain/(Loss) |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| <b>Contracts Purchased:</b> |                 |                              |                  |               |                        |
| British Pound               | 12/10/10        | 8,133,472 (GBP)              | \$12,780,125     | \$13,028,210  | \$248,085              |

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|                 |          |                   |            |              |             |
|-----------------|----------|-------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| Euro            | 12/10/10 | 13,593,528 (EUR)  | 18,751,592 | 18,909,078   | 157,486     |
| Norwegian Krone | 12/10/10 | 61,259,380 (NOK)  | 9,828,786  | 10,436,474   | 607,688     |
| Swedish Krona   | 12/10/10 | 113,683,365 (SEK) | 15,563,256 | 16,995,582   | 1,432,326   |
| Swiss Franc     | 12/10/10 | 17,221,500 (CHF)  | 15,606,253 | 17,506,862   | 1,900,609   |
|                 |          |                   |            | \$76,876,206 | \$4,346,194 |

**Contracts Sold:**

|                 |          |                   |              |              |                |
|-----------------|----------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| British Pound   | 12/10/10 | 8,133,472 (GBP)   | \$11,700,000 | \$13,028,210 | \$(1,328,210)  |
| Euro            | 12/10/10 | 13,593,528 (EUR)  | 16,299,999   | 18,909,078   | (2,609,079)    |
| Norwegian Krone | 12/10/10 | 61,259,380 (NOK)  | 9,100,000    | 10,436,474   | (1,336,474)    |
| Swedish Krona   | 12/10/10 | 113,683,365 (SEK) | 14,100,000   | 16,995,582   | (2,895,582)    |
| Swiss Franc     | 12/10/10 | 17,221,500 (CHF)  | 15,000,000   | 17,506,862   | (2,506,862)    |
|                 |          |                   |              | \$76,876,206 | \$(10,676,207) |

The Fund has adopted authoritative standards regarding disclosure about derivatives and hedging activities and how they affect the Fund's Statement of Assets and Liabilities and Statement of Operations.

The effect of derivative instruments on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities Sheet as of October 31, 2010.

| Derivatives not<br>accounted for as<br>hedging instruments | Asset Derivatives   |                     |
|--|---|---------------------|
|  | Statement of Assets   | and Liabilities     |
|  | Location  | Fair Value          |
| Foreign currency contracts                                 | Unrealized appreciation on<br>forward currency<br>contracts | \$ 4,346,194        |
| <b>Total</b>   |   | <b>\$ 4,346,194</b> |

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|                            |   | <b>Liability Derivatives</b> |                   |
|----------------------------|---|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Derivatives not</b>     |   |                              |                   |
| <b>accounted for as</b>    |   |                              |                   |
| <b>hedging</b>             | <b>Statement of Assets and</b>                        |                              |                   |
| <b>instruments</b>         | <b>Liabilities Location</b>                           |                              | <b>Fair Value</b> |
|                            | Unrealized depreciation on forward currency contracts |                              |                   |
| Foreign currency contracts |   | \$                           | 10,676,207        |
| Total                      |   | \$                           | 10,676,207        |

The effect of derivatives instruments on the Statement of Operations for the year ended October 31, 2010:

| <b>Derivatives</b>          |   | <b>Change in</b>   |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------|
| <b>not</b>                  |   | <b>Unrealized</b>  |
| <b>accounted</b>            |   | <b>Gain On</b>     |
| <b>for as</b>               |   | <b>Derivatives</b> |
| <b>hedging</b>              | <b>Statement of</b>   | <b>Recognized</b>  |
| <b>instruments</b>          | <b>Operations Location</b>  | <b>in Income</b>   |
|                             | Net realized loss on investments:   |                    |
| Total return swap contracts | Swap contracts  | \$(30,232,239)     |
|                             | Net realized loss on investments:   |                    |
|                             | Foreign currency transactions/Charge in net unrealized depreciation of: Foreign currency translations | (1,511,113)        |
| Foreign exchange contracts  |   | (6,330,013)        |
| Total                       |   | \$ (31,743,352)    |
|                             |   | \$(6,330,013)      |

**Use of Estimates:** The Fund's financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This 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 amounts of increases and decreases in net assets from operations during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

**3. CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS:**

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The Fund has 176,000,000 common shares of beneficial interest, with no par value, authorized.

Transactions in shares and dollars of the Fund were as follows:

|  | <b>For the<br/>Year Ended<br/>October 31, 2010</b> | <b>For the<br/>Year Ended<br/>October 31, 2009</b> |
|--|--|--|
| Common Shares Outstanding-beginning of period      | 217,454,065  | 211,465,406  |
| Common shares issued as reinvestments of dividends | 3,576,428  | 5,988,659  |
| <b>Common shares outstanding-end of period</b>     | <b>221,030,493</b>                                 | <b>217,454,065</b>                                 |

#### 4. PURCHASES AND SALES OF SECURITIES:

Purchases and sales of securities (excluding short-term securities) for the year ended October 31, 2010 are as follows:

| <b>Purchases</b> | <b>Sales</b>     |
|------------------|------------------|
| \$ 6,680,925,795 | \$ 6,796,830,148 |

The Fund did not have purchases and sales of U.S. Government obligations for the year ended October 31, 2010.

#### 5. INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT:

Alpine Woods serves as the Fund's investment adviser pursuant to an Investment Advisory Agreement with the Fund. As compensation for its services to the Fund, Alpine Woods receives an annual investment advisory fee of 1.00% based on the Fund's average daily total assets, computed daily and payable monthly. During the year ended October 31, 2010, Alpine Woods reimbursed the Fund \$393,545 as a result of dilutions caused by certain trading transactions.

ALPS Fund Services, Inc. (ALPS) serves as the Fund's administrator pursuant to an Administration, Bookkeeping and Pricing Services Agreement with the Fund. As compensation for its services to the Fund, ALPS receives an annual administration fee of 0.13% based on the Fund's average daily total assets, computed daily and payable monthly.

#### 6. INCOME TAX INFORMATION:

**Classification of Distributions:** Net investment income (loss) and net realized gain (loss) may differ for financial statement and tax purposes. The character of distributions made during the year from net investment income or net realized gains may differ from its ultimate characterization for federal income tax purposes.



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The tax character of the distributions paid by the Fund during the year ended October 31, 2010 was as follows:

**Distributions paid from:**

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Ordinary Income | 260,750,863    |
|                 | \$ 260,750,863 |

Tax components of distributable earnings are determined in accordance with income tax regulations which may differ from the composition of net assets reported under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Accordingly, for the period ended October 31, 2010, the effects of certain differences were reclassified. The fund increased accumulated net investment income by \$65,799,163, decreased accumulated net realized gain by \$65,798,740, and decreased paid in capital by \$423. These differences were primarily due to the differing tax treatment of foreign currency and certain other investments. Net assets of the portfolio were unaffected by the reclassifications and the calculation of net investment income per share in the Financial Highlights excludes these adjustments.

At October 31, 2010, the Fund had available for tax purposes unused capital loss carryovers of \$164,214,963, expiring October 31, 2015, unused capital loss carryovers of \$1,575,094,244, expiring October 31, 2016, unused capital loss carryovers of \$896,144,160, expiring October 31, 2017 and unused capital loss carryovers of \$342,916,726, expiring October 31, 2018.

As of October 31, 2010, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis were as follows:

|   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| Undistributed Ordinary Income                       | \$ 15,915,461             |
| Accumulated Capital Loss                            | (2,978,370,093)           |
| Unrealized Appreciation                             | 181,982,943               |
| Other Cumulative Effect of<br>Temporary Differences | 6,537,438                 |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>\$ (2,773,934,251)</b> |

As of October 31, 2010, net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) of investments based on federal tax costs was as follows:

|                                      |                |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|
| Gross appreciation on investments    |                |
| (excess of value over tax cost)      | \$ 206,122,939 |
| Gross depreciation on investments    |                |
| (excess of tax cost over value)      | (19,299,849)   |
| Net depreciation on foreign currency | (4,840,147)    |

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|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| Net unrealized appreciation                 | 181,982,943      |
| Cost of investments for income tax purposes | \$ 1,065,766,224 |

The differences between book and tax net unrealized appreciation and cost were primarily due to deferral of losses from wash sales and to the different tax treatment of certain other investments.

### 7. LINE OF CREDIT:

On July 9, 2010, an Agreement among Alpine Global Dynamic Dividend Fund, Alpine Total Dynamic Dividend Fund, Alpine Global Premier Properties Fund (together, the Funds) and The Bank of New York (BONY) was executed which allows for each Fund to borrow against a secured line of credit from BONY an aggregate amount of up to \$350,000,000 for all Funds. As of October 31, 2010 there was an unused balance of \$165,709,000 available to all three Funds. During the year ended of October 31, 2010, the average borrowing by the Fund was \$106,701,512 with an average rate on borrowings of 1.41%.

### 8. OTHER:

**Compensation of Trustees:** The Independent Trustees of the Fund receive \$4,000 for each meeting attended.

### 9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS:

In preparing these financial statements, the Fund has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure resulting from subsequent events.

**Distributions:** The Fund paid a distribution of \$12,156,677 or \$0.055 per common share on November 30, 2010 to common shareholders of record on November 23, 2010.

The Fund also declared a distribution of \$0.055 payable on December 31, 2010 to common shareholders of record on December 27, 2010, and a special distribution of \$0.01 payable on December 31, 2010 to common shareholders of record on December 28, 2010.

**Line of Credit:** On December 1, 2010, the Fund executed a Prime Brokerage Agreement with BNP Paribas Prime Brokerage International Ltd and also executed a Committed Facility Agreement which allows the Fund to borrow on a secured and committed basis. The maximum commitment amounts are (i) \$300,000,000 USD between December 1, 2010 and February 28, 2011; (ii) \$700,000,000 USD between March 1, 2011 and May 31, 2011; and (iii) \$300,000,000 USD after May 31, 2011.

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### **DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN**

Unless the registered owner of common shares elects to receive cash by contacting Boston Financial Data Services, Inc. ( Plan Administrator ), all dividends or other distributions (together, Dividends and each, a Dividend ) declared on common shares will be automatically reinvested by the Plan Administrator for shareholders in the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the Plan ), in additional common shares of the Fund. Shareholders that are not permitted to participate through their broker or nominee or who elect not to participate in the Plan will receive all Dividends in cash paid by check mailed directly to the shareholder of record (or, if the common shares are held in street or other nominee name, then to such nominee) by the Plan Administrator, as dividend disbursing agent. You may elect not to participate in the Plan and to receive all Dividends in cash by contacting the Plan Administrator, as dividend disbursing agent, at the address set forth below. Participation in the Plan is completely voluntary and may be terminated or resumed at any time without penalty by notice if received and processed by the Plan Administrator prior to the dividend record date; otherwise such termination or resumption will be effective with respect to any subsequently declared Dividend. If you hold your shares through a broker, and you wish for all Dividends declared on your common shares to be automatically reinvested pursuant to the Plan, please contact your broker.

The Plan Administrator will open an account for each shareholder under the Plan in the same name in which such shareholder's common shares are registered. Whenever the Fund declares a Dividend payable in cash, non-participants in the Plan will receive cash and participants in the Plan will receive the equivalent in common shares. The common shares will be acquired by the Plan Administrator for the participants' accounts, depending upon the circumstances described below, either (i) through receipt of additional unissued but authorized common shares from the Fund ( Newly Issued common shares ) or (ii) by purchase of outstanding common shares on the open market ( Open-Market Purchases ) on the NYSE or elsewhere. If, on the payment date for any Dividend, the closing market price plus estimated brokerage commissions per share is equal to or greater than the NAV per share, the Plan Administrator will invest the Dividend amount in Newly Issued common shares on behalf of the participants. The number of Newly Issued common shares to be credited to each participant's account will be determined by dividing the dollar amount of the Dividend by the NAV per share on the payment date; provided that, if the NAV is less than or equal to 95% of the closing market value on the payment date, the dollar amount of the Dividend will be divided by 95% of the closing market price per share on the payment date. If, on the payment date for any Dividend, the NAV per share is greater than the closing market value plus estimated brokerage commissions, the Plan Administrator will invest the Dividend amount in common shares acquired on behalf of the participants in Open-Market Purchases.

In the event of a market discount on the payment date for any Dividend, the Plan Administrator will have until the last business day before the next date on which the common shares trade on an ex-dividend basis or 30 days after the payment date for such Dividend, whichever is sooner (the Last Purchase Date ), to invest the

Dividend amount in common shares acquired in Open-Market Purchases. If, before the Plan Administrator has completed its Open-Market Purchases, the market price per share exceeds the NAV per share, the average per share purchase price paid by the Plan Administrator may exceed the NAV of the common shares, resulting in the acquisition of fewer common shares than if the Dividend had been paid in Newly Issued common shares on the Dividend payment date. Because of the foregoing difficulty with respect to Open-Market Purchases, the Plan provides that if the Plan Administrator is unable to invest the full Dividend amount in Open-Market Purchases during the purchase period or if the market discount shifts to a market premium during the purchase period, the Plan Administrator may cease making Open-Market Purchases and may invest the uninvested portion of the Dividend amount in Newly Issued common shares at the NAV per share at the close of business on the Last Purchase Date provided that, if the NAV is less than or equal to 95% of the then current market price per share, the dollar amount of the Dividend will be divided by 95% of the market price on the payment date for purposes of determining the number of shares issuable under the Plan.



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The Plan Administrator maintains all shareholders' accounts in the Plan and furnishes written confirmation of all transactions in the accounts, including information needed by shareholders for tax records. Common shares in the account of each Plan participant will be held by the Plan Administrator on behalf of the Plan participant, and each shareholder proxy will include those shares purchased or received pursuant to the Plan. The Plan Administrator will forward all proxy solicitation materials to participants and vote proxies for shares held under the Plan in accordance with the instructions of the participants.

In the case of the Fund's shareholders such as banks, brokers or nominees which hold shares for others who are the beneficial owners, the Plan Administrator will administer the Plan on the basis of the number of common shares certified from time to time by the record shareholder's name and held for the account of beneficial owners who participate in the Plan.

There will be no brokerage charges with respect to common shares issued directly by the Fund. However, each participant will pay a pro rata share of brokerage commissions incurred in connection with Open-Market Purchases. The automatic reinvestment of Dividends will not relieve participants of any U.S. federal, state or local income tax that may be payable (or required to be withheld) on such Dividends. See U.S. Federal Income Tax Matters. Participants that request a sale of common shares through the Plan Administrator are subject to brokerage commissions.

Shareholders participating in the Plan may receive benefits not available to shareholders not participating in the Plan. If the market price plus commissions of the Fund's shares is higher than the NAV, participants in the Plan will receive shares of the Fund for less than they could otherwise purchase them and will have shares with a cash value greater than the value of any cash distribution they would have received on their shares. If the market price plus

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commissions is below the net asset value, participants receive distributions of shares with a NAV greater than the value of any cash distribution they would have received on their shares. However, there may be insufficient shares available in the market to make distributions in shares at prices below the NAV. Also, because the Fund does not redeem its shares, the price on resale may be more or less than the NAV.

The Fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan. There is no direct service charge to participants with regard to purchases in the Plan; however, the Fund reserves the right to amend the Plan to include a service charge payable by the participants.

All correspondence or questions concerning the Plan should be directed to the Plan Administrator, Boston Financial Data Services Inc. at Two Heritage Drive North Quincy, MA 02171 or by calling toll-free 1(800)617.7616.

### **FUND PROXY VOTING POLICIES & PROCEDURES**

Policies and procedures used in determining how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities and a summary of proxies voted by the Fund are available without a charge, upon request, by contacting the Fund at 1(800)617.7616 and on the Securities and Exchange Commission's (Commission) web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

### **PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS**

The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Commission for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q within 60 days after the end of the period. Copies of the Fund's Forms N-Q are available without a charge, upon request, by contacting the Fund at 1(800)617.7616 and on the Commission's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>. You may also review and copy Form N-Q at the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. For more information about the operation of the Public Reference Room, please call the Commission at 1(800)SEC.0330.

### **DESIGNATION REQUIREMENTS**

Of the distributions paid by the Fund from ordinary income for the year ended October 31, 2010, the following percentages met the requirements to be treated as qualifying for the corporate dividends received deduction and qualified dividend income, respectively.

|                              |        |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Dividends Received Deduction | 8.59%  |
| Qualified Dividend Income    | 24.77% |

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Notice is hereby given in accordance with Section 23(c) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 that the Fund may purchase at market prices from time to time its common shares in the open market.

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**INDEPENDENT TRUSTEES\***

| <b>Name and Age</b>      | <b>Position(s) Held with the Fund</b> | <b>Principal Occupation During Past Five Years</b>   | <b># of Portfolios in Alpine Fund Complex**</b> | <b>Other Directorships Held by Trustee</b>  |
|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| Laurence B. Ashkin (82)  | Independent Trustee                   | Real estate developer and construction consultant since 1980; Founder and President of Centrum Properties, Inc. since 1980.                                      | 16  | Trustee, Alpine Family of Funds.* Director, Chicago Public Radio, Board Chair, The Perspectives Charter Schools.  |
| H. Guy Leibler (56)      | Independent Trustee                   | Private investor since 2007, Vice Chair and Chief Operating Officer of L&L Acquisitions, LLC (2004-2007); President, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP (2001-2004). | 16  | Chairman Emeritus, White Plains Hospital Center; Trustee, Alpine Family of Funds.*  |
| Jeffrey E. Wacksman (50) | Independent Trustee                   | Partner, Loeb, Block & Partners LLP since 1994.  | 16  | Director, International Succession Planning Association; Trustee, Larchmont Manor Park Society; Director, Bondi Icebergs Inc.; Director, MH Properties, Inc.; Trustee, Alpine Family of Funds.* |
| James A. Jacobson (65)   | Independent Trustee                   | Retired (11/2008-Present); Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Spear Leeds & Kellogg Specialists, LLC (01/2003-11/2008).  | 16  | Trustee, Alpine Family of Funds.* Trustee, Allianz Global Investors Multi-Funds.  |

\* *The Independent Trustees identified above are the members of the Board of Trustees for each of the Alpine Series Trust, Alpine Equity Trust and Alpine Income Trust, Alpine Global Dynamic Dividend Fund and Alpine Global Premier Properties Fund, (collectively, the Alpine Family of Funds ).*

\*\* *Alpine Woods Capital Investors, LLC manages sixteen fund portfolios within the Alpine Family of Funds. Three of the Alpine Trusts are registered as an open-end management investment company. The Trustees oversee each of the sixteen portfolios within the Alpine Family of Funds.*

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**INTERESTED TRUSTEE**

| <b>Name and Age</b>           | <b>Position(s) Held<br/>with the Fund</b> | <b>Principal Occupation</b>   |   | <b>Other Directorships<br/>Held by Trustee</b> |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
|                               |   | <b>During<br/>Past Five Years</b>   | <b># of Portfolios<br/>in Alpine Fund<br/>Complex**</b> |  |
| Samuel A. Lieber*<br><br>(54) | Interested Trustee<br>and President       | Chief Executive Officer of<br>Alpine Woods Capital<br>Investors, LLC since<br>November 1997.<br>President of Alpine Trusts<br>since 1998. | 16  | Trustee, Alpine Family of<br>Funds.            |

\* *Samuel A. Lieber has been a Trustee of the Fund since its inception. He is the son of Stephen A. Lieber.*

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In addition to Mr. Samuel A. Lieber, the table below identifies the Fund's executive officers.

| Name and Age            | Position(s) Held<br>with the Fund | Principal Occupation During<br>Past Five Years  | # of Portfolios             |  |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|--|
|                         |                                   |   | in Alpine Fund<br>Complex** | Other Directorships<br>Held by Trustee |
| Stephen A. Lieber (85)* | Executive Vice<br>President       | Chief Investment Officer,<br>Alpine Woods Capital<br>Investors, LLC since 2003.<br>Chairman and Senior<br>Portfolio Manager, Saxon<br>Woods Advisors, LLC<br>since 1999.  | N/A                         | None                                   |
| John M. Megyesi (50)    | Chief<br>Compliance Officer       | Chief Compliance Officer,<br>Alpine Woods Capital<br>Investors, LLC since<br>January 2010; Vice President and<br>Manager, Trade Surveillance,<br>Credit Suisse Asset<br>Management, LLC (2006-<br>2010); Manager, Trading and<br>Surveillance, Allianz Global<br>Investors (2004-2006).                                   | N/A                         | None                                   |
| Ronald Palmer (42)      | Chief Financial<br>Officer        | Chief Financial Officer, Alpine<br>Woods Capital Investors, LLC<br>since January 2010;<br>Independent Consultant<br>(2008-2010); Vice President,<br>Cash Management and<br>Foreign Exchange, Macquarie<br>Capital Management,<br>LLC (2007-2008); Chief Operating<br>Officer, Macquarie Fund<br>Adviser, LLC (2004-2007). | N/A                         | None                                   |

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|                     |           |   |     |      |
|---------------------|-----------|---|-----|------|
| Meimei Li (46)      | Treasurer | Controller, Alpine Woods Capital Investors, LLC since February 2007; Senior Accountant, Pinnacle Group (2005-2007); Senior Auditor, Eisner & Lubin LLP (2001-2005).                       | N/A | None |
| Andrew Pappert (30) | Secretary | Director of Fund Operations, Alpine Woods Capital Investors, LLC since September 2008; Assistant Vice President, Mutual Fund Operations, Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC (2003-2008). | N/A | None |

\* *Stephen A. Lieber is the father of Samuel A. Lieber.*

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**Item 2. Code of Ethics.**

(a) The Registrant, as of the end of the period covered by the report, has adopted a code of ethics that applies to the Registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller or persons performing similar functions, regardless of whether these individuals are employed by the registrant or a third party.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) There have been no amendments, during the period covered by this report, to a provision of the code of ethics that applies to the Registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, regardless of whether these individuals are employed by the registrant or a third party, and that relates to any element of the code of ethics described in Item 2(a) above.

(d) The Registrant has not granted any waivers, including an implicit waiver, from a provision of the code of ethics that applies to the registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, regardless of whether these individuals are employed by the Registrant or a third party, that relates to any element of the code of ethics described in 2(a) above.

(e) Not applicable.

(f) The Registrant's Code of Ethics is attached as Exhibit 12(A)(1) hereto.

**Item 3. Audit Committee Financial Expert.**

The Board of Trustees of the Registrant has determined that the Registrant has at least one audit committee financial expert serving on its audit committee. The Board of Trustees has determined that Laurence B. Ashkin is an audit committee financial expert. Laurence B. Ashkin is independent as defined in paragraph (a)(2) of Item 3 to Form N-CSR.

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**Item 4. Principal Accountant Fees and Services.**

- (a) Audit Fees: The aggregate fees billed for each of the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for the audit of the registrant's annual financial statements or services that are normally provided by the accountant in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for fiscal year 2009 was \$31,000 and fiscal year 2010 was \$61,750.
- (b) Audit-Related Fees: The aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for assurance and related services by the principal accountant that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of the registrant's financial statements and are not reported under paragraph (a) of this Item was \$0 in fiscal year 2009 and \$0 in fiscal year 2010.
- (c) Tax Fees: The aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning was \$4,615 in fiscal year 2009 and \$4,900 in fiscal year 2009.
- (d) All Other Fees: The aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for products and services provided by the principal accountant, other than the services reported in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this Item is \$0 in fiscal year 2009 and \$0 in fiscal year 2010.
- (e)(1) Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures: All services to be performed by the Registrant's principal auditors must be pre-approved by the Registrant's audit committee, which may include the approval of certain services up to an amount determined by the audit committee. Any services that would exceed that amount would require additional approval of the audit committee.
- (e)(2) No services described in paragraphs (b) through (d) were approved pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(i)(C) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X.
- (f) Not applicable.
- (g) Not applicable.
- (h) Not applicable.

**Item 5. Audit Committee of Listed Registrants.**

The Registrant has a separately designated standing audit committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Exchange Act and is comprised of the following members:

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H. Guy Leibler

Jeffrey E. Wacksman

Laurence B. Ashkin

James A. Jacobson

**Item 6. Schedule of Investments.**

The Schedule of Investments is included as part of the Report to Stockholders filed under Item 1 of this form.

**Item 7. Disclosure of Proxy Voting Policies and Procedures for Closed-End Management Investment Companies.**

Attached, as Exhibit Item 7, is a copy of the registrant's policies and procedures.

**Item 8. Portfolio Managers of Closed-End Management Investment Companies as of October 31, 2010**

(a)(1) As of October 31, 2010

| <b>Name</b>       | <b>Title</b>      | <b>Length of Service</b> | <b>Business</b>   |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Jill K. Evans     | Portfolio Manager | Since May 2003           | <b>Experience 5 Years</b><br>Vice President and Senior Equity Research Analyst, J.P. Morgan (1998-2003)<br>Vice President, Rein Capital (2001-2003) |
| Kevin Shacknofsky | Portfolio Manager | Since October 2003       |   |

(a)(2) Other Accounts Managed as of October 31, 2010

| <b>Type of Accounts</b>         | <b>Number of Accounts</b> | <b>Total Assets (\$ in millions)</b> | <b>Advisory Fee Based on Performance of Accounts</b> | <b>Total Assets</b> | <b>Material Conflicts if Any</b> |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Jill K. Evans</b>            |                           |                                      |  |                     | See below <sup>(1)</sup>         |
| Registered Investment Companies | 2                         | \$797.03                             | 0  | 0                   |                                  |
| Other Pooled Accounts           | 0                         | 0                                    | 0  | 0                   |                                  |
| Other Accounts                  | 1                         | 7.70                                 | 0  | 0                   |                                  |

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|                          |   |          |   |                          |
|--------------------------|---|----------|---|--------------------------|
| <b>Kevin Shacknofsky</b> |   |          |   | See below <sup>(1)</sup> |
| Registered Investment    | 2 | \$797.03 | 0 | 0                        |
| <b>Companies</b>         |   |          |   |                          |
| Other Pooled Accounts    | 0 | 0        | 0 | 0                        |
| Other Accounts           | 1 | 7.70     | 0 | 0                        |

<sup>(1)</sup> Conflicts of interest may arise because the Fund's Portfolio Managers have day-to-day management responsibilities with respect to both the Fund and various other accounts. These potential conflicts include:

*Limited Resources.* The Portfolio Managers cannot devote their full time and attention to the management of each of the accounts that they manage. Accordingly, the Portfolio Managers may be limited in their ability to identify investment opportunities for each of the accounts that are as attractive as might be the case if the Portfolio Managers were to devote substantially more attention to the management of a single account. The effects of this potential conflict may be more pronounced where the accounts have different investment strategies.

*Limited Investment Opportunities.* Other clients of the Adviser may have investment objectives and policies similar to those of the Fund. The Adviser may, from time to time, make recommendations which result in the purchase or sale of a particular security by its other clients simultaneously with the Fund. If transactions on behalf of more than one client during the same period increase the demand for securities being purchased or the supply of securities being sold, there may be an adverse effect on price or quantity. It is the policy of the Adviser to allocate advisory recommendations and the placing of orders in a manner that it believes is equitable to the accounts involved, including the Fund. When two or more clients of the Adviser are purchasing or selling the same security on a given day from the same broker-dealer, such transactions may be averaged as to price.

*Different Investment Strategies.* The accounts managed by the Portfolio Managers have differing investment strategies. If the Portfolio Managers determine that an investment opportunity may be appropriate for only some of the accounts or decide that certain of the accounts should take different positions with respect to a particular security, the Portfolio Managers may effect transactions for one or more accounts which may affect the market price of the security or the execution of the transaction, or both, to the detriment or benefit of one or more other accounts.

*Variation in Compensation.* A conflict of interest may arise where the Adviser is compensated differently by the accounts that are managed by the Portfolio Managers. If certain accounts pay higher management fees or performance-based incentive fees, the Portfolio Managers might be motivated to prefer certain accounts over others. The Portfolio Managers might also be motivated to favor accounts in which they have a greater ownership interest or accounts that are more likely to enhance the Portfolio Managers' performance record or to otherwise benefit the Portfolio Managers.

*Selection of Brokers.* The Portfolio Managers select the brokers that execute securities transactions for the accounts that they supervise. In addition to executing trades, some brokers provide the Portfolio Managers with research and other services which may require the payment of higher brokerage fees than might otherwise be available. The Portfolio Managers' decision as to the selection of brokers could yield disproportionate costs and benefits among the accounts that

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they manage, since the research and other services provided by brokers may be more beneficial to some accounts than to others.

Where conflicts of interest arise between the Fund and other accounts managed by the Portfolio Managers, the Portfolio Managers will use good faith efforts so that the Fund will not be treated materially less favorably than other accounts. There may be instances where similar portfolio transactions may be executed for the same security for numerous accounts managed by the Portfolio Managers. In such instances, securities will be allocated in accordance with the Adviser's trade allocation policy.

(a)(3) Portfolio Manager Compensation as of October 31, 2010

The Portfolio Managers' compensation will be made up of a fixed salary amount which is not based on the value of the assets in the Registrant's portfolio. Annually, Alpine Woods Capital Investors LLC (the Adviser) may calculate bonus compensation to be paid to each portfolio manager as a percentage of salary based in large part on the Registrant's after-tax performance in comparison to other equity income funds during the same time period, which the Adviser considers to be a comparable peer group.

(a)(4) Dollar Range of Securities Owned as of October 31, 2010

| Portfolio Manager | Dollar Range of Equity Securities Held |         |
|-------------------|--|---------|
|                   | in Registrant <sup>1</sup>             |         |
| Jill K. Evans     | \$100,001                              | 500,000 |
| Kevin Shacknofsky | \$10,001                               | 50,000  |

<sup>1</sup> Beneficial Ownership is determined in accordance with Section 16a-1(a)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended

**Item 9. Purchases of Equity Securities by Closed-End Management Investment Company and Affiliated Purchasers.**

Not Applicable.

**Item 10. Submission of Matters to Vote of Security Holders.**

There have been no material changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the Registrant's Board of Trustees.

**Item 11. Controls and Procedures.**

- (a) The Registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have evaluated the Registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) within 90 days of this filing and have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and

procedures were effective, as of that date.



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- (b) There was no change in the Registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) during the second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

**Item 12. Exhibits.**

(a)(1) The Code of Ethics that applies to the Registrant's principal executive officer and principal financial officer is attached hereto as Exhibit 12.A.1.

(a)(2) The certifications required by Rule 30a-2(a) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto as Ex99.Cert.

(a)(3) Not applicable.

(b) The certifications by the Registrant's Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer, as required by Rule 30a-2(b) of the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 are attached hereto as Ex99.906Cert.

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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.

Alpine Total Dynamic Dividend Fund

By: /s/ Samuel A. Lieber  
Samuel A. Lieber  
Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

Date: January 7, 2011

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: /s/ Samuel A. Lieber  
Samuel A. Lieber  
Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

Date: January 7, 2011

By: /s/ Ronald G. Palmer, Jr.  
Ronald G. Palmer, Jr.  
Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)

Date: January 7, 2011