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Dear Investor:

Since the summer of 2007, the world has been experiencing a period of exceptional transformation. The fundamental impacts have been economic, but the implications for social and political structures may be more profound than the world has felt for over 40 years. Economic imbalances ranging from commodity inflation and fragile financial funding to income inequality and unemployment all played a role in fomenting societal eruptions this year. The Jasmine Revolution which begot the Arab Spring uprisings have been the most notable, but the Occupy Wall Street movement, riots from Greece to China, and the rallies in India and Russia over graft and fraud are among outbursts with political implications stemming largely from economic distress. As we look forward to 2012, elections in France, Egypt, Russia, China, Mexico and, of course, the United States may have long term significance, but in the short term the preceding periods may be notable for the lack of political action or possible missteps which investors might deem problematic for the economy. If economic stability is compromised over the next year, then future social and political stability may also suffer, so investors must be mindful of events both here and abroad. On the other hand, if the sovereign integrity of the Euro Zone is retained, then the prospect of a mere recession in Europe will probably have limited impact on the global economy. Alpine believes that stock prices have already factored in a more disruptive outlook.

Historically, a significant minority of the world's population has been able to utilize much of the world's resources with only modest concern for efficiency. Now, with over seven billion inhabitants on the planet, the developed economies are competitively forced to share more of the world's food, fuel and even economic capital with our neighbors. Up until 2007, the U.S. and Europe stretched the limits of our capital capacity to create debt with an issuance and distribution system which had become increasingly dependent upon lax credit ratings and easy capital reserve ratios. This provided the capacity to buy more or pay higher prices than we might have otherwise been inclined, whether as individuals or collectively as nations. Since then, broad avoidance and mistrust of credit-based risk has forced capital out of the lower rated investment market. Instead, cash has been parked in marginally productive safe investments, such as gold and Treasury bills, which do not stimulate economic activity. The potential combination of such risk avoidance with the forced deleveraging of over extended countries, companies and individuals could continue to dramatically impact asset values,

Source: IMF, Alpine

reduce capital for investment, decrease consumption and lower economic growth. Europe may well face such a spiraling scenario in 2012, given their already high levels (debt/GDP=80%+) of debt.

The reactionary tendency to stretching too far is to reverse course and, in this case, shrink leverage and practice restraint or even austerity. This approach may speed downsizing in a normal cycle, but when imbalances are as severe as now, purging the excesses could lead to a depression. An alternate approach to halting these deleterious trends would seek to sustain modest growth of the financial system in order to strengthen it while building a better model for allocating, evaluating and distributing capital, before shrinking obligations. In other words, it might be prudent to initially reinforce the dam, rather than let it erode before the next storm. Unfortunately, we have been in a period of transition which finds politicians embracing the safety of ideology when they should be attempting to understand complex economic interactions and debating the implications of any policy responses. We need fresh ideas and honest debate which could educate the public and instill confidence that government is leading the way forward. By default, the world's central bankers and treasury chiefs have been left to set the agenda to fix or replace financial structures and critical systems that have proved inadequate or were simply broken. The following chart shows how the lack of GDP growth from 2007 compromised developed market debt ratios, in contrast with emerging market countries which were able to both grow GDP (denominator) and reduce debt.

Source: IMF, Alpine

The current sovereign debt crisis in Europe is the product of structural limitations of the European Union (EU), which has limited the European Central Bank's (ECB) monetary capability. Market forces have finally compelled EU politicians to alleviate fiscal constraints and imbalances with new rules to be enacted in 2012. It is notable that the U.S. is the furthest advanced of the major

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economies in this fundamental struggle to restructure and redirect the capital market system. Nevertheless, our politicians have so far failed on the fiscal front to grow government revenues, shrink expenses or both. Yet deficits, spending and taxes are only part of the problem. People have been losing confidence in our leaders ability to control the financial system. In effect, we have to either

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find a new model or rework existing financial market structures to permit capital to grow and flow efficiently, while also providing meaningful safeguards and firebreaks to control risk from unseen exposures or contagion from derivative or contingent contracts.

2011: When It Rains, It Pours

The extended economic recovery since 2009 has survived a steady string of shocks to the system. No one could have predicted that food and energy price volatility would set off Arab Spring revolutions which have been reshaping the political landscape of the Middle East. Similarly, droughts throughout the world and flooding in other areas also hit food prices as did the destructive floods in Thailand, which further impacted both auto and tech production in that region. These events followed the horrific earthquake and tsunami in Japan, which seriously disrupted the global supply chain utilizing just in time production, resulting in slower global industrial production. While these events have combined to slow global economic growth during 2011, the biggest impediment to continuing recovery from the Great Recession of 2009 has been Europe's inability to restructure its financial mechanisms to insure financial integrity.

The current sentiment of investors reminds me of the lyrics from Bob Dylan's 1967 classic song called All Along the Watchtower which proclaims: There must be some way out of here...There's too much confusion, I can't get no relief. Businessmen they drink my wine and plowmen dig my earth, none of them along the line know what any of it is worth...So let us not talk falsely now, the hour is getting late... Indeed, the extended period of confusion and helplessness has hurt investors. Consumption and production continue but new investment has focused mostly on either prime or safe assets. Transaction volumes and prices have eroded across most asset classes because investors have been more concerned with the return of capital rather than returns on capital. Valuation metrics for any amount of risk, and especially for many sub-prime assets, have broken down, and investors no longer have adequate confidence in market prices. Unfortunately, politicians continue to talk falsely and have not been heeding the urgent need to tackle the problems of the 21st century economy. If the New Year brings more constructive engagement, then perhaps we can restore investor confidence, but looking at the current U.S. fiscal condition, it is clear that the hour is getting late.

Similar caution has been evident in the corporate sector over the last few years as companies built up financial liquidity, reduced capital expenditures and delayed hiring. Thus, uncertainty among both investors and the business sector, combined with stretched government fiscal conditions, has reduced capital investment in the economy. Add collapsing confidence in our leaders and we see limited ability to ignite the animal spirits. This is largely responsible for the historically unprecedented delay in recovery from recession. Since the U.S. economy's peak employment levels of January 2008 through the trough on February 2010, the economy shed roughly 8,750,000 jobs, only to add 2,460,000 over the following 21 months through this past November. If the economy were to sustain the latest three month average monthly gain in payrolls of 143,000 jobs

gained per month, we would not reach the old peak of employment until July of 2015, or roughly 7.5 years for a full recovery. Such duration without full recovery is already unprecedented except for the Great Depression!

Traditionally, the two great engines of the U.S. economy have been homebuilding and the automobile industry, both of which extended a multiplier effect to other industries producing products used in cars and homes. While car sales are estimated to achieve annual volume of 12.7 million vehicles, this is still roughly 27% below 2005's peak of trailing 12-month moving average sales. New home sales have been running 77% below the July, 2005 peak levels. Both industries have sought productivity enhancements either through automation of production or prefabrication of components, (further reducing headcounts) add to this cutbacks in the finance sector of the economy, and these industries constitute over 50% of the lower levels of employment since the peak. Clearly our economy has not been running on all cylinders, and we must find new ways of creating goods and services if we cannot currently rekindle historic levels of demand in the near future. Perhaps the downturn has accelerated the transition from an industrial economy to a service economy.

Europe ...Can't Get No Relief... : From Sub-Prime to Sub-Sovereign

While the U.S. is clearly not out of the woods, recent economic activity demonstrated by industrial production numbers and the stability of the financial system are far better than Europe or Japan. Europe's problems, like ours, began to appear in 2007 as the value of subprime debt and the lack of transparency of derivative investments raised the specter of European banks collapsing under excessive use of leverage. In addition to questionable investments and corporate loans, it has become evident over the past

year and a half that these banks also had exposure to the debt of other European banks and European nations, including the weaker peripheral countries.

The economic importance of major financial institutions within the Euro block is reflected by the relative size of their debts, which constitute over 4.5 trillion Euros of bonds outstanding, in contrast with over 6.5 trillion Euros issued by governments. The size of the European banking sector is so significant because over 80% of corporate credit is originated or supported by banks' balance sheets which require liquidity to inventory loans until they are sold. This contrasts with the U.S., where banks support roughly 40% of all the corporate debt originated while most is, in fact, created directly in the capital markets. In this light, it should be critical for both banks and countries to reduce their debts or increase revenues and raise capital.

...A Way Out of Here for Europe

With the Euro Zone's debt to GDP levels ranging from 80% to 115% (and higher for Greece), the problem at hand is to create a fiscal system to oversee the budget process of each country. Under current conditions, this could mandate either higher taxes or

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austerity measures, which will likely slow economic activity. While this oversight mechanism may not include the ability to tax EU members, it could provide a level of economic control which would facilitate the ECB acting like an interim EU treasury. Over time, we would expect to see significant asset relief as the ECB may follow the Fed's lead and provide quantitative easing (i.e., buy bonds and other debt in the market place in order to inject more money into the system). It may also be essential to create a treasury for issuance of Euro-denominated bonds backed by all the member nations to cover at least a portion of each individual country's outstanding debt obligations. This would significantly reduce the interest costs for countries which currently have a high rate imposed upon them by the market, such as Italy, where the cost of five year bonds rose from 4.1% at the beginning of July to 7.7% by late November. By comparison, German five year money rose from under 1% recently to a high of 1.3%, which might be more reflective of overall Euro denominated debt if it were to come into being. Thus, over time, we believe the political desire for stability will likely lead to the creation of a complete financial infrastructure which could enhance long term stability in the Euro Zone.

Assuming the sovereign debt is stabilized, we would anticipate that the next stage will be recapitalization of European banks. These can either take the form of public market equity raises, mergers or some form of nationalization. It is worth noting that the U.S., Australian and U.K banks, insurance companies and real estate companies commenced recapitalizations and asset sales during early 2009. We expect most European financial institutions to finally begin the same process in 2012, some three years behind their Anglo counterparts. In light of this delay and the aforementioned discussion of the role which European banks play in the corporate capital structure, it is apparent that time needed to heal the excessive debt ratios may also significantly constrain corporate activity. Thus, it is not surprising that most economists expect a recession for Europe in 2012 followed by years of limited growth. However, if successful actions are taken, the decline might only last for one year.

Do Investors Know What Any of It is Worth... ?

A unique aspect of this market in which risk avoidance reigns supreme is that many investors have pulled back on historically perceived higher risk investments such as cyclical industries, commodities, junk bonds and forex exposure. Once the overall level of risk subsides, we would expect most investors will gradually begin to focus on achieving returns on invested capital and resume a longer term perspective. They may start asking questions, such as; (1) where are business or economic conditions going to be favorable for corporate earnings growth, and (2) where is the greatest need for new capital investment? They may also analyze differences between short term investments, medium duration as well as multi year opportunities. For example, over the short term, it is pretty evident that global growth has been slowing, although there may be a few countries where 2012 projections are higher than 2011. For example, Japan is slowly in the process of rebuilding following the devastating earthquake last spring, so several domestic oriented companies should benefit from ongoing stimulus to the economy.

Several other countries that had been managing inflation via restrictive monetary policies during 2011 have begun to lower interest rates in response to overall slowing global growth. This group would include Australia and New Zealand, as well as Brazil, China and Indonesia. Several other countries such as India, Chile and Mexico will also likely ease rates over the coming few months. This new monetary stimulus contrasts sharply with the extraordinarily low interest rates prevalent in core Europe, U.S. and Japan where rates may already be near bottom.

While interest rate cuts could provide a catalyst for short term equity revaluation, longer term valuations are typically dependent upon prevailing business trends which could enhance earnings growth. While most countries are forecast to enjoy improving GDP growth in 2013 versus 2012, several countries in Southeast Asia and Latin America could offer superior medium-term and multi-year growth outlooks, based on demographic, economic and business trends.

The potential for long-term growth and competitive dynamics leading to a return of inflation and, hence, higher interest rates should eventually focus attention on those companies which deserve premiums based on superior adaptability or pricing power, historical innovation, strong market position and elasticity of demand. Unfortunately, index based exchange traded funds, basket traders and momentum algorithm traders have reduced market behavior to risk-on, risk-off single variable daily directional bets. However, as investors return, markets should once again gauge equity and asset valuations in reaction to perceived changes in business prospects and the economy. From currently depressed valuations, the return of investors to equities as directional uncertainty and confusion is relieved could lead to significant revaluation potential over an extended period of time. For a wide variety of distinct businesses, whose prospects evolve with the business cycle, investors may also take a longer term holding period. The efficiency

of capital markets will likely depend upon a normalization of investor behavior.

Seven Billion and Counting

Towards the end of October the world population officially went over 7 billion people and it is expected to exceed 8 billion by 2025 and 9 billion by 2050. The current sentiment favoring austerity is antithetical to the pressures of this reality, and austerity measures may remain limited to Europe, where population growth is projected to be negligible. However, social and economic pressure for government and business led capital investment may stimulate expansion for much of the world. Not only must the world find food and shelter for the next generation, but we must make this a more efficient and more understandable world. Technology promised to do the latter, and it has made the world a much smaller place in many ways, but information flow has added complexity and sometimes confusion. Resolving this credit crisis, reorganizing our banking structures and perhaps redefining the priorities of our political representatives, should be very important if developed countries hope to participate in meeting the needs of growing cities in the emerging economies. Economic, social and political change

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are often inter-related so it is not surprising to see the pressures finally boiling over, whether in the Middle East, Greece or even Russia and the U.S. The hopeful emergence of more democratic economies focused on providing individual rights and human needs, will likely be dependent upon the U.S. leading an effective global capital market system. The bottom line is that demographic trends should sustain demand for goods and services, although the nature and timing of this potential will be subject to how the complex web of global development evolves.

...Now the Hour is Getting Late , Focus on What is Most Important

We believe the markets will remain volatile, but to a lesser degree than experienced during 2008 and, of course, 2011. While the exact nature of the economic and political environment to which we are transitioning is not fully clear, what is evident is the need for action and responsible dialogue and debate over the economic realities we face. Individuals and markets should always do better when there is more transparency and understanding. We can each determine our own view of the road ahead if we have enough data and information.

Alpine believes that the economic world should continue with the U.S. as the dominant player, while acknowledging that the other players are changing, particularly as so-called Emerging Markets sustain faster growth and, thus, are set to become a larger force. For now, the U.S. Federal Reserve is the guiding light for most other central banks, as is our economy. This is a world that in most cases merely aspires to what we already have. In our opinion, the U.S. must sustain its competitive advantage through technological innovations which is dependent upon our best educational institutions sustaining top global standards. Vocational schools should be elevated to artisanal standards and encourage apprenticeship for craftsmen. By combining technology and artisanship, our corporations can create better ways of designing, building and delivering superior goods and services. Ideally, these are the companies in which we all seek to invest.

Even when it is dark with storm clouds overhead, Alpine will endeavor to find investment opportunities on your behalf. We look forward to keeping you up to date on our progress and, in this regard, we have embarked on a new approach to streamline the information provided in our individual fund manager reports to shareholders. We are using a simpler format, which we will supplement with commentary from portfolio managers and analysts on our website. In particular, we believe this will allow our message to be focused on both timely and germane topics of discussion. Thus, we encourage shareholders to periodically click on the Alpine Funds website to keep up to date with our thinking and reactions to the capital markets, as well as the world at large. Our goal is to aid in your understanding of the factors which may influence investment decisions for all of us.

In closing, let me express my great appreciation and admiration for Laurence Ashkin, who has retired from his role as a director of Alpine's Mutual Funds. Larry has been supporting and guiding us

since we opened our doors in 1998. He has always set Alpine's fiduciary responsibilities first and offered his insights to all board members. His presence, counsel and commitment shall be missed. We wish him well.

Thank you for your continued support and interest.

Sincerely,

Samuel A. Lieber
President

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Performance

The Alpine Total Dynamic Dividend Fund's 2011 fiscal year return was a decline of 2.19% on the market price of AOD and a decline of 2.28% on the Fund's NAV including dividend reinvestments. The Fund distributed a regular monthly dividend of \$0.055 per share, or \$0.660 per share annualized, plus a special year end payment of \$0.01 per share on 12/31/10. The comparative returns of relevant indices were +8.09% for the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, a negative total return of 4.94% for the Euro STOXX 600 Index in U.S. dollar terms, and a negative 0.68% return for the MSCI All World Index ex-Japan in U.S. dollar terms for the same time period.

Drivers of Performance

Fiscal year performance changed significantly from the first half of the fiscal year, when we reported a 21.98% total return on the Fund's NAV and an 18.82% increase in AOD's market price, which compared with a 16.36% gain for the S&P 500 Index, a 15.50% gain for the Euro STOXX 600 and a 14.89% gain for the MSCI All World Index ex-Japan in U.S. dollar terms for the same time period, to the second half of the year. The principal change that reversed the positive performance in the first half of the fiscal year related principally to the Fund's investment positions in international markets. AOD provides global diversification for our investors by investing, under normal circumstances, 50% of our assets in foreign securities. We do not actively manage our country weightings—we pick our holdings on a stock by stock basis based on dividend potential and total return. This bottom-up approach had taken a large portion of our holdings to Europe, as the dividend payout ratios remain higher than any other region. We also have found numerous compelling growth and income opportunities that have led us to invest more in Asia and Latin America.

Renewed economic uncertainty in the U.S., challenges in important emerging markets such as Brazil and China, together with growing apprehension about the European sovereign debt crisis led to overall negative performance for our investment portfolio in the second half of fiscal 2011. With the U.S. being viewed as a safe haven during crisis, international markets significantly underperformed. From the market highs on 4/29/11 at the end of first half fiscal 2011 to the market lows on 10/3/11, the S&P 500 Index declined by 18.64% compared with the Brazilian Bovespa Index which declined by 36.05%, the Euro STOXX 600 Index which declined by 28.13%, and the Hong Kong Hang Sen Index which declined by 27.56%. This particularly impacted the portfolio because of our long term emphasis on the search for high yielding, high quality securities overseas that declined despite attractive fundamentals and positive longer term growth and income opportunities.

Our dividend capture strategy tends to be seasonally focused in Europe in the first half of the calendar year, with peak exposure occurring during the spring. Due to our concern that the sovereign debt crisis would adversely impact the euro, we hedged our currency exposure in Europe. This concern, regarding the currency, did not materialize before we exited our hedge position after the conclusion of our peak exposure during the dividend capture period.

The Fund also has the flexibility to leverage up to 33 % of its total assets if management believes there are opportunities for either dividend capture or capital appreciation, and we generally employ leverage during our dividend capture periods. During the fiscal year ending October 31, 2011 the Fund has used its leverage line on several occasions.

With our investment strategies reflecting the macro challenges in international markets, the Fund ended fiscal year 2011 with 46.9% of assets in U.S. based companies, reflecting our view that many U.S. companies will continue to report strong earnings and cash flow in the months ahead and the U.S. will likely maintain its safe haven status as global macro volatility is likely to persist into 2012. Given the continued uncertain outlook that remains for the Euro region, we have ended the fiscal year with less than 9% of our assets invested in Euro denominated currencies. Further, we will continue to seek a high level of income generation which has been an objective of the Fund since its inception.

Top Five Contributors

The top five contributors to the Fund's performance over the past twelve months, based on contribution to the Fund's total return were IBM (31.12%), Tupperware (32.11%), Occidental Petroleum (22.71%), Mechel (24.13%), and Seadrill (20.88%).

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IBM's earnings growth exceeded Wall Street targets for much of the past year, driven by a combination of strong top line growth, good expense management and generous shareholder returns. The company's strong free cash flow and recurring revenue streams have allowed it to grow its 1.7% dividend yield at 21% per annum. We have been a long term shareholder in this position.

Tupperware is global direct seller of kitchen and personal care products that has benefited from strong overseas growth as 80% of sales are international and 55% are exposed to developing markets and the emerging market consumer. Due to the strong performance and concerns about the negative impact of a strengthening U.S. dollar on its earnings, we took profits and are no longer a shareholder.

Occidental Petroleum 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, and we remain holders of the stock.

Mechel is a Russian based metallurgical coal company that benefited from flooding related supply disruptions in Australia that resulted in a 50% increase in prices. Due to the strong performance we took profits and are no longer a shareholder.

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Seadrill is a leader in the technologically advanced deepwater and ultra-deepwater rig markets, which are experiencing 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. Following its aggressive newbuild program and acquisition strategy, it now has one of the world's youngest fleets and is committed to returning cash to shareholders with a current dividend yield of almost 9% and we remain holders of the stock.

Bottom Five Contributors

The bottom five contributors that had the largest adverse impact on the performance of the Fund over the fiscal year were China Yurun Food Group (-72.43%), China National Building Material (-39.77%), Hypermecas (-61.33%), Citigroup (-29.92%), and Morgan Stanley (-37.31%).

Our worst performing stock was China Yurun Food Group. As a large integrated producer and distributor of pork products it is a strong beneficiary of rising demand for meat that resulted from the strong wage growth in China. A quality control scandal resulted in negative news flow which adversely affected sales. This combined with insider selling resulted in a collapse in the share price. We are no longer a shareholder of the company.

China National Building Company is one of China's largest cement manufacturers. The company is a beneficiary of China's aggressive fixed asset investment program and was expected to be boosted by the 10 million new home starts announced as part of the China's new social housing program. However aggressive tightening of monetary conditions and negative rhetoric and policy by the government against real estate resulted in a severe sell off in the stock despite the company reporting earnings that beat consensus. We exited this investment.

Hypermecas management's decision to implement more stringent payment terms in early 2011 led to an inventory correction at its customers. As growth slowed, the shares have languished.

Citigroup, along with most of the U.S. financial sector, was hit hard in 2011 on the risks of a financial contagion coming from Europe and the lack of loan growth and interest margin in the U.S. However, we believe Citigroup is an attractive long term holding based on more than half of its earnings coming from emerging markets, where loan growth is strong, the shedding of its under-performing assets, its strong Tier 1 common equity, its relatively low exposure to the U.S. mortgage market, and its attractive valuation. Accordingly, we remain holders of the stock.

Morgan Stanley was also negatively impacted with the U.S. financial sector in 2011. However, we remain holders of this stock as we believe the company's strong investment banking and wealth management businesses should improve in 2012 along with regulatory clarity and its attractive valuation.

Summary

History of the Fund With Positioning

AOD seeks to achieve both dividend income and long-term growth of capital while offering investors diversification through international equity exposure where we find attractive growth plus generally higher dividend yields. While our focus is on total return, we provide our investors with a significant proportion of the return that comes from dividend income. We scan the globe looking for the best dividend opportunities for our investors, employing research-driven investment strategies.

Outlook for the Market and Economy

As we look into 2012, we remain cautious in the short term but we believe that the longer term outlook for dividend paying equities is more bullish. We expect continued volatility in equity markets and below trend economic growth in 2012 as many countries in Europe face austerity measures to curb sovereign debt concerns and as the U.S. and global economies are struggling with sluggish growth, high food and energy inflation, and stubbornly high unemployment. Plus, political headline risk will likely continue to drive market swings with the ongoing sovereign debt issues in Europe and the U.S. Presidential election in 2012. However, while sovereign nations are struggling with large debt burdens, corporate balance sheet quality is high and many companies are sitting

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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 if some clarity comes out of Europe and volatility declines.

Over the long term, we continue to remain optimistic that dividend stocks will attract increasing amounts of capital despite the recent volatility in equity prices as investors around the world search for income. Global demographics point to an aging population in the industrialized world and 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. Since the year 2000, dividends not stock price appreciation are the reason for the S&P 500's positive return. Without dividends, the price of the S&P 500 Index declined by -14.70% but with reinvested dividends the total return for the S&P 500 is +5.95%.

In summary, we see both opportunities and risks in 2012. The Fund's approach during these uncertain times is to remain broadly diversified within the dividend-paying universe. We strive to keep our portfolio balanced and maintain our barbell approach to our stock selections. At one end, we look for attractive investment

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opportunities in some more defensive companies with sustainable earnings and cash flow growth and the potential for increasing dividends. At the other end of the barbell, we search for attractive value opportunities in more cyclical sectors where prices had been punished during the economic downturn and where we believe long term growth prospects are still attractive.

Our goals remain clear. We intend to continue to seek to provide a strong dividend yield and grow our NAV over the long term and we seek to achieve these goals with lower volatility than we have seen over the past several years as we strive to be the dividend income fund of choice for investors. Thank you for your support of the Alpine Total Dynamic Dividend Fund and we look forward to more prosperous years in 2012 and beyond.

Sincerely,

Jill K. Evans and Kevin Shacknofsky
Co-Portfolio Managers

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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.

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.

Mutual fund investing involves risk. Principal loss is possible. The Fund is subject to the following risks:

Dividend Strategy Risk The Fund's strategy of investing in dividend-paying stocks involves the risk that such stocks may fall out of favor with investors and underperforms the market. Companies that issue dividend paying-stocks are not required to continue to pay dividends on such stocks. Therefore, there is the possibility that such companies could reduce or eliminate the payment of dividends in the future.

Emerging Market Securities Risk The risks of investing in foreign securities can be intensified in the case of investments in issuers domiciled or operating in emerging market countries. These risks include lack of liquidity and greater price volatility, greater risks of expropriation, less developed legal systems and less reliable custodial services and settlement practices.

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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).

Foreign Securities Risk Public information available concerning foreign issuers may be more limited than would be with respect to domestic issuers. Different accounting standards may be used by foreign issuers, and foreign trading markets may not be as liquid as U.S. markets. Currency fluctuations could erase investment gains or add to investment losses. Additionally, foreign securities also involve possible imposition of withholding or confiscatory taxes and adverse political or economic developments. These risks may be greater in emerging markets.

Management Risk The Adviser's judgment about the quality, relative yield or value of, or market trends affecting, a particular security or sector, or about interest rates generally, may be incorrect. The Adviser's security selections and other investment decisions might produce losses or cause the Fund to underperform when compared to other funds with similar investment objectives and strategies.

Portfolio Turnover Risk High portfolio turnover necessarily results in greater transaction costs which may reduce Fund performance.

Qualified Dividend Tax Risk Favorable U.S. Federal tax treatment of Fund distributions may be adversely affected, changed or repealed by future changes in tax laws.

Undervalued Stock Risk Undervalued stocks may perform differently from the market as a whole and may continue to be undervalued by the market for long periods of time. Although the Fund will not concentrate its investments in any one industry or industry groups, it may weigh its investments towards certain industries, thus increasing its exposure to factors adversely affecting issues within these industries.

Manager Commentary

October 31, 2011

Leverage Risk Leverage creates the likelihood of greater volatility of net asset value; the possibility either that share income will fall if the interest rate on any borrowings rises, or that share income and distributions will fluctuate because the interest rate on any borrowings varies; and if the Fund leverages through borrowings, the Fund may not be permitted to declare dividends or other distributions with respect to its common shares or purchase its capital stock, unless at the time thereof the Fund meets certain asset coverage requirements. The Adviser in its best judgment nevertheless may determine to maintain the Fund's leveraged position if it deems such action to be appropriate in the circumstances.

Initial Public Offerings Risk The Fund may invest a portion of its assets in shares of IPOs. IPOs may have a magnified impact on the performance of a Fund with a small asset base. The impact of IPOs on a Fund's performance likely will decrease as the Fund's asset size increases, which could reduce the Fund's returns. IPOs may not be consistently available to a Fund for investing. IPO shares frequently are volatile in price due to the absence of a prior public market, the small number of shares available for trading and limited information about the issuer. Therefore, a Fund may hold IPO shares for a very short period of time. This may increase the turnover of a Fund and may lead to increased expenses for a Fund, such as commissions and transaction costs. In addition, IPO shares can experience an immediate drop in value if the demand for the securities does not continue to support the offering price.

The following are definitions of some of the terms used in this report:

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.

The MSCI All Country World Index (ex Japan) is a free float-adjusted market capitalization weighted index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed and emerging market country indices (excluding Japan). 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.

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.

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.

This is a Closed-end fund and does not continuously offer shares.

Manager Commentary

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PERFORMANCE⁽¹⁾ As of October 31, 2011

	Ending Value as of 10/31/11	1 Year	3 Years	Since Inception ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾
Alpine Total Dynamic Dividend Fund NAV	\$5.13	(2.28%)	3.50%	(10.26%)
Alpine Total Dynamic Dividend Fund Market Price	\$4.90	(2.19%)	0.71%	(12.00%)
S&P 500 Index		8.09%	11.41%	(0.53%)
STOXX 600		(4.94%)	10.42%	(3.47%)

⁽¹⁾ Performance information calculated after consideration of dividend reinvestment.

⁽²⁾ Commenced operations on January 26, 2007.

⁽³⁾ Annualized.

⁽⁴⁾ 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 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	2.7%	Switzerland
International Business Machines Corp.	2.5%	United States
GlaxoSmithKline PLC-ADR	2.2%	United Kingdom

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LyondellBasell Industries NV-Class A	2.2%	Netherlands
Unilever PLC	2.2%	United Kingdom
Vodafone Group PLC-ADR	2.2%	United Kingdom
Diageo PLC	2.1%	United Kingdom
Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing, Ltd.	2.1%	Hong Kong
British American Tobacco PLC	2.1%	United Kingdom
McDonald's Corp.	2.0%	United States
Top 10 Holdings	22.3%	

TOP 5 COUNTRIES*

United States	46.9%
United Kingdom	17.9%
Switzerland	9.1%
Brazil	7.4%
Norway	3.9%

* *Portfolio holdings and sector distributions are as of 10/31/11 and are subject to change. Portfolio holdings are not recommendations to buy or sell any securities. Top 10 Holdings do not include short-term investments. Portfolio Distributions percentages are based on total investments and Top 10 Holdings percentages are based on total net assets.*

Manager Commentary

October 31, 2011

REGIONAL ALLOCATION** *As of October 31, 2011*

***As a percentage of total investments, excluding any short-term investments.*

NAV AND MARKET PRICE *As of October 31, 2011*

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Report of Independent Registered Public
Accounting Firm

October 31, 2011

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, 2011, 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 the 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, 2011, 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 Fund as of October 31, 2011, 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, 2011

Schedule of Portfolio Investments

October 31, 2011

Description	Shares	Value (Note 1)
COMMON STOCKS (102.3%)		
Australia (1.5%)		
QR National, Ltd.	4,994,712	\$17,256,636
Brazil (7.4%)		
Anhanguera Educacional Participacoes SA	914,700	13,452,646
BR Malls Participacoes SA	915,700	9,893,838
BR Properties SA	200,300	2,018,342
CCR SA	401,800	11,058,071
MRV Engenharia e Participacoes SA	2,594,900	18,288,313
PDG Realty SA Empreendimentos e Participacoes	4,164,852	18,363,823
Telefonica Brasil SA-ADR	390,500	11,332,310
		84,407,343
Canada (1.5%)		
Goldcorp, Inc.	121,839	5,950,617
Potash Corp. of Saskatchewan, Inc.	220,900	10,455,197
		16,405,814
China (0.5%)		
Giant Interactive Group, Inc.-ADR	1,489,000	5,792,210
Sun Art Retail Group, Ltd.*	59,752	77,374
		5,869,584
Finland (0.9%)		
Fortum OYJ	415,400	10,110,070
France (2.0%)		
Delachaux SA	63,000	4,632,352
LVMH Moet Hennessy Louis Vuitton SA	111,500	18,480,456
		23,112,808
Germany (2.6%)		
Fresenius Medical Care AG & Co. SAP AG	219,162	15,965,003
	223,600	13,520,627
		29,485,630
Hong Kong (2.1%)		
Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing, Ltd.	1,403,800	23,743,828
Israel (1.0%)		
Bezeq The Israeli Telecommunication Corp., Ltd.	5,268,900	11,134,321

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Netherlands (2.2%)		
LyondellBasell Industries		
NV-Class A	759,977	24,972,844
Norway (3.9%)		
Orkla ASA	1,257,600	10,902,501
Seadrill, Ltd.	671,300	22,044,862
Statoil Fuel & Retail ASA*	1,466,053	11,603,931
		44,551,294
Description	Shares	Value (Note 1)
Singapore (0.6%)		
Global Logistic Properties, Ltd.*	5,041,577	\$ 7,019,536
Spain (1.1%)		
Abertis Infraestructuras SA	728,945	11,995,216
Sweden (1.1%)		
Atlas Copco AB-A Shares	560,400	12,182,804
Switzerland (9.1%)		
ABB, Ltd.-ADR*	570,004	10,721,775
Nestle SA	527,900	30,532,501
Novartis AG-ADR	387,300	21,870,831
Syngenta AG*	40,383	12,305,544
The Swatch Group AG	28,200	11,871,811
Transocean, Ltd.	284,597	16,264,719
		103,567,181
United Kingdom (17.9%)		
British American Tobacco PLC	513,700	23,553,305
Cairn Energy PLC*	2,417,383	11,416,878
Diageo PLC	1,164,000	24,089,870
easyJet PLC*	459,000	2,630,510
Enesco PLC-ADR	175,377	8,709,222
GlaxoSmithKline PLC-ADR	568,653	25,469,968
Imperial Tobacco Group PLC	337,700	12,301,368
National Grid PLC	2,249,500	22,364,619
Petrofac, Ltd.	264,300	6,071,193
Unilever PLC	734,200	24,610,490
Vodafone Group PLC-ADR	880,100	24,501,984
Xstrata PLC	1,052,600	17,532,682
		203,252,089
United States (46.9%)		
Alpha Natural Resources, Inc.*	112,098	2,694,836
American Tower Corp.-Class A*	185,016	10,194,382
Baker Hughes, Inc.	201,392	11,678,722
Barrick Gold Corp.	121,760	6,027,120
BorgWarner, Inc.*	78,479	6,002,859
Carnival Corp.	316,460	11,142,557
CBS Corp.-Class B	464,698	11,993,855
Chevron Corp.	112,188	11,785,349
Citigroup, Inc.	604,447	19,094,481
Coach, Inc.	222,264	14,462,718
Cummins, Inc.	61,285	6,093,567
FedEx Corp.	72,161	5,904,935
Freeport-McMoRan		
Copper & Gold, Inc.	280,000	11,272,800
Halliburton Co.	241,630	9,027,297

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Hasbro, Inc.	299,640	11,404,298
Hewlett-Packard Co.	364,874	9,709,297
Intel Corp.	580,729	14,251,090
International Business Machines Corp.	156,016	28,805,234
ITC Holdings Corp.	311,502	22,639,965
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	585,971	20,368,352
Kraft Foods, Inc. -Class A	319,023	11,223,229

Schedule of Portfolio Investments

October 31, 2011

Description	Shares	Value (Note 1)
United States (continued)		
McDonald's Corp.	248,682	\$23,090,124
Merck & Co., Inc.	419,620	14,476,890
Microchip Technology, Inc.	401,030	14,501,245
Microsoft Corp.	198,200	5,278,066
Morgan Stanley	778,384	13,730,694
Norfolk Southern Corp.	173,530	12,839,485
Occidental Petroleum Corp.	132,519	12,316,316
Oracle Corp.	417,336	13,676,101
Pfizer, Inc.	608,183	11,713,605
QUALCOMM, Inc.	328,197	16,934,965
Regal Entertainment Group-Class A	784,810	11,332,656
Ryder System, Inc.	135,220	6,888,107
Sara Lee Corp.	968,400	17,237,520
Schlumberger, Ltd.	160,501	11,792,008
Snap-On, Inc.	119,392	6,407,769
Target Corp.	101,041	5,531,995
The Boeing Co.	252,967	16,642,699
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	39,726	4,351,983
The Mosaic Co.	157,079	9,198,546
Tupperware Brands Corp.	96,540	5,458,372
United Technologies Corp.	160,685	12,530,216
Wells Fargo & Co.	610,963	15,830,051
Yum! Brands, Inc.	256,526	13,742,098
		531,278,454
TOTAL COMMON STOCKS (Identified Cost \$1,099,099,684)		1,160,345,452
PREFERRED STOCKS (0.0%)(1)		
Brazil (0.0%)(1)		
Cia Brasileira de Distribuicao Grupo Pao de Acucar SA	1,806	68,901
TOTAL PREFERRED STOCKS (Identified Cost \$71,682)		68,901
TOTAL INVESTMENTS (Identified Cost \$1,099,171,366) - (102.3%)(2)		1,160,414,353
LIABILITIES IN EXCESS OF OTHER ASSETS - (-2.3%)		(26,373,348)

NET ASSETS (100.0%)

\$ 1,134,041,005

* *Non-income producing security.*

(1) *Less than 0.05% of Net Assets.*

(2) *Includes securities pledged as collateral for line of credit outstanding on October 31, 2011.*

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

ADR - American Depositary Receipt

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

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

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

OYJ - Osakeyhtio is the Finnish equivalent of a limited company.

PLC - Public Limited Company

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

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

October 31, 2011

ASSETS

Investments, at value ⁽¹⁾	\$1,160,414,353
Foreign currency, at value ⁽²⁾	567,584
Receivable for investment securities sold	66,163,166
Dividends receivable	17,098,571
Dividends receivable on total return swap contracts	848
Prepaid and other assets	25,773
Total Assets	1,244,270,295

LIABILITIES

Loan payable	46,571,483
Interest on loan payable	4,519
Payable for investment securities purchased	62,032,574
Accrued expenses and other liabilities:	
Investment advisory fees	952,731
Administrative fees	36,768
Compliance fees	153,855
Other	477,360
Total Liabilities	110,229,290

Net Assets	\$1,134,041,005
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NET ASSETS REPRESENTED BY

Paid-in-capital	\$4,078,883,629
Undistributed net investment income	11,503,002
Accumulated net realized loss on investments, swap contracts, and foreign currency	(3,018,098,816)
Net unrealized appreciation on investments and foreign currency translations	61,753,190
Net Assets	\$1,134,041,005
Net asset value	
Net assets	\$1,134,041,005
Shares of beneficial interest issued and outstanding	221,030,493
Net asset value per share	\$5.13

⁽¹⁾ Total Cost of Investments	\$1,099,171,366
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⁽²⁾ Total Cost of Foreign Currency	\$575,081
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See Notes to Financial Statements.

Statement of Operations

For the Year Ended October 31, 2011

INCOME

Dividends*	\$164,446,940
Total Income	164,446,940

EXPENSES

Interest on loan	812,440
Investment advisory fee	14,481,270
Administrative fee	1,065,507
Audit and tax fees	109,840
Custodian fees	204,743
Compliance fees	158,073
Insurance fees	37,696
Legal fees	115,992
Printing fees	517,182
Trustee fees	73,974
NYSE fees	243,228
Miscellaneous fees	186,255
Total Expenses	18,006,200
Net Investment Income	146,440,740

NET REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS, SWAP CONTRACTS AND FOREIGN CURRENCY

Net realized loss on investments:	
Securities transactions	(377,932)
Swap contracts	(2,674,510)
Foreign currency transactions	(31,270,517)
Net realized loss on investments	(34,322,959)
Change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) of:	
Investments	(140,286,084)
Foreign currency translations	5,350,350
Net unrealized depreciation of investments	(134,935,734)
Net realized/unrealized loss on investments, swap contracts and foreign currency	(169,258,693)
Net Decrease in Net Assets Resulting from Operations	\$(22,817,953)
* Net of foreign taxes withheld	\$13,535,575

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Statement of Changes in Net Assets

	For the Year Ended October 31, 2011	For the Year Ended October 31, 2010
OPERATIONS		
Net investment income	\$146,440,740	\$166,763,153
Net realized loss on investments:		
Securities transactions	(377,932)	(227,497,674)
Swap contracts	(2,674,510)	(30,232,239)
Foreign currency transactions	(31,270,517)	(4,751,455)
Net change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) of:		
Investments	(140,286,084)	195,672,327
Foreign currency translations	5,350,350	(15,605,584)
Net increase/(decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	(22,817,953)	84,348,528
DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS		
From net investment income	(148,090,420)	(260,750,863)
Net decrease in net assets resulting from distributions to shareholders	(148,090,420)	(260,750,863)
CAPTIAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS		
Common stock issued to stockholders from reinvestment of dividends		28,668,838
Net increase in net assets derived from capital share transactions		28,668,838
Net Decrease in Net Assets	(170,908,373)	(147,733,497)
Net Assets		
Beginning of year	1,304,949,378	1,452,682,875
End of year*	\$1,134,041,005	\$1,304,949,378
* Including undistributed net investment income of:	\$11,503,002	\$15,915,461

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Financial Highlights

	For the Year Ended October 31, 2011	For the Year Ended October 31, 2010	For the Year Ended October 31, 2009	For the Year Ended October 31, 2008	For the Period Ended October 31, 2007 ⁽¹⁾
PER COMMON SHARE OPERATING PERFORMANCE					
Net asset value per share, beginning of period	\$5.90	\$6.68	\$7.85	\$20.23	\$19.10
Income/(loss) from investment operations:					
Net investment income	0.66	0.76	1.61	2.49	2.14
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments, swap contracts and foreign currency	(0.76)	(0.35)	(1.10)	(12.17)	0.46
Total from investment operations	(0.10)	0.41	0.51	(9.68)	2.60
LESS DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS					
From net investment income	(0.67)	(1.19)	(1.68)	(2.70)	(1.44)
Total distributions	(0.67)	(1.19)	(1.68)	(2.70)	(1.44)
CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS					
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	\$5.13	\$5.90	\$6.68	\$7.85	\$20.23
Per share market value, end of period	\$4.90	\$5.63	\$8.47	\$8.15	\$19.90
Total return based on:					
Net Asset Value ⁽²⁾	(2.28)%	4.52%	8.71% ⁽⁶⁾	(52.86)%	14.09%
Market Value ⁽²⁾	(2.19)%	(21.34)%	32.76%	(50.25)%	7.01%
RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA					
Net Assets attributable to common shares, at end of period (000)	\$1,134,041	\$1,304,949	\$1,452,683	\$1,660,807	\$4,149,029
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.35%	1.53%	1.45%	1.35%	1.25% ⁽³⁾
Ratio of total expenses excluding interest expense to average net assets	1.29%	1.42%	1.41%	1.30%	

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Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	11.00%	12.19%	24.48%	17.06%	14.63% ⁽³⁾
Portfolio turnover rate ⁽⁴⁾	367%	487%	653%	423%	148% ⁽⁵⁾

Borrowing at End of Period

Aggregate Amount Outstanding (000)	\$46,571	\$179,465	\$75,605	N/A	N/A
Asset Coverage Per \$1,000 (000)	\$25,351	\$8,271	\$20,214	N/A	N/A

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

⁽²⁾ Total investment 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 investment return on net asset value reflects at \$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.

⁽³⁾ Annualized.

⁽⁴⁾ Portfolio turnover rate does not reflect total return swap transactions. (See Note 2 under Notes to Financial Statements)

⁽⁵⁾ Not Annualized.

⁽⁶⁾ In 2009, 0.09% of the Fund's total return consists of a voluntary reimbursement by the Adviser 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%.

See Notes to Financial Statements.

Notes to Financial Statements

October 31, 2011

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 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.

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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

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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 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 input sare 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, 2011:

Valuation Inputs

Investments in Securities at Value*	Level 1*	Level 2*	Level 3**	Total Value
Common Stocks				
Australia	\$	\$ 17,256,636	\$	\$ 17,256,636
Brazil	84,407,343			84,407,343
Canada	16,405,814			16,405,814
China	5,869,584			5,869,584
Finland		10,110,070		10,110,070
France		23,112,808		23,112,808
Germany		29,485,630		29,485,630
Hong Kong		23,743,828		23,743,828
Israel		11,134,321		11,134,321

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Netherlands	24,972,844		24,972,844
Norway		44,551,294	44,551,294
Singapore		7,019,536	7,019,536
Spain		11,995,216	11,995,216
Sweden		12,182,804	12,182,804
Switzerland	48,857,325	54,709,856	103,567,181
United Kingdom	58,681,174	144,570,915	203,252,089
United States	531,278,454		531,278,454
Preferred Stocks			
Brazil	68,901		68,901
Total	\$ 770,541,439	\$ 389,872,914	\$ 1,160,414,353

* During the year ended October 31, 2011 there were significant transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 securities. 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 Fund calculates its 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. As a result, it is not practicable to disclose transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 within the fair value hierarchy for the year ended October 31, 2011.

** During the fiscal year ended October 31, 2011, the Fund did not hold any Level 3 securities.

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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 exdividend 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.

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, 2011. 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, 2011.

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 accumulated investment company taxable income, net tax-exempt income and net capital gain 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

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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.

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

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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 counterparty over the contract's remaining life, to the extent that amount is positive. The Fund did not hold any total return swaps as of October 31, 2011.

During the year ended October 31, 2011, the Fund entered into approximately 14 total return swap agreements with a total notional amount of \$22,284,527, and recorded a net realized loss of \$2,674,510 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, 2011.

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. The Fund did not hold any forward currency contracts as of October 31, 2011.

Derivatives: During the year ended October 31, 2011, the Fund entered into approximately 65 forward currency contracts and recorded a net realized loss of \$28,502,210 on the Statement of Operations related to investments in forward currency contracts.

The effect of derivatives instruments on the Statement of Operations for the year ended October 31, 2011:

Derivatives	Statement of Operations Location	Realized Loss On Derivatives Recognized in Income	Change in Unrealized Gain On Derivatives
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		Recognized in Income
Total return swap contracts	Net realized loss on investments: Swap contracts	\$(2,674,510) \$
Foreign exchange contracts	Net realized loss on investments: Foreign currency transactions/Change in net unrealized appreciation/ (depreciation) of: Foreign currency translations	(28,502,210) 6,330,013
Total		\$(31,176,720) \$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.

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3. CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS:

The Fund has 221,030,493 common shares of beneficial interest, with no par value, authorized.

Transactions in shares of the Fund were as follows:

	For the Year Ended October 31, 2011	For the Year Ended October 31, 2010
Common Shares Outstanding - beginning of year	221,030,493	217,454,065
Common shares issued as reinvestments of dividends		3,576,428
Common shares outstanding - end of year	221,030,493	221,030,493

4. PURCHASES AND SALES OF SECURITIES:

Purchases and sales of securities (excluding short term securities) for the year ended October 31, 2011 are as follows:

Purchases	Sales
\$5,009,417,559	\$4,983,356,199

The Fund did not have purchases and sales of U.S. Government obligations for year ended October 31, 2011.

5. INVESTMENT ADVISORY AGREEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT:

Alpine Woods Capital Investors LLC 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.

State Street Bank and Trust Company (SSBT) 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, SSBT receives an annual administration fee of 0.02% of total net assets on the first \$5 billion and 0.015% on total net assets exceeding \$5 billion, 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, 2011 was as follows:

Distributions paid from:

Ordinary Income	\$	148,090,420
	\$	148,090,420

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 year ended October 31, 2011, the effects of certain differences were reclassified. The Fund decreased accumulated net investment income by \$2,762,779 and decreased accumulated net realized loss by \$2,762,779. 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, 2011, 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, unused capital loss carryovers of \$342,916,726, expiring October 31, 2018 and unused capital loss carryovers of \$24,489,359, expiring October 31, 2019.

As of October 31, 2011, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed Ordinary Income	\$	11,503,002
Accumulated Capital Loss		(3,002,859,452)
Unrealized Appreciation		46,513,826
Total	\$	(2,944,842,624)

As of October 31, 2011, net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) of investments based on federal tax costs was as follows:

Gross appreciation on investments (excess of value over tax cost)	\$	101,387,286
Gross depreciation on investments (excess of tax cost over value)		(55,375,942)
Net appreciation on foreign currency		502,482
Net unrealized appreciation		46,513,826
Cost of investments for income tax purposes	\$	1,114,403,009

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.

The Regulated Investment Company (RIC) Modernization Act of 2010 (the Modernization Act) modernizes several of the federal

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income and excise tax provisions related to RICs. The Modernization Act contains simplification provisions effective for taxable years beginning after December 22, 2010, which are aimed at preventing disqualification of a RIC for inadvertent failures of the asset diversification and/or qualifying income tests. Additionally, the Modernization Act allows capital losses to be carried forward indefinitely, and retain the character of the original loss, exempts RICs from the preferential dividend rule and repealed the 60-day designation requirement for certain types of pay-through income and gains.

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 USD for all Funds. The Agreement was terminated on November 30, 2010. 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. The facility is a rolling sixth month facility. The maximum commitment of \$300,000,000 USD will increase to \$700,000,000 USD between March 1, 2012 and May 31, 2012, thereafter the maximum commitment will revert to \$300,000,000 USD until the earlier of six months from a notice of termination or until increased to \$700,000,000 USD on March 1, 2013. During the year ended October 31, 2011, the average borrowing by the Fund was \$67,167,432 with an average rate on borrowings of 1.19%.

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.

Laurence B. Ashkin retired as a Trustee of the Alpine Family of Funds subsequent to the fiscal year end.

Distributions: The Fund paid a distribution of \$12,156,677 or \$0.055 per common share on November 30, 2011 to common shareholders of record on November 23, 2011.

The Fund also declared a distribution of \$0.055 payable on December 30, 2011 to common shareholders of record on December 23, 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.

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.

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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

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cash value greater than the value of any cash distribution they would have received on their shares. If the market price plus 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, 2011, 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	8.29%
Qualified Dividend Income	41.47%

SHAREHOLDER MEETING

On May 9, 2011, the Fund held its Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the Meeting) for the purpose of voting on a proposal to re-elect one trustee of the Fund. The results of the proposal are as follows:

Proposal: To elect Jeffrey E. Wacksman as Trustee to the Board of Trustees for a term of three years to expire at the 2014 Annual Meeting and until his successor has been duly elected and qualified.

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Jeffrey E. Wacksman

For
Withheld

95.97%
4.03%

NOTICE

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*

Name and Age	Position(s) Held with the Fund	Principal Occupation During Past Five Years	# of Portfolios in Alpine Fund Complex**	Other Directorships Held by Trustee
H. Guy Leibler (57)	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).	17	Chairman Emeritus, White Plains Hospital Center; Trustee, Alpine Family of Funds.*
Jeffrey E. Wacksman (51)	Independent Trustee	Partner, Loeb, Block & Partners LLP since 1994.	17	Director, International Succession Planning Association; Director, Bondi Icebergs Inc.; Director, MH Properties, Inc.; Trustee, Alpine Family of Funds.*
James A. Jacobson (66)	Independent Trustee	Retired (11/2008-Present); Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Spear Leeds & Kellogg Specialists, LLC (01/2003-11/2008).	17	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, Alpine Global Premier Properties Fund, and Alpine Total Dynamic Dividend Fund, (collectively, the Alpine Family of Funds).*

** *Alpine Woods Capital Investors, LLC manages seventeen 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 seventeen portfolios within the Alpine Family of Funds.*

As of the date this report was printed. Laurence B. Ashkin retired as a Trustee subsequent to the fiscal year end.

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INTERESTED TRUSTEE

Name and Age	Position(s) Held with the Fund	Principal Occupation During Past Five Years	# of Portfolios in Alpine Fund Complex**	Other Directorships Held by Trustee
Samuel A. Lieber* (55)	Interested Trustee and President	Chief Executive Officer of Alpine Woods Capital Investors, LLC since November 1997. President of Alpine Trusts since 1998.	17	Trustee, Alpine Family of 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 with the Fund	Principal Occupation During Past Five Years	# of Portfolios in Alpine Fund Complex**	Other Directorships Held by Trustee
Stephen A. Lieber (86)*	Executive Vice President	Chief Investment Officer, Alpine Woods Capital Investors, LLC since 2003. Chairman and Senior Portfolio Manager, Saxon Woods Advisors, LLC since 1999.	N/A	None
John M. Megyesi (51)	Chief Compliance Officer	Chief Compliance Officer, Alpine Woods Capital Investors, LLC since January 2010; Vice President and Manager, Trade Surveillance, Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC (2006-2010); Manager, Trading and Surveillance, Allianz Global Investors (2004-2006).	N/A	None
Ronald Palmer (43)	Chief Financial Officer	Chief Financial Officer, Alpine Woods Capital Investors, LLC since January 2010; Independent Consultant (2008-2010); Vice President, Cash Management and Foreign Exchange, Macquarie Capital Management, LLC (2007-2008); Chief Operating Officer, Macquarie Fund Adviser, LLC (2004-2007).	N/A	None
Meimei Li (47)	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 (31)	Secretary	Director of Fund Operations, Alpine Woods Capital Investors, LLC since	N/A	None

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September 2008; Assistant
Vice President, Mutual Fund
Operations, Credit Suisse
Asset Management, LLC
(2003-2008).

* *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.