ZWEIG TOTAL RETURN FUND INC Form N-Q November 29, 2012

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-Q

QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF PORTFOLIO HOLDINGS OF REGISTERED

MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

Investment Company Act file number 811-05620

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

100 Pearl Street

Hartford, CT 06103-4506 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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

Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: September 30, 2012

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burden to the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. The OMB has reviewed this collection of information under the clearance requirements of 44 U.S.C. § 3507.

Item 1. Schedule of Investments.

The Schedule of Investments is attached herewith.

THE ZWEIG TOTAL RETURN FUND, INC.

SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS

September 30, 2012

(Unaudited)

Asset Allocation as of September 30, 2012

The following graph illustrates asset allocations within certain sectors and as a percentage of total investments as of September 30, 2012.

Common Stocks	59%
U.S. Government Securities (includes U.S. Treasury Bills which are Short-term	3770
investments)	29%
Foreign Government Securities	8%
Corporate Bonds	2%
Exchange Traded Funds	1%
Money Market Mutual Funds - (Short-term investment)	1%
Total	100%

(\$ reported in thousands)

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Investments			
U.S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	29.3%		
U.S. Treasury Bond 4.000%, 11/15/12		\$ 18,500	\$ 18,587
U.S. Treasury Inflation Indexed Note ⁽³⁾			
1.625%, 1/15/15		28,000	36,011
2.000%, 1/15/16		25,000	32,353
2.375%, 1/15/17		31,000	41,314
U.S. Treasury Note 1.750%, 5/15/22		20,000	20,289
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Total U.S. Government Securities			
(Identified Cost \$134,499)			148,554
Foreign Government Securities	8.4%		
Commonwealth of Australia			
6.500%, 5/15/13		5,000	5,301
5.500%, 12/15/13		11,000	11,797
Commonwealth of New Zealand Series 413, 6.500%, 4/15/13		7,000	5,924
Kingdom of Norway Series 470 6.500%, 5/15/13		80,000(5)	14,370
Singapore Government Bond 3.625%, 7/1/14		6,000	5,176
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Total Foreign Government Securities			
(Identified Cost \$41,005)			42,568

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CORPORATE BONDS

Par

2.2%

Value

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INDUSTRIALS 2.2%	4.000	¢ 4.007
CSX Corp. 6.250%, 3/15/18	4,000	\$ 4,907
Ingersoll-Rand Global Holding Co., Ltd. 6.875%, 8/15/18	4,814	5,954
Total Corporate Bonds		
(Identified Cost \$8,364)		10,861
(Identified Cost \$6,50+)		10,001
	Number of	
C	Shares	
Common Stocks	58.9%	
Consumer Discretionary 7.1%	0.600	2 441
Amazon.com, Inc. ⁽²⁾	9,600	2,441
AutoZone, Inc. (2)	7,500	2,773
Coach, Inc.	44,000	2,465
Comcast Corp. Class A ⁽⁴⁾	162,000	5,795
DR Horton, Inc.	213,000	4,396
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. (The) ⁽²⁾	232,000	2,828
Leggett & Platt, Inc.	152,000	3,808
Lululemon Athletica, Inc. ⁽²⁾	34,000	2,514
McDonald s Corp.	32,000	2,936
Papa John s International, In ⁽²⁾	18,000	961
Yum! Brands, Inc.	76,000	5,042
		35,959
Consumer Staples 7.2%		
Altria Group, Inc.	210,100	7,015
Campbell Soup Co.	184,000	6,407
Heinz (H.J.) Co.	99,000	5,539
Kimberly-Clark Corp.	54,000	4,632
PepsiCo, Inc.	89,000	6,299
Procter & Gamble Co. (The)	95,000	6,589
Tiocci & Gambie Co. (The)	95,000	0,569
		26.401
		36,481
Energy 6.5%		
Chevron Corp.	55,000	6,411
ConocoPhillips	64,000	3,659
Continental Resources, Inc. (2)	39,000	2,999
Petroleo Brasileiro S.A. ADR	59,000	1,353
Total SA Sponsored ADR	51,000	2,555
Valero Energy Corp.	147,000	4,657
Whiting Petroleum Corp. (2)(4)	44,000	2,085
Williams Cos., Inc. (The)	202,000	7,064
WPX Energy, Inc. (2)	127,000	2,107
		32,890
		32,070

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	Number of Shares	Value
FINANCIALS 8.2% Aflac, Inc.	100 000	\$ 5,219
BB&T Corp.	109,000 206,000	\$ 5,219 6,831
Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. (The) ⁽⁴⁾	22,000	2,501
HCP, Inc.	100,000	4,448
JPMorgan Chase & Co.	198,000	8,015
Lincoln National Corp.	183,000	4,427
New York Community Bancorp, Inc.	272,000	3,851
U.S. Bancorp	174,000	5,968
		41,260
Health Care 8.0%		
Abbott Laboratories	106,000	7,267
Biogen Idec, Inc. ⁽²⁾	22,000	3,283
Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.	115,000	3,881
Eli Lilly & Co.	133,000	6,306
Express Scripts Holding Co. ⁽²⁾⁽⁴⁾ Gilead Sciences, Inc. ⁽²⁾	44,000 63,000	2,757 4,179
Johnson & Johnson	127,000	8,752
UnitedHealth Group, Inc.	77,000	4,267
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Industrials 4.2% Alaska Air Group, Inc. ⁽²⁾	39,000	1,367
Cummins, Inc.	38,000	3,504
Deere & Co.	48,000	3,959
Lockheed Martin Corp.	49,000	4,576
Robinson (C.H.) Worldwide, Inc.	41,000	2,401
Union Pacific Corp.	35,000	4,154
United Continental Holdings, Inc. (2)	74,000	1,443
		21,404
Information Technology 9.9%	16 300	10,876
Apple, Inc. Citrix Systems, Inc. (2)	16,300 35,000	2,680
Google, Inc. Class A ⁽²⁾	4,100	3,094
Intel Corp.	239,000	5,421
International Business Machines Corp.	32,000	6,638
MasterCard, Inc. Class A	8,200	3,702
Paychex, Inc.	136,000	4,527
QUALCOMM, Inc.	111,000	6,936
VeriSign, Inc. (2)(4)	57,000	2,775
Visa, Inc. Class A ⁽⁴⁾	27,000	3,626
		50,275

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Materials 3.1%	Number of Shares	Value
CF Industries Holdings, Inc. (4)	10,000	\$ 2,223
Du Pont (E.I.) de Nemours & Co.	115,000	5,781
MeadWestvaco Corp.	95,000	2,907
Monsanto Co. ⁽⁴⁾	54,000	