

Neel Carlton  
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# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Neel Carlton

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ZWEIG TOTAL RETURN FUND  
INC [ZTR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
ZWEIG FUNDS, 900 THIRD AVE  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
10/08/2008

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Executive VP

NEW YORK, NY 10022

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	10/08/2008		P	5,000 A \$ 3.14	5,000	I	On behalf of child
Common Stock	10/08/2008		P	5,000 A \$ 3.15	5,000	I	On behalf of child
Common Stock	10/08/2008		P	3,000 A \$ 2.93	8,000	I	On behalf of Child
Common Stock	10/08/2008		P	3,000 A \$ 2.93	8,000	I	On Behalf of Child
Common Stock					16,248	D	

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Table with 10 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3), 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year), 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year), 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8), 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5), 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year), 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4), 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5), 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 5), 10. Amount or Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships (Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other). Entry for Neel Carlton, ZWEIG FUNDS, 900 THIRD AVE, NEW YORK, NY 10022, Executive VP.

Signatures

Carlton Neel 10/10/2008
\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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