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## **eResearchTechnology, Inc.**

30 South 17th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

March 22, 2004

Dear eResearchTechnology, Inc. Stockholders:

You are cordially invited to the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held at 3:00 P.M. on April 20, 2004 at the Company's executive offices, 30 South 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

Details with respect to the meeting are set forth in the attached Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement.

Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, you are urged to complete, date, sign and return your proxy. If you attend the meeting and would prefer to vote in person you may still do so.

Very truly yours,

JOEL MORGANROTH, MD  
Chairman of the Board of  
Directors  
eResearchTechnology, Inc.

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## **eResearchTechnology, Inc.**

### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS To Be Held April 20, 2004**

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To the Stockholders:

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of eResearchTechnology, Inc. (the "Company") will be held at the Company's executive offices located at 30 South 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, at 3:00 P.M. on April 20, 2004 for the following purposes:

1. To elect three directors to serve three-year terms.
2. To approve an amendment to the Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation to authorize an additional 125,000,000 shares of Common Stock, \$.01 par value.
3. To ratify the selection by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the firm of KPMG LLP as independent accountants for 2004.
4. To transact any other business that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

Stockholders of record as of the close of business on March 11, 2004 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting.

Whether or not you plan to attend the meeting, please complete, date and sign the enclosed proxy card and return it in the enclosed envelope. Your proxy may be revoked at any time prior to the time it is voted.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

ANNA MARIE PAGLIACCETTI  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Philadelphia, PA  
March 22, 2004

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## **eResearchTechnology, Inc.**

30 South 17th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103

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### **PROXY STATEMENT**

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These proxy materials are furnished in connection with solicitation of proxies by the Board of Directors (the "Board of Directors" or the "Board") of eResearchTechnology, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("eRT" or the "Company"), for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of eRT to be held at 3:00 P.M. on April 20, 2004, at the Company's executive offices located at 30 South 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103, and any adjournments or postponements of such meeting. These proxy materials were first mailed to stockholders on or about March 22, 2004. Sending a signed proxy will not affect the stockholder's right to attend the Annual Meeting and vote in person. Every stockholder has the power to revoke such stockholder's proxy at any time before it is voted. The proxy, before it is exercised at the meeting, may be revoked by filing with the Secretary of the Company a notice in writing revoking it, by delivering a duly executed proxy bearing a later date, or by attending the meeting and voting in person.

#### **Stockholders Entitled to Vote**

The close of business of March 11, 2004 was the record date for stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting. As of the record date, there were 34,137,930 outstanding shares of the common stock, \$.01 par value (the "Common Stock"), of eRT.

#### **Voting of Proxies**

A form of proxy is enclosed. All properly executed proxies received by the Board of Directors, and not revoked, will be voted as indicated in accordance with the instructions thereon. In the absence of contrary instructions, shares represented by such proxies will be voted for the election of the director nominees named in this proxy statement, for the proposal to amend the Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation to authorize an additional 125,000,000 shares of Common Stock and for ratification of KPMG LLP as independent accountants for the year ending December 31, 2004, all of which are described herein; and in the discretion of the proxy holders on such other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

The presence, in person or by proxy, of stockholders entitled to cast at least a majority of the votes that all stockholders are entitled to cast on a particular issue constitutes a quorum for the purpose of considering such matter. Each share of Common Stock outstanding as of the record date is entitled to one vote on each matter that may be brought before the Annual Meeting. Election of directors will be by plurality of the votes cast. Any other proposal will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes that the holders of shares present in person or by proxy are entitled to cast on such proposal, except that the proposal to amend the Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation will require the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the Company's outstanding Common Stock as of the record date. Broker nonvotes and abstentions are counted for the purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum for the transaction of business at the meeting. Abstentions are counted in the tabulations of the votes cast on proposals presented to the stockholders, whereas broker nonvotes are not counted for purposes of determining the election of directors or whether a proposal has been

approved.

**Costs of Solicitation**

The entire cost of soliciting proxies will be borne by eRT. Arrangements may be made with brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries to send proxies and proxy materials to the beneficial owners of stock, and reimbursement for expenses may be made. Proxies may be solicited in person or by telephone by directors, officers or regular employees of eRT, none of whom will receive additional compensation therefor.

**ELECTION OF DIRECTORS  
(Proposal No. 1)**

The Board of Directors currently consists of seven directors divided into three classes. Pursuant to the Company's Bylaws, the Board of Directors has approved an increase in the number of directors from seven to eight, effective as of the date of the 2004 Annual Meeting. Three directors are to be elected at the Annual Meeting to serve until the 2007 Annual Meeting. The nominees for election as directors are Sheldon M. Bonovitz, who currently serves on the Board, and Gerald A. Faich, MD, MPH and Elam M. Hitchner, III. Arthur H. Hayes, Jr., MD, a director whose term expires at the Annual Meeting, is not standing for reelection. The Company's remaining five directors will continue in office for the terms specified below. **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF MR. BONOVIKZ, DR. FAICH AND MR. HITCHNER.**

The proxy holders intend to vote all proxies received by them in the accompanying form for such nominees unless otherwise directed. In the event any nominee is unable or declines to serve as a director at the time of the Annual Meeting, the proxies will be voted for any nominee who shall be designated by the present Board of Directors to fill the vacancy or, in lieu thereof, the Board of Directors may reduce the number of directors. As of the date of this Proxy Statement, the Company is not aware of any nominee who is unable or will decline to serve as a director.

The following table lists the name and age of the three nominees and the five directors of the Company whose terms of office will continue after the Annual Meeting, and the year in which each director's term of office will expire (assuming, in the case of each of the nominees, such nominees are elected at the Annual Meeting).

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age As of 3/1/04</u>	<u>Year of Expiration of Term as Director</u>
<i>Nominees for Election</i>		
Sheldon M. Bonovitz	66	2007
Gerald A. Faich, MD, MPH	61	2007
Elam M. Hitchner	57	2007
<i>Directors Continuing in Office</i>		
Joseph A. Esposito	51	2006
David D. Gathman	56	2006
Joel Morganroth, MD	58	2005
Stephen S. Phillips	58	2005
John M. Ryan	68	2006

Mr. Bonovitz has been nominated by the Company's current Board of Directors to serve as a member of the Board for a three-year term beginning in April 2004. Mr. Bonovitz has served on the Company's Board of Directors since 1999. Mr. Bonovitz has been a partner in the law firm of Duane Morris LLP, which provides legal services to the Company, for more than five years, where he currently serves as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Bonovitz is also a director of Comcast Corporation. In addition, he serves on the Advisory Boards of several privately-held companies and he serves on the Boards of Trustees of The Curtis Institute of Music and the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Dr. Faich has been nominated by the Company's current Board of Directors to serve as a member of the Board for a three-year term beginning in April 2004. Since 1994, Dr. Faich has been the President of Pharmaceutical Safety Assessments, a consulting firm. During 1992 to 1994, Dr. Faich served as President for Corning Pharmaceutical Services, now known as Covance, Inc., and from 1990 to 1992, he served as President for the Philadelphia Association for Clinical Trials, which focused on post marketing research. From 1983 to 1990, Dr. Faich was in charge of statistics and post marketing surveillance for drugs and biologics at the Food and Drug Administration. He co-chaired the original CIOMS International Adverse Reaction Working Group and was a founding board member of the International Society of Pharmacoepidemiology. Dr. Faich is a Fellow of the American Colleges of Physicians, Preventive Medicine and Epidemiology and has authored over 90 scientific papers and received numerous awards. He is currently an Adjunct Scholar for the Center for Clinical

Epidemiology at the University of Pennsylvania and serves as a director for Sentrx Inc. and as a member of the Life Sciences Advisory Committee for the Port of Technology of the Science Center at University of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Hitchner has been nominated by the Company's current Board of Directors to serve as a member of the Board for a three-year term beginning in April 2004. Mr. Hitchner was a partner in the law firm of Pepper Hamilton LLP from May 1992 to June 1999, and returned to the firm in January 2001, where he currently is of counsel. From July 1999 until December 31, 2000, Mr. Hitchner was a general partner of Meridian Venture Partners and Meridian Venture Partners II, venture capital firms located in Radnor, Pennsylvania. Mr. Hitchner is also a director of Mothers Work, Inc., for which he has served on the Audit Committee since 1993 and as chairman of that committee since 2000.

Mr. Esposito has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company since March 2001. Mr. Esposito formerly served as the President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company from April 1998 until March 2001 and has served as a member of its Board of Directors since 1999. He also served as President of the Company's Clinical Research Technology and Services division from October 1997 to April 1998. From May 1997 through October 1997, he was President of DLB Systems, Inc., which was acquired by the Company in October 1997. He has over 28 years of experience in technology, working closely with pharmaceutical companies in the areas of clinical research, supply chain management and regulatory document management. Mr. Esposito was awarded the 2002 Ellis Island Medal of Honor by Congress and the National Ethnic Coalition Organization for outstanding citizenship, individual achievement and encouragement of cultural unity.

Mr. Gathman has served as a member of the Company's Board of Directors since April 2003. Mr. Gathman currently provides consulting services for Targeted Diagnostics & Therapeutics, Inc., which develops molecular-based technologies for the detection, diagnosis and treatment of colorectal cancer, gastrointestinal cancers and certain infectious diseases. From May 2002 until December 2003, Mr. Gathman was the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Targeted Diagnostics & Therapeutics, Inc. From February 2001 until May 2002, Mr. Gathman served as the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. Prior to that, Mr. Gathman was Chief Financial Officer of Internet Capital Group, Inc. from January 1999 until September 2000, and Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and a member of the Board of Directors of Integrated Systems Consulting Group, Inc., an information services consulting firm, from March 1994 until December 1998. Mr. Gathman served as Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer of SunGard Data Systems, Inc., from December 1982 until March 1994. Mr. Gathman is also a director of Neoware Systems, Inc.

Dr. Morganroth has served as the Chairman of the Company since 1999, its Chief Scientist since March 2001 and as a director of the Company since 1997. He served as Chief Executive Officer from 1993 to March 2001. In addition, Dr. Morganroth has consulted for the Company since 1977. Dr. Morganroth is a globally recognized cardiologist and clinical researcher. Dr. Morganroth served for over ten years as a Medical Review Officer/Expert for the Food and Drug Administration.

Mr. Phillips has served on the Company's Board of Directors since August 2002. Mr. Phillips currently serves as Special Counsel to Medtronic Sofamor Danek, Inc. Mr. Phillips was the Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of Sofamor Danek Group, Inc., a manufacturer of spinal implants and cranial navigation systems used in neurosurgery, before its acquisition in 1999 by Medtronic. Before joining Sofamor Danek in 1998, Mr. Phillips was a senior partner in the Philadelphia office of Pepper Hamilton LLP where he was a member of the firm's Executive Committee.

Mr. Ryan has served on the Company's Board of Directors since 1999. Since 1987, Mr. Ryan has been a principal in Devon Hill Ventures, Inc., a venture investing and consulting firm focusing on technology investments. In 1977, Mr. Ryan founded SunGard Data Systems, Inc. and served as its Chief Executive Officer until 1986 and its Chairman until 1987. Mr. Ryan served as Chairman and Acting Chief Executive Officer for DLB Systems, Inc. from 1995 until its acquisition by the Company in 1997. Mr. Ryan is also a director of Neoware Systems, Inc. and several privately-held companies.

There are no family relationships among the directors, the director nominees and the executive officers.

**Board of Directors Meetings and Committees**

The Board of Directors of the Company held a total of nine meetings during 2003. Each director attended more than 75% of the meetings of the Board of Directors and any committee of which he was a member. The Board has not adopted a formal policy regarding Board member attendance at its Annual Meeting of Stockholders, but the Board highly encourages all Board members to attend such meetings. In April 2003, all members of the Board were present at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

The Board of Directors has an Executive Committee, a Compensation Committee, an Audit Committee and a Governance and Nominating Committee.

The Executive Committee has, with certain exceptions, all the authority of the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee, which currently consists of Mr. Bonovitz, Dr. Morganroth and Mr. Ryan, did not hold any meetings during 2003. Dr. Morganroth serves as chairman of the Executive Committee.

The Compensation Committee is composed of three members of the Company's Board of Directors, all of whom, in the judgment of the Board, (i) are independent in accordance with Rule 4200(a)(15) of the listing standards of The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. (Nasdaq); (ii) are Non-employee Directors for purposes of Rule 16b-3 under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and (iii) satisfy the requirements of an outside director for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Compensation Committee is primarily responsible for determining the compensation payable to the executive officers of the Company and for recommending to the Board of Directors additions, deletions and alterations with respect to the various employee benefit plans and other fringe benefits provided by the Company, except that no member of the Compensation Committee may take part in any decision pertaining to his compensation or benefits in his capacity as a director of the Company. The Compensation Committee also is primarily responsible for administering the Company's stock option plans, awarding stock options to key employees of the Company and determining the terms and conditions on which the options are granted. The Compensation Committee has the responsibility and authority described in its written charter, which has been adopted and approved by the Board of Directors and made available, free of charge, on the Company's website at [www.ert.com](http://www.ert.com). The Compensation Committee, which currently consists of Mr. Gathman, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Ryan, held four meetings during 2003. Mr. Ryan serves as chairman of the Compensation Committee.

The Audit Committee is composed of three members of the Company's Board of Directors, all of whom, in the judgment of the Board, are independent in accordance with Rule 4200(a)(15) of the Nasdaq listing standards and satisfy the criteria in Rule 4350(d)(2) of the Nasdaq listing standards. The Audit Committee is primarily responsible for engaging and approving the services performed by the Company's independent accountants and reviewing and evaluating the Company's accounting principles and reporting practices and its system of internal accounting controls. The Audit Committee has the responsibility and authority described in its written charter, which has been adopted and approved by the Board of Directors, attached to this proxy statement as Annex I and made available, free of charge, on the Company's website at [www.ert.com](http://www.ert.com). The Audit Committee, which currently consists of Mr. Gathman, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Ryan, held ten meetings during 2003. Mr. Gathman serves as chairman of the Audit Committee. The Board has determined that Mr. Gathman is an audit committee financial expert as defined in Item 401 of Regulation S-K.

The Governance and Nominating Committee is composed of three members of the Company's Board of Directors, all of whom, in the judgment of the Board, are independent in accordance with Rule 4200(a)(15) of the Nasdaq listing standards. The Governance and Nominating Committee is primarily responsible for recommending to the Board governance policies for the Company, the appropriate size, function and needs of the Board to perform that governance, and qualified candidates for the Company's Board. The Governance and Nominating Committee has the responsibility and authority described in its written charter, which has been adopted and approved by the Board and made available, free of charge, on the Company's website at [www.ert.com](http://www.ert.com). The Governance and Nominating Committee, which currently consists of Mr. Gathman, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Ryan, held one meeting during 2003. Mr. Phillips serves as chairman of the Governance and Nominating Committee.

In accordance with the policy of the Governance and Nominating Committee, a stockholder desiring to propose a candidate for the Board of Directors to the Governance and Nominating Committee should submit a



written recommendation, together with biographical information concerning the individual, to the Chairman of the Nominating Committee at eResearchTechnology, Inc., 30 South 17th Street, 8th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103. While recommendations may be submitted for consideration at any time, the Company requests that recommendations be received prior to November 15 in any year for consideration in connection with the nomination and election of directors at the Company's next Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Once the Governance and Nominating Committee has identified a prospective nominee, including candidates proposed by stockholders, it makes an initial determination as to whether to conduct a full evaluation of the candidate. This initial determination is based on whatever information is provided to the Governance and Nominating Committee with the recommendation of the prospective candidate, as well as the Governance and Nominating Committee's own knowledge of the prospective candidate, which may be supplemented by inquiries to the person making the recommendation or others. The preliminary determination is based primarily on the need for additional Board members to fill vacancies or expand the size of the Board and the likelihood that the prospective nominee can satisfy the evaluation factors described below. If the Governance and Nominating Committee determines, in consultation with the Chairman of the Board and other Board members as appropriate, that additional consideration is warranted, it will then evaluate the prospective nominee against the standards and qualifications it has established, including:

- Must be independent in accordance with Rule 4200(a)(15) of the Nasdaq listing standards.
- Must have business experience that included leading or occupying a senior position in the operations of a significant business or occupying a senior executive or advisory position in business strategy, investing or mergers and acquisitions of a significant business. While not required, experience in health care, particularly pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, or medical devices, is preferred.
- Must have prior board experience. While public company board experience is not absolutely required, it is highly preferred.
- Must have an excellent business and personal reputation for accomplishment and integrity. Personal characteristics that include a deliberative style, being a good listener, articulate, direct and succinct, and able to accept/respect other Board members opinions are preferred.
- Must have personal and business references from people upon whose recommendations the Governance and Nominating Committee can rely.
- Must be able to commit adequate time to the Board of Directors and its committees to attend at least 75% of Board and committee meetings in person and to be a significant contributor to each. At a minimum, this means, on average, not less than one full day every month for ordinary matters, a full day for regularly scheduled quarterly meetings and occasional unscheduled hours of accessibility. Living or working within 90 minutes of Philadelphia is not absolutely required but is highly preferred.

The Governance and Nominating Committee also considers such other relevant factors as it deems appropriate, including the current composition of the Board, the balance of management and independent directors, the need for Audit Committee expertise, diversity and the evaluations of other prospective nominees. In connection with this evaluation, the Governance and Nominating Committee determines whether to interview the prospective nominee, and if warranted, one or more members of the Governance and Nominating Committee, and others as appropriate, interview prospective nominees in person or by telephone. After completing this evaluation and interview, the Governance and Nominating Committee makes a recommendation to the full Board as to the persons who should be nominated by the Board, and the Board determines the nominees after considering the recommendation and report of the Governance and Nominating Committee. The Company does not currently employ an executive search firm, or pay a fee to any other third party, to locate qualified candidates for director positions. Gerald A. Faich, MD, MPH was recommended to the Governance and Nominating Committee by an individual who is a stockholder, Chairman of the Board and Chief Scientist of the Company. Elam M. Hitchner, III was recommended to the Governance and Nominating Committee by an individual who is a stockholder and non-management director of the Company.

Stockholders who wish to communicate with the Board of Directors or with a particular director may send a letter to the Secretary of the Company at eResearchTechnology, Inc., 30 South 17th Street, 8th Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Any communication should clearly specify that it is intended to be made to the entire

Board of Directors or to one or more particular director(s). Under this process, the Secretary of the Company reviews all such correspondence and will forward to the Board of Directors a summary of all such correspondence and copies of all correspondence that, in the opinion of the Secretary, deals with the functions of the Board of Directors or committees thereof or that she otherwise determines requires their attention. Directors may at any time review a log of all correspondence received by the Company that is addressed to members of the Board of Directors and request copies of any such correspondence. Concerns relating to accounting, internal controls or auditing matters are immediately brought to the attention of the chairman of the Audit Committee and handled in accordance with procedures established by the Audit Committee with respect to such matters. A copy of the Audit Committee's procedures for the submission and handling of complaints or concerns regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters is included in the Company's Code of Ethics and Business Conduct, which is available on the Company's website at [www.ert.com](http://www.ert.com).

### ***Audit Committee Report on Audited Financial Statements***

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors assists the Board with the oversight of the Company's systems of internal control, integrity of financial reporting, adequacy of disclosures and compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. The Audit Committee is directly responsible for the engagement, compensation, oversight and evaluation of the Company's independent accountants and, once retained, consults with and reviews recommendations made by the independent accountants with respect to financial statements, financial records, and financial controls of the Company.

Accordingly, the Audit Committee has (i) reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements with management; (ii) discussed with the Company's independent accountants the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61 (Communications with Audit Committees); (iii) received the written disclosures and the letter from the Company's independent accountants required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1 (Independence Discussions with Audit Committees); and (iv) discussed with the Company's independent accountants its independence from management and the Company, including the matters in the written disclosures required by the Independence Standards Board. The Audit Committee also discussed with the Company's independent accountants the overall scope and plans for its audit. The Audit Committee met with management and the Company's independent accountants to discuss the results of the accountants' examination, their evaluation of the Company's internal controls and the overall quality of the Company's financial reporting.

Based on the review and discussions referred to above, and subject to the limitations of its role, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003.

This report of the Audit Committee does not constitute soliciting material and should not be deemed filed or incorporated by reference into any other eRT filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except to the extent that eRT specifically incorporates this report by reference therein.

Members of the Audit Committee  
David D. Gathman (Chair)  
Stephen S. Phillips  
John M. Ryan

### ***Compensation of Directors***

During 2003, directors who are not employees of the Company received a fee of \$1,000 for each directors meeting attended and \$500 for each committee meeting attended, and also received an annual retainer of \$6,000. Upon the initial election of any "outside director" (as defined), such individual receives at the time of election an automatic one-time option grant of 10,000 shares of Common Stock, and each outside director receives a fixed annual option grant of 10,000 shares of Common Stock. Each director is also reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with attending meetings and other services as a director.

### ***Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions***

Certain of the Company's diagnostic testing and clinical research contracts require that specified medical professional services be provided by Joel Morganroth, MD, the Company's Chairman and Chief Scientist. The Company has retained Joel Morganroth, MD, P.C., a professional corporation owned by Dr. Morganroth, to provide these and other services related to the successful operation, marketing and business development of the Company's Cardiac Safety division. This professional corporation received fees for these services of approximately \$394,000 for 2003, which included a bonus award of \$166,000. Effective January 1, 2004, the Company amended its consulting agreement with the professional corporation, for which the professional corporation will receive fees at the rate of \$240,000 per annum plus discretionary bonuses to be determined by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The consulting agreement continues on a year to year basis unless terminated.

Sheldon M. Bonovitz, a director of eRT, is a partner of the law firm of Duane Morris LLP, which performs legal services for the Company.

### **Executive Compensation**

#### ***Compensation Committee Report on Executive Compensation***

The Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors sets the compensation for the executive officers of the Company and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning compensation and benefit policies for the Company. The Compensation Committee believes that the most effective compensation program is one that provides executives competitive base salaries and incentives to achieve both current and long-term strategic business goals of the Company.

The Company's executive compensation programs are designed to:

- Align the interests of executive officers with the long-term interests of stockholders.
- Motivate and challenge executive officers to achieve both annual and long-term strategic business goals.
- Support an environment that rewards executive officers based upon corporate and individual performance and results.
- Attract and retain executive officers critical to the long-term success of the Company.

During 2003, the Compensation Committee engaged a third party compensation consultant to review the Company's executive officer compensation policies and the material terms of the Chief Executive Officer's 2004 compensation package and employment agreement. The information provided by the consultant assured the Compensation Committee that executive compensation fell within competitive ranges. In 2003, the basic components of executive officer compensation consisted of base salary, a cash bonus plan tied to measurements based on Company performance, and long-term incentives in the form of stock options. The executive officers also participate in employee benefit plans available generally to the Company's employees.

**Base Salary.** Technology companies face competition for qualified employees, and the Compensation Committee believes it is important that Company executive officer compensation levels be competitive with other technology companies. The Compensation Committee reviewed the compensation of the Company's executives in comparison with other publicly traded technology companies of similar size and development stage and targeted base salary levels to be consistent with comparable positions at those companies.

**Annual Incentive Compensation Program.** In 2003, the Company offered an annual incentive compensation program permitting officers and all employees to earn cash bonuses based on achieving targeted financial goals. Based upon actual 2003 performance, the bonus pool for executive officers was \$1,217,594 with the executive officer participants earning bonuses ranging from 32% to 135% of base salary.

The Compensation Committee believes that this annual incentive compensation program aids in ensuring that the Company's overall levels of compensation remain competitive and benefits the Company in that a significant portion of the compensation of executive officers is in the form of variable incentive pay, which further aligns the interests of the executive officers with the interests of the Company's stockholders.



*Long-Term Incentive in Form of Stock Options.* The Compensation Committee believes that significant management ownership of the Company's stock effectively motivates the building of stockholder wealth and aligns the interests of management with those of the Company's stockholders. The Company's executive officers received option grants totaling 487,500 shares of Common Stock during 2003 under the terms of the Company's 1996 Stock Option Plan and 2003 Stock Option Plan at a per share exercise price equal to the market price of the Company's Common Stock on the date of grant. All options become exercisable over four years, in equal annual increments beginning one year after the date of grant, contingent upon the officer's continued employment with the Company. Of these options granted, 300,000 options were granted to the executive officers listed in the Summary Compensation Table appearing in this Proxy Statement.

*Chief Executive Officer Compensation.* The compensation plan for Mr. Esposito for 2003 contained the same elements and operated in the same manner as the compensation plan described above for all the executive officers. His specific performance goals for incentive compensation were based on the Company's long-term plan and on the annual operating budget approved by the Board of Directors. His actual cash bonus was calculated based on the achievement of those specific goals. In 2003, the Company achieved exceptional growth in both revenues and profitability, substantially improved its competitive position and significantly enhanced its proprietary software. The Compensation Committee believes in rewarding exceptional performance with exceptional compensation. Following the terms of Mr. Esposito's 2003 executive incentive compensation plan, the Compensation Committee approved a cash bonus of \$404,846, representing 135% of his base salary for the year. In the opinion of the Compensation Committee, the compensation paid to Mr. Esposito was consistent with the compensation of other chief executive officers in comparable companies with similar performances.

*Compliance with Internal Revenue Code Section 162(m).* Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code disallows a tax deduction to publicly held companies for compensation paid to certain of their executive officers, to the extent that compensation exceeds \$1,000,000 per covered officer in any fiscal year. The limitation applies only to compensation that is not considered to be performance-based. Non-performance-based compensation paid to the Company's executive officers for 2003 did not exceed the \$1,000,000 limit per officer, and the Compensation Committee does not anticipate that the non-performance-based compensation to be paid the Company's executive officers in the foreseeable future will exceed that limit.

Members of the Compensation Committee  
John M. Ryan (Chair)  
David D. Gathman  
Stephen S. Phillips

***Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation***

At the end of 2003, the Compensation Committee was composed of Mr. Gathman, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Ryan. None of these individuals is a current or former officer or employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, nor had they had any other relationship requiring disclosure by the Company under Item 402 of Regulation S-K.

**Summary Compensation Table**

The following table sets forth information in respect of the compensation paid for the years ended December 31, 2001, 2002 and 2003 to the persons (sometimes collectively referred to as the "Named Executive Officers") who were, at any time during 2003, the Chief Executive Officer, and at the end of 2003, the other four most highly compensated executive officers of the Company whose salary and bonus exceeded \$100,000 in such year:

Name and Principal Position	Year	Annual Compensation(1)		Long Term Compensation(2)	
		Salary	Bonus	Securities Underlying Options	All Other Compensation(3)
Joseph A. Esposito	2003	\$300,000	\$404,846	90,000	\$6,507
President and Chief Executive Officer	2002	\$270,000	\$271,389	□	\$3,280
	2001	\$270,000	\$90,000	364,503	\$3,298
Bruce Johnson	2003	\$200,000	\$161,939	45,000	\$3,507
Sr. Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2002	\$175,000	\$111,385	□	\$3,068
	2001	\$175,000	\$30,000	135,000	\$3,298
Vincent Renz	2003	\$194,000	\$133,672	45,000	\$6,605
Sr. Vice President and Chief Technology Officer	2002	\$170,000	\$50,000	□	\$3,151
	2001	\$150,000	\$50,000	225,000	\$2,960
Scott Grisanti	2003	\$194,000	\$132,200	75,000	\$3,507
Sr. Vice President, Business Development and Chief Marketing Officer	2002	\$170,000	\$50,250	□	\$3,135
	2001	\$150,000	\$60,000	225,000	\$3,110
Jeffrey S. Litwin, MD	2003	\$194,000	\$124,807	45,000	\$3,674
Sr. Vice President and Chief Medical Officer	2002	\$170,000	\$157,147	□	\$3,282
	2001	\$150,000	\$112,740	270,000	\$3,268

(1) In accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, other compensation in the form of perquisites and other personal benefits has been omitted in those instances where the aggregate amount of such perquisites and other personal benefits constituted less than the lesser of \$50,000 or 10% of the total of annual salary and bonuses for the officer for such year.

(2) Option amounts are adjusted to reflect the 100% stock dividend paid on May 29, 2003 and the 50% stock dividend paid on November 26, 2003.

(3) Represents the sum of (i) the Company's 401(k) plan contributions, which in 2003 were \$6,000 for Mr. Esposito, \$3,000 for Mr. Johnson, \$6,000 for Mr. Renz, \$3,000 for Mr. Grisanti and \$3,000 for Dr. Litwin; and (ii) the dollar value of the insurance premium paid by the Company with respect to group term life insurance, which for 2003 was \$507 for Mr. Esposito, \$507 for Mr. Johnson, \$605 for Mr. Renz, \$507 for Mr. Grisanti and \$674 for Dr. Litwin. In 2002, these amounts were \$2,750 for Mr. Esposito, \$2,538 for Mr. Johnson, \$2,619 for Mr. Renz, \$2,619 for Mr. Grisanti and \$2,750 for Dr. Litwin for 401(k) plan contributions; and \$530 for Mr. Esposito, \$530 for Mr. Johnson, \$532 for Mr. Renz, \$516 for Mr. Grisanti and \$532 for Dr. Litwin for the dollar value of the insurance premium paid by the Company with respect to group term life insurance. In 2001, these amounts were \$2,625 for Mr. Esposito, \$2,625 for Mr. Johnson, \$2,605 for Mr. Renz, \$2,547 for Mr. Grisanti and \$2,625 for Dr. Litwin for 401(k) plan contributions; and \$673 for Mr. Esposito, \$673 for Mr. Johnson, \$355 for Mr. Renz, \$563 for Mr. Grisanti and \$643 for Dr. Litwin for the dollar value of the insurance premium paid by the Company with respect to group term life insurance.



### ***Employment Contracts***

The Company has entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Esposito effective January 1, 2004. Under this agreement, his employment may be terminated with or without cause (as defined therein) by the Company at any time. In the event that the Company terminates Mr. Esposito's employment other than for cause or in the event of Mr. Esposito's death or disability (as defined therein), the Company is obligated to (i) pay Mr. Esposito, in lump sum, one year salary and bonus; (ii) to continue Mr. Esposito's benefits (as defined therein) for one year; and (iii) accelerate the vesting of all of Mr. Esposito's stock options, not otherwise vested, to purchase the Company's Common Stock. The agreement provides that, upon a change of control (as defined therein) of the Company, Mr. Esposito may resign (i) if he is not offered a position that includes comparable responsibilities, location or compensation or (ii) in Mr. Esposito's sole discretion, within one year after the first anniversary of accepting any position, regardless of the responsibilities, location or compensation of such position. The fact that Mr. Esposito may not be offered the position of Chief Executive Officer following any change of control will not conclusively determine whether the position offered does not include comparable responsibilities. If Mr. Esposito resigns under such circumstances, the Company will be obligated to provide the same benefits to Mr. Esposito as if he was terminated other than for cause. Pursuant to the agreement, Mr. Esposito has agreed, for a period of no less than one year after termination of employment, to refrain from (i) working with a company that directly competes with the Company; and (ii) interfering with the Company's business by soliciting customers or employees.

The Company has entered into employment agreements with each of the other Named Executive Officers. Under these agreements, their employment may be terminated with or without cause (as defined therein) by the Company at any time. In the event that the Company terminates an officer's employment other than for cause or in the event of the officer's death or disability (as defined therein), the Company is obligated to continue base salary payments and benefits for between six months and one year. These agreements provide that, upon a change of control (as defined therein) of the Company the officer may resign (i) if the officer is not offered a position that includes comparable responsibilities, authority, location or compensation or (ii) in the officer's sole discretion, within one year after accepting any position, regardless of the responsibilities, authority, location or compensation of such position. If the officer resigns under such circumstances, the Company will be obligated to provide up to one year's base salary and prorated bonus, in one lump sum payment. Pursuant to the agreement, each officer has agreed, for a period of no less than one year after termination of employment, to refrain from (i) working with a company that directly competes with the Company; and (ii) interfering with the Company's business by soliciting customers or employees.

### ***2003 Stock Option Grants***

The following table shows for each of the Named Executive Officers: (i) the number of options that were granted during 2003; (ii) out of the total number of options granted to all employees during 2003, the percentage granted to each Named Executive Officer; (iii) the exercise price; (iv) the expiration date; and (v) the potential realizable value of the options, assuming that the market price of the underlying securities appreciates in value from the date of grant to the end of the option term, at a 5% and 10% annualized rate.



Name	Individual Grants(1)				Potential Realizable Value at Assumed Annual Rates of Stock Price Appreciation for Option Term(2)	
	Number of Securities	% of Total Options	Exercise or Base Price (\$/Sh)	Expiration Date	5%	10%
	Underlying Options Granted	Granted to Employees in 2003				
Joseph A. Esposito	90,000	7.7%	\$9.43	4/22/13	\$533,743	\$1,352,609
Bruce Johnson	45,000	3.9%	\$9.43	4/22/13	\$266,871	\$676,305
Vincent Renz	45,000	3.9%	\$9.43	4/22/13	\$266,871	\$676,305
Scott Grisanti	45,000	3.9%	\$9.43	4/22/13	\$266,871	\$676,305
	30,000	2.6%	\$8.79	4/10/13	\$165,840	\$420,270
Jeffrey S. Litwin, MD	45,000	3.9%	\$9.43	4/22/13	\$266,871	\$676,305

(1) The options were granted under the terms of the Company's 1996 and 2003 Stock Option Plans at a per share exercise price equal to the market price of the Company's Common Stock on the date of grant. The options become exercisable over four years in equal annual increments beginning one year after the date of grant. The Compensation Committee has the right to accelerate the exercisability of any of the options, and certain options automatically accelerate upon a change of control (as defined).

(2) The potential realizable value is the product of (a) the difference between: (i) the product of the per-share market price at the time of the grant and the sum of 1 plus the adjusted stock price appreciation rate (i.e., the assumed rate of appreciation compounded annually over the term of the option) and (ii) the per-share exercise price of the option; and (b) the number of securities underlying the grant at fiscal year-end. The dollar amounts under these columns are the result of calculations at the 5% and 10% assumed rates of appreciation prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Commission, and therefore are not intended to forecast possible future appreciation, if any, of the market price of the Company's Common Stock. The actual value that any Named Executive Officer may realize, if any, will depend on the amount by which the market price of the Common Shares at the time of exercise exceeds the exercise price.

### 2003 Option Exercises and Fiscal Year-End Values

The following tables contain certain information concerning the number and value of any unexercised stock options held by the Named Executive Officers as of December 31, 2003 and as to the shares acquired and the value realized by Named Executive Officers who exercised options in 2003.

Name	Shares Acquired on Exercise(#)	Value Realized \$(1)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options at FY-End 2003(#)		Value of Unexercised In-the-Money Options at FY-End 2003(\$)(2)	
			Exercisable/Unexercisable	Exercisable/Unexercisable	Exercisable/Unexercisable	Exercisable/Unexercisable
Joseph A. Esposito	1,030,323	\$9,715,212	123,930/290,253		\$2,849,743/\$6,213,064	
Bruce Johnson	174,000	\$3,345,239	208,504/112,500		\$4,806,316/\$2,332,125	
Vincent Renz	153,000	\$3,094,920	43,875/163,125		\$1,039,511/\$3,562,819	
Scott Grisanti			112,500/187,500		\$2,687,625/\$3,906,075	
Jeffrey S. Litwin, MD	15,000	\$239,700	114,000/180,000		\$2,676,450/\$3,901,050	

(1) Value realized is the difference between the market price of a share of Common Stock on the date of exercise and the exercise price of the option, multiplied by the number of shares underlying the option.

(2) Value of unexercised "in-the-money" options is the difference between the market price of a share of the Company's Common Stock on December 31, 2003 and the exercise price of the option, multiplied by the number of shares of Common Stock underlying the option.

**Stockholder Return Performance Graph**

The following graph compares the cumulative total stockholder return on the Company's Common Stock against the cumulative total return on the Nasdaq Stock Market (U.S.) Index and Nasdaq Health Service Index for the period commencing December 31, 1998 and ending December 31, 2003. The graph assumes that at the beginning of the period indicated, \$100 was invested in the Company's Common Stock and the stock of the companies comprising the Nasdaq Stock Market (U.S.) Index and the Nasdaq Health Services Index, and that all dividends, if any, were reinvested.

**Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management**

The following table sets forth certain information, as of March 11, 2004, with respect to the beneficial ownership of the Common Stock of the Company by (i) the Company's directors, director nominees and Named Executive Officers; (ii) the Company's directors and executive officers as a group; and (iii) each person known to the Company to own beneficially more than 5% of the Common Stock.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Shares Beneficially Owned	Percentage Owned
Joel Morganroth, MD (1) (6)	2,988,825	8.7%
Arbor Capital Management, LLC (2)	2,126,100	6.2
Next Century Growth Investors, LLC (3)	1,783,952	5.2
Joseph A. Esposito (6)	448,886	1.3
Bruce Johnson (6)	274,504	*
Stephen S. Phillips (4) (6)	232,950	*
Jeffrey S. Litwin, MD (6)	114,625	*
John M. Ryan (6)	127,850	*
Arthur H. Hayes, Jr., MD (6)	120,000	*
Vincent Renz (5) (6)	119,562	*
Scott Grisanti (6)	87,500	*
Sheldon M. Bonovitz (6)	63,958	*
David D. Gathman (6)	34,800	*
Elam M. Hitchner	5,000	*
Gerald A. Faich, MD, MPH	□	□
All directors and executive officers as a group (17 persons) (6)	4,865,179	13.6

\* Less than 1.0%

- (1) Dr. Morganroth's address is 30 South 17th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. Includes (i) 1,215,000 shares directly owned by Dr. Morganroth, as to which he has sole voting and dispositive power; (ii) 43,200 shares owned by a pension plan, as to which Dr. Morganroth has shared voting and dispositive power; and (iii) 1,350,000 shares held in three separate trusts, the trustee of which is Dr. Morganroth's wife and the beneficiaries of which are Dr. Morganroth's children, as to which Dr. Morganroth disclaims beneficial ownership. The 1,350,000 shares held in the three trusts include 750,000 shares as to which the trusts entered into 10b5-1 plans in the form of variable prepaid forward agreements with an unaffiliated securities brokerage firm.
- (2) Arbor Capital Management, LLC (□Arbor□) is located at One Financial Plaza, 120 South Sixth Street, Suite 1000, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402. Arbor is an investment advisor registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisors Act of 1940. Rick D. Leggott is the CEO and majority shareholder of Arbor. Arbor has been granted discretionary dispositive power over its clients' securities and in some instances has voting power over such securities. Any and all discretionary authority, which has been delegated to Arbor, may be revoked in whole or in part at any time. This information is as reported by Arbor in a Schedule 13G dated February 9, 2004 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- (3) Next Century Growth Investors, LLC (□Next Century□) is located at 5500 Wayzata Blvd., Suite 1275, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55416. Thomas L. Press serves as Director, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Next Century and Donald M. Longlet serves as Director and President of Next Century. Mr. Press and Mr. Longlet each own in excess of 25% and are controlling persons of Next Century. This information is as reported by Next Century in a Schedule 13G dated February 17, 2004 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- (4) Includes 1,800 shares owned by Mr. Phillips' minor children, of which Mr. Phillips acts as custodian.
- (5) Shares owned by Mr. Renz' minor children.



- (6) Includes the following shares issuable with respect to options granted pursuant to the Company's 1996 Stock Option Plan and 2003 Stock Option Plan, which are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days after March 11, 2004:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Number of options</u>
Joel Morganroth, M.D.	380,625
Joseph A. Esposito	196,650
Bruce Johnson	214,504
Stephen S. Phillips	30,000
Jeffrey S. Litwin, M.D.	98,125
John M. Ryan	63,000
Arthur H. Hayes, Jr., M.D.	120,000
Vincent Renz	117,000
Scott Grisanti	87,500
Sheldon M. Bonovitz	60,000
David D. Gathman	30,000
Other executive officers	245,219
All directors and executive officers as a group	1,642,623

***Compliance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act***

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires the Company's officers and directors, and persons who own more than 10% of its Common Stock, to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership of the Common Stock with the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Nasdaq Stock Market. Based upon a review of the forms and written representations that it received, the Company believes that all filing requirements applicable to its officers, directors and greater than 10% beneficial owners have been timely satisfied.

***Code of Ethics and Business Conduct***

The Company has adopted a Code of Ethics and Business Conduct that applies to its Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer (who serves as the Company's principal financial and principal accounting officer) and other employees and directors. The Code of Ethics and Business Conduct is available on the Company's website at [www.ert.com](http://www.ert.com). The Company intends to post amendments to or waivers from its Code of Ethics and Business Conduct, to the extent applicable to the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, at that location on its website.

**APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE COMPANY'S  
RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION  
AUTHORIZING AN ADDITIONAL 125,000,000 SHARES  
OF COMMON STOCK, \$0.01 PAR VALUE  
(Proposal No. 2)**

**Description of the Amendment**

The Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the "Certificate") provides that the Company is authorized to issue two classes of stock consisting of 50,000,000 shares of Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share, and 500,000 shares of preferred stock, \$10.00 par value per share. On February 3, 2004, the Board of Directors determined by resolution that it is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders to increase the number of authorized shares of the Company's Common Stock from 50,000,000 to 175,000,000 and authorized an amendment to the Certificate to effect the proposed increase. You are being asked to approve the amendment to increase the number of authorized shares of the Company's Common Stock from 50,000,000 to 175,000,000. If this Proposal is approved and the amendment to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation becomes effective, the first paragraph of Article IV of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation, which sets forth the Company's presently authorized capital stock, will be amended to read as follows: The aggregate number of

shares, which the corporation shall have authority to issue, is 175,500,000, by classes and par value of shares as follows:

Class	No. of Shares	Par Value Per Share
Common	175,000,000	\$ 0.01
Preferred	500,000	\$ 10.00

Approval of the proposal will require the favorable vote of the holders of a majority of the Company's outstanding Common Stock as of the record date. **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE  FOR  APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT.**

#### **Purpose of the Amendment**

At the close of business on March 11, 2004 there were 34,137,930 shares of the Company's Common Stock issued and outstanding and no shares of the Company's preferred stock issued and outstanding. There were 5,517,525 shares of Common Stock reserved for options as of the same date. As a result, only 10,344,545 shares of Common Stock remained available for future corporate purposes.

In the opinion of the Board of Directors, the additional authorized shares of Common Stock will benefit the Company by providing flexibility to the Board of Directors, without requiring further action or authorization by the stockholders (except as may be required by applicable law or stock exchange requirements), to issue additional shares of Common Stock from time to time to respond to business needs and opportunities as they arise, or for other proper corporate purposes. Currently, the primary reason for seeking an increase in the number of authorized shares is to accommodate potential stock splits in the form of stock dividends, although no such splits have been authorized and there is no assurance that the Company will implement any such stock split. However, the Company's needs, opportunities and purposes might also include, for example, obtaining capital funds through public and private offerings of shares of Common Stock or securities convertible into shares of Common Stock and using shares of Common Stock in connection with structuring possible acquisitions of businesses and assets. Additionally, the Board of Directors, in its discretion, could in the future, subject to stockholder approval, increase, establish or extend stock option or stock award plans. If the amendment were postponed until specific needs arose for an amount of shares in excess of the amount of Common Stock authorized for issuance, the Company's ability to respond promptly and effectively might be adversely impacted by the additional expenses and delay resulting from the stockholder approval process.

Though from time to time the Company's Board of Directors considers transactions involving the issuance of shares of Common Stock, except for the foregoing, as of the date of this Proxy Statement, the Board of Directors has no agreement, arrangement or intention to issue any of the shares for which approval is sought. If the proposed amendment to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation is approved by the stockholders, the Board of Directors does not intend to solicit further stockholder approval prior to the issuance of any additional shares of Common Stock, except as may be required by applicable law, the rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market or other applicable requirements. Further, any such transactions are necessarily contingent upon numerous factors, including without limitation, the number of shares of Common Stock of the Company authorized for issuance, fluctuations in the stock market, the prevailing condition of the overall economy and the market price of the Common Stock.

#### **Effect of the Amendment**

Increasing the number of authorized shares of Common Stock will not have any immediate effect on the rights of current stockholders. However, the Board of Directors will have the authority to issue authorized shares of Common Stock without requiring future stockholder approval of those issuances (except as may be required by applicable law or stock exchange requirements). If the Board of Directors determines that an issuance of shares of the Company's Common Stock is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders, the issuance of additional shares could have the effect of diluting the earnings per share or the book value per share of the outstanding shares of Common Stock or the stock ownership or voting rights of a stockholder. The holders of the

Company's Common Stock have no preemptive right to purchase any of the additional shares of Common Stock when issued.

The increase in the number of authorized shares of Common Stock and the subsequent issuance of all or a portion of those shares could have the effect of delaying or preventing a change of control of the Company without further action by the stockholders. Subject to applicable law and stock exchange requirements, the Company could issue shares of authorized and unissued Common Stock in one or more transactions that would make a change of the control of the Company more difficult and therefore less likely. Any issuance of additional shares could have the effect of diluting the earnings per share and book value per share of the outstanding shares of Common Stock or the stock ownership and voting rights of a person seeking to obtain control of the Company. The Company is not aware of any pending or proposed transaction involving a change of control of the Company.

### **Implementing the Proposed Amendment**

If approved by the stockholders at the Annual Meeting, the proposed amendment to our Restated Certificate of Incorporation will become effective upon the filing of a certificate of amendment with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware. Although the Board of Directors intends to file the certificate of amendment as soon as practicable after the Annual Meeting, if, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, any circumstances exist that would make consummation of the proposed amendment inadvisable, then, in accordance with Delaware law and notwithstanding approval of the proposed amendment to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation by the stockholders, the Board of Directors may abandon the proposed amendment, either before or after approval and authorization thereof by the stockholders, at any time prior to the effectiveness of the filing of the certificate of amendment.

### **RATIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS (Proposal No. 3)**

The Audit Committee has designated KPMG LLP to be the independent accountants for the year ending December 31, 2004. The Board of Directors will offer a resolution at the Annual Meeting to ratify this designation. KPMG LLP has served as the Company's independent public accountants since July 2002. The Company's organizational documents do not require that the Company's stockholders ratify the selection of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent accountants. The Company is doing so because the Board of Directors of the Company believes it is a matter of good corporate practice. If the Company's stockholders do not ratify the selection, the Audit Committee will reconsider whether or not to retain KPMG LLP, but still may retain them. Even if the selection is ratified, the Audit Committee, in its discretion, may change the appointment at any time during the year if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

On July 3, 2002, the Company dismissed Arthur Andersen LLP (Andersen), as its independent accountants, and appointed KPMG LLP as its new independent accountants. The decision to change the Company's independent accountants was recommended by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors of the Company.

Andersen's report on the Company's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2001 did not contain an adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion and was not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principles.

During the year ended December 31, 2001 and the period from December 31, 2001 through July 3, 2002, there were no disagreements with Andersen on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreements, if not resolved to the satisfaction of Andersen, would have caused it to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreements in connection with its report; and there were no reportable events as defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

At the time this disclosure was first made, the Company provided Andersen with a copy of the foregoing disclosures and requested a letter from Andersen addressed to the Securities and Exchange Commission stating whether it agreed with such statements. Andersen orally advised the Company that due to events impacting Andersen's infrastructure it was unable to issue such a letter.





During the year ended December 31, 2001 and the period from December 31, 2001 through July 3, 2002, the Company did not consult KPMG LLP with respect to the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction either completed or proposed, or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company's consolidated financial statements, or any other matters or reportable events as set forth in Items 304(a)(2)(i) and (ii) of Regulation S-K.

During 2002 and 2003, the Company retained its principal independent accountants to provide professional services in the following categories and amounts:

	<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>
Audit fees	\$ 121,000	\$ 193,000
Audit related fees	42,005	6,345
	<u>163,005</u>	<u>199,345</u>
Audit and audit related fees	163,005	199,345
Tax fees	144,400	114,900
	<u>307,405</u>	<u>314,245</u>
Total fees	\$ 307,405	\$ 314,245

Audit fees were for professional services rendered in connection with the audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2003 that are customary under auditing standards generally accepted in the United States or that are customary for the purpose of rendering an opinion or review report on the financial statements, and for the review of the financial statements included in the quarterly reports on Form 10-Q required to be filed during fiscal years 2002 and 2003. Audit-related fees consist primarily of services rendered in connection with due diligence procedures requested by the Company in relation to a proposed transaction. Tax fees consist primarily of 2002 and 2003 federal, state and local tax return preparation, including the preparation and work related to the determination and support of research and development tax credits available to the Company for those years.

The Audit Committee has considered the above non-audit services and has determined that the provision thereof is compatible with maintaining auditor independence. All services rendered by KPMG were permissible under applicable laws and regulations, and were pre-approved by the Audit Committee for 2003. The Audit Committee has not adopted a formal policy regarding the pre-approval of all audit and permissible non-audit services provided by the Company's independent accountants. It is the Audit Committee's procedure to approve any engagement or accounting project involving the independent accountants, and the related fees, prior to commencement of the engagement or project.

Approval of the proposal will require the favorable vote of a majority of the stockholders present in person or by proxy and voting at the Annual Meeting. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE FOR RATIFICATION OF KPMG LLP AS THE INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS FOR FISCAL 2004. It is anticipated that representatives of KPMG LLP will be present at the meeting to respond to appropriate questions and, if they desire, to make a statement.

**STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS**

Stockholder proposals intended to be considered at the 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders must be received by eRT no later than November 18, 2004. Such proposals may be included in next year's proxy statement if they comply with certain rules and regulations promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In accordance with Rule 14a-4(c) promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the holders of proxies solicited by the Board of Directors in connection with the 2004 Annual Meeting may vote such proxies in their discretion on certain matters as more fully described in such rule, including without limitation on any matter coming before the meeting as to which the Company does not have notice on or before February 1, 2005.

The Board knows of no other matters that may be presented for action at the meeting. However, if any other matter properly comes before the meeting, the proxy holders will vote in accordance with their judgment on such matter.

Stockholders are urged to vote, sign and return the enclosed form of proxy promptly in the enclosed envelope.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

ANNA MARIE PAGLIACCETTI  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

March 22, 2004

**Annex I**

**eResearchTechnology, Inc.**

**Audit Committee Charter**

The Board of Directors (the "Board") of eResearchTechnology, Inc. (the "Company") hereby establishes an Audit Committee (the "Committee") with authority, purpose, and specific duties as described in the following text.

**COMPOSITION**

The Committee shall be composed of at least three members of the Company's Board, all of whom, in the judgment of the Board, shall be independent in accordance with Rule 4200(a)(15) of the listing standards of The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. (the "Nasdaq"). One of the Committee members shall be designated Committee Chairman by the full Board. Each member of the Committee shall, in the judgment of the Board, have the ability to read and understand the Company's fundamental financial statements, including its balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement. At least one member of the Committee shall, in the judgment of the Board, have sufficient accounting or related financial management expertise to be considered a "financial expert" within the meaning of the regulations promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission from time to time.

**AUTHORITY**

The Committee is granted the authority to undertake its responsibilities and duties as provided herein and to investigate any activity of the Company that may have a financial impact or that may involve financial reporting. The Committee is empowered to retain persons having special competence as necessary to assist the Committee in fulfilling its responsibilities. The Company will adequately fund the operation of the Committee. The operation will include, at a minimum, payments to the independent accountant for audit services and, if necessary, any other professionals retained by the Committee.

**PURPOSE**

The Committee is appointed by the Board to assist the Board with the oversight of the Company's systems of internal control, integrity of financial reporting, adequacy of disclosures and compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. The Committee is directly responsible for the engagement, compensation, oversight and evaluation of the Company's independent accountant.

**MEETINGS**

The Committee shall meet at least four times each year and at such other times as it deems necessary. A majority of members of the Committee must be present, in person or by telephone, at all formal meetings. However, subcommittees of one or more members may be formed to handle specific projects. As necessary or desirable, the Committee may request that management, employees or any other persons attend the meetings. All employees are directed to cooperate as requested by members of the Committee.

**MINUTES**

A summary of each meeting is to be presented to the Board.

**REPORT**

The Committee shall prepare a report each year for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement as required by the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, Nasdaq and any other applicable rules and regulations.

## **SPECIFIC DUTIES**

The Committee will:

### **Independent Accountant**

1. Engage, evaluate and terminate when appropriate, the independent accountant.
2. Review the scope and extent of the independent accountant's planned annual examination and engagement letter and pre-approve the annual audit fee.
3. Pre-approve all other audit services to be provided by the independent accountant.
4. Pre-approve all permitted non-audit services to be performed by the independent accountant.
5. Inform the independent accountant and management that the independent accountant is ultimately accountable to the Committee and the independent accountant may communicate with any member of the Committee at any time.
6. Confirm the independence of the independent accountant by discussing and reviewing all significant relationships that the independent accountant have with the Company and obtaining their assertion of independence in accordance with professional standards.
7. Receive and review: (a) a report by the independent accountant describing the independent accountant's internal quality-control procedures and any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review, of the independent accounting firm, or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the firm, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues; and (b) other required reports from the independent accountant.
8. Review with the independent accountant and management: (a) the adequacy and effectiveness of the systems of internal controls (including any significant deficiencies and significant changes in internal controls reported to the Committee by the independent accountant or management), accounting practices, and disclosure controls and procedures (and management reports thereon), of the Company and its subsidiaries; and (b) current accounting trends and developments, and take such action with respect thereto as may be deemed appropriate.
9. Inquire as to the cooperation received by the independent accountant from the Company during their audit examination, including their access to all requested records, data, and information.
10. Inquire of the independent accountant whether there have been any disagreements with management.
11. Discuss with the independent accountant any relevant observations, comments or recommendations that the independent accountant may have. Review managements written responses to the recommendations contained in the "Management Letter".
12. Obtain, review and discuss the report from the independent accountant regarding the matters referenced in Section 10A(k) of the Exchange Act.

### **Financial Matters**

13. Have familiarity with the accounting and reporting principles and general practices applied by the Company in preparing its financial statements.
14. Review with management and the independent accountant the annual and quarterly financial statements of the Company.
15. Review and approve all financial information and related disclosures contained in the Company's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and its annual report on Form 10-K prior to filing with the SEC.

16. Review earnings press releases, as well as Company policies with respect to earnings press releases, financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts and rating agencies.
17. Review reports on Form 8-K and any other correspondence with the SEC.

**Risk Assessment**

18. Discuss Company policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management, and review contingent liabilities and risks that may be material to the Company and major legislative and regulatory developments which could materially impact the Company's contingent liabilities and risks.
19. Review: (a) the status of compliance with laws, regulations, and internal procedures and (b) the scope and status of systems designed to promote Company compliance with laws, regulations and internal procedures, through discussions with management, legal counsel and third parties as determined by the Committee.

**Business Ethics**

20. Require that the Company maintain and publish written statement(s) that embody the Company's standards of corporate conduct, ethics and performance.
21. Make all necessary inquiries of management and the independent accountant concerning compliance with these standards.
22. Evaluate whether Company management is adequately communicating the importance of business ethics and internal controls to all relevant personnel.
23. Establish procedures for the receipt, retention, evaluation and treatment of complaints regarding the Company's accounting, internal controls and auditing matters.
24. Establish procedures for confidential, anonymous submission by employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

**Other**

25. Review the quality and adequacy of the Company's financial and accounting personnel at least annually.
26. Review officers' expenses, expense reports and perquisites at least once a year.
27. Review all consulting fees paid by the Company to any organization where such fees exceed \$100,000 annually.
28. Review and, if appropriate, approve any proposed related-party transactions.
29. Set clear hiring policies for employees or former employees of the independent accountant.
30. Conduct an annual performance evaluation of the Committee and annually evaluate the adequacy of its charter.

PROXY

**eResearchTechnology, Inc.**

PROXY

**2004 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
PROXY FOR HOLDERS OF COMMON STOCK  
Proxy Solicited on Behalf of the Board of Directors**

The undersigned hereby appoints JOEL MORGANROTH, M.D., JOSEPH ESPOSITO, and ANNA MARIE PAGLIACCETTI, or any of them, with full power of substitution, the proxy of the undersigned to represent the undersigned at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of eResearchTechnology, Inc. to be held on April 20, 2004, or any adjournment or postponement thereof, and to vote the number of shares of the Common Stock of eResearchTechnology, Inc. which the undersigned would be entitled to vote if personally present.

**This proxy when properly executed will be voted in the manner directed herein by the undersigned stockholder. If no direction is made, shares of the Common Stock represented by this proxy will be voted FOR the election of the nominees listed on the reverse side; FOR the amendment to the Restated Certificate of Incorporation; FOR ratification of KPMG LLP as independent accountants; and in the discretion of the proxy holders on any other matter which comes before the meeting. This proxy may be revoked at any time prior to the time it is voted.**

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**1. Election of Directors.**

FOR    AGAINST    ABSTAIN

FOR the nominees listed (except as marked to the contrary at the right)	WITHHOLD AUTHORITY to vote for the nominees listed to the right	(Instruction: To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee, strike a line through the nominee's name in the list below)	2. Amendment to Restated Certificate of Incorporation 3. Ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as independent accountants  4. In his or her discretion, the Proxy is authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting
		Sheldon M. Bonovitz Gerald A. Faich, MD, MPH Elam M. Hitchner	

You are urged to sign and return your proxy without delay in the return envelope provided for that purpose which requires no postage if mailed in the United States.

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Signature(s) of Stockholder(s)

When signing the proxy, please date it and take care to have the signature conform to the stockholder's name as it appears on this proxy. If shares are registered in the names of two or more persons, each person should sign. Executors, administrators, trustees and guardians should so indicate when signing.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_, 2004

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Tim Participacoes SA

368,400

872,064

Totvs SA

17,100

931,783

17,387,572

*Canada (5.3%)*

Suncor Energy, Inc.

79,200

2,615,184

Teck Resources, Ltd.\*

103,800

	3,001,896
Westshore Terminals Income Fund	
	301,900
	3,554,555
	9,171,635
<i>China (6.7%)</i>	
Ausnutria Dairy Corp., Ltd.*	
	3,399,500
	2,952,006
China State Construction International Holdings, Ltd.	

	4,726,453
	1,933,222
KWG Property Holding, Ltd.	
	1,616,276
	1,188,714
Lumena Resources Corp.*	
	4,102,200
	1,497,926
Shenguan Holdings Group Ltd.*	
	5,749,637
	3,412,600
Shui On Land, Ltd.	
	945,700
	586,929

Sinopharm Group Co.\*

15,000

54,579

11,625,976

*Denmark (2.1%)*

A P Moller-Maersk AS

200

1,376,242

FLSmith & Co. AS

42,000

2,238,173

3,614,415

*Finland (1.5%)*

Outotec Oyj.

82,800

2,628,359

*Germany (2.3%)*

Fresenius Medical Care AG & Co.

46,200

2,232,797

HeidelbergCement AG

29,000

1,731,012

3,963,809

*Guernsey (1.0%)*

KKR & Co. Guernsey LP\*

201,164

1,790,360

*Hong Kong (1.3%)*

Glorious Property Holdings, Ltd.\*

3,047,900

1,341,042

Shenzhen Investment, Ltd.

2,288,004



921,082

2,262,124

*Ireland (0.0%)*

Anglo Irish Bank Corp. PLC\*(1)

575,000

0

*Israel (2.7%)*

Incredimail, Ltd.

247,050

1,862,757

Israel Chemicals, Ltd.

79,999

952,635

Teva Pharmaceutical Industries, Ltd.

36,700

1,852,616

4,668,008

*Italy (0.9%)*

Azimut Holding SpA

128,279

1,553,673

*Japan (3.0%)*

Mitsubishi Corp.

165,200

3,628,289

Trend Micro, Inc.

42,500

1,510,859

5,139,148

*Luxembourg (0.2%)*

ArcelorMittal

9,700

329,994

*Netherlands (2.9%)*

Cascal NV

285,260

1,546,109

Heineken NV

40,900

1,812,635

New World Resources N.V.

184,900

1,720,663

5,079,407

*Norway (3.7%)*

Fred Olsen Energy ASA

67,700

2,624,810

Seadrill, Ltd.\*

181,500

3,791,090

6,415,900

*Russia (0.7%)*

Mechel

68,886

1,182,084

*South Africa (1.8%)*

Aquarius Platinum, Ltd.\*

283,200

1,274,608

Impala Platinum Holdings, Ltd.

81,550

1,819,995

3,094,603



Description	Shares	Value (Note 1)
<i>South Korea (1.1%)</i>		
Hyundai Motor Co.	21,000	\$ 1,945,020
<i>Spain (2.7%)</i>		
Endesa SA	80,900	2,701,389
Telvent GIT SA	66,578	1,914,118
		4,615,507
<i>Sweden (6.0%)</i>		
Atlas Copco AB	78,800	1,083,295
Hennes & Mauritz AB	27,400	1,576,256
JM AB*	151,500	2,301,685
KappAhl Holding AB	285,300	2,262,769
Oriflame Cosmetics SA	9,000	507,596
Tele 2 AB, B Shares	122,300	1,812,363
Unibet Group PLC	35,100	905,679
		10,449,643
<i>Switzerland (5.8%)</i>		
Alcon, Inc.	23,000	3,284,170
EFG International AG	150,600	2,517,585
Nestle SA	39,600	1,845,864
Syngenta AG	10,000	2,376,450
		10,024,069
<i>Taiwan (0.0%)(2)</i>		
Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	751	7,165
<i>United Kingdom (3.6%)</i>		
De La Rue PLC	1	15
Man Group PLC	335,820	1,708,615
Reckitt Benckiser Group PLC	36,600	1,823,122
Rio Tinto PLC	5,200	925,756
Vedanta Resources PLC	50,200	1,724,443
		6,181,951
<i>United States (32.3%)</i>		
Anadarko Petroleum Corp.	36,100	2,199,573
Avon Products, Inc.	107,797	3,454,894
Cliffs Natural Resources, Inc.	61,600	2,191,112
Diamond Offshore Drilling, Inc.	13,655	1,300,639
Fluor Corp.	44,200	1,963,364
Foot Locker, Inc.	80,200	840,496
Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	14,300	2,433,431
Halliburton Co.	86,200	2,517,902
Healthcare Services Group, Inc.	93,221	1,841,115
Hewlett-Packard Co.	40,500	1,922,130
Intel Corp.	129,700	2,478,566
ITC Holdings Corp.	79,900	3,549,158
ITT Corp.	25,700	1,302,990
The J. M. Smucker Co.	10,200	537,846
JP Morgan Chase & Co.	79,300	3,312,360
Linear Technology Corp.	74,700	1,933,236
McDonald's Corp.	31,800	1,863,798
Meridian Bioscience, Inc.	75,000	1,664,250
Microchip Technology, Inc.	129,800	3,110,008
Microsoft Corp.	66,900	1,855,137
Molson Coors Brewing Co.	37,100	1,816,787
Monsanto Co.	12,400	833,032

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Morgan Stanley	41,000	1,316,920
Och-Ziff Capital Management Group LLC	172,500	2,092,425
Ocwen Financial Corp.*	184,474	2,016,301
Pride International, Inc.*	14,000	413,840
QUALCOMM, Inc.	2,200	91,102
Regal Entertainment Group	141,300	1,781,793
Schlumberger, Ltd.	36,700	2,282,740
TJX Cos., Inc.	22,900	855,315
		55,772,260
<b>TOTAL COMMON STOCKS</b> (Identified Cost \$169,915,693)		176,237,565
<b>EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS (0.5%)</b>		
<i>United Kingdom (0.5%)</i>		
ETFS Physical Platinum*	6,700	872,273
<b>TOTAL EXCHANGE TRADED FUNDS</b> (Identified Cost \$827,589)		872,273

Description	7 Day Yield	Shares	Value (Note 1)
<b>SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS (0.0%)(2)</b>			
Federated Treasury Obligations Money Market Fund	0.013%	413	\$ 413
<b>TOTAL SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS</b> (Identified Cost \$413)			413
<b>TOTAL INVESTMENTS (102.4%)</b> (Identified Cost \$170,743,695)			177,110,251
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES LESS OTHER ASSETS (-2.4%)</b>			(4,195,488)
<b>NET ASSETS (100.0%)</b>			\$ 172,914,763

\* Non-income producing security.

(1) Fair valued security; valued in accordance with procedures approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees.

(2) Less than 0.05% of Total Net Assets.

See Notes to the Financial Statements.

**Common Abbreviations**

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

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

AS - Aktieselskab is the Danish term for a stock-based corporation.

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

Co. - Company

Corp. - Corporation

Cos. - Companies

Inc. - Incorporated

LLC - Limited Liability Corporation

LP - Limited Partnership

Ltd. - Limited

NV - Naamloze Vennootschap 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.

SpA - Societa Per Azioni is an Italian shared company.

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

October 31, 2009

ASSETS	
Investments, at value*	\$ 177,110,251
Foreign currency, at value (Cost \$1,853,964)	1,816,124
Receivable from investment securities sold	15,985,738
Receivable from capital shares purchased	220,242
Dividends receivable	1,255,219
Prepaid and other assets	18,006
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>196,405,580</b>
LIABILITIES	
Loan payable	12,090,000
Interest on loan payable	13,251
Payable for investment securities purchased	11,075,425
Accrued expenses and other liabilities:	
Investment advisory fees	152,378
Administrative fees	25,479
Trustee fees	16,000
Officer fees	9,689
Other	108,595
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>23,490,817</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 172,914,763</b>
NET ASSETS REPRESENTED BY	
Paid-in-capital	\$ 464,633,225
Undistributed net investment income	6,789,984
Accumulated net realized loss on investments, swap contracts and foreign currency	(304,929,066)
Net unrealized appreciation on investments, swap contracts and foreign currency translations	6,420,620
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>\$ 172,914,763</b>
Net asset value	
Net assets	\$ 172,914,763
Shares of beneficial interest issued and outstanding	24,734,822
Net asset value per share	\$ 6.99
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*Total Cost of Investments	\$ 170,743,695

See Notes to Financial Statements.

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS  
For the Year Ended October 31, 2009

<b>INCOME</b>	
Dividends*	\$ 43,165,692
Interest	593
Miscellaneous income	2,992
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>43,169,277</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Interest on loan	51,332
Investment advisory fee	1,603,164
Administrative fee	303,853
Audit and tax fees	37,220
Custodian fees	158,940
Officer fees	34,522
Legal fees	52,208
Printing fees	109,494
Trustee fees	56,000
Insurance fees	2,954
NYSE fees	24,737
Miscellaneous fees	39,220
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>2,473,644</b>
<b>Net Investment Income</b>	<b>40,695,633</b>
<b>REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN/(LOSS) ON INVESTMENTS, SWAP CONTRACTS AND FOREIGN CURRENCY</b>	
Net realized gain/(loss) on investments:	
Securities transactions	(105,383,066)
Swap contracts	1,255,365
Foreign currency transactions	(566,432)
Net realized loss on investments	(104,694,133)
Change in net unrealized appreciation of investments and foreign currency translations:	
Investments	73,369,314
Foreign currency translations	10,546,691
Net unrealized appreciation of investments	83,916,005
Net realized/unrealized loss on investments, swap contracts and foreign currency	(20,778,128)
<b>Net Increase in Net Assets Resulting from Operations</b>	<b>\$ 19,917,505</b>
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* Net of foreign taxes withheld	\$ 1,914,407

See Notes to Financial Statements.

## STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	For the Year Ended October 31, 2009	For the Year Ended October 31, 2008
<b>OPERATIONS</b>		
Net investment income	\$ 40,695,633	\$ 58,588,632
Net realized gain/(loss) on investments:		
Securities transactions	(105,383,066)	(197,652,985)
Swap contracts	1,255,365	
Foreign currency transactions	(566,432)	(13,704,351)
Change in net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) of investments and foreign currency translations:		
Investments	73,369,314	(104,388,782)
Foreign currency translations	10,546,691	(34,757,623)
Net increase/(decrease) in net assets resulting from operations	19,917,505	(291,915,109)
<b>DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS</b>		
From net investment income	(38,191,687)	(48,902,269)
From realized gains on investments		(34,880,011)
Net decrease in net assets resulting from distributions to shareholders	(38,191,687)	(83,782,280)
<b>CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS</b>		
Common stock issued to shareholders from reinvestment of dividends and offering costs	3,575,992	8,486,174
Net increase in net assets derived from capital share transactions	3,575,992	8,486,174
<b>Net Decrease in Net Assets</b>	<b>(14,698,190)</b>	<b>(367,211,215)</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		
Beginning of period	187,612,953	554,824,168
End of period*	\$ 172,914,763	\$ 187,612,953
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* Including undistributed net investment income of:	\$ 6,789,984	\$ 260,154

See Notes to Financial Statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS  
(For a share outstanding throughout the period)

	For the Year Ended October 31, 2009	For the Year Ended October 31, 2008	For the Year Ended October 31, 2007	For the Period Ended October 31, 2006 (1)
<b>PER COMMON SHARE</b>				
<b>OPERATING PERFORMANCE</b>				
Net asset value per share, beginning of period	\$ 7.74	\$ 23.40	\$ 20.24	\$ 19.10
Income/(loss) from investment operations:				
Net investment income	1.67	2.44	2.25	0.51
Net realized and unrealized gain/(loss) on investments, swap contracts and foreign currency	(0.86)	(14.59)	3.13	0.97
Total from investment operations	0.81	(12.15)	5.38	1.48
<b>LESS DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS</b>				
From net investment income	(1.56)	(2.04)	(2.22)	(0.30)
From net realized gain on investments		(1.47)		
Total distributions	(1.56)	(3.51)	(2.22)	(0.30)
<b>CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS</b>				
Common share offering costs charged to paid-in-capital				(0.04)
Total capital share transactions				(0.04)
Net asset value per share, end of period	\$ 6.99	\$ 7.74	\$ 23.40	\$ 20.24
Per share market value, end of period	\$ 9.22	\$ 8.79	\$ 24.05	\$ 21.51
Total return based on:				
Net Asset Value (2)	12.13%	(59.29)%	27.64%	7.55%
Market Value (2)	30.23%	(55.01)%	23.44%	9.16%
<b>RATIOS/SUPPLEMENTAL DATA</b>				
Net Assets attributable to common shares, at end of period (000)	\$ 172,915	\$ 187,613	\$ 554,824	\$ 475,664
Ratio of total expenses to average net assets	1.54%	1.40%	1.26%	1.25%(3)
Ratio of total expenses excluding interest expense to average net assets	1.51%	1.32%		
Ratio of net investment income to average net assets	25.51%	15.30%	10.05%	10.32%(3)
Portfolio turnover rate	650%	301%	185%	55%(4)

(1) For the period from July 26, 2006 (inception of the fund) to October 31, 2006.

(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 a \$20.00 opening IPO price and sales load of \$.90 per share for the period ending October 31, 2006. 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) Not Annualized.

See Notes to Financial Statements.



## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

October 31, 2009

## 1. ORGANIZATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Alpine Global Dynamic Dividend Fund (the Fund) is a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund was organized as a Delaware statutory trust on May 11, 2006, and had no operating history prior to July 26, 2006. The Fund has an investment objective to provide high current dividend income, more than 50% of which qualifies for the reduced federal income tax rates created by the Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003. The Fund also focuses on long-term growth of capital as a secondary investment objective.

The Fund had no operations prior to July 26, 2006 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 AGD.

The following summarizes the significant accounting policies of the Fund.

**Security Valuation:** 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 New York Stock Exchange (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. 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.

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 a fair value following procedures and/or guidelines approved by the Board of Trustees, which may include utilizing a systematic fair valuation model provided by an independent pricing system. 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.

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 above, 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, 4:00 pm Eastern time), the security will be priced at a fair value following procedures approved by the Board of Trustees. In light of the judgment involved in fair value decisions, there can be no assurance that a fair value assigned to a particular security is accurate.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

October 31, 2009

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

Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Fund has the ability to access.

Level 2 Observable inputs other than quoted prices included in level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These inputs may include quoted prices for the identical instrument on an inactive market, prices for similar instruments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, yield curves, default rates and similar data.

Level 3 Unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, to the extent relevant observable inputs are not available; representing the Fund's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in valuing the asset or liability, and would be based on the best information available.

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

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

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

The following is a summary of the inputs used as of October 31, 2009 in valuing the Fund's investments carried at value:

Investments in Securities at Value*	Valuation Inputs			Total
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Common Stocks	\$ 176,237,565	\$	\$	\$ 176,237,565
Exchange Traded Funds	872,273			872,273
Short Term Investments	413			413
Total	\$ 177,110,251	\$	\$	\$ 177,110,251

\* For detailed country descriptions, see the accompanying Statement of Investments.

The following is a reconciliation of assets in which significant unobservable inputs (Level 3) were used in determining fair value for the Fund:

	Investment in Security at Value*
Common Stocks	
Balance as of 10/31/08	\$
Realized gain/(loss)	
Change in unrealized appreciation/(depreciation)	(82,800)
Net purchases/(sales)	
Transfers in and/or (out) of Level 3	82,800
Balance as of 10/31/09	\$ 0

\* Reconciliation of assets represents Fund investment in Anglo Irish Bank Corp. PLC.

**Foreign Securities:** 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. Foreign securities may carry more risk than U.S. securities, such as political, market and currency risks.

The accounting records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Prices of securities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars at the closing rates of exchange at period end. Amounts related to the purchase and sale of foreign securities and investment income are translated at the rates of exchange prevailing on the respective dates of such transactions.

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The effect of changes in foreign currency exchange rates on investments is included with the fluctuations arising from changes in market values of securities held and reported with all other foreign currency gains and losses in the Fund's Statement of Operations.

**Distributions to Shareholders:** The Fund intends to make a level dividend distribution each month to its shareholders of the net investment income of the Fund after payment of Fund operating expenses. The level dividend 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 investment company taxable income, net tax-exempt income and net capital gain, such excess distributed amount would be treated as ordinary dividend income to the extent of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits. Distributions in excess of the earnings and profits would first be a tax-free return of capital to the extent of the adjusted tax basis in the shares. After such adjusted tax basis is reduced to zero, the distribution would constitute capital gain (assuming the shares are held as capital assets). Distributions to shareholders are recorded by the Fund on the ex-dividend date.

**Income Taxes:** The Fund's policy is to comply with the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies and to distribute all of its taxable income to its shareholders. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required.

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 had no material uncertain tax positions and has not recorded a liability for material unrecognized tax benefits as of October 31, 2009. Since its inception, the Fund had 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, 2009.

**Securities Transactions and Investment Income:** Investment security transactions are accounted for as of trade date. Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis, which includes amortization of premium and accretion of discounts. Realized gains and losses from securities transactions and unrealized appreciation and depreciation of securities are determined using the highest cost basis for both financial reporting and income tax purposes.

**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.

**New Accounting Pronouncements:** In June 2009, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued FASB ASC 105 (formerly FASB Statement 168), Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, establishing the FASB Accounting Standards Codification™ (ASC) as the source of authoritative generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) to be applied by nongovernmental entities. FASB ASC 105 is effective for

annual and interim periods ending after September 15, 2009, and the Company has updated its references to GAAP in this report in accordance with the provisions of this pronouncement. The implementation of FASB ASC 105 did not have a material effect on its financial position or results of operation.

In April 2009, the FASB issued FASB ASC 820-10-65 (formerly FASB Staff Position No. FAS 157-4), Determining Fair Value When the Volume and Level of Activity for the Asset or Liability Have Significantly Decreased and Identifying Transactions That Are Not Orderly. This standard applies to all assets and liabilities within the scope of accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements, with certain defined exceptions, and provides additional guidance for estimating fair value when the volume and level of activity for the asset or liability have significantly decreased. ASC 820-10-65 is effective for interim reporting periods ending after June 15, 2009. The implementation of ASC 820-10-65 did not have a material effect on the Company's financial position or results of operation.

## 2. INCOME TAXES

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, 2009 was as follows:

**Distributions paid from:**

Ordinary Income	\$ 38,191,687
	\$ 38,191,687

Tax components of distributable earnings are determined in accordance with income tax regulations which may differ from the composition of net assets reported under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Accordingly, for the period ended October 31, 2009, the effects of certain differences were reclassified. The fund increased accumulated net investment income by \$4,025,884 and decreased accumulated net realized gain by \$4,025,846, and decreased paid in capital by \$38. 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, 2009, the Fund had available for tax purposes unused capital loss carryovers of \$196,335,068, expiring October 31, 2016, and unused capital loss carryovers of \$106,550,577, expiring October 31, 2017.

As of October 31, 2009, the components of distributable earnings on a tax basis were as follows:

Undistributed Ordinary Income	\$ 6,916,316
Accumulated Capital Loss	(302,885,645)
Unrealized Appreciation	4,296,191
Other Cumulative Effect of Temporary Differences	(45,324)
Total	\$ (291,718,462)

As of October 31, 2009, net unrealized appreciation/(depreciation) of investments based on federal tax cost was as follows:

Gross appreciation on investments (excess of value over tax cost)	\$ 22,672,628
Gross depreciation on investments (excess of tax cost over value)	(18,430,501)
Net unrealized appreciation on foreign currency	54,064
Net unrealized appreciation	4,296,191
Total cost for federal income tax purposes	\$ 172,868,124

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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.

### 3. CAPITAL TRANSACTIONS

	For the Year Ended October 31, 2009	For the Year Ended October 31, 2008
Common shares outstanding - beginning of year	24,231,139	23,709,177
Common shares issued as reinvestments of dividends	503,683	521,962
Common shares outstanding - end of year	24,734,822	24,231,139

### 4. PORTFOLIO SECURITIES

Purchases and sales of investment securities, other than short-term securities, for the year ended October 31, 2009 aggregated \$1,086,564,884 and \$1,063,775,151, respectively. The Fund did not have purchases and sales of U.S. Government obligations for the year ended October 31, 2009.

### 5. INVESTMENT ADVISORY AND ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENTS

Alpine Woods serves as the Fund's investment adviser pursuant to an Investment Advisory Agreement with the Fund. As compensation for its services to the Fund, Alpine Woods receives an annual investment advisory fee of 1.00% based on the Fund's average daily net assets, computed daily and payable monthly.

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

### 6. LINE OF CREDIT

On July 9, 2009, an Agreement among Alpine Global Dynamic Dividend Fund, Alpine Total Dynamic Dividend Fund, Alpine Global Premier Properties Fund (together, the Funds) and The Bank of New York (BONY) was executed which allows for each Fund to borrow against a secured line of credit from BONY an aggregate amount of up to \$350,000,000 for all Funds. As of October 31, 2009 there was an unused balance of \$243,694,800 available to all three Funds. During the year ended October 31, 2009, the average borrowing by the Fund was \$5,854,325 with an average rate on borrowings of 0.92%.



## 7. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

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

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

In connection with these agreements, securities or cash may be identified as collateral in accordance with the terms of the respective swap agreements to provide assets of value and recourse in the event of default or bankruptcy/insolvency. Entering into these agreements involves, to varying degrees, elements of credit, market and documentation risk in excess of the amounts recognized on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Such risks involve the possibility that there will be no liquid market for these agreements, that the counterparty to the agreements may default on its obligation to perform or disagree as to the meaning of contractual terms in the agreements and that there may be unfavorable changes in interest rates. The Fund's maximum risk of loss from counterparty credit risk is the discounted net value of the cash flows to be received from the counterparty over the contract's remaining life, to the extent that amount is positive. The risk may be mitigated by having a master netting arrangement between the Fund and the counterparty and by the posting of collateral to the Fund to cover the Fund's exposure to the counterparty. The Fund did not hold any total return swaps as of October 31, 2009.

During the year ended October 31, 2009, the Fund entered into approximately seven total return swap agreements and recorded a net realized gain of \$1,255,365 on the Statement of Operations related to investments in total return swaps.

## 8. 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, an 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 invested in equity-linked structured notes throughout the year and did not hold any equity-linked structured notes on October 31, 2009.

#### 9. OTHER

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

#### 10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In preparing these financial statements, the Fund has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure resulting from subsequent events through December 30, 2009.

**Distributions:** The Fund paid a distribution of \$2,720,830 or \$0.11 per common share on November 30, 2009 to common shareholders of record on November 23, 2009.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
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## DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN

The Fund operates a Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "Plan"), sponsored and administered by The Bank of New York, pursuant to which the Fund's dividends and distributions, net of any applicable U.S. withholding tax, are reinvested in shares of the Fund. The Bank of New York serves as the agent that administers the Plan for the shareholders that participate in the Plan (the "Plan Administrator").

Unless the registered owner of common shares of beneficial interest elects to receive cash by contacting the Plan Administrator, all dividends declared on common shares will be automatically reinvested by the Plan Administrator for shareholders in 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 and other distributions 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 or other distribution. 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 or other distribution (together, 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. It is contemplated that the Fund will pay monthly income Dividends. 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.

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 federal, state or local income tax that may be payable (or required to be withheld) on such Dividends. See Federal Income Tax Matters. Participants that request a sale of common shares through the Plan Administrator are subject to brokerage commissions.

Shareholders participating in the Plan may receive benefits not available to shareholders not participating in the Plan. If the market price plus commissions of the Fund's shares is higher than the NAV, participants in the Plan will receive shares of the Fund for less than they could otherwise purchase them and will have shares with a cash value greater than the value of any cash distribution they would have received on their shares. If the market price plus commissions is below the NAV, 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, The Bank of New York, at One Wall Street, New York, NY 10286 (212) 635-6375.

#### FUND PROXY VOTING POLICIES & PROCEDURES

Policies and procedures used in determining how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities are available without charge, upon request, by contacting the Fund at 1(800)910-1434 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 year ended October 31, 2009, 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	26.67%
Qualified Dividend Income	40.97%

SHAREHOLDER MEETING

On March 12, 2009, 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 Mr. Laurence B. Ashkin and Samuel A. Lieber as Trustees to the Board of Trustees until his successor has been duly elected and qualified.

	Laurence B. Ashkin	Samuel A. Lieber
For	89.59%	89.78%
Withheld	1.57%	1.38%

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.

**Annual Certifications:** As required, on April 13, 2009, the Fund submitted to the NYSE the annual certification of the Fund's Chief Executive Officer certifying that, as of such date, he was not aware of any violation of the NYSE's Corporate Governance listing standards. The Fund also has included the certifications of the Fund's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 as exhibits to reports filed with the Commission on a quarterly basis on Form N-CSR and Form N-Q.

## 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
Laurence B. Ashkin (81)	Independent Trustee	Real estate developer and construction consultant since 1980; Founder and President of Centrum Properties, Inc. since 1980.	16	Trustee, Alpine Family of Funds.* Director, Chicago Public Radio, Board Chair, The Perspectives Charter Schools.
H. Guy Leibler (55)	Independent Trustee	Private investor since 2007, Vice Chair and Chief Operating Officer of L&L Acquisitions, LLC (2004-2007); President, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP (2001-2004).	16	Chairman Emeritus, White Plains Hospital Center; Trustee, Alpine Family of Funds.
Jeffrey E. Wacksman (49)	Independent Trustee	Partner, Loeb, Block & Partners LLP since 1994.	16	Director, International Succession Planning Association; Trustee Larchmont Manor Park Society; Director, Bondi Icebergs Inc.; Director, MH Properties, Inc.; Trustee, Alpine Family of Funds.
James A. Jacobson (64)	Nominee and Independent Trustee	Vice Chairman and Managing Director, Spear Leeds & Kellogg Specialists, LLC (01/2003-11/2008); Retired (11/2008-Present)	16	Trustee, each of the Alpine Trusts.*

\* 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 Total Dynamic Dividend Fund, Alpine Global Premier Properties Fund, (collectively, the Alpine Family of Funds ).

\*\* Alpine Woods Capital Investors, LLC manages sixteen other fund portfolios within the three Alpine Trusts. Each of the Alpine Trusts is registered as an open-end management investment company. The Trustees oversee each of the sixteen portfolios within the Alpine Trusts.

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Portfolios

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Name and Age	Position(s) Held with the Fund	Principal Occupation During Past Five Years	in Alpine Fund Complex**	Other Directorships Held by Trustee
Samuel A. Lieber* (53)	Interested Trustee and President	Chief Executive Officer of Alpine Woods Capital Investors, LLC since, November 1997. President of Alpine Trusts since 1998.	16	Trustee, Alpine Family of Funds.

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\* 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 (84)*	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 (48)	Chief Compliance Officer	Chief Compliance Officer, Alpine Woods Capital Investors, LLC since January 2009; Vice President and Manager, Trade Surveillance, Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC (2006-2009); Manager, Trading and Surveillance, Allianz Global Investors (2004-2006).	N/A	None
Meimei Li (45)	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 (29)	Secretary	Director of Fund Operations, Alpine Woods Capital Investors, LLC since September 2008; Assistant Vice President, Mutual Fund Operations, Credit Suisse Asset Management, LLC (2003-2008).	N/A	None

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

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**Item 2. Code of Ethics.**

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

(b) Not applicable.

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

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

(e) Not applicable.

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

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

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

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

(a) Audit Fees: The aggregate fees billed for each of the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for the audit of the





registrant's annual financial statements or services that are normally provided by the accountant in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for fiscal year 2008 was \$26,500 and fiscal year 2009 was \$28,400.

(b) Audit-Related Fees: The aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for assurance and related services by the principal accountant that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit of the registrant's financial statements and are not reported under paragraph (a) of this Item was \$0 in fiscal year 2008 and \$0 in fiscal year 2009.

(c) Tax Fees: The aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for professional services rendered by the principal accountant for tax compliance, tax advice, and tax planning was \$4,515 in fiscal year 2008 and \$4,615 in fiscal year 2009.

(d) All Other Fees: The aggregate fees billed in each of the last two fiscal years for products and services provided by the principal accountant, other than the services reported in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this Item is \$9,500 in fiscal year 2008 and \$0 in fiscal year 2009.

(e)(1) Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures: All services to be performed by the Registrant's principal auditors must be pre-approved by the Registrant's audit committee, which may include the approval of certain services up to an amount determined by the audit committee. Any services that would exceed that amount would require additional approval of the audit committee.

(e)(2) No services described in paragraphs (b) through (d) were approved pursuant to paragraph (c)(7)(i)(C) of Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X.

(f) Not applicable.

(g) Not applicable.

(h) Not applicable

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

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

H. Guy Leibler

Jeffrey E. Wacksman

Laurence B. Ashkin

James A. Jacobson

Item 6. **Schedule of Investments.**

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

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

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

Item 8. **Portfolio Managers of Closed-End Management Investment Companies as of October 31, 2009**

(a)(1) As of October 31, 2009

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

(a)(2) Other Accounts Managed as of October 31, 2009

Type of Accounts	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (\$ in millions)	Advisory Fee Based on Performance		Material Conflicts if Any
			Number of Accounts	Total Assets	
<b>Jill K. Evans</b>					
Registered Investment Companies	2	\$ 2,024.80	0	0	See below(1)
Other Pooled Accounts	0	0	0	0	
Other Accounts	1	7.70	0	0	
<b>Kevin Shacknofsky</b>					
Registered Investment Companies	2	\$ 2,024.80	0	0	See below(1)
Other Pooled Accounts	0	0	0	0	
Other Accounts	1	7.70	0	0	

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

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

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

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

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

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

Where conflicts of interest arise between the Fund and other accounts managed by the Portfolio Managers, the Portfolio Managers will use good faith efforts so that the Fund will not be treated materially less favorably than other accounts. There may be instances where similar portfolio transactions may be executed for the same security for numerous accounts managed by

the Portfolio Managers. In such instances, securities will be allocated in accordance with the Adviser's trade allocation policy.

(a)(3) Portfolio Manager Compensation as of October 31, 2009

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

(a)(4) Dollar Range of Securities Owned as of October 31, 2009.

Portfolio Manager	Dollar Range of Equity Securities Held in Registrant (1)
Jill K. Evans	\$10,001 - 50,000
Kevin Shacknofsky	\$10,001 - 50,000

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

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

Not Applicable.

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

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

**Item 11. Controls and Procedures.**

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

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

Item 12. **Exhibits.**

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

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

(a)(3) Not applicable.

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

SIGNATURES

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

Alpine Global Dynamic Dividend Fund

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

Date: January 8, 2010

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

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

Date: January 8, 2010

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

Date: January 8, 2010