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707 Westchester Avenue

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ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON MARCH 12, 2009**

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Dear Shareholder,

Notice is hereby given that an Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the Meeting ) of Alpine Total Dynamic Dividend Fund ( the Fund ) will be held on March 12, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, at 707 Westchester Avenue, White Plains, New York 10604.

Shareholders of the Funds will be asked at the Meeting:

1. To elect Laurence B. Ashkin and Samuel A. Lieber as Trustees to the Board of Trustees; and
2. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The Board of Trustees of the Fund unanimously recommends that you vote in favor for each nominee.

This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet at [www.proxyonline.com](http://www.proxyonline.com). We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

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Please read the proxy materials carefully and vote your shares. If you should have any questions about this Notice or the proxy materials, please call (800) 579-1639 Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Thank you in advance for your participation and for your investment.

Sincerely,

Samuel A. Lieber

President

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