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- [] REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933
- [X] Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2
- [] Post-Effective Amendment No. _

and

- [X] REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940
- [X] Amendment No. 3

Nuveen Preferred and Convertible Income Fund 2 $\,$ Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Declaration of Trust

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Approximate Date of Proposed Public Offering:

As soon as practicable after the effective date of this Registration Statement

If any of the securities being registered on this form are offered on a delayed or continuous basis in reliance on Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered in connection with a dividend reinvestment plan, check the following box. []

It is proposed that this filing will become effective (check appropriate box)

[X] when declared effective pursuant to section 8(c)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

			Proposed Max
Title of Securities Being	Amount	Proposed Maximum	Aggregate Off
Registered	Being Registered	Offering Price Per Unit	Price (1)
Common Shares, \$0.01 par value	140,000,000 Shares	\$15.00	\$2,100,000

- (1) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee.
- (2) \$4,854 of which has already been paid.

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such dates as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

The information in this Prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This Prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED , 2003

PROSPECTUS
[LOGO] NUVEEN
Investments

Shares

Nuveen Preferred and Convertible Income Fund 2

Common Shares \$15.00 per share

Investment Objectives. The Fund is a newly organized, diversified, closed-end management investment company.

- . The Fund's primary investment objective is high current income; and
- . The Fund's secondary objective is total return.

No Prior History. Because the Fund is newly organized, its common shares have no history of public trading. Shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at a discount from their net asset value. This risk may be greater for investors who expect to sell their shares in a relatively short period after completion of the public offering.

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Investing in common shares involves certain risks. See "Risks" beginning on page 45.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this Prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Per Share Total /(3)/

Public Offering Price \$15.000
Sales Load/(1)/ \$ 0.675
Estimated Offering Expenses/(2)/ \$ 0.030
Proceeds to the Fund \$14.295

- (1) Certain underwriters that may also participate in any future offering of preferred shares of the Fund may receive additional compensation in that offering based on their participation in this offering. See "Underwriting."
- (2) Total expenses of issuance and distribution (other than underwriting discounts and commissions) are estimated to be \$. Nuveen Investments, LLC has agreed to reimburse offering expenses in excess of \$0.03 per share.
- (3) The Fund has granted the underwriters an option to purchase up to additional common shares at the Public Offering Price less the Sales Load, solely to cover over-allotments, if any. If such option is exercised in full, the total Public Offering Price, Sales Load, Estimated Offering Expenses and Proceeds to the Fund will be \$, \$, and \$, respectively. See "Underwriting."

The underwriters expect to deliver the common shares to purchasers on or about , 2003.

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Citigroup
A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc.

Wachovia Securities

Advest, Inc.
H&R Block Financial
Advisors, Inc.
Fahnestock & Co. Inc.

Robert W. Baird & Co. Crowell, Weedon & Co.

Nuveen Investments, LLC

Prudential Securities

Ferris, Baker Watts

Janney Montgomery Scott

Incorporated Legg Mason Wood Walker

McDonald Investments Inc.
RBC Capital Markets
Stifel, Nicolaus & Company
Incorporated
Wedbush Morgan Securities

Incorporated
Quick & Reilly, Inc.
Ryan Beck & Co.
TD Waterhouse

Wells Fargo Securities,

, 2003

The common shares have been approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange, subject to notice of issuance. The trading or "ticker" symbol of the common shares is "JQC ."

Adviser and Subadvisers. Nuveen Institutional Advisory Corp. will be the Fund's investment adviser, responsible for determining the Fund's overall investment strategy, including allocating the portion of the Fund's assets to be invested in preferred securities, convertible securities and other debt instruments, and also for managing the portion of the Fund's assets allocated to other debt instruments. Spectrum Asset Management, Inc. and Froley, Revy Investment Co., Inc. will be the Fund's subadvisers. The Fund's assets allocated to preferred securities will be managed by Spectrum Asset Management, Inc. and the Fund's assets allocated to convertible securities will be managed by Froley, Revy Investment Co., Inc.

Portfolio Contents. Under normal circumstances, the Fund:

- will invest at least 80% of its Managed Assets (as defined on page 5 of this Prospectus) in preferred securities, convertible securities and related instruments; and
- . may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets in other securities, including debt instruments and common stocks acquired upon conversion of a convertible security (such common stocks not normally to exceed 5% of the Fund's Managed Assets).

Initially, Nuveen Institutional Advisory Corp. will allocate approximately 60%, 30% and 10% of the Fund's Managed Assets to preferred securities, convertible securities and other debt instruments, respectively. Thereafter, the portion of the Fund's Managed Assets invested in preferred securities, convertible securities and other debt instruments will vary from time to time consistent with the Fund's investment objectives, although the Fund will normally invest at least 50% of its Managed Assets in preferred securities and at least 20% of its Managed Assets in convertible securities (so long as the combined total equals at least 80% of the Fund's Managed Assets). In making allocation decisions, Nuveen Institutional Advisory Corp. will consider factors

such as interest rate levels, conditions and developing trends in the bond and equity markets, analysis of relative valuations for preferred, convertible and other debt instruments, and other economic and market factors, including the overall outlook for the economy and inflation.

- . The Fund will invest at least 65% of its Managed Assets in securities that, at the time of investment, are investment grade quality, which includes securities that are unrated but judged to be of comparable quality. Split-rated securities (as defined on page 5 of this Prospectus) are considered to be investment grade quality securities, except that to the extent the Fund owns split-rated securities that exceed 10% of its Managed Assets, the excess over 10% will not be considered to be investment grade quality.
- . The Fund may invest up to 35% of its Managed Assets in securities that, at the time of investment, are not investment grade quality. The Fund will only invest in securities that, at the time of investment, are rated B or higher by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization or that are unrated but judged to be of comparable quality, except, however, the Fund may invest up to 5% of its Managed Assets in securities with a highest rating of CCC or that are unrated but judged to be of comparable quality.

The Fund intends that most or all of the preferred securities in which it invests will be fully taxable and will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objectives. See "The Fund's Investments" and "Risks."

You should read this Prospectus, which contains important information about the Fund, before deciding whether to invest and retain it for future reference. A Statement of Additional Information, dated , 2003, and as it may be supplemented, containing additional information about the Fund, has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and is incorporated by reference in its entirety into this Prospectus. You may request a free copy of the Statement of Additional Information, the table of contents of which is on page 70 of this Prospectus, by calling (800) 257-8787 or by writing to the Fund, or you may obtain a copy (and other information regarding the Fund) from the Securities and Exchange Commission's web site (http://www.sec.gov).

The Fund's common shares do not represent a deposit or obligation of, and are not guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank or other insured depository institution, and are not federally insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board or any other government agency.

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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this Prospectus. The Fund has not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. The Fund is not making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained in this Prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this Prospectus.

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Until , 2003 (25 days after the date of this Prospectus), all dealers that buy, sell or trade the common shares, whether or not participating in this offering, may be required to deliver a Prospectus. This is in addition to the dealers' obligation to deliver a Prospectus when acting as underwriters and with respect to their unsold allotments or subscriptions.

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PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This is only a summary. You should review the more detailed information contained elsewhere in this Prospectus and in the Statement of Additional Information to understand the offering fully.

The Fund...... Nuveen Preferred and Convertible Income Fund 2 (the "Fund") is a newly organized, diversified, closed-end management investment company.

The Offering...... The Fund is offering common shares of beneficial interest at \$15.00 per share through a group of underwriters (the "Underwriters") led by Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Nuveen Investments, LLC ("Nuveen"), A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc., Prudential Securities Incorporated, Wachovia Securities, LLC, Advest, Inc., Robert W. Baird & Co. Incorporated, H&R Block Financial Advisors, Inc., Crowell, Weedon & Co., Fahnestock & Co. Inc., Ferris, Baker Watts, Incorporated, Janney Montgomery Scott LLC, Legg Mason Wood Walker, Incorporated, McDonald Investments Inc., a KeyCorp Company, Quick & Reilly, Inc. A FleetBoston Financial Company, RBC Dain Rauscher Inc., Ryan Beck & Co., Inc., Stifel,

Nicolaus & Company, Incorporated, TD Waterhouse

Investor Services, Inc., Wedbush Morgan Securities
Inc. and Wells Fargo Securities, LLC. The common
shares of beneficial interest are called "Common
Shares" in this Prospectus. You must purchase at
least 100 Common Shares in this offering. The Fund
has given the Underwriters an option to purchase up
to additional Common Shares to cover
orders in excess of Common Shares. See
"Underwriting." Nuveen has agreed to pay (i) all
organizational expenses and (ii) offering costs
(other than sales load) that exceed \$0.03 per Common
Share.

Investment Objectives and Policies......

The Fund's primary investment objective is high current income. The Fund's secondary investment objective is total return. The Fund's investment objectives and certain investment policies are considered fundamental and may not be changed without shareholder approval. The Fund cannot assure you that it will attain its investment objectives. See "The Fund's Investments" and "Risks."

Under normal circumstances the Fund:

- will invest at least 80% of its Managed Assets in preferred securities, convertible securities and related instruments. The Fund intends that most or all of the preferred securities in which it invests will be fully taxable and will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction; and
- may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets in other securities, including debt instruments and common stocks acquired upon conversion of a convertible security (such common stocks not normally to exceed 5% of the Fund's Managed Assets).

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The Fund's average daily net assets (including assets attributable to any FundPreferred(TM) shares (as defined below) that may be outstanding and the principal amount of any Borrowings (as defined below)) is called "Managed Assets."

The Fund's assets allocated to preferred securities will be managed by Spectrum Asset Management, Inc. ("Spectrum"). The Fund's assets allocated to convertible securities will be managed by Froley, Revy Investment Co., Inc. ("Froley, Revy"). The Fund's assets allocated to other debt instruments will be managed by Nuveen Institutional Advisory Corp. ("NIAC").

NIAC will be responsible for determining the Fund's overall investment strategy, including allocating

the portion of the Fund's assets to be invested in preferred securities, convertible securities and other debt instruments. Initially, NIAC will allocate approximately 60%, 30% and 10% of the Fund's Managed Assets to preferred securities, convertible securities, and other debt instruments, respectively. Thereafter, the portion of the Fund's Managed Assets invested in preferred securities, convertible securities and other debt instruments will vary from time to time consistent with the Fund's investment objectives, although the Fund will normally invest at least 50% of its Managed Assets in preferred securities and at least 20% of its Managed Assets in convertible securities (so long as the combined total equals at least 80% of the Fund's Managed Assets). See "The Fund's Investments" and "Management of the Fund."

The Fund will invest at least 65% of its Managed Assets in securities that, at the time of investment, are investment grade quality. Initially, the Fund intends to invest approximately 75% of its Managed Assets in investment grade quality securities. Investment grade quality securities are those securities that, at the time of investment, are (i) rated by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization ("NRSRO") within the four highest grades (Baa or BBB or better by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), Standard & Poor's Corporation, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies ("S&P"), or Fitch Ratings ("Fitch")), or (ii) unrated but judged to be of comparable quality.

Securities that, at the time of investment, are rated below investment grade by Moody's, S&P or Fitch, so long as at least one NRSRO rates such securities within the four highest grades (such securities are called "split-rated securities"), are considered to be investment grade quality securities, except that to the extent the Fund owns split-rated securities that exceed 10% of its Managed Assets, the excess over 10% will not be considered to be investment grade quality.

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Assets in securities that, at the time of investment, are not investment grade quality. The Fund will only invest in securities that, at the time of investment, are rated B or higher by at least one NRSRO or that are unrated but judged to be of comparable quality, except, however, the Fund may invest up to 5% of its Managed Assets in securities with a highest rating of CCC or that are unrated but judged to be of comparable quality.

Securities of below investment grade quality are regarded as having predominately speculative characteristics with respect to capacity to pay interest and repay principal, and are commonly referred to as junk bonds. See "The Fund's Investments--Investment Objectives and Policies" and "Risks--High Yield Risk."

In addition, under normal circumstances:

- . The Fund intends to invest at least 25% of its Managed Assets in the securities of companies principally engaged in financial services. See "The Fund's Investments--Portfolio Composition--Financial Services Company Securities."
- Assets in securities that, at the time of investment, are illiquid (i.e., securities that are not readily marketable). All securities and other instruments in which the Fund invests will be subject to this 10% limitation to the extent they are deemed to be illiquid. Initially, the Fund does not intend to invest more than 5% of its Managed Assets in illiquid securities.
- The Fund may invest up to 35% of its Managed Assets in securities of non-U.S. issuers. Subject to this 35% limitation, up to 10% of the Fund's Managed Assets may be invested in securities that are denominated in Japanese yen, Canadian dollars, British pounds or Euros and which may be offered, traded or listed in markets other than U.S. markets. The remainder of the Fund's Managed Assets that may be invested in securities of non-U.S. issuers will be invested in U.S. dollar denominated securities offered, traded or listed in U.S. markets. Initially, the Fund does not intend to invest more than 20% of its Managed Assets in securities of non-U.S. issuers, and does not currently intend to invest in the non-U.S. dollar denominated securities described above.

For a more complete discussion of the Fund's initial portfolio composition, see "The Fund's Investments--Initial Portfolio Composition."

The taxable preferred securities in which the Fund intends to invest generally do not pay dividends that qualify for reduced rates of federal income taxation available to noncorporate investors on "qualified dividend income" or the dividends received deduction (the "Dividends Received Deduction") under Section 243 of the Internal

Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). The Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 reduced to 15% the maximum tax rate on "qualified dividend income" of noncorporate investors for taxable years beginning before January 1, 2009. The Dividends Received Deduction generally allows corporations to deduct from their income 70% of dividends received. Accordingly, any noncorporate shareholder who otherwise may be entitled to reduced tax rates on "qualified dividend income" and any corporate shareholder who otherwise would qualify for the Dividends Received Deduction should not assume that the distributions received from the Fund will qualify for the reduced tax rates or the Dividends Received Deduction. See "Tax Matters."

Proposed Use of

Leverage...... The Fund, if market conditions are deemed favorable, likely will use leverage by issuing preferred stock ("FundPreferred/TM/ shares"), commercial paper or notes and/or borrowing in an aggregate amount of approximately 33 1/3% of the Fund's capital after such issuance and/ or borrowing. There is no assurance that the Fund will issue FundPreferred shares, commercial paper or notes or engage in borrowing transactions.

Subject to market conditions and the Fund's receipt of a AA/Aa credit rating or better from a NRSRO on FundPreferred shares, within approximately one and one-half to two months after completion of this offering, the Fund intends to offer FundPreferred shares. FundPreferred shares will have seniority over the Common Shares. The issuance of FundPreferred shares will leverage your investment in Common Shares.

Any issuance of commercial paper or notes or borrowing will have seniority over the Common Shares.

Throughout this Prospectus, commercial paper, notes or borrowings sometimes may be collectively referred to as "Borrowings."

There is no guarantee that the Fund's leverage strategy will be successful. See "Risks--Leverage Risk." FundPreferred shares will pay dividends based on short-term rates, which will be reset frequently. Borrowings may be at a fixed or floating rate and generally will be based on short-term rates. So long as the rate of return, net of applicable Fund expenses, on the Fund's portfolio investments exceeds the then current FundPreferred share dividend rate or the interest rate on any Borrowings, the investment of the proceeds of FundPreferred shares or Borrowings will generate more income than will be needed to pay such dividends or interest payment. If so, the excess

will be available to pay higher dividends to holders
of Common Shares ("Common Shareholders").

Proposed Use of Hedging Transactions.....

The Fund may use derivatives or other transactions for purposes of hedging the portfolio's exposure to the risk of increases in interest

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rates, common stock risk, high yield credit risk and foreign currency exchange rate risk. The specific derivative instruments to be used, or other transactions to be entered into, each for hedging purposes may include (i) options and futures contracts, including options on common stock, stock indexes, bonds and bond indexes, stock index futures, bond index futures and related instruments, (ii) short sales of securities that the Fund owns or has the right to acquire through the conversion of securities, (iii) structured notes and similar instruments, (iv) credit derivative instruments and (v) currency exchange transactions. Some, but not all, of the derivative instruments may be traded and listed on an exchange. The positions in derivatives will be marked-to-market daily at the closing price established on the relevant exchange or at a fair value. See "The Fund's Investments--Portfolio Composition--Hedging Transactions, " "Risks--Hedging Risk" and "Risks--Counterparty Risk." Except for investing in synthetic convertible securities, the Fund will use derivatives or other transactions described above solely for purposes of hedging the Fund's portfolio risks.

Interest Rate
Transactions.....

In connection with the Fund's likely use of leverage through the sale of FundPreferred shares or Borrowings, the Fund, if market conditions are deemed favorable, likely will enter into interest rate swap or cap transactions to attempt to protect itself from increasing dividend or interest expenses on its FundPreferred Shares or Borrowings. The use of interest rate swaps and caps is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio security transactions.

In an interest rate swap, the Fund would agree to pay to the other party to the interest rate swap (which is known as the "counterparty") a fixed rate payment in exchange for the counterparty agreeing to pay to the Fund a payment at a variable rate that is expected to approximate the rate on the Fund's variable rate payment obligation on FundPreferred shares or any variable rate Borrowings. The payment obligations would be based on the notional amount of the swap.

In an interest rate cap, the Fund would pay a premium

to the counterparty to the interest rate cap and, to the extent that a specified variable rate index exceeds a predetermined fixed rate, would receive from the counterparty payments of the difference based on the notional amount of such cap. Depending on the state of interest rates in general, the Fund's use of interest rate swap or cap transactions could enhance or harm the overall performance of the Common Shares. To the extent there is a decline in interest rates, the value of the interest rate swap or cap could decline, and could result in a decline in the net asset value of the Common Shares. In addition, if the counterparty to an interest rate swap or cap defaults, the Fund

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would not be able to use the anticipated net receipts under the swap or cap to offset the dividend payments on FundPreferred shares or interest payments on Borrowings.

Depending on whether the Fund would be entitled to receive net payments from the counterparty on the swap or cap, which in turn would depend on the general state of short-term interest rates at that point in time, such a default could negatively impact the performance of the Common Shares. In addition, at the time an interest rate swap or cap transaction reaches its scheduled termination date, there is a risk that the Fund would not be able to obtain a replacement transaction or that the terms of the replacement would not be as favorable as on the expiring transaction. If either of these events occurs, it could have a negative impact on the performance of the Common Shares. If the Fund fails to maintain a required 200% asset coverage of the liquidation value of the outstanding FundPreferred shares or if the Fund loses its expected rating on FundPreferred shares of at least AA/Aa or fails to maintain other covenants with respect to the FundPreferred shares, the Fund may be required to redeem some or all of the FundPreferred shares. Similarly, the Fund could be required to prepay the principal amount of any Borrowings. Such redemption or prepayment would likely result in the Fund seeking to terminate early all or a portion of any swap or cap transaction. Early termination of a swap could result in a termination payment by or to the Fund. Early termination of a cap could result in a termination payment to the Fund. The Fund intends to maintain in a segregated account with its custodian cash or liquid securities having a value at least equal to the Fund's net payment obligations under any swap transaction, marked-to-market daily. The Fund will not enter into interest rate swap or cap transactions having a notional amount that exceeds the outstanding amount of the Fund's leverage.

See "Use of Leverage" and "Hedging Transactions" for

additional information.

Investment Adviser and Subadvisers.....

NIAC will be the Fund's investment adviser, responsible for determining the Fund's overall investment strategy, including allocating the portion of the Fund's assets to be invested in preferred securities, convertible securities and other debt instruments, and also for managing a portion of the Fund's assets. In making allocation decisions, NIAC will consider factors such as interest rate levels, conditions and developing trends in the bond and equity markets, analysis of relative valuations for preferred, convertible and other debt instruments, and other economic and market factors, including the overall outlook for the economy and inflation.

The Fund's assets allocated to preferred securities will be managed by Spectrum. The Fund's assets allocated to convertible securities will

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be managed by Froley, Revy. The Fund's assets allocated to other debt instruments will be managed by NIAC. Spectrum and Froley, Revy will sometimes individually be referred to as a "Subadviser" and collectively be referred to as the "Subadvisers." NIAC, Spectrum and Froley, Revy will sometimes individually be referred to as an "Adviser" and collectively be referred to as the "Advisers."

NIAC, a registered investment adviser, is a wholly owned subsidiary of Nuveen Investments, Inc. Founded in 1898, Nuveen Investments, Inc. and its affiliates had approximately \$83 billion of assets under management as of April 30, 2003. According to Thomson Wealth Management, Nuveen is the leading sponsor of closed-end exchange-traded funds as measured by the number of funds (103) and the amount of fund assets under management (approximately \$42 billion) as of April 30, 2003.

Spectrum, a registered investment adviser, is an independently managed wholly owned subsidiary of Principal Global Investors, LLC. Founded in 1987, Spectrum had approximately \$8 billion in assets under management as of April 30, 2003. Spectrum specializes in the management of diversified preferred security portfolios primarily for institutional clients. Collectively, subsidiaries and affiliates of Principal Global Investors, LLC managed over \$98 billion in combined assets worldwide as of April 30, 2003.

Froley, Revy, a registered investment adviser, is an independently managed wholly owned subsidiary of First Republic Bank. Founded in 1975, Froley, Revy had approximately \$2.5 billion in assets under

management as of April 30, 2003. Froley, Revy specializes in the management of convertible securities. Collectively, subsidiaries and affiliates of First Republic Bank, including Froley, Revy, managed approximately \$7 billion in combined assets as of April 30, 2003.

NIAC will receive an annual fee, payable monthly, in a maximum amount equal to .90% of the Fund's Managed Assets (as previously defined, Managed Assets include assets attributable to any FundPreferred shares that may be outstanding and the principal amount of any Borrowings), with lower fee levels for assets that exceed \$500 million. NIAC will pay a portion of that fee to each of the Subadvisers based on each Subadviser's allocated portion of Managed Assets. The Advisers have contractually agreed to reimburse the Fund for fees and expenses in the amount of .32% of average daily Managed Assets of the Fund for the first five full years of the Fund's operations (through June 30, 2008), and for a declining amount for an additional three years (through June 30, 2011). For more information on fees and expenses, including fees attributable to Common Shares, see "Management of the Fund."

Distributions.....

Subject to the discussion in the following paragraph, commencing with the Fund's first dividend, the Fund intends to make regular monthly cash distributions to Common Shareholders at a level rate (stated in

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terms of a fixed cents per Common Share dividend rate) based on the projected performance of the Fund ("Level Rate Dividend Policy"). The Fund's ability to maintain a Level Rate Dividend Policy will depend on a number of factors, including the stability of income received from its investments and dividends payable on the FundPreferred shares or interest and required principal payments on Borrowings. As portfolio and market conditions change, the rate of dividends on the Common Shares and the Fund's dividend policy could change. Over time, the Fund will distribute all of its net investment income (after it pays accrued dividends on, or redeems or liquidates, any outstanding FundPreferred shares, if any, and interest and required principal payments on Borrowings, if any). In addition, at least annually, the Fund intends to distribute net capital gain and taxable ordinary income, if any, to you so long as the net capital gain and taxable ordinary income are not necessary to pay accrued dividends on, or redeem or liquidate, any FundPreferred shares, or pay interest on or repay any Borrowings. Your initial distribution is expected to be declared approximately 45 days and paid approximately 60 to 90 days, from the completion of this offering, depending on market conditions. In most circumstances, you may elect to automatically

reinvest some or all of your distributions in additional Common Shares under the Fund's Dividend Reinvestment Plan. See "Distributions" and "Dividend Reinvestment Plan."

In June 2002, NIAC, on behalf of itself and certain funds, filed an exemptive application with the Securities and Exchange Commission seeking an order under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act") facilitating the implementation of a dividend policy calling for monthly distributions of a fixed percentage of its net asset value ("Managed Dividend Policy"). The application will be amended to include the Fund as a party. If, and when, NIAC, on behalf of itself and other parties, receives the requested relief, the Fund may, subject to the determination of its Board of Trustees, implement a Managed Dividend Policy. See "Distributions."

Listing.....

The Common Shares have been approved for listing on the New York Stock Exchange, subject to notice of issuance. See "Description of Shares--Common Shares." The trading or "ticker" symbol of the Common Shares is "JQC." Because of this exchange listing, the Fund may sometimes be referred to in public communications as a "closed-end exchange-traded fund" or "exchange-traded fund."

Custodian and Transfer Agent.....

State Street Bank and Trust Company will serve as custodian and transfer agent for the Fund. See "Custodian and Transfer Agent."

Market Discount from Net Asset Value.....

Shares of closed-end investment companies frequently trade at prices lower than net asset value. This characteristic is a risk separate and distinct from the risk that the Fund's net asset value could decrease

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as a result of investment activities and may be a greater risk for investors expecting to sell their shares in a relatively short period of time following the completion of this offering. The Fund cannot predict whether Common Shares will trade at, above or below net asset value. Net asset value of the Fund will be reduced immediately following the offering by the sales load and the amount of organization and offering expenses paid by the Fund. See "Use of Proceeds," "Use of Leverage," "Risks," "Description of Shares," "Repurchase of Fund Shares; Conversion to Open-End Fund" and the Statement of Additional Information under "Repurchase of Fund Shares; Conversion to Open-End Fund." The Common Shares are designed primarily for long-term investors, and you should not view the Fund as a vehicle for trading purposes.

Special Risk
Considerations.....

No Operating History. The Fund is a newly organized, diversified, closed-end management investment company with no history of operations.

Investment and Market Risk. An investment in the Fund's Common Shares is subject to investment risk, including the possible loss of the entire principal amount that you invest. Your investment in Common Shares represents an indirect investment in the securities owned by the Fund, most of which are traded on a national securities exchange or in the over-the-counter markets. The value of these securities, like other market investments, may move up or down, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably.

Your Common Shares at any point in time may be worth less than your original investment, even after taking into account the reinvestment of Fund dividends and distributions. The Fund likely will use leverage, which magnifies the stock market and interest rate risks. See "Use of Leverage" and "Risks--Investment and Market Risk."

Interest Rate Risk. Interest rate risk is the risk that fixed-income securities such as preferred, convertible and other debt securities will decline in value because of changes in market interest rates. When market interest rates rise, the market value of such securities generally will fall. The Fund's investment in such securities means that the net asset value and market price of Common Shares will tend to decline if market interest rates rise. Market interest rates currently are at historically low levels.

During periods of declining interest rates, an issuer may exercise its option to prepay principal earlier than scheduled, forcing the Fund to reinvest in lower yielding securities. This is known as call or prepayment risk. During periods of rising interest rates, the average life of certain types of securities may be extended because of slower than expected principal payments. This may lock in a below market

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interest rate, increase the security's duration and reduce the value of the security. This is known as extension risk. See "Risks--Investment and Market Risk" and "Risks--Interest Rate Risk."

Credit Risk; Subordination. Credit risk is the risk that a security in the Fund's portfolio will decline in price or fail to make dividend or interest payments when due because the issuer of the security experiences a decline in its financial status. Preferred and convertible securities are typically subordinated to bonds and other debt instruments in

a company's capital structure, in terms of priority to corporate income, and therefore will be subject to greater credit risk than those debt instruments. See "Risks--Credit Risk; Subordination" and "Risks--High Yield Risk."

High Yield Risk. The Fund may invest up to 35% of its Managed Assets in securities that, at the time of investment, are not investment grade quality. The Fund will only invest in securities that, at the time of investment, are rated B or higher by at least one NRSRO or that are unrated but judged to be of comparable quality by the Adviser responsible for the investment, except, however, the Fund may invest up to 5% of its Managed Assets in securities with a highest rating of CCC or that are unrated but judged to be of comparable quality by the Adviser responsible for the investment. Securities of below investment grade quality are regarded as having predominately speculative characteristics with respect to capacity to pay interest and repay principal, and are commonly referred to as junk bonds. Issuers of high yield securities may be highly leveraged and may not have available to them more traditional methods of financing. The prices of these lower grade securities are typically more sensitive to negative developments, such as a decline in the issuer's revenues or a general economic downturn, than are the prices of higher grade securities. The secondary market for high yield securities may not be as liquid as the secondary market for more highly rated securities, a factor which may have an adverse effect on the Fund's ability to dispose of a particular security. See "Risks--Credit Risk; Subordination" and "Risks--High Yield Risk."

Convertible Security Risk. Convertible securities generally offer lower interest or dividend yields than non-convertible fixed-income securities of similar credit quality because of the potential for capital appreciation. The market values of convertible securities tend to decline as interest rates increase and, conversely, to increase as interest rates decline. However, a convertible security's market value also tends to reflect the market price of the common stock of the issuing company, particularly when that stock price is greater than the convertible security's "conversion price." The conversion price is defined as the predetermined price or exchange ratio at which the convertible security can be converted or exchanged for the

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underlying common stock. As the market price of the underlying common stock declines below the conversion price, the price of the convertible security tends to be increasingly influenced more by

the yield of the convertible security. Thus, it may not decline in price to the same extent as the underlying common stock. In the event of a liquidation of the issuing company, holders of convertible securities would be paid before that company's common stockholders. Consequently, an issuer's convertible securities generally entail less risk than its common stock. However, convertible securities fall below debt obligations of the same issuer in order of preference or priority in the event of a liquidation and are typically unrated or rated lower than such debt obligations. See "Risks--Credit Risk; Subordination."

Mandatory convertible securities are distinguished as a subset of convertible securities because the conversion is not optional and the conversion price at maturity is based solely upon the market price of the underlying common stock, which may be significantly less than par or the price (above or below par) paid. For these reasons, the risks associated with investing in mandatory convertible securities most closely resemble the risks inherent in common stocks. Mandatory convertible securities customarily pay a higher coupon yield to compensate for the potential risk of additional price volatility and loss upon conversion. Because the market price of a mandatory convertible security increasingly corresponds to the market price of its underlying common stock, as the convertible security approaches its conversion date, there can be no assurance that the higher coupon will compensate for a potential loss. See "Risks--Convertible Security Risk" and "Risks--Common Stock."

Synthetic Convertible Security Risk. Although the Fund does not currently intend to invest in synthetic convertible securities, it may invest up to 10% of its Managed Assets in such securities. The Fund may invest in synthetic convertible securities created by third parties that, similar to true convertible securities, typically trade as a single security with a unitary value. The Fund also may invest in synthetic convertible securities by acquiring separate securities, one possessing a fixed-income component and the other possessing an equity component. The value of a synthetic convertible security that is comprised of separate securities may respond differently to market fluctuations than a true convertible security or a synthetic convertible security traded as a single security because each separate security comprising such a synthetic convertible security has its own market value. In addition, because the equity component may be synthetically achieved by investing in warrants or options to buy common stock at a certain exercise price, or options on a common stock index, synthetic convertible securities are subject to the risks associated with warrants and options, as discussed below. In

addition, if the value of the underlying common stock or the level of the index involved in the equity component falls below the exercise price of the warrant or option, the warrant or option may lose all value. See "Risks--Convertible Security Risk" and "Risks--Synthetic Convertible Security Risk."

The Fund will be subject to the risks of warrants and options to the extent it invests in synthetic convertible securities that use warrants or options on common stocks or common stock indexes as their equity components. Warrants and options are subject to a number of risks associated with derivative instruments generally and described elsewhere in this Prospectus, such as illiquidity risks and risks associated with investments in common stocks. They also involve the risk of mispricing or improper valuation, the risk of ambiguous documentation, and the risk that changes in the value of a warrant or option may not correlate perfectly with its underlying common stock or common stock index.

Leverage Risk. The use of leverage through the Fund's issuance of FundPreferred shares or Borrowings creates an opportunity for increased Common Share net income and returns but also creates special risks for Common Shareholders as described below. In addition, there is no assurance that the Fund's leveraging strategy will be successful. The Fund will pay (and Common Shareholders will bear) any costs and expenses relating to any Borrowings and to the issuance and ongoing maintenance of FundPreferred shares (for example, distribution related expenses such as a participation fee paid at what the Fund expects will be an annual rate of 0.25% of FundPreferred share liquidation preference to broker-dealers successfully participating in FundPreferred share auctions).

Leverage creates two major types of risks for Common Shareholders:

- the likelihood of greater volatility of net asset value and market price of Common Shares because changes in the value of the Fund's portfolio investments, including investments purchased with the proceeds of the issuance of FundPreferred shares or Borrowings, are borne entirely by the Common Shareholders; and
- the possibility either that Common Share income will fall if the dividend rate on FundPreferred shares or the interest rate on any Borrowings rises, or that Common Share income will fluctuate because the dividend rate on FundPreferred shares or the interest rate on any Borrowings varies.

See "Risks--Leverage Risk."

Concentration Risk. The Fund intends to invest at least 25% of its Managed Assets in securities of companies principally engaged in

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financial services. This policy makes the Fund more susceptible to adverse economic or regulatory occurrences affecting that sector.

- A company is "principally engaged" in financial services if it has financial services-related businesses that generate at least 50% of its revenues. Companies in the financial services sector include commercial banks, industrial banks, savings institutions, finance companies, diversified financial services companies, investment banking firms, securities brokerage houses, investment advisory companies, leasing companies, insurance companies and companies providing similar services. Concentration of investments in the financial services sector includes the following risks:
 - financial services companies may suffer a setback if regulators change the rules under which they operate;
 - unstable interest rates can have a disproportionate effect on the financial services sector;
 - financial services companies whose securities the Fund may purchase may themselves have concentrated portfolios, such as a high level of loans to real estate developers, which makes them vulnerable to economic conditions that affect that sector; and
 - financial services companies have been affected by increased competition, which could adversely affect the profitability and viability of such companies.

See "Risks--Concentration Risk."

Non-U.S. Securities Risk. The Fund may invest up to 35% of its Managed Assets in securities of non-U.S. issuers. Subject to this 35% limitation, up to 10% of the Fund's Managed Assets may be invested in securities that are denominated in Japanese yen, Canadian dollars, British pounds or Euros and which may be offered, traded or listed in markets other than U.S. markets. The remainder of the Fund's Managed Assets that may be invested in securities of non-U.S. issuers will be invested in U.S. dollar denominated securities offered, traded or listed in U.S. markets. Initially, the Fund does not intend to invest more than 20% of its Managed Assets in

securities of non-U.S. issuers and does not currently intend to invest in the non-U.S. dollar denominated securities described above. Investments in securities of non-U.S. issuers involve special risks not presented by investments in securities of U.S. issuers, including the following: less publicly available information about non-U.S. issuers or markets due to less rigorous disclosure or accounting standards or regulatory practices; many non-U.S. markets are smaller, less liquid and more volatile; potential adverse effects of fluctuations in currency exchange rates or controls on the value of the Fund's investments; the economies of non-U.S. countries may grow at slower rates than expected or may

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experience a downturn or recession; the impact of economic, political, social or diplomatic events; possible seizure; and economic withholding and other non-U.S. taxes may decrease the Fund's return. These risks are more pronounced to the extent that the Fund invests a significant amount of its assets in companies located in one region. See "Risks-Non-U.S. Securities Risk."

Common Stock Risk. The Fund will have exposure to common stocks by virtue of the equity component of the convertible securities in which the Fund invests. The Fund may hold common stocks in its portfolio upon conversion of a convertible security, such holdings not normally to exceed 5% of the Fund's Managed Assets. In addition, in keeping with the income focus of the Fund, the Fund expects to sell any common stock holdings as soon as practicable after conversion of a convertible security. Although common stocks historically have generated higher average returns than fixed-income securities, common stocks also have experienced significantly more volatility in those returns. An adverse event, such as an unfavorable earnings report, may depress the value of a particular common stock held by the Fund. Also, prices of common stocks are sensitive to general movements in the stock market and a drop in the stock market may depress the prices of common stocks held by the Fund or to which it has exposure.

Hedging Risk. The Fund may use derivatives or other transactions for purposes of hedging the portfolio's exposure to the risk of increases in interest rates, common stock risk, high yield credit risk and foreign currency exchange rate risk that could result in poorer overall performance for the Fund. The Fund's use of derivatives or other transactions to reduce risk involves costs and will be subject to an Adviser's ability to predict correctly changes in the relationships of such hedge instruments to the Fund's portfolio holdings or other factors. No

assurance can be given that such Adviser's judgment in this respect will be correct. In addition, no assurance can be given that the Fund will enter into hedging or other transactions at times or under circumstances in which it may be advisable to do so. See "Hedging Transactions" and "Risks-Hedging Risk." Except for investing in synthetic convertible securities, the Fund will use derivatives or other transactions described above solely for purposes of hedging the Fund's portfolio risks.

Interest Rate Transactions Risk. The Fund may enter into an interest rate swap or cap transaction to attempt to protect itself from increasing dividend or interest expenses on its FundPreferred shares or Borrowings resulting from increasing short-term interest rates. A decline in interest rates may result in a decline in the value of the swap or cap, which may result in a decline in the net asset value of

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the Common Shares. See "Use of Leverage" and "Hedging Transactions."

Limited Voting Rights of Preferred Securities. Generally, preferred security holders (such as the Fund) have no voting rights with respect to the issuing company unless preferred dividends have been in arrears for a specified number of periods, at which time the preferred security holders may elect a number of directors to the issuer's board. Generally, once all the arrearages have been paid, the preferred security holders no longer have voting rights. In the case of taxable preferred securities (as described under "The Fund's Investments--Portfolio Composition"), holders generally have no voting rights, except if (i) the issuer fails to pay dividends for a specified period of time or (ii) a declaration of default occurs and is continuing.

Special Redemption Rights of Preferred Securities. In certain varying circumstances, an issuer of preferred securities may redeem the securities prior to a specified date. For instance, for certain types of preferred securities, a redemption may be triggered by a change in federal income tax or securities laws. As with call provisions, a special redemption by the issuer may negatively impact the return of the security held by the Fund.

See "Risks--Certain Risks Related to Preferred Securities."

Corporate Loan Risk. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets in other debt instruments, including corporate loans. Corporate loans in which the Fund may invest may not be rated by an NRSRO at

the time of investment, generally will not be registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission and generally will not be listed on a securities exchange. In addition, the amount of public information available with respect to corporate loans generally will be less extensive than that available for more widely rated, registered and exchange-listed securities. Because the interest rates of corporate loans reset frequently, if market interest rates fall, the loans' interest rates will be reset to lower levels, potentially reducing the Fund's income. No active trading market currently exists for many corporate loans in which the Fund may invest and, thus, they are relatively illiquid. As a result, corporate loans generally are more difficult to value than more liquid securities for which a trading market exists. The Fund also may purchase a participation interest in a corporate loan and by doing so acquire some or all of the interest of a bank or other lending institution in a loan to a corporate borrower. A participation typically will result in the Fund having a contractual relationship only with the lender, not the borrower. In this instance, the Fund will have the right to receive payments of principal, interest and any fees to which it is entitled only from the lender selling the participation and only upon receipt by the lender of the payments

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from the borrower. See "Risks--High Yield Securities" and "Risks--Corporate Loans."

Tax Risk. The Fund may invest in preferred securities, convertible securities or other securities the federal income tax treatment of which may not be clear or may be subject to recharacterization by the Internal Revenue Service. It could be more difficult for the Fund to comply with the tax requirements applicable to regulated investment companies if the tax characterization of the Fund's investments or the tax treatment of the income from such investments were successfully challenged by the Internal Revenue Service. See "Tax Matters."

Illiquid Securities Risk. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its Managed Assets in securities that, at the time of investment, are illiquid. Illiquid securities are not readily marketable and may include some restricted securities. Illiquid securities involve the risk that the securities will not be able to be sold at the time desired by the Fund or at prices approximating the value at which the Fund is carrying the securities on its books.

Market Disruption Risk. Certain events have a

disruptive effect on the securities markets, such as terrorist attacks (including the terrorist attacks in the U.S. on September 11, 2001), war and other geopolitical events. The Fund cannot predict the effects of similar events in the future on the U.S. economy. High yield securities and securities of issuers with smaller market capitalizations tend to be more volatile than higher rated securities and securities of issuers with larger market capitalizations so that these events and any actions resulting from them may have a greater impact on the prices and volatility of high yield securities and securities of issuers with smaller market capitalization than on higher rated securities and securities of issuers with larger market capitalization.

Inflation Risk. Inflation risk is the risk that the value of assets or income from investment will be worth less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the real value of the Common Shares and distributions can decline. In addition, during any periods of rising inflation, FundPreferred share dividend rates would likely increase, which would tend to further reduce returns to Common Shareholders.

Anti-Takeover Provisions. The Fund's Declaration of Trust (the "Declaration") includes provisions that could limit the ability of other entities or persons to acquire control of the Fund or convert the Fund to open-end status. These provisions could have the effect of depriving the Common Shareholders of opportunities to sell their Common Shares at a premium over the then current market price of the Common Shares. See "Certain Provisions in the Declaration of Trust" and "Risks--Anti-Takeover Provisions."

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SUMMARY OF FUND EXPENSES

The Annual Expenses table below assumes the issuance of FundPreferred shares in an amount equal to $33\ 1/3\%$ of the Fund's capital (after their issuance), and shows Fund expenses as a percentage of net assets attributable to Common Shares.

Shareholder Transaction Expenses	
Sales Load Paid by You (as a percentage of offering price)	4.50%
Offering Expenses Borne by the Fund (as a percentage of offering	
price)/(1)(2)/	.20%
Dividend Reinvestment Plan Fees	None/(3)/

Percentage of Net Assets Attributable to Common Shares/(5)/

Annual Expenses Management Fees/(4)/ Other Expenses/(4)/ Interest Payments on Borrowed Funds/(4)/	1.35% .30% None
Total Annual Expenses/(4)/ Fee and Expense Reimbursement (Years 1-5)	1.65% (.48)%/(6)/
Total Net Annual Expenses (Years 1-5)/(4)/	1.17%/(6)/

- (2) If the Fund offers FundPreferred shares, costs of that offering, estimated to be approximately 2.09% of the total amount of the FundPreferred share offering, will effectively be borne by the Common Shareholders and result in a reduction of the net asset value of the Common Shares. Assuming the issuance of FundPreferred shares in the amount equal to 33 1/3% of the Fund's total capital (after issuance), those offering costs are estimated to be approximately \$.15 per Common Share (1.03% of the estimated proceeds from the Fund's Common Share offering, after deducting offering costs).
- (3) You will be charged a \$2.50 service charge and pay brokerage charges if you direct State Street Bank and Trust Company, as agent for the Common Shareholders (the "Plan Agent") to sell your Common Shares held in a dividend reinvestment account.
- (4) In the event the Fund, as an alternative to issuing FundPreferred shares, utilizes leverage through Borrowings in an amount equal to 33 1/3% of the Fund's total assets (including the amount obtained from leverage), it is estimated that, as a percentage of net assets attributable to Common Shares, the Management Fee would be 1.35%, Other Expenses would be .30%, Interest Payments on Borrowed Funds (assuming an interest rate of 2.50%, which interest rate is subject to change based on prevailing market conditions) would be 1.25%, Total Annual Expenses would be 2.90% and Total Net Annual Expenses would be 2.42%. Based on the total net annual expenses and in accordance with the example below, the expenses for years 1, 3, 5 and 10 would be \$70, \$119, \$170 and \$329, respectively.

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(5) Stated as percentages of net assets attributable to Common Shares. Assuming no issuance of FundPreferred shares or Borrowings, the Fund's expenses would be estimated to be as follows:

> Percentage of Net Assets Attributable to Common Shares

⁽¹⁾ Nuveen has agreed to pay offering costs (other than sales load) that exceed \$0.03 per Common Share.

Annual Expenses	
Management Fees	.90%
Other Expenses	.20%
Interest Payments on Borrowed Funds	None
Total Annual Expenses	1.10%
Fees and Expense Reimbursement (Years 1-5)	(.32)%/(6)/
Total Net Annual Expenses (Years 1-5)	.78%/(6)/
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(6) The Advisers have contractually agreed to reimburse the Fund for fees and expenses in the amount of .32% of average daily Managed Assets for the first 5 full years of the Fund's operations, .24% of average daily Managed Assets in year 6, .16% in year 7 and .08% in year 8. Assuming the issuance of FundPreferred shares or Borrowings in an amount equal to 33 1/3% of the Fund's total assets (including the amount obtained from leverage) and calculated as a percentage of net assets attributable to Common Shares, those amounts would be .48% for the first 5 full years, .36% in year 6, .24% in year 7 and .12% in year 8. Without the reimbursement, "Total Annual Expenses" would be estimated to be 1.65% of average daily net assets attributable to Common Shares (or, assuming no issuance of FundPreferred shares or Borrowings, 1.10% of average daily net assets).

The purpose of the table above is to help you understand all fees and expenses that you, as a Common Shareholder, would bear directly or indirectly. The expenses shown in the table are based on estimated amounts for the Fund's first year of operations and assume that the Fund issues approximately 80,000,000 Common Shares. See "Management of the Fund" and "Dividend Reinvestment Plan."

The following example illustrates the expenses (including the sales load of \$45, estimated offering expenses of this offering of \$2 and the estimated FundPreferred share offering costs assuming FundPreferred shares are issued representing 33 1/3% of the Fund's total capital (after issuance) of \$10) that you would pay on a \$1,000 investment in Common Shares, assuming (1) total annual expenses of 1.17% of net assets attributable to Common Shares in years 1 through 5, increasing to 1.65% in years 9 and 10 and (2) a 5% annual return:/(1)/

The example should not be considered a representation of future expenses. Actual expenses may be higher or lower.

⁽¹⁾ The example assumes that the estimated Other Expenses set forth in the Annual Expenses table are accurate, that fees and expenses increase as described in note 2 below and that all dividends and distributions are reinvested at Common Share net asset value. Actual expenses may be greater or less than those assumed. Moreover, the Fund's actual rate of return may be greater or less than the hypothetical 5% return shown in the example.

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(2) Assumes reimbursement of fees and expenses of .24% of average daily Managed Assets in year 6, .16% in year 7 and .08% in year 8. The Advisers have not agreed to reimburse the Fund for any portion of its fees and expenses beyond June 30, 2011. See footnote 6 above and "Management of the Fund--Investment Management Agreement."

THE FUND

The Fund is a newly organized, diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the 1940 Act. The Fund was organized as a Massachusetts business trust on March 17, 2003, pursuant to a Declaration governed by the laws of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As a newly organized entity, the Fund has no operating history. The Fund's principal office is located at 333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606, and its telephone number is (800) 257-8787.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds of the offering of Common Shares will be approximately \$ (\$ if the Underwriters exercise the over-allotment option in full) after payment of the estimated organization and offering costs. Nuveen has agreed to pay (i) all organizational expenses and (ii) offering costs (other than sales load) that exceed \$0.03 per Common Share. The Fund will invest the net proceeds of the offering in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies as stated below. It is presently anticipated that the Fund will be able to invest substantially all of the net proceeds in preferred, convertible and other debt instruments that meet those investment objectives and policies within approximately two to three months after the completion of the offering. Pending such investment, it is anticipated that the proceeds will be invested in short-term or long-term securities issued by the U.S. Government or its agencies or instrumentalities or in high quality, short-term money market instruments.

THE FUND'S INVESTMENTS

Investment Objectives and Policies

The Fund's primary investment objective is high current income. The Fund's secondary objective is total return. There can be no assurance that the Fund's investment objectives will be achieved.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund:

- . will invest at least 80% of its Managed Assets in preferred securities, convertible securities and related instruments; and
- . may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets in other securities, including debt instruments and common stocks acquired upon conversion of a convertible security (such common stocks not normally to exceed 5% of the Fund's Managed Assets).

NIAC will be responsible for determining the Fund's overall investment strategy, including allocating the portion of the Fund's assets to be invested in preferred securities, convertible securities and other debt instruments. See "Management of the Fund."

The Fund's assets allocated to preferred securities will be managed by Spectrum. The Fund's assets allocated to convertible securities will be managed by Froley, Revy. The Fund's assets allocated to other debt instruments will be managed by NIAC.

Under normal circumstances, portfolio allocations will conform to the following guidelines:

	Minimum % of	Maximum % of
Type of Investment	Managed Assets	Managed Assets
Preferred Securities	50	80
Convertible Securities	20	50
Other Debt Instruments	0	20

Initially, NIAC will allocate approximately 60%, 30% and 10% of the Fund's Managed Assets to preferred securities, convertible securities and other debt instruments, respectively. Thereafter, the portion of the Fund's Managed Assets invested in preferred securities, convertible securities and other debt instruments will vary from time to time consistent with the Fund's investment objectives, although the Fund will normally invest at least 50% of its Managed Assets in preferred securities and at least 20% of its Managed Assets in convertible securities (so long as the combined total equals at least 80% of the Fund's Managed Assets). Convertible preferred securities will be regarded as convertible securities for purposes of these limits. In making allocation decisions, NIAC will consider factors such as interest rate levels, conditions and developing trends in the bond and equity markets, analysis of relative valuations for preferred, convertible and other debt instruments and other economic and market factors, including the overall outlook for the economy and inflation.

The Fund will invest at least 65% of its Managed Assets in securities that, at the time of investment, are investment grade quality. Investment grade quality securities are those securities that, at the time of investment, are (i) rated by at least one of the NRSROs within the four highest grades (Baa or BBB or better by Moody's, S&P or Fitch) or (ii) unrated but judged to be of comparable quality by the Adviser responsible for the investment. Split-rated securities are considered to be investment grade quality securities, except that to the extent the Fund owns split-rated securities that exceed 10% of its Managed Assets, the excess over 10% will not be considered to be investment grade quality. Initially, the Fund intends to invest approximately 75% of its Managed Assets in investment grade quality securities. The Fund may invest up to 35% of its Managed Assets in securities that, at the time of investment, are not investment grade quality. The Fund will only invest in securities that, at the time of investment, are rated B or higher by at least one NRSRO or that are unrated but judged to be of comparable quality by the Adviser responsible for the investment, except, however, the Fund may invest up to 5% of its Managed Assets in securities with a highest rating of CCC or that are unrated but judged to be of comparable quality by the Adviser responsible for the investment. Securities of below investment grade quality are commonly referred to as junk bonds and are regarded as having predominately speculative characteristics with respect to capacity to pay interest and repay principal. See "Risks--High Yield Risk." See Appendix A in the Statement of Additional Information for a description of security ratings.

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its Managed Assets in securities that, at

the time of investment, are illiquid (i.e., securities that are not readily marketable). Initially, the Fund does not intend to invest more than 5% of its Managed Assets in illiquid securities. In addition, the Fund may invest up to 35% of its Managed Assets in securities of non-U.S. issuers. Subject to this 35% limitation, up to 10% of the

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Fund's Managed Assets may be invested in securities that are denominated in Japanese yen, Canadian dollars, British pounds or Euros and which may be offered, traded or listed in markets other than U.S. markets. The remainder of the Fund's Managed Assets that may be invested in securities of non-U.S. issuers will be invested in U.S. dollar denominated securities offered, traded or listed in U.S. markets. Initially, the Fund does not intend to invest more than 20% of its Managed Assets in securities of non-U.S. issuers and does not currently intend to invest in the non-U.S. dollar denominated securities described above.

For a more complete discussion of the Fund's initial portfolio composition, see "--Initial Portfolio Composition."

The Fund cannot change its investment objectives without the approval of the holders of a "majority of the outstanding" Common Shares and FundPreferred shares voting together as a single class, and of the holders of a "majority of the outstanding" FundPreferred shares voting as a separate class. When used with respect to particular shares of the Fund, a "majority of the outstanding" shares means (i) 67% or more of the shares present at a meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the shares are present or represented by proxy or (ii) more than 50% of the shares, whichever is less. See "Description of Shares—FundPreferred Shares—Voting Rights" and the Statement of Additional Information under "Description of Shares—FundPreferred Shares—Voting Rights" for additional information with respect to the voting rights of holders of FundPreferred shares.

Investment Philosophy and Process

Nuveen Institutional Advisory Corp. (NIAC)

Asset Allocation Philosophy. NIAC is responsible for the overall strategy and asset allocation decisions among the three primary asset classes in which the Fund invests - preferred securities, convertible securities and other debt instruments. The goal of the allocation decision is to effectively capture the diversification benefits provided by the low return-correlation across these asset classes and provide the potential for high income generation, an opportunity to participate in rising equity markets and some protection against risks associated with rising interest rates. NIAC believes that the opportunity will exist from time to time to potentially enhance the Fund's total return by over-weighting or under-weighting these asset classes as the relative attractiveness of the asset classes changes.

Asset Allocation Process. In determining the Fund's asset allocation, NIAC will periodically consult with the Fund's Subadvisers and other investment manager affiliates of NIAC. NIAC will consider factors such as interest rate levels, market conditions and developing trends in the bond and equity markets, analysis of relative valuations for preferred securities, convertible securities and other debt instruments, and other economic and market factors, including the overall outlook for the economy and inflation.

Investment Philosophy. NIAC is responsible for managing the other debt instruments in which the Fund may invest. NIAC believes that managing risk,

particularly in a volatile asset class such as high yield debt, is of paramount importance. NIAC believes that a combination of fundamental credit analysis and valuation information that is available from the equity markets provide a means of identifying what it believes to be superior investment candidates. Additionally, NIAC focuses primarily on liquid securities to help ensure that exit strategies remain available under different market conditions.

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Investment Process. NIAC begins with a quantitative screening of other debt instruments to identify investment candidates with favorable capital structures, and then factors in valuation and other equity market indicators. NIAC screens this universe of securities for liquidity constraints and relative value opportunities to determine investment candidates. Subsequently, the investment team performs rigorous fundamental analysis to identify investments with sound industry fundamentals, cash flow sufficiency and asset quality. The final portfolio is constructed using proprietary risk factors and monitoring systems to ensure proper diversification.

Spectrum Asset Management, Inc. (Spectrum)

Investment Philosophy. Spectrum's investment philosophy with respect to preferred securities is centered on several underlying themes:

- . High levels of current income are the primary return contributor to the total return potential of preferred securities.
- . Investing in the subordinated preferred securities of stronger, solidly-rated issuers is potentially more advantageous than owning the senior debt of weaker, potentially deteriorating issuers.
- . Investment grade quality preferred securities, over time, present an attractive risk/return opportunity.
- . Diversifying across a large number of different industries and issuers helps insulate an overall portfolio of preferred securities from events that affect any particular company or sector.
- . Inefficiencies in the preferred securities market, particularly in the pricing and trading of securities, can create opportunities to enhance portfolio value.

Investment Process. Spectrum's investment process begins with macroeconomic and fundamental credit analysis to identify sectors, industries and companies that are potential investments. In its fundamental analysis, Spectrum employs a value-oriented style that considers the relative attractiveness of the security to other preferred securities and to the same issuer's senior debt. In addition, Spectrum evaluates the structural features of each security as well as its liquidity. In its investment decisions, Spectrum also considers the contribution of sectors and individual securities to the overall goal of achieving a well-diversified portfolio.

Froley, Revy Investment Co., Inc. (Froley, Revy)

Investment Philosophy. Froley, Revy's investment philosophy with respect to convertible securities is centered on the belief that convertible securities are a total return vehicle that afford the opportunity to earn common stock-like returns with substantially reduced risk relative to equities, while providing some current income. The firm believes that focusing on the mid-market sector of the convertible securities market (i.e., securities that

have both common stock-like and bond-like investment qualities) while investing opportunistically in the bond-like and equity-like areas of the convertible securities market may enhance total return potential. In addition, the firm believes that because of the hybrid nature of convertible securities, research that emphasizes both fundamental credit analysis and equity valuation analysis can help identify investment opportunities with the greatest potential for enhancing a portfolio's overall total return.

Investment Process. Froley, Revy's investment process begins with screening convertible securities on certain valuation and structural parameters, including price, yield, premium, calls, equity sensitivity and other factors. On this pool of potential investments, Froley, Revy then conducts credit (bond)

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analysis and valuation (equity) analysis to identify what it believes to be the most attractive candidates within the universe. Additional inputs into the sector and security selection decisions are top down, macroeconomic analysis of economic, interest rate and other trends and the analysis of the structural characteristics of the individual securities.

Froley, Revy monitors all securities and sectors on an on-going basis to identify those that fall outside the intended investment range. Positions in securities that have increased in value and common stock-like qualities may be reduced to normal position weights or sold entirely based on the fundamental outlook for the underlying equity. In addition, Froley, Revy considers significant declines from the purchase prices of securities in determining whether to purchase or sell a particular security.

Portfolio Composition

The Fund's portfolio will be composed principally of the following investments. A more detailed description of the Fund's investment policies and restrictions and more detailed information about the Fund's portfolio investments are contained in the Statement of Additional Information.

Preferred Securities. Preferred securities generally pay fixed or adjustable rate dividends to investors, and have a "preference" over common stock in the payment of dividends and the liquidation of a company's assets. This means that a company must pay dividends on preferred stock before paying any dividends on its common stock. Preferred stockholders usually have no right to vote for corporate directors or on other matters. The Fund intends that all of the preferred securities in which it will invest will be investment grade quality at the time of investment. The average call protection of the Fund's portfolio allocated to preferred securities is expected to be approximately three to four years.

The Fund intends to invest at least 25% of its Managed Assets in the securities of companies principally engaged in financial services, which are prominent issuers of preferred securities, and is subject to the risks of such concentration. See "--Financial Services Company Securities."

Taxable Preferred Securities. The Fund intends that most or all of the preferred securities in which it invests will be fully taxable and will not pay dividends that qualify for the Dividends Received Deduction or treatment as "qualified dividend income." Pursuant to the Dividends Received Deduction, corporations may generally deduct 70% of the dividend income they receive. Noncorporate shareholders are generally entitled to reduced tax rates on "qualified dividend income." Corporate shareholders of a regulated investment

company like the Fund generally are permitted to claim a deduction with respect to that portion of their distributions attributable to amounts received by the regulated investment company that qualify for the Dividends Received Deduction. Similarly, noncorporate shareholders are generally entitled to treat as "qualified dividend income" a portion of their distribution attributable to "qualified dividend income" received by the regulated investment company. Taxable preferred securities that do not pay dividends eligible for the Dividends Received Deduction or treatment as "qualified dividend income" (often referred to as "hybrid" preferred securities) typically offer additional yield spread versus other types of preferred securities due to this lack of special tax treatment.

Taxable preferred securities are a comparatively new asset class. Taxable preferred securities are typically issued by corporations, generally in the form of interest-bearing notes or preferred securities, or by an affiliated business trust of a corporation, generally in the form of beneficial interests in subordinated debentures or similarly structured securities. The taxable preferred securities market consists of both fixed and adjustable coupon rate securities that are either perpetual in nature or have

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stated maturity dates. The taxable preferred securities market is divided into the "\$25 par" and the "institutional" segments. The \$25 par segment is typified by securities that are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, which trade and are quoted "flat", i.e., without accrued dividend income, and which are typically callable at the issuer's option at par value five years after their original issuance date. The institutional segment is typified by \$1,000 par value securities that are not exchange-listed, which trade and are quoted on an "accrued income" basis, and which typically have a minimum of 10 years of call protection (at premium prices) from the date of their original issuance.

Taxable preferred securities are typically junior and fully subordinated liabilities of an issuer or the beneficiary of a quarantee that is junior and fully subordinated to the other liabilities of the quarantor. In addition, taxable preferred securities typically permit an issuer to defer the payment of interest for eighteen months or more without triggering an event of default. Generally, the deferral period is five years or more. Because of their subordinated position in the capital structure of an issuer, the ability to defer payments for extended periods of time without adverse consequence to the issuer, and certain other features (such as restrictions on common dividend payments by the issuer or ultimate guarantor when cumulative payments on the taxable preferred securities have not been made), these taxable preferred securities are often treated as close substitutes for traditional preferred securities, both by issuers and investors. Taxable preferred securities have many of the key characteristics of equity due to their subordinated position in an issuer's capital structure and because their quality and value are heavily dependent on the profitability of the issuer rather than on any legal claims to specific assets or cash flows.

Taxable preferred securities include, but are not limited to:/(1)/

- . trust originated preferred securities ("TOPRS(R)");
- . monthly income preferred securities ("MIPS(R)");
- . quarterly income bond securities ("QUIBS(R)");
- . quarterly income debt securities ("QUIDS(R)");

- . quarterly income preferred securities ("QUIPS/SM/");
- . corporate trust securities ("CORTS(R)");
- . public income notes ("PINES(R)"); and
- . other trust preferred securities.

(1) TOPRS is a registered service mark owned by Merrill Lynch & Co., Inc. MIPS and QUIDS are registered service marks and QUIPS is a service mark owned by Goldman, Sachs & Co. QUIBS is a registered service mark owned by Morgan Stanley Dean Witter & Co. CORTS and PINES are registered service marks owned by Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

Taxable preferred securities are typically issued with a final maturity date, although some are perpetual in nature. In certain instances, a final maturity date may be extended and/or the final payment of principal may be deferred at the issuer's option for a specified time without any adverse consequence to the issuer. No redemption can typically take place unless all cumulative payment obligations have been met, although issuers may be able to engage in open-market repurchases without regard to any cumulative dividends payable. A portion of the portfolio may include investments in non-cumulative preferred securities, whereby the issuer does not have an obligation to make up any arrearages to its shareholders. Should an issuer default on its obligations under such a security, the amount of dividends the Fund pays may be adversely affected.

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Many taxable preferred securities are issued by trusts or other special purpose entities established by operating companies and are not a direct obligation of an operating company. At the time a trust or special purpose entity sells its preferred securities to investors, the trust or special purpose entity purchases debt of the operating company (with terms comparable to those of the trust or special purpose entity securities), which enables the operating company to deduct for tax purposes the interest paid on the debt held by the trust or special purpose entity. The trust or special purpose entity is generally required to be treated as transparent for federal income tax purposes such that the holders of the taxable preferred securities are treated as owning beneficial interests in the underlying debt of the operating company. Accordingly, payments on the taxable preferred securities are treated as interest rather than dividends for federal income tax purposes and, as such, are not eligible for the Dividends Received Deduction or treatment as "qualified dividend income." The trust or special purpose entity in turn would be a holder of the operating company's debt and would have priority with respect to the operating company's earnings and profits over the operating company's common shareholders, but would typically be subordinated to other classes of the operating company's debt. Typically a taxable preferred share has a rating that is slightly below that of its corresponding operating company's senior debt securities.

Convertible Securities. Convertible securities are bonds, debentures, notes, preferred securities or other securities that may be converted or exchanged (by the holder or the issuer) into shares of the underlying common stock (or cash or securities of equivalent value) at a stated exchange ratio or predetermined price (the "conversion price"). Convertible securities have general characteristics similar to both debt securities and common stocks. The

interest paid on convertible securities may be fixed or floating rate. Floating rate convertible securities may specify an interest rate or rates that are conditioned upon changes to the market price of the underlying common stock. Convertible securities also may be issued in zero coupon form with an original issue discount. See "Risks-Convertible Security Risk." Although to a lesser extent than with debt securities, the market value of convertible securities tends to decline as interest rates increase and, conversely, tends to increase as interest rates decline. In addition, because of the conversion feature, the market value of convertible securities tends to vary with fluctuations in the market value of the underlying common stocks and, therefore, will also react to the variations in the general market for common stocks. Depending upon the relationship of the conversion price to the market value of the underlying common stock, a convertible security may trade more like a common stock than a debt instrument.

Mandatory convertible securities are distinguished as a subset of convertible securities because they may be called for conversion by the issuer after a particular date and under certain circumstances (including at a specified price) established upon its issuance. If a mandatory convertible security is called for conversion, the Fund will be required to either convert it into the underlying common stock or sell it to a third party.

Convertible securities are investments that typically provide for a stable stream of income with generally higher yields than common stocks. There can be no assurance of current income because the issuers of the convertible securities may default on their obligations. The convertible securities in which the Fund may invest may be below investment grade quality. See "--High Yield Securities."

Convertible securities generally offer lower interest or dividend yields than non-convertible securities of similar credit quality because of the potential for capital appreciation. A convertible security, in addition to providing current income, offers the potential for capital appreciation through the conversion feature, which enables the holder to benefit from any increases in the market price of the underlying common stock.

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Synthetic Convertible Securities. Although the Fund does not currently intend to invest in synthetic convertible securities, it may invest up to 10% of its Managed Assets in such securities. Synthetic convertible securities possess the two principal characteristics of a true convertible security, i.e., a fixed-income security ("fixed-income component") and the right to acquire an equity security ("equity component"). If the Fund invests in synthetic convertible securities, it is expected that the Fund will invest in such synthetic convertible securities that are created by third parties, typically investment banks or other financial institutions. Synthetic convertible securities created by other parties typically trade as a single security with a unitary value, similar to a true convertible security. The Fund may also invest in synthetic convertible securities by acquiring separate securities, one possessing a fixed-income component and the other possessing an equity component. The fixed-income component is achieved by investing in non-convertible, fixed-income securities such as bonds, debentures, notes, preferred stocks and money market instruments. The equity component is achieved by investing in warrants or options to buy common stock at a certain exercise price, or options on a common stock index. The fixed-income and equity components of such a synthetic convertible security may be issued separately by different issuers and at different times. Unlike a true convertible security or a synthetic convertible security created by third parties, each of which is a single security having a unitary market value, a synthetic convertible security

that is comprised of two or more separate securities will have a "market value" that is the sum of the values of its fixed-income component and its equity component. For this reason, the value of such a synthetic convertible security may respond differently to market fluctuations than would a true convertible security or synthetic convertible security created by a third party. The Fund's holdings of synthetic convertible securities, including those created by third parties, are considered convertible securities for purposes of the Fund's policy to invest at least 80% of its Managed Assets in preferred securities and convertible securities and minimum allocations to preferred securities and convertible securities set forth in "--Investment Objectives and Policies" above.

Warrants and Options on Securities and Indexes. In connection with its investments in synthetic convertible securities, the Fund may purchase warrants, call options on common stock and call options on common stock indexes. A warrant is a certificate that gives the holder of the warrant the right to buy, at a specified time or specified times, from the issuer of the warrant, the common stock of the issuer at a specified price. A call option is a contract that gives the holder of the option, in return for a premium, the right to buy from the writer of the option the common stock underlying the option (or the cash value of the common stock index) at a specified exercise price at any time during the term of the option.

Other Debt Instruments. The Fund may invest in other debt instruments including, but not limited to, corporate bonds, notes and debentures and other similar types of corporate debt instruments, including corporate loans. The form of such other debt instruments may include zero coupon bonds, payment—in—kind securities and structured notes. The debt instruments in which the Fund may invest may be below investment grade quality. See "--High Yield Securities." The Fund may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets in these types of other debt securities, as described in more detail below.

Corporate Bonds. Corporate bonds generally are used by corporations as well as governments and other issuers to borrow money from investors. The issuer pays the investor a fixed or variable rate of interest and normally must repay the amount borrowed on or before maturity.

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Corporate Loans. The Fund may invest (i) in loans made by banks or other financial institutions to corporate issuers or (ii) participation interests in such loans. Corporate loans generally bear interest at rates set at a margin above a generally recognized base lending rate that may fluctuate on a day-to-day basis, in the case of the prime rate of a U.S. bank. Consequently, the value of corporate loans held by the Fund may be expected to fluctuate significantly less than the value of other fixed rate high yield instruments as a result of changes in the interest rate environment. On the other hand, the secondary dealer market for certain corporate loans may not be as well developed as the secondary dealer market for high yield debt and, therefore, presents increased market risk relating to liquidity and pricing concerns. By purchasing a participation interest in a loan, the Fund acquires some or all of the interest of a bank or other financial institution in a loan to a corporate borrower. Purchasing a participation in a corporate loan typically will result in the Fund having a contractual relationship with the lender, not the borrower. In this instance, the Fund would have the right to receive payments of principal, interest and any fees to which it is entitled only from the lender selling the participation and only upon receipt by the lender of the payments from the borrower. If the Fund only acquires a participation in a loan made by a third party, the Fund may not be able to control the exercise of any remedies that the lender would have under the corporate loan.

Zero Coupon Bonds and Payment-In-Kind Securities. A zero coupon bond is a bond that does not pay interest either for the entire life of the obligation or for an initial period after the issuance of the obligation. When held to its maturity, its return comes from the difference between the purchase price and its maturity value. Payment-in-kind securities ("PIKs") are debt obligations that pay "interest" or dividends in the form of additional securities of the issuer, instead of in cash. Each of these instruments is normally issued and traded at a deep discount from face value. Zero-coupon bonds and PIKs allow an issuer to avoid or delay the need to generate cash to meet current interest payments and, as a result, may involve greater credit risk than bonds that pay interest currently or in cash. The Fund would be required to distribute the income on any of these instruments as it accrues, even though the Fund will not receive all of the income on a current basis or in cash. Thus, the Fund may have to sell other investments, including when it may not be advisable to do so, to make income distributions to its shareholders.

Structured Notes. The Fund may utilize structured notes and similar instruments for investment purposes and also for hedging purposes. Structured notes are privately negotiated debt obligations where the principal and/or interest is determined by reference to the performance of a benchmark asset, market or interest rate (an "embedded index"), such as selected securities, an index of securities or specified interest rates, or the differential performance of two assets or markets. The terms of such structured instruments normally provide that their principal and/or interest payments are to be adjusted upwards or downwards (but not ordinarily below zero) to reflect changes in the embedded index while the structured instruments are outstandin