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**Closed-End Funds**

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**Closed-End Funds**

**Annual Report** July 31, 2017

**NSL**  
Nuveen Senior Income Fund

**JFR**  
Nuveen Floating Rate Income Fund

**JRO**  
Nuveen Floating Rate Income Opportunity Fund

**JSD**  
Nuveen Short Duration Credit Opportunities Fund

**JQC**  
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**Chairman's Letter  
to Shareholders**

**Dear Shareholders,**

Some of the key assumptions driving the markets higher at the beginning of 2017 have recently come into question. Following the collapse of the health care reform bill in the Senate, investors are concerned about President Trump's ability to accomplish the remainder of his pro-growth fiscal agenda, including tax reform and large infrastructure projects. Economic growth projections, in turn, have been lowered and with inflation recently waning, the markets are expecting fewer rate hikes from the Federal Reserve (Fed) than the Fed itself had predicted. Yet, asset prices continued to rise.

Investors have largely looked beyond policy disappointments and focused instead on the healthy profits reported by U.S. companies during the first two quarters of 2017. U.S. growth has remained slow and steady, European growth has surprised to the upside and concern that China would decelerate too rapidly has eased, further contributing to an optimistic tone in the markets. Additionally, political risk in Europe has moderated, with the election of mainstream candidates in the Dutch and French elections earlier this year.

The remainder of the year could bring challenges to this benign macro environment. The U.S. government voted to temporarily increase the nation's debt limit, but the debate will resume again in December when the current extension of the debt limit expires. In addition, the need for disaster relief and recovery following Hurricanes Harvey and Irma has further muddied the outlook on the White House's promised agenda. Markets will be watching the Brexit negotiations and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) talks while assessing the implications for key trade and political partnerships. A tightening of financial conditions in China or a more aggressive-than-expected policy action from the Fed, European Central Bank or Bank of Japan could also turn into headwinds. On the geopolitical front, tensions with North Korea may continue to flare.

Market volatility readings have been remarkably low lately, but conditions can change quickly. As market conditions evolve, Nuveen remains committed to rigorously assessing opportunities and risks. If you're concerned about how resilient your investment portfolio might be, we encourage you to talk to your financial advisor. On behalf of the other members of the Nuveen Fund Board, we look forward to continuing to earn your trust in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

William J. Schneider

Chairman of the Board

September 20, 2017

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## Portfolio Managers

### Comments

Nuveen Senior Income Fund (NSL)

Nuveen Floating Rate Income Fund (JFR)

Nuveen Floating Rate Income Opportunity Fund (JRO)

Nuveen Short Duration Credit Opportunities Fund (JSD)

Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund (JQC)

*The Funds' investment portfolios are managed by Symphony Asset Management, LLC (Symphony), an affiliate of Nuveen, LLC. Gunther Stein, who serves as the firm's Chief Investment Officer and Chief Executive Officer, and Scott Caraher manage NSL, JFR and JRO. JSD is managed by Gunther, Scott and Jenny Rhee, while JQC is managed by Gunther and Sutanto Widjaja.*

*Here the team discusses U.S. economy and market conditions, their management strategies and the performance of the Funds for the twelve-month reporting period ended July 31, 2017.*

### **What factors affected the U.S. economy and financial markets during the twelve-month reporting period ended July 31, 2017?**

During the twelve-month reporting period, the U.S. economy continued to grow moderately, now ranking the current expansion as the third-longest since World War II, according to the National Bureau of Economic Research. The second half of 2016 saw a short-term boost in economic activity, driven by a one-time jump in exports during the third quarter, but the economy resumed a below-trend pace in the fourth quarter of 2016 and first quarter of 2017. The Bureau of Economic Analysis reported an annual growth rate of 3.0% for the U.S. economy in the second quarter of 2017, as measured by the second estimate of real gross domestic product (GDP), which is the value of goods and services produced by the nation's economy less the value of the goods and services used up in production, adjusted for price changes. Growth in the second quarter was boosted by stronger consumer spending and business investment, which helped offset weaker government spending. By comparison, the annual GDP growth rate in the first quarter of 2017 was 1.2%.

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**Portfolio Managers Comments** (continued)

Despite the slowdown in early 2017, other data pointed to positive momentum. The labor market continued to tighten, inflation ticked higher, and consumer and business confidence surveys reflected optimism about the economy's prospects. As reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unemployment rate fell to 4.3% in July 2017 from 4.9% in July 2016 and job gains averaged around 181,000 per month for the past twelve months. Higher oil prices helped drive a steady increase in inflation over this reporting period. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased 1.7% over the twelve-month reporting period ended July 31, 2017 on a seasonally adjusted basis, as reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The core CPI (which excludes food and energy) increased 1.7% during the same period, slightly below the Federal Reserve's (Fed) unofficial longer term inflation objective of 2.0%. The housing market also continued to improve, with historically low mortgage rates and low inventory driving home prices higher. The S&P CoreLogic Case-Shiller U.S. National Home Price Index, which covers all nine U.S. census divisions, recorded a 5.8% annual gain in June 2017 (most recent data available at the time this report was prepared). The 10-City and 20-City Composites reported year-over-year increases of 4.9% and 5.7%, respectively.

The U.S. economic outlook struck a more optimistic tone, prompting the Fed's policy making committee to raise its main benchmark interest rate in December 2016, March 2017 and June 2017. These moves were widely expected by the markets and, while the Fed acknowledged in its June 2017 statement that inflation has remained unexpectedly low, an additional increase is anticipated later in 2017 as the Fed seeks to gradually normalize interest rates. Also after the June 2017 meeting, the Fed revealed its plan to begin shrinking its balance sheets by allowing a small amount of maturing Treasury and mortgage securities to roll off without reinvestment. The timing of this is less certain, however, as it depends on whether the economy performs in line with the Fed's expectations. As expected, the Fed left rates unchanged at its July 2017 meeting.

Politics also dominated the headlines in this reporting period with two major electoral surprises: the U.K.'s vote to leave the European Union and Donald Trump's win in the U.S. presidential race. Market volatility increased as markets digested the initial shocks, but generally recovered and, in the case of the Trump rally, U.S. equities saw significant gains. Investors also closely watched elections across Europe. To the markets' relief, more mainstream candidates were elected in the Dutch and French elections in the spring of 2017. However, Britain's June 2017 snap election unexpectedly overturned the Conservative Party's majority in Parliament, which increased uncertainties about the Brexit negotiation process. Additionally, in the U.S., legislative delays with health care reform dimmed the prospects for President Trump's tax cuts and other fiscal stimulus, while investors braced for a showdown in Congress over increasing the nation's debt limit. Toward the end of the reporting period, escalating tensions between the U.S. and North Korea led to some near-term volatility in global equity shares to the benefit of perceived safe-haven assets such as gold, U.S. Treasury bonds and Japanese yen.

During the reporting period, the loan market benefited from increased investor demand as the Fed initiated a series of interest rate hikes increasing short-term interest rates. Technicals continue to be supportive of the asset class and the outlook for loans remains constructive with default rates anticipated to remain well below their historical averages and fundamentals continue to be supportive as any additional increases to the U.S. Funds rate should provide a positive credit spread to investors. The broad leveraged loan market, as represented by the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index, produced returns of 6.83% for the twelve-month reporting period.

**What strategies were used to manage the Funds during the twelve-month reporting period ended July 31, 2017?**

NSL seeks to achieve a high level of current income, consistent with capital preservation by investing primarily in adjustable rate U.S. dollar-denominated secured Senior Loans. The Fund invests at least 80% of its managed assets in

adjustable rate senior secured loans. Up to 20% may include U.S. dollar denominated senior loans of non-U.S. borrowers, senior loans that are not secured, other debt securities and equity securities and warrants. The Fund uses leverage.

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JFR seeks to achieve a high level of current income by investing in adjustable rate secured and unsecured senior loans and other debt instruments. The Fund invests at least 80% of its managed assets in adjustable rate loans, primarily senior loans, though the loans may include unsecured senior loans and secured and unsecured subordinated loans. At least 65% of the Fund's managed assets must include adjustable rate senior loans that are secured by specific collateral. The Fund uses leverage.

JRO seeks to achieve a high level of current income. The Fund invests at least 80% of its managed assets in adjustable rate loans, primarily senior loans, though the loans may include unsecured senior loans and secured and unsecured subordinated loans. At least 65% of the Fund's managed assets must include adjustable rate senior loans that are secured by specific collateral. The Fund uses leverage.

JSD seeks to provide current income and the potential for capital appreciation. The Fund invests at least 70% of its managed assets in adjustable rate corporate debt instruments, including senior secured loans, second lien loans and other adjustable rate corporate debt instruments. Up to 30% of the Fund's assets may include other types of debt instruments or short positions consisting primarily of high yield debt. The Fund maintains a portfolio with an average duration that does not exceed two years. The Fund uses leverage.

JQC's primary investment objective is high current income and its secondary objective is total return. The Fund invests at least 70% of its managed assets in adjustable rate senior secured and second lien loans, and up to 30% opportunistically in other types of securities across a company's capital structure, primarily income-oriented securities such as high yield debt, convertible securities and other forms of corporate debt. The Fund uses leverage.

#### **How did the Funds perform during this twelve-month reporting period ended July 31, 2017?**

The tables in the Performance Overview and Holding Summaries section of this report provide total return performance for each Fund for the one-year, five-year, ten-year and/or since inception periods ended July 31, 2017. Each Fund's total returns at net asset value (NAV) are compared with the performance of a corresponding market index. For the twelve-month reporting period ended July 31, 2017, NSL, JFR, JRO, JSD and JQC outperformed the Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index.

Across all five Funds, our top and bottom performing individual security positions and industry groups were relatively similar. As a result, for NSL, JFR, JRO, JSD and JQC, the majority of sectors contributed positively to absolute performance, with the exception of the financials sector, which detracted modestly in JQC. The telecommunication services sector, information technology and consumer discretionary sectors were the strongest contributors to absolute performance.

Specific holdings that contributed to performance included the corporate bonds of consumer discretionary holding Scientific Games Corporation. The leading provider of gaming and lottery systems rallied on the combination of high yield market momentum, modest operating gains and the company's buyback of unsecured debt. We believe the company will benefit further from its corporate restructuring and continue to own the bonds. Also positively contributing were the bonds of telecommunication services holdings IntelSat Limited and Sprint Capital Corporation. The satellite company IntelSat strongly benefitted returns as the company's bonds rose on the announcement of a merger with a peer company. While the news was viewed as positive, the debt remains trading at distressed levels. Lastly, the high yield bonds of Sprint performed well during the reporting period as investors' aversion to riskier assets abated.

Several individual positions detracted from performance, including the loans of consumer discretionary holding, Cengage Learning Acquisitions, Inc. The loans of the textbook publishing company hurt performance, as the firm took

leverage up earlier in 2017, and then posted weaker than expected numbers which was not well received by the market. Also detracting from performance were the loans of consumer discretionary holding Gymboree Corporation. The loans of the retail company weighed on returns as poor execution by management led to weakened earnings results

**Portfolio Managers Comments** (continued)

announced during the reporting period. With the exception of JQC, all the other Funds continue to hold the loans of Gymboree. In addition, the loans of consumer discretionary sector holding Academy Ltd. detracted from performance. The loans were downgraded during the reporting period based on its inability to reverse its 2016 earnings declines in the near term, resulting in continued high leverage and diminished free cash flow generation. All the Funds continue to hold the loans of Academy Ltd. In JQC, a position in the consumer discretionary sector holding, Clear Channel Communication Inc., detracted from performance. While the company has performed well and given its first quarter announcement, it is now pursuing a consensual exchange with creditors in an attempt to deleverage its balance sheet and focus on improving operating margins.

In addition, the use of regulatory leverage positively contributed to the performance of these Funds. Leverage is discussed in more detail later in the Fund Leverage section of this report.

JQC maintained exposure to senior loans during the reporting period, while tactically allocating between high yield corporate bonds, equity securities and convertible bonds. Exposure consisted of mainly U.S. issuers and was focused on companies that, in general, had high levels of tangible assets, predictable revenue streams, significant market share within their respective industries and positive free cash flow.

JSD and JQC invested in credit default swaps. JSD invested in single name credit default swap, while JQC invested in high yield index credit default swaps. These contracts had a positive effect on performance for JQC and a negligible effect on performance for JSD during the reporting period.

All of these Funds have owned, or currently own, loans with the LIBOR floor feature. This feature provided for minimum coupon levels on loans during a time when short term interest rates, which serve as a basis for a loan's floating coupon rate, fell to historic lows in the years following the financial crisis. The floating-rate coupon on most senior loans is reset frequently (typically every three months) based on a short-term interest rate (usually 90-day U.S. LIBOR) plus a fixed spread. For example if the current short-term interest rate is 150 basis points (bp) (1.5%), and the spread is 400 bp, the resulting coupon will be 5.5%. LIBOR floors, as the name suggests, put a floor on the short term interest rate used in this calculation. For instance, in the previous example, if the loan has a 100 bp LIBOR floor the coupon will remain at 5%, even at times when short-term rates are below 100 bp. The coupon will once again begin to float at times when short-term rates are above 100 bp. Although many loans have LIBOR floors (the asset class is one of the few that will float when interest rates begin to rise), we believe the senior loan asset class provides fixed income oriented investors with a potential safeguard from a secular rise in interest rates.

**Fund****Leverage****IMPACT OF THE FUNDS' LEVERAGE STRATEGIES ON PERFORMANCE**

One important factor impacting the returns of the Funds relative to their benchmarks was the Funds' use of leverage through the use of bank borrowings, Variable Rate Term Preferred (VRTP) Shares for NSL, JFR and JRO, Term Preferred Shares (Term Preferred) for NSL, JFR, JRO and JSD and reverse repurchase agreements for JQC. The Funds use leverage because our research has shown that, over time, leveraging provides opportunities for additional income and total return for common shareholders. However, use of leverage also can expose common shareholders to additional volatility. For example, as the prices of securities held by a Fund decline, the negative impact of these valuation changes on common share NAV and common shareholder total return is magnified by the use of leverage. Conversely, leverage may enhance common share returns during periods when the prices of securities held by a Fund generally are rising. The Funds' use of leverage had a positive impact on performance during this reporting period.

NSL, JFR, JRO and JSD used interest rate swap contracts to partially hedge the interest cost of leverage, which as mentioned previously, is through bank borrowings and preferred shares. Collectively, these interest rate swap contracts contributed to overall Fund performance during the period.

As of July 31, 2017, the Funds' percentages of leverage are shown in the accompanying table.

	NSL	JFR	JRO	JSD	JQC
Effective Leverage*	36.85%	36.37%	36.10%	36.96%	35.81%
Regulatory Leverage*	36.85%	36.37%	36.10%	36.96%	30.72%

\*Effective leverage is a Fund's effective economic leverage, and includes both regulatory leverage and the leverage effects of certain derivative and other investments in a Fund's portfolio that increase the Fund's investment exposure. Regulatory leverage consists of preferred shares issued or borrowings of a Fund. Both of these are part of a Fund's capital structure. A Fund, however, may from time to time borrow on a typically transient basis in connection with its day-to-day operations, primarily in connection with the need to settle portfolio trades. Such incidental borrowings are excluded from the calculation of a Fund's effective leverage ratio. Regulatory leverage is subject to asset coverage limits set forth in the Investment Company Act of 1940.

**THE FUNDS' LEVERAGE***Bank Borrowings*

As noted above, the Funds employ leverage through the use of bank borrowings. The Funds' bank borrowing activities are as shown in the accompanying table.

Fund	Current Reporting Period			Average Balance	Subsequent to the Close of the Reporting Period
	August 1, 2016	Draws	Paydowns	July 31, 2017 Outstanding	Days Ended September 29, 2017



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NSL	\$ 101,000,000	\$ 28,000,000	\$ (15,000,000)	\$ 114,000,000	\$ 108,484,932	\$	\$	\$ 114,000,000
JFR	\$ 240,800,000	\$ 103,100,000	\$ (89,600,000)	\$ 254,300,000	\$ 268,223,288	\$	\$	\$ 254,300,000
JRO	\$ 166,800,000	\$ 74,800,000	\$ (62,800,000)	\$ 178,800,000	\$ 183,432,877	\$	\$	\$ 178,800,000
JSD	\$ 64,000,000	\$ 8,000,000	\$	\$ 72,000,000	\$ 67,002,740	\$	\$	\$ 72,000,000
JQC	\$ 561,000,000	\$	\$	\$ 561,000,000	\$ 561,000,000	\$	\$	\$ 561,000,000

Refer to Notes to Financial Statements, Note 9 Fund Leverage for further details.

**Fund Leverage** (continued)

*Reverse Repurchase Agreements*

As noted previously, in addition to bank borrowings, JQC also utilized reverse repurchase agreements. The Fund's transactions in reverse repurchase agreements are as shown in the accompanying table.

Current Reporting Period				Average Balance	Subsequent to the Close of the Reporting Period		
August 1, 2016	Purchases	Sales	July 31, 2017	Outstanding	Purchases	Sales	September 29, 2017
\$145,000,000	\$	\$	\$145,000,000	\$145,000,000	\$	\$	\$145,000,000

Refer to Notes to Financial Statements, Note 9 Fund Leverage, Reverse Repurchase Agreements for further details.

*Variable Rate Term Preferred Shares*

As noted previously, in addition to bank borrowings, NSL, JFR and JRO also issued VRTP Shares. The Funds' transactions in VRTP Shares are as shown in the accompanying table.

Fund	Current Reporting Period				Average Balance	Subsequent to the Close of the Reporting Period		
	August 1, 2016	Issuance	Redemptions	July 31, 2017	Outstanding	Issuance	Redemptions	September 29, 2017
NSL	\$ 45,000,000	\$	\$ (45,000,000)	\$	\$ 45,000,000*	\$	\$	\$
JFR	\$ 108,000,000	\$	\$ (108,000,000)	\$	\$ 102,090,141**	\$	\$	\$
JRO	\$ 75,000,000	\$	\$ (75,000,000)	\$	\$ 68,380,000***	\$	\$	\$

\* For the period August 1, 2016 through November 22, 2016.

\*\* For the period August 1, 2016 through December 20, 2016.

\*\*\* For the period August 1, 2016 through December 28, 2016.

During the current reporting period, NSL, JFR and JRO redeemed all of their outstanding VRTP Shares, respectively.

Refer to Notes to Financial Statements, Note 4 Fund Shares, Preferred Shares for further details on VRTP Shares.

*Term Preferred Shares*

As noted previously, in addition to bank borrowings, the Funds also issued Term Preferred. The Funds' transactions in Term Preferred are as shown in the accompanying table.

Fund	Current Reporting Period				Subsequent to the Close of the Reporting Period		
	August 1, 2016	Issuance	Redemptions	July 31, 2017	Issuance	Redemptions	September 29, 2017

**Average Balance  
Outstanding**

NSL	\$	\$ 43,000,000	\$	\$ 43,000,000	\$ 43,000,000*	\$	\$	\$ 43,000,000
JFR	\$	\$ 125,200,000	\$	\$ 125,200,000	\$ 91,972,908**	\$	\$	\$ 125,200,000
JRO	\$	\$ 84,000,000	\$	\$ 84,000,000	\$ 66,896,414**	\$	\$	\$ 84,000,000
JSD	\$ 35,000,000	\$	\$	\$ 35,000,000	\$ 35,000,000	\$	\$	\$ 35,000,000

\* For the period October 31, 2016 (first issuance of shares) through July 31, 2017.

\*\*For the period November 23, 2016 (first issuance of shares) through July 31, 2017.

During the current reporting period, NSL, JFR and JRO each refinanced a portion of their VRTP Shares with the issuance of Term Preferred.

Refer to Notes to Financial Statements, Note 4 Fund Shares, Preferred Shares for further details on Term Preferred.

**Common Share****Information****COMMON SHARE DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION**

The following information regarding the Funds' distributions is current as of July 31, 2017. Each Fund's distribution levels may vary over time based on each Fund's investment activity and portfolio investment value changes.

During the current reporting period, each Fund's distributions to common shareholders were as shown in the accompanying table.

Monthly Distribution (Ex-Dividend Date)	Per Common Share Amounts				
	NSL	JFR	JRO	JSD	JQC
August 2016	\$ 0.0360	\$ 0.0615	\$ 0.0645	\$ 0.0970	\$ 0.0515
September	0.0375	0.0640	0.0670	0.1000	0.0515
October	0.0375	0.0640	0.0670	0.1000	0.0515
November	0.0375	0.0640	0.0670	0.1000	0.0515
December	0.0395	0.0675	0.0705	0.1060	0.0525
January	0.0395	0.0675	0.0705	0.1060	0.0525
February	0.0395	0.0675	0.0705	0.1060	0.0525
March	0.0395	0.0675	0.0705	0.1060	0.0525
April	0.0395	0.0675	0.0705	0.1060	0.0525
May	0.0395	0.0675	0.0705	0.1060	0.0525
June	0.0395	0.0675	0.0705	0.1060	0.0525
July 2017	0.0395	0.0675	0.0705	0.1060	0.0525
<b>Total Distributions from Net Investment Income</b>	<b>\$ 0.4645</b>	<b>\$ 0.7935</b>	<b>\$ 0.8295</b>	<b>\$ 1.2450</b>	<b>\$ 0.6260</b>

Current Distribution Rate*	6.94%	6.85%	7.13%	7.17%	7.25%
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\*Current distribution rate is based on the Fund's current annualized monthly distribution divided by the Fund's current market price as of the end of the reporting period. The Fund's monthly distributions to its shareholders may be comprised of ordinary income, net realized capital gains and, if at the end of the fiscal year the Fund's cumulative net ordinary income and net realized gains are less than the amount of the Fund's distributions, a return of capital for tax purposes.

Each Fund in this report seeks to pay regular monthly dividends out of its net investment income at a rate that reflects its past and projected net income performance. To permit each Fund to maintain a more stable monthly dividend, the Fund may pay dividends at a rate that may be more or less than the amount of net income actually earned by the Fund during the period. If a Fund has cumulatively earned more than it has paid in dividends, it will hold the excess in reserve as undistributed net investment income (UNII) as part of the Fund's net asset value. Conversely, if a Fund has cumulatively paid in dividends more than it has earned, the excess will constitute a negative UNII that will likewise be reflected in the Fund's net asset value. Each Fund will, over time, pay all its net investment income as dividends to shareholders.

As of July 31, 2017, the Funds had positive UNII balances for tax purposes. NSL had positive UNII balances while JFR, JRO, JSD and JQC had negative UNII balances for financial reporting purposes.

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All monthly dividends paid by each Fund during the current reporting period were paid from net investment income. If a portion of the Fund's monthly distributions was sourced from or comprised of elements other than net investment income, including capital gains and/or a return of capital, shareholders would have received a notice to that effect. For financial reporting purposes, the composition and per share amounts of each Fund's dividends for the reporting period are presented in this report's Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Financial Highlights, respectively. For income tax purposes, distribution information for each Fund as of its most recent tax year end is presented in Note 6 - Income Tax Information within the Notes to Financial Statements of this report.

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**Common Share Information** (continued)**COMMON SHARE EQUITY SHELF PROGRAMS**

During the current reporting period, the following Funds were authorized by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to issue additional common shares through an equity shelf program (Shelf Offering). Under these programs, the Funds, subject to market conditions, may raise additional capital from time to time in varying amounts and offering methods at a net price at or above each Fund's NAV per common share. Under the Shelf Offerings, each Fund is authorized to issue additional common shares as shown in the accompanying table:

	<b>NSL</b>	<b>JFR</b>	<b>JRO</b>	<b>JSD</b>
Additional authorized common shares	8,800,000	12,900,000	8,500,000	1,000,000

During the current reporting period, the following Funds sold common shares through their Shelf Offering at a weighted average premium to their NAV per common share as shown in the accompanying table.

	<b>JFR</b>	<b>JRO</b>	<b>JSD</b>
Common shares sold through Shelf Offering	1,274,890	1,280,410	362
Weighted average premium to NAV per common share sold	1.62%	2.17%	1.34%

Refer to Notes to Financial Statements, Note 4 Fund Shares, Common Shares Equity Shelf Programs and Offering Costs for further details of Shelf Offerings and each Fund's respective transactions.

**COMMON SHARE REPURCHASES**

During August 2017 (subsequent to the close of the reporting period), the Funds' Board of Trustees reauthorized an open-market share repurchase program, allowing each Fund to repurchase an aggregate of up to approximately 10% of its outstanding shares.

As of July 31, 2017, and since the inception of the Funds' repurchase programs, the Funds have cumulatively repurchased and retired their outstanding common shares as shown in the accompanying table.

	<b>NSL</b>	<b>JFR</b>	<b>JRO</b>	<b>JSD</b>	<b>JQC</b>
Common shares cumulatively repurchased and retired	5,000	147,593	19,400	0	4,804,500
Common shares authorized for repurchase	3,860,000	5,515,000	3,850,000	1,010,000	13,575,000

During the current reporting period, the Funds did not repurchase any of their outstanding common shares.

**OTHER COMMON SHARE INFORMATION**

As of July 31, 2017, and during the current reporting period, the Funds' common share prices were trading at a premium/(discount) to their common share NAVs as shown in the accompanying table.

	<b>NSL</b>	<b>JFR</b>	<b>JRO</b>	<b>JSD</b>	<b>JQC</b>
Common share NAV	\$6.97	\$11.76	\$11.70	\$18.07	\$9.32
Common share price	\$6.83	\$11.83	\$11.87	\$17.75	\$8.69
Premium/(Discount) to NAV	(2.01)%	0.60%	1.45%	(1.77)%	(6.76)%
12-month average premium/(discount) to NAV	(3.17)%	(1.49)%	0.18%	(3.58)%	(7.63)%

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## Risk

### Considerations

Fund shares are not guaranteed or endorsed by any bank or other insured depository institution, and are not federally insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

#### **Nuveen Senior Income Fund (NSL)**

Investing in closed-end funds involves risk; principal loss is possible. There is no guarantee the Fund's investment objectives will be achieved. Closed-end fund shares may frequently trade at a discount or premium to their net asset value. **Adjustable Rate Senior Loans** may not be fully secured by collateral, generally do not trade on exchanges, and are typically issued by unrated or below-investment grade companies, and therefore are subject to greater liquidity and credit risk. **Lower credit** debt securities may be more likely to fail to make timely interest or principal payments. **Leverage** increases return volatility and magnifies the Fund's potential return and its risks; there is no guarantee a fund's leverage strategy will be successful. These and other risk considerations such as **interest rate risk** are described in more detail on the Fund's web page at [www.nuveen.com/NSL](http://www.nuveen.com/NSL).

#### **Nuveen Floating Rate Income Fund (JFR)**

Investing in closed-end funds involves risk; principal loss is possible. There is no guarantee the Fund's investment objectives will be achieved. Closed-end fund shares may frequently trade at a discount or premium to their net asset value. **Adjustable Rate Senior Loans** may not be fully secured by collateral, generally do not trade on exchanges, and are typically issued by unrated or below-investment grade companies, and therefore are subject to greater liquidity and credit risk. **Lower credit** debt securities may be more likely to fail to make timely interest or principal payments. **Leverage** increases return volatility and magnifies the Fund's potential return and its risks; there is no guarantee a fund's leverage strategy will be successful. These and other risk considerations such as **interest rate risk** are described in more detail on the Fund's web page at [www.nuveen.com/JFR](http://www.nuveen.com/JFR).

#### **Nuveen Floating Rate Income Opportunity Fund (JRO)**

Investing in closed-end funds involves risk; principal loss is possible. There is no guarantee the Fund's investment objectives will be achieved. Closed-end fund shares may frequently trade at a discount or premium to their net asset value. **Adjustable Rate Senior Loans** may not be fully secured by collateral, generally do not trade on exchanges, and are typically issued by unrated or below-investment grade companies, and therefore are subject to greater liquidity and credit risk. **Lower credit** debt securities may be more likely to fail to make timely interest or principal payments. **Leverage** increases return volatility and magnifies the Fund's potential return and its risks; there is no guarantee a fund's leverage strategy will be successful. These and other risk considerations such as **interest rate risk** are described in more detail on the Fund's web page at [www.nuveen.com/JRO](http://www.nuveen.com/JRO).

#### **Nuveen Short Duration Credit Opportunities Fund (JSD)**

Investing in closed-end funds involves risk; principal loss is possible. There is no guarantee the Fund's investment objectives will be achieved. Closed-end fund shares may frequently trade at a discount or premium to their net asset value. **Adjustable Rate Senior Loans** may not be fully secured by collateral, generally do not trade on exchanges, and are typically issued by unrated or below-investment grade companies, and therefore are subject to greater liquidity and credit risk. **Lower credit** debt securities may be more likely to fail to make timely interest or principal payments. **Leverage** increases return volatility and magnifies the Fund's potential return and its risks; there is no guarantee a



fund's leverage strategy will be successful. These and other risk considerations such as **interest rate risk** are described in more detail on the Fund's web page at [www.nuveen.com/JSD](http://www.nuveen.com/JSD).

**Risk Considerations** (continued)

**Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund (JQC)**

Investing in closed-end funds involves risk; principal loss is possible. There is no guarantee the Fund's investment objectives will be achieved. Closed-end fund shares may frequently trade at a discount or premium to their net asset value. **Adjustable Rate Senior Loans** may not be fully secured by collateral, generally do not trade on exchanges, and are typically issued by unrated or below-investment grade companies, and therefore are subject to greater liquidity and credit risk. **Lower credit** debt securities may be more likely to fail to make timely interest or principal payments. **Common stock** prices have often experienced significant volatility. **Leverage** increases return volatility and magnifies the Fund's potential return and its risks; there is no guarantee a fund's leverage strategy will be successful. These and other risk considerations such as **interest rate risk** are described in more detail on the Fund's web page at [www.nuveen.com/JQC](http://www.nuveen.com/JQC).

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**Nuveen Senior Income Fund**

**Performance Overview and Holding Summaries as of July 31, 2017**

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**Average Annual Total Returns as of July 31, 2017**

	<b>Average Annual</b>		
	<b>1-Year</b>	<b>5-Year</b>	<b>10-Year</b>
NSL at Common Share NAV	10.22%	6.36%	6.04%
NSL at Common Share Price	17.00%	5.67%	6.10%
Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index	6.83%	4.79%	4.60%

Past performance is not predictive of future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than the data shown. Returns do not reflect the deduction of taxes that shareholders may have to pay on Fund distributions or upon the sale of Fund shares. Returns at NAV are net of Fund expenses, and assume reinvestment of distributions. Comparative index return information is provided for the Fund's shares at NAV only. Indexes are not available for direct investment.

**Common Share Price Performance Weekly Closing Price**

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### Fund Allocation

(% of net assets)

Variable Rate Senior Loan Interests	133.2%
Common Stocks	2.1%
\$25 Par (or similar) Retail Preferred	0.0%
Corporate Bonds	19.5%
Warrants	0.0%
Investment Companies	4.7%
Other Assets Less Liabilities	(1.4)%
<b>Net Assets Plus Borrowings and Term Preferred Shares, net of deferred offering costs</b>	<b>158.1%</b>
Borrowings	(42.4)%
Term Preferred Shares, net of deferred offering costs	(15.7)%
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Top Five Issuers

(% of total long-term investments)

IntelSat Limited	3.6%
Dell International LLC	3.2%
Albertson's LLC	2.9%
iHeartCommunications, Inc.	2.7%
Sprint Corporation	2.5%

### Portfolio Composition

(% of total investments)

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Media	11.1%
Software	8.8%
Diversified Telecommunication Services	8.2%
Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals	5.7%
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	5.4%
Health Care Providers & Services	4.1%
Food & Staples Retailing	3.5%
Wireless Telecommunication Services	3.5%
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	3.0%
Health Care Equipment & Supplies	2.5%
Food Products	2.3%
Diversified Consumer Services	2.3%
Commercial Services & Supplies	2.2%
Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts	2.0%
Aerospace & Defense	2.0%
Trading Companies & Distributors	2.0%
Pharmaceuticals	1.7%
Communications Equipment	1.7%
Airlines	1.5%
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	1.4%
Internet Software & Services	1.4%
Insurance	1.3%
Other	19.5%
Investment Companies	2.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Portfolio Credit Quality**

(% of total long-term fixed income investments)

BBB	12.8%
BB or Lower	85.9%
N/R (not rated)	1.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**JFR****Nuveen Floating Rate Income Fund****Performance Overview and Holding Summaries as of July 31, 2017**

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**Average Annual Total Returns as of July 31, 2017**

	<b>Average Annual</b>		
	<b>1-Year</b>	<b>5-Year</b>	<b>10-Year</b>
JFR at Common Share NAV	10.76%	6.61%	6.02%
JFR at Common Share Price	18.63%	7.26%	6.69%
Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index	6.83%	4.79%	4.60%

Past performance is not predictive of future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than the data shown. Returns do not reflect the deduction of taxes that shareholders may have to pay on Fund distributions or upon the sale of Fund shares. Returns at NAV are net of Fund expenses, and assume reinvestment of distributions. Comparative index return information is provided for the Fund's shares at NAV only. Indexes are not available for direct investment.

**Common Share Price Performance Weekly Closing Price**

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### Fund Allocation

(% of net assets)

Variable Rate Senior Loan Interests	122.7%
Common Stocks	1.4%
\$25 Par (or similar) Retail Preferred	0.0%
Convertible Bonds	0.0%
Corporate Bonds	21.7%
Asset-Backed Securities	2.7%
Long-Term Investment Companies	1.8%
Warrants	0.0%
Short-Term Investment Companies	7.9%
Other Assets Less Liabilities	(1.2)%
<b>Net Assets Plus Borrowings and Term Preferred Shares, net of deferred offering costs</b>	<b>157.0%</b>
Borrowings	(38.3)%
Term Preferred Shares, net of deferred offering costs	(18.7)%
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Top Five Issuers</b>	

(% of total long-term investments)

IntelSat Limited	3.1%
Albertson's LLC	2.8%
Dell International LLC	2.7%
Sprint Corporation	2.5%
iHeartCommunications, Inc.	2.4%

### Portfolio Composition

(% of total investments)



Media	10.6%
Software	7.8%
Diversified Telecommunication Services	7.6%
Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals	5.8%
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	5.2%
Wireless Telecommunication Services	3.9%
Health Care Providers & Services	3.7%
Food & Staples Retailing	3.5%
Food Products	2.5%
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	2.4%
Diversified Consumer Services	2.3%
Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts	2.2%
Commercial Services & Supplies	2.1%
Trading Companies & Distributors	1.7%
Multiline Retail	1.7%
Health Care Equipment & Supplies	1.6%
Pharmaceuticals	1.6%
Communications Equipment	1.6%
Aerospace & Defense	1.5%
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	1.3%
Automobiles	1.3%
Internet Software & Services	1.2%
Other	19.1%
Asset-Backed Securities	1.7%
Investment Companies	6.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Portfolio Credit Quality</b>	

(% of total long-term fixed income investments)

BBB	12.2%
BB or Lower	86.3%
N/R (not rated)	1.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**JRO****Nuveen Floating Rate Income Opportunity Fund****Performance Overview and Holding Summaries as of July 31, 2017**

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**Average Annual Total Returns as of July 31, 2017**

	<b>Average Annual</b>		
	<b>1-Year</b>	<b>5-Year</b>	<b>10-Year</b>
JRO at Common Share NAV	11.06%	6.93%	6.58%
JRO at Common Share Price	18.92%	7.11%	7.22%
Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index	6.83%	4.79%	4.60%

Past performance is not predictive of future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than the data shown. Returns do not reflect the deduction of taxes that shareholders may have to pay on Fund distributions or upon the sale of Fund shares. Returns at NAV are net of Fund expenses, and assume reinvestment of distributions. Comparative index return information is provided for the Fund's shares at NAV only. Indexes are not available for direct investment.

**Common Share Price Performance Weekly Closing Price**

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### Fund Allocation

(% of net assets)

Variable Rate Senior Loan Interests	123.6%
Common Stocks	1.8%
\$25 Par (or similar) Retail Preferred	0.0%
Convertible Bonds	0.0%
Corporate Bonds	21.6%
Asset-Backed Securities	2.0%
Warrants	0.0%
Investment Companies	8.2%
Other Assets Less Liabilities	(1.0)%
<b>Net Assets Plus Borrowings and Term Preferred Shares, net of deferred offering costs</b>	<b>156.2%</b>
Borrowings	(38.4)%
Term Preferred Shares, net of deferred offering costs	(17.8)%
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Top Five Issuers

(% of total long-term investments)

IntelSat Limited	3.5%
Dell International LLC	2.8%
iHeartCommunications, Inc.	2.8%
Albertson's LLC	2.4%
Sprint Corporation	2.3%

### Portfolio Composition

(% of total investments)

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Media	10.9%
Software	8.6%
Diversified Telecommunication Services	8.1%
Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals	5.6%
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	5.2%
Wireless Telecommunication Services	3.5%
Health Care Providers & Services	3.2%
Food & Staples Retailing	3.1%
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	2.8%
Food Products	2.6%
Commercial Services & Supplies	2.4%
Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts	2.2%
Diversified Consumer Services	2.2%
Health Care Equipment & Supplies	1.7%
Communications Equipment	1.7%
Multiline Retail	1.7%
Aerospace & Defense	1.6%
Trading Companies & Distributors	1.5%
Internet Software & Services	1.5%
Automobiles	1.5%
Pharmaceuticals	1.4%
Diversified Financial Services	1.4%
Other	19.1%
Asset-Backed Securities	1.3%
Investment Companies	5.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Portfolio Credit Quality**

(% of total long-term fixed income investments)

BBB	12.0%
BB or Lower	86.2%
N/R (not rated)	1.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**JSD****Nuveen Short Duration Credit Opportunities Fund****Performance Overview and Holding Summaries as of July 31, 2017**

Refer to the Glossary of Terms Used in this Report for further definition of the terms used within this section.

**Average Annual Total Returns as of July 31, 2017**

	<b>Average Annual</b>		<b>Since</b>
	<b>1-Year</b>	<b>5-Year</b>	<b>Inception</b>
JSD at Common Share NAV	10.68%	6.10%	6.61%
JSD at Common Share Price	17.91%	6.15%	5.95%
Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index	6.83%	4.79%	4.52%

Since inception returns are from May 25, 2011. Past performance is not predictive of future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than the data shown. Returns do not reflect the deduction of taxes that shareholders may have to pay on Fund distributions or upon the sale of Fund shares. Returns at NAV are net of Fund expenses, and assume reinvestment of distributions. Comparative index return information is provided for the Fund's shares at NAV only. Indexes are not available for direct investment.

**Common Share Price Performance Weekly Closing Price**

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## Fund Allocation

(% of net assets)

Variable Rate Senior Loan Interests	133.4%
Common Stocks	1.1%
Corporate Bonds	20.8%
Warrants	0.0%
Investment Companies	3.4%
Other Assets Less Liabilities	(0.4)%
<b>Net Assets Plus Borrowings and Term Preferred Shares, net of deferred offering costs</b>	<b>158.3%</b>
Borrowings	(39.5)%
Term Preferred Shares, net of deferred offering costs	(18.8)%
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Top Five Issuers

(% of total long-term investments)

IntelSat Limited	3.9%
Albertson's LLC	3.1%
iHeartCommunications, Inc.	2.9%
Sprint Corporation	2.6%
Western Digital Corporation	2.5%

## Portfolio Composition

(% of total investments)

Media	9.5%
Software	9.0%

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Diversified Telecommunication Services	8.6%
Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals	5.3%
Health Care Providers & Services	4.8%
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	4.8%
Food & Staples Retailing	4.0%
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	3.2%
Wireless Telecommunication Services	3.1%
Commercial Services & Supplies	2.5%
Communications Equipment	2.4%
Health Care Equipment & Supplies	2.2%
Aerospace & Defense	2.0%
Pharmaceuticals	2.0%
Electric Utilities	1.9%
Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts	1.9%
Consumer Finance	1.9%
Internet Software & Services	1.8%
Food Products	1.7%
Trading Companies & Distributors	1.6%
Airlines	1.4%
Semiconductors & Semiconductor Equipment	1.3%
IT Services	1.3%
Other	19.6%
Investment Companies	2.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Portfolio Credit Quality**

(% of total long-term fixed income investments)

BBB	9.7%
BB or Lower	89.1%
N/R (not rated)	1.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**JQC****Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund****Performance Overview and Holding Summaries as of July 31, 2017**

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**Average Annual Total Returns as of July 31, 2017**

	<b>Average Annual</b>		
	<b>1-Year</b>	<b>5-Year</b>	<b>10-Year</b>
JQC at Common Share NAV	7.70%	6.08%	4.02%
JQC at Common Share Price	10.75%	5.95%	5.20%
Credit Suisse Leveraged Loan Index	6.83%	4.79%	4.60%

Past performance is not predictive of future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than the data shown. Returns do not reflect the deduction of taxes that shareholders may have to pay on Fund distributions or upon the sale of Fund shares. Returns at NAV are net of Fund expenses, and assume reinvestment of distributions. Comparative index return information is provided for the Fund's shares at NAV only. Indexes are not available for direct investment.

**Common Share Price Performance Weekly Closing Price**



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### Fund Allocation

(% of net assets)

Variable Rate Senior Loan Interests	113.8%
Common Stocks	0.5%
Exchange-Traded Funds	7.8%
Corporate Bonds	28.8%
Investment Companies	6.3%
Other Assets Less Liabilities	(1.4)%
<b>Net Assets Plus Borrowings and Reverse Repurchase Agreements</b>	<b>155.8%</b>
Borrowings	(44.3)%
Reverse Repurchase Agreements	(11.5)%
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Top Five Issuers

(% of total long-term investments)

PowerShares Senior Loan Portfolio	3.1%
Sprint Corporation	2.8%
First Data Corporation	2.4%
Scientific Games Corporation	2.2%
Ziggo B.V.	2.2%

### Portfolio Composition

(% of total investments)

Software	9.7%
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Media	9.0%
Diversified Telecommunication Services	8.3%
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	6.0%
Wireless Telecommunication Services	3.9%
Health Care Providers & Services	3.8%
Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts	3.2%
Technology Hardware, Storage & Peripherals	3.0%
Diversified Consumer Services	3.1%
Chemicals	2.9%
Airlines	2.9%
Health Care Equipment & Supplies	2.5%
Consumer Finance	2.3%
Specialty Retail	2.3%
Internet Software & Services	2.2%
Food Products	2.1%
Pharmaceuticals	2.1%
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	2.0%
Other	19.8%
Exchange-Traded Funds	4.9%
Investment Companies	4.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Portfolio Credit Quality**

(% of total long-term fixed income investments)

BBB	12.5%
BB or Lower	86.4%
N/R (not rated)	1.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Shareholder****Meeting Report**

The annual meeting of shareholders was held in the offices of Nuveen on April 6, 2017 for NSL, JFR, JRO, JSD and JQC; at this meeting the shareholders were asked to elect Board Members.

	NSL		JFR		JRO		JSD		JQC
	Common and Preferred shares voting together as a class	Preferred Shares	Common and Preferred shares voting together as a class	Preferred Shares	Common and Preferred shares voting together as a class	Preferred Shares	Common and Preferred shares voting together as a class	Preferred Shares	Common Shares
<b>Approval of the Board Members was reached as follows:</b>									
William Adams IV									
For	31,573,356		48,292,465		34,117,158		8,939,440		106,009,900
Withhold	1,262,816		942,775		747,224		184,458		1,769,764
Total	32,836,172		49,235,240		34,864,382		9,123,898		107,779,664
William C. Hunter									
For		20,977		37,279		56,116		24,758	
Withhold		1,383		379					
Total		22,360		37,658		56,116		24,758	
David J. Kundert									
For	31,113,695		47,921,437		33,591,094		8,951,602		105,905,673
Withhold	1,722,477		1,313,803		1,273,288		172,296		1,873,991
Total	32,836,172		49,235,240		34,864,382		9,123,898		107,779,664
John K. Nelson									
For	31,591,165		48,304,847		34,210,065		8,945,085		106,009,861
Withhold	1,245,007		930,393		654,317		178,813		1,769,803
Total	32,836,172		49,235,240		34,864,382		9,123,898		107,779,664
William J. Schneider									
For		20,977		37,279		56,116		24,758	
Withhold		1,383		379					

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Total	22,360	37,658	56,116	24,758	
Terence J. Toth					
For	31,590,767	48,291,451	34,212,754	8,947,332	106,020,624
Withhold	1,245,405	943,789	651,628	176,566	1,759,040
Total	32,836,172	49,235,240	34,864,382	9,123,898	107,779,664

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**Report of**

**Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

**To the Board of Trustees and Shareholders of**

**Nuveen Senior Income Fund**

**Nuveen Floating Rate Income Fund**

**Nuveen Floating Rate Income Opportunity Fund**

**Nuveen Short Duration Credit Opportunities Fund**

**Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund:**

We have audited the accompanying statements of assets and liabilities, including the portfolios of investments, of Nuveen Senior Income Fund, Nuveen Floating Rate Income Fund, Nuveen Floating Rate Income Opportunity Fund, Nuveen Short Duration Credit Opportunities Fund, and Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund (the Funds ) as of July 31, 2017, and the related statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the years in the two-year period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the years in the three-year period then ended. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Funds' management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits. The financial highlights for the periods presented through July 31, 2014 were audited by other auditors whose reports dated September 25, 2014 expressed an unqualified opinion on those financial highlights.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of July 31, 2017, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers or other appropriate auditing procedures. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Funds as of July 31, 2017, the results of their operations and cash flows for the year then ended, the changes in their net assets for each of the years in the two-year period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the years in the three-year period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Chicago, Illinois

September 29, 2017



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**Nuveen Senior Income Fund**  
**Portfolio of Investments**

July 31, 2017

<b>Principal Amount (000)</b>	<b>Description (1)</b>	<b>Coupon (4)</b>	<b>Maturity (2)</b>	<b>Ratings (3)</b>	<b>Value</b>
<b>LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS 154.8% (97.1% of Total Investments)</b>					
<b>VARIABLE RATE SENIOR LOAN INTERESTS 133.2% (83.5% of Total Investments) (4)</b>					
<b>Aerospace &amp; Defense 3.1% (2.0% of Total Investments)</b>					
\$ 4,160	Sequa Corporation, Term Loan, First Lien	6.814%	11/28/21	B	\$4,202,877
1,432	Sequa Corporation, Term Loan, Second Lien	10.314%	4/26/22	CCC	1,467,991
495	Transdigm, Inc., Extend Term Loan F	4.234%	6/07/23	Ba2	498,146
1,957	Transdigm, Inc., Term Loan E, First Lien	4.255%	5/14/22	Ba2	1,968,417
323	Transdigm, Inc., Tranche C Term Loan	4.285%	2/28/20	Ba2	324,993
8,367	Total Aerospace & Defense				8,462,424
<b>Air Freight &amp; Logistics 0.9% (0.6% of Total Investments)</b>					
442	Americold Realty Operating Partnership, Term Loan B	4.984%	12/01/22	BB	448,500
872	PAE Holding Corporation, Term Loan B	6.734%	10/20/22	B+	881,756
1,083	XPO Logistics, Inc., Refinanced Term Loan	3.554%	11/01/21	Ba1	1,088,653
2,397	Total Air Freight & Logistics				2,418,909
<b>Airlines 2.4% (1.5% of Total Investments)</b>					
1,433	American Airlines, Inc., Replacement Term Loan	3.233%	6/27/20	BB+	1,437,311
1,960	American Airlines, Inc., Replacement Term Loan	3.226%	10/10/21	BB+	1,966,399
2,922	American Airlines, Inc., Term Loan B	3.726%	12/14/23	BB+	2,941,106
6,315	Total Airlines				6,344,816
<b>Auto Components 0.8% (0.5% of Total Investments)</b>					
750	DexKo Global, Inc., Term Loan, First Lien	5.313%	7/13/24	B1	760,313
424	Horizon Global Corporation, Term Loan B	5.734%	6/30/21	B+	428,603
1,000	Superior Industries International, Inc., Term Loan B	5.787%	6/14/24	B1	1,007,500

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2,174	Total Auto Components				2,196,416
	<b>Automobiles 1.9% (1.2% of Total Investments)</b>				
1,430	Chrysler Group LLC, Term Loan	3.230%	12/31/18	BBB	1,440,175
3,776	Formula One Group, Term Loan B, (DD1)	4.504%	2/01/24	B	3,800,130
5,206	Total Automobiles				5,240,305
	<b>Building Products 0.7% (0.5% of Total Investments)</b>				
1,990	Quikrete Holdings, Inc., Term Loan B	3.984%	11/15/23	BB	1,999,612
	<b>Capital Markets 0.4% (0.2% of Total Investments)</b>				
1,000	RPI Finance Trust, Term Loan B6	3.296%	3/27/23	Baa2	1,006,250
	<b>Chemicals 1.8% (1.1% of Total Investments)</b>				
328	Ineos US Finance LLC, New 2022 Dollar Term Loan	4.007%	3/31/22	Ba2	330,491
366	Ineos US Finance LLC, New 2024 Dollar Term Loan	4.007%	4/01/24	Ba2	369,199
1,595	Mineral Technologies, Inc., Term Loan B2	4.750%	5/07/21	BB+	1,616,899
741	OM Group, Inc., Term Loan B, First Lien	6.296%	2/21/24	B	751,753
1,643	Univar, Inc., Term Loan B	3.984%	7/01/22	BB	1,654,129
4,673	Total Chemicals				4,722,471
	<b>Commercial Services &amp; Supplies 3.6% (2.2% of Total Investments)</b>				
130	Education Management LLC, Tranche A, Term Loan, (5)	5.804%	7/02/20	N/R	59,158
248	Education Management LLC, Tranche B, Term Loan, (5)	8.804%	7/02/20	N/R	5,267
746	Fort Dearborn Holding Company, Inc., Term Loan, First Lien	5.298%	10/19/23	B2	749,515
2,249	iQor US, Inc., Term Loan, First Lien	6.299%	4/01/21	B	2,243,115
250	iQor US, Inc., Term Loan, Second Lien	10.049%	4/01/22	CCC+	241,875
777	KAR Auction Services, Inc., Term Loan B5	3.813%	3/09/23	Ba2	782,998
1,737	Monitronics International, Inc., Term Loan B2, First Lien	6.796%	9/30/22	B2	1,759,489



<b>Principal Amount (000)</b>	<b>Description (1)</b>	<b>Coupon (4)</b>	<b>Maturity (2)</b>	<b>Ratings (3)</b>	<b>Value</b>
<b>Commercial Services &amp; Supplies (continued)</b>					
\$ 1,318	Protection One, Inc., Term Loan	3.984%	5/02/22	BB	\$ 1,326,923
1,535	Skillsoft Corporation, Initial Term Loan, First Lien	5.984%	4/28/21	B	1,446,307
988	Universal Services of America, Initial Term Loan, First Lien	5.046%	7/28/22	B+	990,897
9,978	Total Commercial Services & Supplies				9,605,544
<b>Communications Equipment 2.6% (1.6% of Total Investments)</b>					
1,020	Avaya, Inc., DIP Term Loan	8.729%	1/24/18	Baa3	1,050,743
3,162	Avaya, Inc., Term Loan B3, (5)	6.460%	10/26/17	N/R	2,584,712
326	Avaya, Inc., Term Loan B6	6.500%	3/31/18	N/R	266,270
1,120	Avaya, Inc., Term Loan B7, (5)	6.460%	5/29/20	N/R	919,723
794	Colorado Buyer, Inc., Term Loan, First Lien	4.170%	5/01/24	Ba3	802,388
365	Colorado Buyer, Inc., Term Loan, Second Lien	8.420%	5/01/25	B3	370,659
966	Riverbed Technology, Inc., Term Loan B, First Lien	4.490%	4/24/22	B+	954,438
7,753	Total Communications Equipment				6,948,933
<b>Consumer Finance 2.0% (1.3% of Total Investments)</b>					
4,022	First Data Corporation, Term Loan B	3.727%	4/26/24	BB	4,049,229
1,374	First Data Corporation, Term Loan, First Lien	3.477%	7/10/22	BB	1,379,936
5,396	Total Consumer Finance				5,429,165
<b>Containers &amp; Packaging 0.6% (0.3% of Total Investments)</b>					
744	Berry Plastics Holding Corporation, Term Loan I	3.730%	10/01/22	BB	748,228
748	Reynolds Group Holdings, Inc., Term Loan, First Lien	4.234%	2/05/23	B+	752,287
1,492	Total Containers & Packaging				1,500,515
<b>Diversified Consumer Services 3.5% (2.2% of Total Investments)</b>					
3,537	Cengage Learning Acquisitions, Inc., Term Loan B	5.474%	6/07/23	B+	3,352,245
2,792	Hilton Hotels Corporation, Term Loan B2	3.232%	10/25/23	BBB	2,808,572
2,058	Houghton Mifflin, Term Loan B, First Lien	4.234%	5/28/21	B+	1,998,025
1,247	Laureate Education, Inc., New Term Loan	5.734%	4/20/24	B	1,264,020
9,634	Total Diversified Consumer Services				9,422,862
<b>Diversified Financial Services 1.8% (1.1% of Total Investments)</b>					
587	Freedom Mortgage Corporation, Initial Term Loan	6.862%	2/23/22	BB	596,720

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1,086	MGM Growth Properties, Term Loan B	3.484%	4/25/23	BB+	1,091,958
949	MJ Acquisition Corp., Term Loan, First Lien	4.211%	6/01/22	B+	957,716
2,069	Veritas US, Inc., Term Loan B1	5.796%	1/27/23	B+	2,096,960
4,691	Total Diversified Financial Services				4,743,354
<b>Diversified Telecommunication Services 9.7% (6.1% of Total Investments)</b>					
4,000	CenturyLink, Inc., Term Loan B	2.750%	1/31/25	BBB	3,951,560
744	DTI Holdings, Inc., Term Loan B, First Lien	6.561%	10/02/23	B	728,557
3,808	Frontier Communications Corporation, Term Loan B	4.980%	1/14/20	BB	3,669,284
2,488	Greeneden U.S. Holdings II LLC, Term Loan B	5.007%	12/01/23	B2	2,509,278
6,084	Intelsat Jackson Holdings, S.A., Tranche B2, Term Loan	4.000%	6/30/19	B1	6,076,736
1,675	Level 3 Financing, Inc., Tranche B, Term Loan	3.479%	2/22/24	BBB	1,684,159
2,394	WideOpenWest Finance LLC, Term Loan B	4.452%	8/18/23	B	2,398,915
5,000	Ziggo B.V., Term Loan E	3.726%	4/15/25	BB	5,013,075
26,193	Total Diversified Telecommunication Services				26,031,564
<b>Electric Utilities 1.8% (1.1% of Total Investments)</b>					
459	EFS Cogen Holdings LLC, Term Loan B	4.800%	6/28/23	BB	464,137
1,747	Energy Future Intermediate Holding Company, DIP Term Loan	4.233%	7/02/18	BB	1,761,614
479	Helix Generation, Term Loan B	4.960%	3/10/24	BB	484,526
1,620	Vistra Operations Co., Term Loan B	3.982%	8/04/23	BB+	1,628,231
371	Vistra Operations Co., Term Loan C	3.977%	8/04/23	Ba2	373,217
4,676	Total Electric Utilities				4,711,725

**NSL Nuveen Senior Income Fund**  
**Portfolio of Investments (continued)**

July 31, 2017

<b>Principal Amount (000)</b>	<b>Description (1)</b>	<b>Coupon (4)</b>	<b>Maturity (2)</b>	<b>Ratings (3)</b>	<b>Value</b>
<b>Electrical Equipment 0.3% (0.2% of Total Investments)</b>					
\$ 899	Zebra Technologies Corporation, Term Loan B	3.314%	10/24/21	BB	\$ 903,576
<b>Electronic Equipment, Instruments &amp; Components 0.9% (0.5% of Total Investments)</b>					
988	SMART Modular Technologies, Inc., Term Loan	9.250%	8/26/19	B	985,453
1,399	TTM Technologies, Inc., New Term Loan	5.484%	5/31/21	BB	1,422,090
2,387	Total Electronic Equipment, Instruments & Components				2,407,543
<b>Energy Equipment &amp; Services 0.5% (0.3% of Total Investments)</b>					
343	Dynamic Energy Services International LLC, Term Loan	14.679%	3/06/18	N/R	120,044
1,615	Ocean Rigs, Inc., Term Loan B1, (5)	8.250%	3/31/21	CCC	1,130,441
1,958	Total Energy Equipment & Services				1,250,485
<b>Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts 2.9% (1.8% of Total Investments)</b>					
3,135	Communications Sales & Leasing, Inc., Shortfall Term Loan	4.234%	10/24/22	BB	3,145,872
1,001	Realty Group LLC, Term Loan B	3.484%	7/20/22	BB+	1,007,791
4,019	Walter Investment Management Corporation, Tranche B, Term Loan, First Lien	4.984%	12/18/20	Caa1	3,703,444
8,155	Total Equity Real Estate Investment Trusts				7,857,107
<b>Food &amp; Staples Retailing 5.6% (3.5% of Total Investments)</b>					
10,405	Albertson's LLC, Term Loan B4	3.984%	8/25/21	BB	10,394,990
1,511	Albertson's LLC, Term Loan B6	4.251%	6/22/23	BB	1,512,029
999	BJ's Wholesale Club, Inc., Term Loan B, First Lien	4.968%	2/03/24	B	979,974
1,375	Rite Aid Corporation, Tranche 2, Term Loan, Second Lien	5.115%	6/21/21	BB	1,384,453
746	Save-A-Lot, Term Loan B	7.234%	12/05/23	B	735,523
54	Supervalu, Inc., Delayed Draw, Term Loan B	4.734%	6/02/24	BB	53,786
90	Supervalu, Inc., Term Loan B	4.734%	6/02/24	BB	89,644
15,180	Total Food & Staples Retailing				15,150,399
<b>Food Products 3.7% (2.3% of Total Investments)</b>					
625		TBD	TBD	BB	627,738

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	American Seafoods Group LLC, Term Loan B, (WI/DD)				
970	Hearthside Group Holdings LLC, Term Loan B	4.234%	6/02/21	B1	975,456
2,291	Jacobs Douwe Egberts, Term Loan B	3.438%	7/02/22	BB	2,305,557
676	Keurig Green Mountain, Inc., Term Loan A, First Lien	2.750%	3/03/21	BBB	676,880
498	Pinnacle Foods Finance LLC, Term Loan B	3.227%	2/02/24	BB+	500,395
4,869	US Foods, Inc., New Term Loan B	3.990%	6/27/23	BB	4,911,820
9,929	Total Food Products				9,997,846
	<b>Health Care Equipment &amp; Supplies Investments)</b>	<b>2.5% (1.6% of Total Investments)</b>			
955	Acelity, Term Loan B	4.546%	2/02/24	B1	959,598
570	Ardent Medical Services, Inc., Term Loan B, First Lien	6.796%	8/04/21	B1	573,848
436	ConvaTec, Inc., Term Loan B	3.796%	10/25/23	BB	438,665
886	Greatbatch, Inc., Term Loan B	4.730%	10/27/22	B	891,449
3,016	Onex Carestream Finance LP, Term Loan, First Lien	5.275%	6/07/19	B+	3,018,647
973	Onex Carestream Finance LP, Term Loan, Second Lien	9.796%	12/09/19	B	955,826
6,836	Total Health Care Equipment & Supplies				6,838,033
	<b>Health Care Providers &amp; Services Investments)</b>	<b>4.9% (3.1% of Total Investments)</b>			
1,500	Air Medical Group Holdings, Inc., Term Loan, First Lien	5.228%	4/28/22	B	1,493,445
369	Community Health Systems, Inc., Term Loan G	3.979%	12/31/19	BB	369,463
741	Community Health Systems, Inc., Term Loan H	4.213%	1/27/21	BB	740,588
2,255	DaVita HealthCare Partners, Inc., Tranche B, Term Loan	3.984%	6/24/21	BBB	2,281,202
1,126	Envision Healthcare Corporation, Term Loan B, First Lien	4.300%	12/01/23	BB	1,134,553
764	Healogics, Inc., Term Loan, First Lien	5.320%	7/01/21	B2	612,342
1,523	Heartland Dental Care, Inc., Term Loan, First Lien, (WI/DD)	TBD	TBD	B2	1,528,250
500	Heartland Dental Care, Inc., Term Loan, Second Lien, (WI/DD)	TBD	TBD	CCC	507,500
1,927	Millennium Laboratories, Inc., Term Loan B, First Lien	7.734%	12/21/20	CCC+	1,171,969
909	MultiPlan, Inc., Term Loan B	4.296%	6/07/23	B+	916,950
201	Quorum Health Corp., Term Loan B	7.984%	4/29/22	B2	201,470
1,695	Select Medical Corporation, Tranche B, Term Loan	4.810%	3/06/24	Ba2	1,724,422
440	Vizient, Inc., New Term Loan B	4.734%	2/13/23	B+	445,975

13,950 Total Health Care Providers &  
Services

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<b>Health Care Technology 1.5% (1.0% of Total Investments)</b>					
\$ 1,134	Catalent Pharma Solutions, Inc., Term Loan B	3.984%	5/20/21	BB	\$ 1,143,744
2,993	Emdeon, Inc., Term Loan	3.984%	3/01/24	Ba3	3,013,448
4,127	Total Health Care Technology				4,157,192
<b>Hotels, Restaurants &amp; Leisure 6.8% (4.3% of Total Investments)</b>					
3,999	Burger King Corporation, Term Loan B3	3.508%	2/16/24	Ba3	4,001,884
1,250	Caesars Entertainment Operating Company, Inc., Term Loan B, (WI/DD)	TBD	TBD	BB	1,257,619
1,930	CCM Merger, Inc., Term Loan B				