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REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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Amendment No. 9

Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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Title of Securities Being Registered	Amount Being Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit⁽²⁾	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price⁽²⁾	Amount of Registration Fee
Term Preferred Shares	250,000 Shares ⁽¹⁾	\$1,000	\$250,000,000	\$31,125 ⁽³⁾

- (1) The Fund will offer, on an immediate, continuous or delayed basis, Term Preferred Shares, at an estimated offering price of \$1,000 per share.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee. In no event will the aggregate initial offering price of the securities offered from time to time pursuant to the prospectus included as a part of this Registration Statement exceed \$250,000,000.
- (3) Previously 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 that 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 Securities and Exchange 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 we are not soliciting offers to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion Preliminary Prospectus dated _____, 2018

BASE PROSPECTUS

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Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund

TERM PREFERRED SHARES

Shares

Liquidation Preference \$1,000 Per Share

The Offering. Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund (the *Fund*) is offering, on an immediate, continuous or delayed basis, up to 250,000 Term Preferred Shares (*Term Preferred Shares*), with a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share. The Fund currently intends to distribute the shares offered pursuant to this Prospectus primarily through an underwriting syndicate, although from time to time it may also distribute shares through privately negotiated transactions. To the extent shares are distributed other than through an underwriting syndicate, the Fund will file a supplement to this Prospectus describing such transactions. For information on how Term Preferred Shares may be sold, see the *Plan of Distribution* section of this Prospectus. Generally, the Fund intends to use the proceeds from the sale of Term Preferred Shares to repay all or a portion of the Fund's borrowings under its credit facilities, to repurchase securities subject to reverse repurchase agreements or to increase the Fund's leverage. The series designation, term redemption date, dividend rate, use of proceeds and other details concerning any issuance of Term Preferred Shares under this Prospectus will be disclosed in a prospectus supplement.

The Fund. This Prospectus, together with any prospectus supplement, sets forth concisely information about the Fund that a prospective investor should know before investing, and should be retained for future reference. The Fund is a diversified, closed-end management

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investment company. The Fund's primary investment objective is to achieve a high level of current income. The Fund's secondary objective is total return.

Unlisted Shares. The Term Preferred Shares are not listed or traded on any securities exchange. An investment in Term Preferred Shares may be illiquid and there may be no active secondary trading market. Thus, Term Preferred Shares are not suitable for investors who seek the return of their investment within a specified timeframe before the term redemption date of the Term Preferred Shares.

Investing in Term Preferred Shares involves risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page 49. Certain of these risks are summarized in Prospectus Summary Special Risk Considerations beginning on page 14 of this Prospectus. Although Term Preferred Shares are senior securities of the Fund, with priority in all respects to the Fund's common shares, you could lose some or all of your investment.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) 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.

PRICE \$1,000 A SHARE

The price to the public, underwriting discounts and commissions, estimated offering costs and proceeds, after expenses to the Fund for any issuance of Term Preferred Shares under this Prospectus will be disclosed in a prospectus supplement.

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Portfolio Contents. As a non-fundamental policy, under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 70% of its Managed Assets (as defined below) in adjustable rate loans, primarily secured senior loans. As part of the 70% requirement, the Fund also may invest in unsecured senior loans and second lien loans. Adjustable rate loans are made to U.S. or non-U.S. corporations, partnerships and other business entities that operate in various industries and geographical regions. Such adjustable rate loans pay interest at rates that are redetermined periodically at short-term intervals on the basis of an adjustable base lending rate plus a premium. The Fund may invest in high yield debt and other debt and equity instruments as described herein in an aggregate amount of up to 30% of its Managed Assets. The Fund may invest all of its Managed Assets in adjustable rate loans and other debt instruments that are, at the time of investment, rated below investment grade or unrated but judged to be of comparable quality. See Risk Factors Issuer Level Risks Below Investment Grade Risk. A security is considered investment grade quality if it is rated within the four highest letter grades (BBB- or Baa3 or better) by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization (NRSRO) that rates such instrument (even if it is rated lower by another), or if it is unrated by any NRSRO but judged to be of comparable quality by the portfolio managers. 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 high yield securities or junk bonds. Managed Assets means the total assets of the Fund, minus the sum of its accrued liabilities (other than Fund liabilities incurred for the express purpose of creating leverage). Total assets for this purpose shall include assets attributable to the Fund's use of leverage through borrowing, reverse repurchase agreements, any preferred shares and the use of commercial paper or notes.

Investment in the Fund involves substantial risks arising from, among other strategies, the Fund's ability to invest substantially all of its Managed Assets in securities that are rated below investment grade or unrated but judged to be of comparable quality and the Fund's use of leverage.

The Fund may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets in securities of non-U.S. issuers, which may include debt securities of issuers located, or conducting their business in, emerging markets countries.

Leverage. The Fund may use regulatory leverage. Regulatory leverage consists of senior securities as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), which include (1) borrowings, including loans from financial institutions (Borrowings); (2) issuance of debt securities; and (3) issuance of preferred shares ((1), (2), and (3) are hereinafter collectively referred to as regulatory leverage). The Fund currently has outstanding Borrowings and reverse repurchase agreements, and from time to time may employ derivatives, such as credit default swaps, interest rate swaps, total return swaps and bond futures that have the economic effect of leverage by creating additional investment exposure. Reverse repurchase agreements may be considered to be borrowings by the Fund, but are not considered to be senior securities as defined under the 1940 Act so long as the Fund establishes and maintains on its accounting records cash or other liquid assets equal to the Fund's obligations in respect of such reverse repurchase agreements, as provided by Investment Company Act Release No. 10666 and related SEC guidance. See The Fund's Investments. There is no assurance that the Fund's leveraging strategy will be successful.

Dividends. The dividend rate payable on the Term Preferred Shares on any date will be determined in accordance with the Fund's Statement Establishing and Fixing the Rights and Preferences of Term Preferred Shares (the Statement), and will be disclosed in a prospectus supplement. Dividends on the Term Preferred Shares will be payable monthly. Dividends will be paid on the first business day of the month next following a dividend period and upon redemption of the Term Preferred Shares (each payment date a Dividend Payment Date). Dividends with respect to any monthly dividend period will be declared and paid to holders of record of Term Preferred Shares as their names shall appear on the registration books of the Fund at the close of business on the day immediately preceding such Dividend Payment Date (or, if such day is not a business day, the immediately preceding business day).

Redemption. The Fund is required to redeem the Term Preferred Shares on the date specified in the Statement, unless earlier redeemed or repurchased by the Fund. In addition, Term Preferred Shares are subject to optional redemption by the Fund in certain circumstances. Term Preferred Shares will be subject to redemption at the option of the Fund, subject to payment of any premium specified in the Statement and a prospectus supplement, and at their liquidation preference thereafter. See Description of Term Preferred Shares Redemption.

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Priority of Payment. *The Fund has entered into (I) a senior committed secured revolving note purchase agreement with Montalis Investments B.V. (the Noteholder), with a rolling monthly 90-day maturity (the Credit Agreement) and (ii) a senior uncommitted repurchase facility with Société Générale (Société Générale) establishing an asset purchase facility (the Repo Facility) and, together with the Credit Agreement, the Credit Facilities). The Fund has an outstanding balance under both the Credit Agreement and Repo Facility. See Use of Leverage. The rights of lenders, such as the Noteholder and*

Société Générale, and any other creditors to receive payments of interest on and repayments of principal of any borrowings are senior to the rights of holders of Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, and common shares, with respect to the payment of dividends and other distributions, and upon liquidation. The Fund may not be permitted to redeem Term Preferred Shares unless at such time, the Fund meets certain asset coverage requirements and no event of default or other circumstance exists under the Credit Facilities that would limit or otherwise block payments in redemption. Term Preferred Shares, however, will be senior securities that represent stock of the Fund and are senior with priority in all respects to the Fund's common shares as to payments of dividends and as to distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the affairs of the Fund. The Fund may issue additional preferred shares on parity with Term Preferred Shares, subject to certain limitations. The Fund may not issue additional classes of shares that are senior to Term Preferred Shares and other outstanding preferred shares of the Fund as to payments of dividends or as to distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the affairs of the Fund. See Description of Term Preferred Shares.

Redemption and Paying Agent. *The redemption and paying agent for Term Preferred Shares will be Computershare Inc. and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., Canton, Massachusetts.*

You should read this Prospectus, together with any prospectus supplement, which contains important information about the Fund before deciding whether to invest in Term Preferred Shares and retain it for future reference. A Statement of Additional Information, dated , 2018, and as it may be supplemented containing additional information about the Fund has been filed with the SEC 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 77 of this Prospectus, annual and semiannual reports to shareholders when available and other information about the Fund and make shareholder inquiries by calling (800) 257-8787 or by writing to the Fund, or from the Fund's website (www.nuveen.com). The information contained in, or that can be accessed through, the Fund's website is not part of this Prospectus. You also may obtain a copy of the Statement of Additional Information (and other information regarding the Fund, from the SEC's website (www.sec.gov).

Term Preferred 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 into this Prospectus. The Fund has not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. The Fund is not making an offer of Term Preferred Shares 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. The Fund's business, financial condition and prospects may have changed since that date. The Fund will update this Prospectus to reflect any material changes to the disclosures herein.

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This is only a summary. You should review the more detailed information contained elsewhere in this Prospectus, in any prospectus supplement and in the Statement of Additional Information, dated _____, 2018, and as it may be supplemented (the SAI), including the Fund's Statement Establishing and Fixing the Rights and Preferences of Term Preferred Shares (the Statement), attached as Appendix A to the SAI, prior to making an investment in the Fund, especially the information set forth under the heading Risk Factors.

The Fund

Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund (the Fund) is a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund's common shares, \$.01 par value (Common Shares), are traded on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) under the symbol JQC. See Description of Outstanding Shares and Debt Common Shares. As of December 31, 2017, the Fund had 135,766,990 Common Shares outstanding and net assets applicable to Common Shares of \$1,229,393,493. Term Preferred Shares, as defined below, and any other preferred shares of the Fund that may then be outstanding are collectively referred to as Preferred Shares. The Fund commenced investment operations on June 25, 2003. Holders of Common Shares are referred to as Common Shareholders.

Offering Methods

The Fund may offer, on an immediate, continuous or delayed basis, up to \$250,000,000 of Term Preferred Shares (Term Preferred Shares), on terms to be determined at the time of the offering. The series designation, term redemption date, dividend rate, use of proceeds and other details concerning any issuance of Term Preferred Shares under this Prospectus will be disclosed in a prospectus supplement. The Fund may offer Term Preferred Shares using one or more of the following methods: (i) through an underwriting syndicate; and (ii) through privately negotiated transactions between the Fund and specific investors. See Plan of Distribution.

The Fund currently intends to distribute Term Preferred Shares offered pursuant to this Prospectus primarily through an underwriting syndicate, although from time to time it may also distribute shares through one or more privately negotiated transactions. To the extent shares are distributed other than through an underwriting syndicate, the Fund will file a supplement to this Prospectus describing such transactions.

Distribution Through Underwriting Syndicate. The Fund expects to issue Term Preferred Shares through a syndicated offering. The Fund will launch a syndicated offering on a day, and upon terms, mutually agreed upon between the Fund and the underwriting syndicate, as described in a prospectus supplement.

The Fund will offer Term Preferred Shares at a price of \$1,000 per share, including underwriting discounts and commissions, which will be paid by investors. The applicable underwriting discounts and

commissions will be negotiated by the Fund in consultation with the underwriting syndicate. The Fund will compensate the underwriting syndicate out of the proceeds of the offering based upon arrangements to be disclosed in a prospectus supplement. See Plan of Distribution Distribution Through Underwriting Syndicates.

Distribution Through Privately Negotiated Transactions. The Fund from time to time may sell directly to, and solicit offers from, institutional and other sophisticated investors, who may be deemed to be underwriters as defined in the Securities Act of 1933 (the 1933 Act) for any resale of Term Preferred Shares. The terms of such privately negotiated transactions will be subject to the discretion of the management of the Fund. In determining whether to sell Term Preferred Shares through a privately negotiated transaction, the Fund will consider relevant factors, including, but not limited to, the attractiveness of obtaining additional funds through the sale of Term Preferred Shares, the purchase price to apply to any such sale of Term Preferred Shares and the investor seeking to purchase the Term Preferred Shares. See Plan of Distribution Distribution Through Privately Negotiated Transactions.

Use of Proceeds

Generally, the Fund intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of Term Preferred Shares to repay all or a portion of the Fund's borrowings under its Credit Facilities (as defined below), to repurchase securities subject to reverse repurchase agreements or to increase the Fund's leverage. The use of the net proceeds of any particular offering of Term Preferred Shares under this Prospectus will be disclosed in a prospectus supplement.

Priority of Payment

The Fund has entered into: (1) a senior committed secured revolving note purchase agreement with Montalis Investments B.V. (the Noteholder), with a rolling monthly 90-day maturity (the Credit Agreement) and (2) a senior uncommitted repurchase facility with Société Générale (Société Générale) establishing an asset purchase facility (the Repo Facility) and, together with the Credit Agreement, the Credit Facilities). The Fund has an outstanding balance under both the Credit Agreement and Repo Facility. See Use of Leverage. The rights of lenders, such as the Noteholder and Société Générale, and any other creditors to receive payments of interest on and repayments of principal of any borrowings are senior to the rights of holders of Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, and Common Shareholders (each, a Shareholder), with respect to the payment of dividends and other distributions, and upon liquidation.

Under the terms of the Credit Facilities, the Fund may not be permitted to redeem Term Preferred Shares unless at such time, the Fund meets certain asset coverage and borrowing base requirements and no event of default or other circumstance exists under the Credit Facilities that would limit or otherwise block payments in

redemption. In general, asset coverage measures how well a company can repay or cover its obligations, including debt obligations like Borrowings (as defined below) under the Credit Facilities and Preferred Shares, such as the Term Preferred Shares. In general, the borrowing base is the total amount of collateral against which a lender will lend funds to a company. It typically represents a maximum cap on how much asset-based debt a company can obtain, and involves multiplying a discount factor by each type of asset used as collateral.

Under the terms of the Credit Facilities, the Fund cannot make any redemption or dividend payment on the Term Preferred Shares if a default (or insolvency event) exists or would result from such payment; provided that, until the Noteholder takes certain actions with respect to the default (or insolvency event), the Fund may make payments following the default (or insolvency event) solely to the extent necessary to enable the Fund to maintain its status as a regulated investment company under Section 851 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code) and to avoid the imposition of an excise tax on the Fund under Section 4982 of the Code. If the Fund fails to have asset coverage of at least 222% at any time, the Fund must submit a prepayment plan and within 10 Business Days (as defined in Dividend Payments below) use available funds to prepay Borrowings (as defined below under Use of Leverage), such that the Fund regains asset coverage with respect to the sum of total Borrowings outstanding under the Credit Agreement and the Repo Facility of at least 256%. Under the 1940 Act, the Fund may not (i) declare any dividend with respect to any Preferred Shares if asset coverage with respect to any borrowings of the Fund that are senior securities representing indebtedness (as defined in the 1940 Act), would be less than 200% or (ii) declare any other distribution on the Preferred Shares or purchase or redeem Preferred Shares if at the time of the declaration or redemption (and after giving effect thereto), asset coverage with respect to such borrowings that are senior securities representing indebtedness would be less than 300% (or such higher percentage as may in the future be specified in or under the 1940 Act as the minimum asset coverage for senior securities representing indebtedness of a closed-end investment company as a condition of declaring distributions, purchases or redemptions of its shares).

Term Preferred Shares will be senior securities that constitute stock of the Fund and are senior, with priority in all respects, to the Fund's Common Shares as to payments of dividends and as to distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the affairs of the Fund. The Fund may not issue additional classes of shares that are senior to the Term Preferred Shares as to payments of dividends and as to distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the affairs of the Fund.

Who May Want to Invest

You should consider your investment goals, time horizons and risk tolerance before investing in Term Preferred Shares. An investment in Term Preferred Shares is not appropriate for all investors and is not intended to be a complete investment program. Term Preferred Shares are designed as a short-term investment to help achieve the after-tax income and capital preservation goals of investors, and not as a trading vehicle. Term Preferred Shares may be an appropriate investment for you if you are seeking:

Consistent monthly dividends;

Return of your capital investment after a limited term to be disclosed in a prospectus supplement; and

A security that benefits from significant over-collateralization and related protective provision.

However, keep in mind that you will need to assume the risks associated with an investment in Term Preferred Shares and the Fund. See Risk Factors.

Investors in Term Preferred Shares benefit from over-collateralization in the sense that the terms of the Term Preferred Shares require the Fund to maintain Asset Coverage of at least 225%. In addition, investors in Term Preferred Shares benefit from related protective provisions, including a requirement for corrective actions in the event the Fund fails to satisfy the Asset Coverage requirement under the terms of the Term Preferred Shares. See Asset Coverage and Corrective Action.

Dividend Rate

The dividend rate payable on the Term Preferred Shares (the Dividend Rate) on any date will be determined in accordance with the Statement, and will be disclosed in a prospectus supplement. See Description of Term Preferred Shares Dividends and Dividend Periods Dividend Rate.

Dividend Payments

The holders of Term Preferred Shares will be entitled to receive cumulative cash dividends and other distributions (i.e., capital gains distributions and distributions that are not treated as dividends for federal income tax purposes in the event that the Fund has insufficient earnings and profits (often referred to as return of capital)) on each such share, when, as and if declared by, or under authority granted by, the Board of Trustees of the Fund (the Board of Trustees), out of funds legally available for payment. Dividends on the Term Preferred Shares will be payable monthly. The first dividend period for the Term Preferred Shares of a Series will commence on the first issuance date of the Term Preferred Shares of a Series (the Date of Original Issue) of such Term Preferred Shares and end on the date specified in the Statement and disclosed in a prospectus supplement. Each Series of Term Preferred Shares is expected to have a different Date of Original Issue. Each subsequent dividend period will be a calendar

month (or the portion thereof occurring prior to the redemption of such Term Preferred Shares) (each dividend period a Dividend Period). Dividends will be paid on the first Business Day of the month next following a Dividend Period and upon redemption of the Term Preferred Shares (each payment date a Dividend Payment Date). Dividends with respect to any monthly Dividend Period will be declared and paid to holders of record of Term Preferred Shares as their names shall appear on the registration books of the Fund at the close of business on the day immediately preceding such Dividend Payment Date (or, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day). See Description of Term Preferred Shares Dividends and Dividend Periods.

Business Day means any day (a) other than a day on which commercial banks in The City of New York, New York are required or authorized by law or executive order to close and (b) on which the NYSE is not closed.

On account of the foregoing provisions, only the holders of Term Preferred Shares on the record date for a Dividend Period will be entitled to receive dividends and other distributions payable with respect to such Dividend Period, and holders of Term Preferred Shares who sell shares before such a record date and purchasers of Term Preferred Shares who purchase shares after such a record date should take the effect of the foregoing provisions into account in evaluating the price to be received or paid for such Term Preferred Shares.

Term Redemption

The Fund is required to provide for the mandatory redemption of all outstanding Term Preferred Shares on the date specified in the Statement and disclosed in a prospectus supplement, at a redemption price equal to \$1,000 per share plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends thereon (whether or not earned or declared but without interest thereon) to (but excluding) the redemption date (the Term Redemption Price) out of funds legally available therefore and to the extent permitted by any credit agreement in effect on such date. No amendment, alteration or repeal of the obligations of the Fund to redeem all of the Term Preferred Shares on the term redemption date can be effected without the unanimous vote or consent of the holders of Term Preferred Shares outstanding at such time. See Description of Term Preferred Shares Redemption and Voting Rights.

Asset Coverage and Corrective

Action

With respect to the Term Preferred Shares, the Fund is required to comply with the asset coverage provisions of the 1940 Act, as well as the asset coverage provisions described in the Statement. Asset Coverage for Term Preferred Shares is calculated pursuant to Section 18(h) of the 1940 Act, as in effect on the date of the

Statement, and is determined on the basis of values calculated as of a time within 48 hours (only including Business Days) preceding each daily determination (Asset Coverage). In maintaining Asset Coverage as required by either the 1940 Act, or the governing documents for the Term Preferred Shares, the Fund may be required to sell a portion of its investments at a time that it may be disadvantageous for the Fund to do so if, as a result of market fluctuations or otherwise, the Fund fails to maintain the Asset Coverage of at least 225% under the Term Preferred Shares governing documents or as a result of the provisions relating to asset coverage of at least 200% under the 1940 Act. See Description of Term Preferred Shares Asset Coverage.

Under the Statement, if the Fund fails to have Asset Coverage (as defined under Asset Coverage below) of at least 225% as of the close of business on any Business Day on which such Asset Coverage is required to be calculated and such failure is not cured as of the close of business on the date that is 30 calendar days following such Business Day (the Asset Coverage Cure Date), the Fund will, to the extent permitted by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act) and Massachusetts law and pursuant to the terms and conditions of any credit agreement, loan agreement, credit facility or other agreement representing borrowings of the Fund that is in effect at such time, by the close of business on the Business Day next following such Asset Coverage Cure Date, determine (i) the Corrective Action (as defined in Redemption and Paying Agent below) to be taken to cause the Fund to regain Asset Coverage; (ii) if applicable, the identity and market value of assets of the Fund to be sold in connection with a Corrective Action; and (iii) the date, which date will not be later than 20 Business Days following such Asset Coverage Cure Date, on which the Fund will regain Asset Coverage. As used herein, Corrective Action means, for the purpose of allowing the Fund to comply with the Asset Coverage requirements, (a) the irrevocable deposit with the Redemption and Paying Agent (as defined below) of certain securities described in the Statement to fund the redemption of Term Preferred Shares; (b) the repayment of indebtedness of the Fund; (c) corrective trades involving Fund assets; or (d) any combination of the actions described in clauses (a) through (c) above. If Term Preferred Shares are to be redeemed in such an event, they will be redeemed out of funds legally available therefore and to the extent permitted by any credit agreement in effect on such date at a redemption price equal to their \$1,000 liquidation preference per share plus accumulated but unpaid dividends thereon (whether or not declared, but excluding interest thereon) to (but excluding) the date fixed for such redemption (the Asset Coverage Redemption Price).

Optional Redemption

Term Preferred Shares may be subject to optional redemption (in whole or, from time to time, in part) at the sole option of the Fund out of funds legally available therefor and to the extent permitted by any

credit agreement in effect on such date, as specified in the Statement and described in a prospectus supplement. If applicable, the Fund may redeem Term Preferred Shares in an optional redemption at the redemption price per share equal to the sum of the \$1,000 liquidation preference per share plus (i) any premium (expressed as a percentage of the liquidation preference) (as specified in the Statement and disclosed in a prospectus supplement) and (ii) an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends thereon (whether or not earned or declared but without interest thereon) to (but excluding) the date fixed for such redemption. See Description of Term Preferred Shares Redemption Optional Redemption.

Federal and State Income Taxes

The Fund has elected to be treated, and intends to continue to qualify each year, as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code). As a regulated investment company, the Fund generally does not expect to be subject to federal income tax. The Fund has received an opinion from its tax counsel that for federal income tax purposes, the Term Preferred Shares will be treated as equity in the Fund. See Tax Matters.

Ratings

The Fund is obligated only to use commercially reasonable efforts to cause at least one rating agency (each a Rating Agency and collectively the Rating Agencies) to publish a credit rating with respect to the Term Preferred Shares for so long as Term Preferred Shares are outstanding. The Fund may choose a different Rating Agency or Rating Agencies to rate the Term Preferred Shares and the ratings of the Term Preferred Shares may vary.

The Fund may be subject to certain restrictions or guidelines by a Rating Agency to achieve a desired rating. Such restrictions and guidelines vary by Rating Agency and by desired ratings. These guidelines generally include asset coverage requirements; portfolio characteristics such as portfolio diversification and credit rating criteria; and qualitative views on the Fund and Fund management. While these restrictions and guidelines may impose different requirements than those under the 1940 Act, it is not anticipated that these restrictions or guidelines will impede the management of the Fund's portfolio in accordance with the Fund's investment objective and policies.

Further details, including the applicable Rating Agencies, concerning the ratings of any series of Term Preferred Shares sold under this Prospectus will be set forth in a prospectus supplement relating to the offering of such series. The Fund will bear the costs associated with obtaining any rating on the Term Preferred Shares.

Voting Rights

Except as otherwise provided in the Fund's Declaration of Trust (the Declaration of Trust), the Statement or as otherwise required by

law, (i) each holder of Term Preferred Shares shall be entitled to one vote for each Term Preferred Share held by such holder on each matter submitted to a vote of Shareholders of the Fund and (ii) the holders of outstanding Preferred Shares, including the Term Preferred Shares, and of Common Shares (Common Shares and Preferred Shares shall hereinafter be referred to together as the Shares) shall vote together as a single class; provided that holders of Preferred Shares, including the Term Preferred Shares, voting separately as a class, shall elect at least two of the Fund's trustees and will elect a majority of the Fund's trustees to the extent the Fund fails to pay dividends on any Preferred Shares, including the Term Preferred Shares, in an amount equal to two full years of dividends on that stock. See Description of Term Preferred Shares Voting Rights.

Liquidation Preference

The liquidation preference of Term Preferred Shares will be \$1,000 per share, unless otherwise specified in the Statement and disclosed in a prospectus supplement (the Liquidation Preference). In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Fund, whether voluntary or involuntary, the holders of Term Preferred Shares will be entitled to receive a liquidation distribution per share equal to the Liquidation Preference plus an amount equal to all unpaid dividends and other distributions accumulated to (but excluding) the date fixed for distribution or payment (whether or not earned or declared by the Fund, but without interest thereon). See Description of Term Preferred Shares Liquidation Rights.

Investment Objectives and Policies

The Fund's primary investment objective is to achieve a high level of current income. The Fund's secondary objective is total return. The Fund cannot assure you that it will achieve its investment objectives. The Fund's investment objectives and any investment policies identified as such are considered fundamental and may not be changed without shareholder approval.

As a non-fundamental policy, under normal market circumstances, the Fund invests at least 70% of its Managed Assets in adjustable rate loans, primarily secured senior loans. As part of the 70% requirement, the Fund also may invest in unsecured senior loans (together with secured senior loans referred to herein as Senior Loans) and secured and unsecured subordinated or second lien loans. Adjustable rate Senior Loans and adjustable rate subordinated loans are sometimes collectively referred to in this Prospectus as Adjustable Rate Loans.

Managed Assets means the total assets of the Fund, minus the sum of its accrued liabilities (other than Fund liabilities incurred for the express purpose of creating leverage). Total assets for this purpose shall include assets attributable to the Fund's use of financial leverage through borrowing, reverse repurchase agreements, any preferred shares and the use of commercial paper or notes.

Adjustable Rate Loans pay interest at rates that are redetermined periodically at short-term intervals by reference to a base lending rate, primarily the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) (of any tenor, but typically between one month and six months, and currency), plus a premium. The Fund may invest all of its Managed Assets in Adjustable Rate Loans and other debt instruments that are, at the time of investment, rated below investment grade or unrated but judged to be of comparable quality. Securities (which term for purposes of this Prospectus includes Adjustable Rate Loans) 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. Adjustable Rate Loans are made to U.S. or non-U.S. corporations, partnerships and other business entities (Borrowers) that operate in various industries and geographical regions, which may include middle-market companies. As used in the Prospectus, middle-market generally refers to companies with annual revenues of approximately \$500 million or below and subordinated loans to middle markets companies are generally referred to as mezzanine loans. It is anticipated that the proceeds of the Adjustable Rate Loans in which the Fund invests will be used by Borrowers to finance leveraged buyouts, recapitalizations, mergers, acquisitions, stock repurchases, refinancings, internal growth and for other corporate purposes.

Borrowers under Adjustable Rate Loans and issuers of other securities in which the Fund may invest are sometimes collectively referred to herein as Issuers.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund may invest up to 30% of its Managed Assets in the following securities:

other debt securities such as investment and non-investment grade debt securities, fixed rate Senior Loans or subordinated loans, convertible securities and structured notes (other than structured notes that are designed to provide returns and risks that emulate those of Adjustable Rate Loans, which may be treated as an investment in Adjustable Rate Loans for purposes of the 70% requirement set forth above);

mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities (including collateralized loan obligations and collateralized debt obligations);

debt securities and other instruments issued by government, government-related or supranational issuers (commonly referred to as sovereign debt securities); and

domestic and international equity securities.

Substantially all of the Adjustable Rate Loans the Fund likely will invest in are, at the time of investment, rated below investment grade or unrated but judged by the portfolio managers to be of comparable

quality. 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 (BBB- or Baa3 or better by Standard & Poor's Corporation, a division of The McGraw-Hill Companies (S&P), Moody's Investors Service, Inc. (Moody's) or Fitch Ratings (Fitch)), or (ii) unrated but judged to be of comparable quality. Investments rated below investment grade, or that are unrated but of equivalent credit quality, are commonly referred to as junk bonds and have predominantly speculative characteristics with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal when due. The Fund may also purchase other debt securities that are rated below investment grade or that are unrated but judged by the Advisers to be of comparable quality. See The Fund's Investments Portfolio Composition and Other Information and Risk Factors Issuer Level Risks Below Investment Grade Risk.

Under normal circumstances:

The Fund invests at least 70% of its Managed Assets in Adjustable Rate Loans.

The Fund may invest in high yield debt and other debt and equity instruments as described herein in an aggregate amount of up to 30% of its Managed Assets.

The Fund maintains an average duration of two years or less for its portfolio investments in Adjustable Rate Loans and other debt instruments. See The Fund's Investments Investment Objective and Policies for a description of duration.

The Fund will not invest in inverse floating rate securities.

The Fund may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets in securities of non-U.S. Issuers that are U.S. dollar or non-U.S. dollar denominated. The Fund's Managed Assets to be invested in Adjustable Rate Loans and other debt instruments of non-U.S. Issuers may include debt securities of Issuers located, or conducting their business in, emerging markets countries.

The Fund may not invest more than 25% of its total assets in securities from an industry which (for the purposes of this Prospectus) generally refers to the classification of companies in the same or similar lines of business such as the automotive, textiles and apparel, hotels, media production and consumer retailing industries.

In pursuing its objective of high current income, the Fund invests in Adjustable Rate Loans and other debt instruments that may involve significant credit risk. As part of its efforts to manage this risk and the potential impact of such risk on the overall value and returns of the Fund's portfolio, the Fund generally follows a credit management

strategy that includes (i) a focus on Senior Loans that are secured by specific assets, (ii) rigorous and on-going bottom-up fundamental analysis of Issuers, and (iii) overall portfolio diversification. The Sub-Adviser (as defined below) will perform its own credit and research analysis of Issuers, taking into consideration, among other things, the entity's financial resources and operating history, its sensitivity to economic conditions and trends, the ability of its management, its debt maturity schedules and borrowing requirements, its anticipated cash flow, interest and asset coverage, and its earnings prospects. Even with these efforts, because of the greater degree of credit risk within the portfolio, the Fund's net asset value could decline over time. In an effort to help preserve the Fund's overall capital, the Sub-Adviser seeks to enhance portfolio value by investing in securities it believes to be undervalued, which, if successful, can mitigate the potential loss of value due to credit events over time.

The Fund may enter into certain derivative transactions, primarily but not limited to credit default and interest rate swaps, as a hedging technique to protect against potential adverse changes in the market value of portfolio instruments. The Fund also may use derivatives to attempt to protect the net asset value of the Fund, to facilitate the sale of certain portfolio instruments, to manage the Fund's effective interest rate exposure, and as a temporary substitute for purchasing or selling particular instruments. From time to time, the Fund also may enter into derivative transactions to create investment exposure. Derivative instruments in which the Fund invests are valued at their market values.

Under normal market circumstances, the Fund will seek to maintain an average duration of two years or less for its portfolio, including the effect of leverage. In this Prospectus, average duration and average portfolio duration are each defined to be the modified duration of the Fund's portfolio, which is the measure of a debt instrument's or a portfolio's price sensitivity with respect to changes in market yields adjusted to reflect the effect of the Fund's effective leverage. Prices of instruments with shorter durations tend to be less sensitive to interest rate changes than instruments with longer durations. In general, the value of a portfolio of instruments with a shorter duration can be expected to be less sensitive to interest rate changes than a portfolio with a longer duration. For example, the price of a bond with an effective duration of two years will rise (fall) two percent for every one percent decrease (increase) in its yield, and the price of a five-year duration bond will rise (fall) five percent for a one percent decrease (increase) in its yield. As of November 30, 2017, the average leverage-adjusted effective duration of the Fund's portfolio was 0.80 years, which includes the effects and leverage. The Fund has no policy limiting the maturity of the Adjustable Rate Loans that it purchases. Adjustable Rate Loans usually have mandatory and optional prepayment provisions. Because of prepayments, the actual remaining maturity of Adjustable Rate Loans may be considerably less than their stated maturity. As of November 30, 2017, the effective maturity of the Fund's portfolio was 5.19 years.

The Fund has no policy limiting the market capitalization of the equity securities in which it invests.

During temporary defensive periods (e.g., times of adverse market, economic or political conditions), the Fund may deviate from its investment policies and objective. During such periods, the Fund may invest up to 100% of its Managed Assets in short-term investments, including high quality, short-term securities, or may invest in short-, intermediate-, or long-term U.S. Treasury securities. There can be no assurance that such strategies will be successful. For a more complete discussion of the Fund's portfolio composition, see The Fund's Investments.

Investment Adviser

Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC (Nuveen Fund Advisors) is the Fund's investment adviser, responsible for overseeing the Fund's overall investment strategy and its implementation.

Nuveen Fund Advisors, a registered investment adviser, offers advisory and investment management services to a broad range of investment company clients. Nuveen Fund Advisors has overall responsibility for management of the Fund, oversees the management of the Fund's portfolio, manages the Fund's business affairs and provides certain clerical, bookkeeping and other administrative services. Nuveen Fund Advisors is located at 333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606. Nuveen Fund Advisors is an indirect subsidiary of Nuveen, LLC (Nuveen), the investment management arm of Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America (TIAA). TIAA is a life insurance company founded in 1918 by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and is the companion organization of College Retirement Equities Fund. As of September 30, 2017, Nuveen managed approximately \$948 billion in assets, of which approximately \$137 billion was managed by Nuveen Fund Advisors.

Sub-Adviser

Symphony Asset Management LLC (Symphony and, together with Nuveen Fund Advisors, the Advisers) serves as the Fund's investment sub-adviser and is an affiliate of Nuveen Fund Advisors. Symphony is a registered investment adviser. Symphony oversees the day-to-day investment operations of the Fund.

Use of Leverage

The Fund may use regulatory leverage. Regulatory leverage consists of senior securities as defined under the 1940 Act, which include (1) borrowings, including loans from financial institutions (Borrowings); (2) issuance of debt securities; and (3) issuance of preferred shares ((1),(2), and (3) are hereinafter collectively referred to as regulatory leverage). The Fund currently employs regulatory leverage through Borrowings and reverse repurchase agreements, and from time to time may employ derivatives, such as credit default swaps, interest rate swaps, total return swaps and bond futures that

have the economic effect of leverage. See *Use of Leverage* and *The Fund's Investments Portfolio Composition and Other Information Derivatives* in the Prospectus and *Hedging Transactions* in the SAI. Reverse repurchase agreements may be considered to be borrowings by the Fund, but are not considered to be senior securities as defined under the 1940 Act so long as the Fund establishes and maintains on its accounting records cash or other liquid assets equal to the Fund's obligations in respect of such reverse repurchase agreements, as provided by Investment Company Act Release No. 10666 and related SEC guidance. Generally, the Fund intends to use the proceeds from the sale of Term Preferred Shares to repay all or a portion of the Fund's Borrowings under its Credit Facilities, to repurchase securities subject to reverse repurchase agreements or to increase the Fund's leverage. With respect to Borrowings, the Fund has entered into the Credit Agreement and the Repo Facility. The borrowing capacity under the Credit Agreement is \$640 million. The Credit Agreement has a rolling monthly 90-day maturity, with an end date of April 1, 2020, unless extended. The Fund has the right to augment or replace the Credit Agreement with a new credit agreement in the future, and any such augmented or replacement credit agreement may contain terms that are materially different than the terms contained in the existing Credit Agreement, including terms that limit payments to holders of Term Preferred Shares. Under the Repo Facility, as a means of leverage, the Fund sells to Société Générale a security or securities that it holds with a contemporaneous agreement to repurchase the same security at an agreed-upon price and date, with the Fund retaining the risk of loss that is associated with that security. The Fund will segregate assets determined by Nuveen Fund Advisors to be liquid to cover its obligations under the Repo Facility. As of July 31, 2017, the Fund's outstanding balance on these Borrowings under the Credit Agreement was \$561,000,000 and under the Repo Facility was \$145,000,000. For the fiscal year ended July 31, 2017, the average daily balance outstanding and average annual interest rate on these Borrowings were \$561,000,000 and 2.10%, respectively. The Credit Agreement is secured by substantially all of the assets of the Fund and the Repo Facility is secured by certain specific segregated assets of the Fund.

The Fund has entered into reverse repurchase agreements as a means of leverage. Reverse repurchase agreements involve the sale of securities held by the Fund with an agreement to repurchase the securities at an agreed-upon price, date and interest payment.

The Fund may use leverage in an amount permissible under the 1940 Act and Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) guidance under the 1940 Act. There is no assurance that the Fund's leveraging strategy will be successful. See *Use of Leverage*.

The Fund pays a management fee to Nuveen Fund Advisors (which in turn pays a portion of its fee to the Fund's sub-adviser, Symphony) based on a percentage of Managed Assets. Managed Assets for this

purpose includes the proceeds realized and managed from the Fund's use of leverage as set forth in the Fund's investment management agreement. Nuveen Fund Advisors will be responsible for using leverage to pursue the Fund's investment objectives, and will base its decision regarding whether and how much leverage to use for the Fund based on its assessment of whether such use of leverage will advance the Fund's investment objectives. However, a decision to increase the Fund's leverage will have the effect, all other things being equal, of increasing Managed Assets and therefore Nuveen Fund Advisors' and Symphony's fees. Thus, Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony may have a conflict of interest in determining whether to increase the Fund's use of leverage. Nuveen Fund Advisors will seek to manage that potential conflict by only increasing the Fund's use of leverage when it determines that such increase is in the best interest of the Fund and is consistent with the Fund's investment objectives, and by periodically reviewing the Fund's performance and use of leverage with the Board of Trustees.

Unlisted Shares

The Term Preferred Shares will not be listed or traded on any securities exchange.

Redemption and Paying Agent

The Fund has entered into a Transfer Agency and Service Agreement with Computershare Inc. and Computershare Trust Company, N.A. Canton, Massachusetts (collectively, the "Redemption and Paying Agent") for the purpose of causing the Fund's transfer agent and registrar to serve as transfer agent and registrar, dividend disbursing agent, and redemption and paying agent with respect to Term Preferred Shares.

Special Risk Considerations

Risk is inherent in all investing. Therefore, before investing you should consider certain risks carefully when you invest in the Term Preferred Shares. The primary risks of investing directly in Term Preferred Shares are described below. In addition to risks associated with investing in Term Preferred Shares, an investor in the Term Preferred Shares will also be subject indirectly to the general risks associated with the Fund's investment policies. For additional general risks of investing in Term Preferred Shares and general risks of the Fund, see "Risk Factors."

Risks of Investing in Term Preferred Shares

Subordination Risk. While holders of Term Preferred Shares will have equal liquidation and distribution rights to any other Preferred Shares that might be issued by the Fund, they will be subordinated to the rights of holders of senior indebtedness of the Fund, including the Credit Facilities or any other credit agreement or reverse repurchase agreement in effect on such date. Therefore, dividends, distributions, payments in redemption and other payments to holders of Term Preferred Shares (i) may be blocked by the terms of the Credit

Facilities or any other credit agreement or reverse repurchase agreement in effect on such date and (ii) may be subject to prior payments due to the holders of senior indebtedness. The Fund also has the right to augment or replace the Credit Agreement with a new credit agreement at any time, and any such augmented or replacement credit agreement may contain terms that are materially different than the terms contained in the existing Credit Agreement, including terms that limit payments to holders of Term Preferred Shares.

In addition, the 1940 Act may provide debt holders with voting rights that are superior to the voting rights of Preferred Shares holders, including holders of Term Preferred Shares. The rights of lenders, including Société Générale and the Noteholder, creditors and counterparties of the Fund will also be senior to those of holders of Term Preferred Shares.

Capital Structure Risk. As noted above, the Fund has entered into the Credit Facilities, and has an outstanding balance. The rights of lenders, such as Société Générale and the Noteholder, to receive payments of interest on and repayments of principal of any borrowings are senior to the rights of the Fund's equity holders, such as holders of Term Preferred Shares and Common Shares, with respect to the payment of dividends and other distributions, and upon liquidation. The Fund may not be permitted to declare dividends and other distributions with respect to Preferred Shares, including the Term Preferred Shares, and Common Shares or redeem Term Preferred Shares unless at such time, the Fund meets certain asset coverage requirements and no event of default or other circumstance exists under the Credit Facilities (or any other credit agreement or reverse repurchase agreement in effect as of such date) that would limit or otherwise block payments in redemption.

Interest Rate Risk Term Preferred Shares. Term Preferred Shares pay dividends at the Dividend Rate (as described in Dividend Rate above). The Dividend Rate may be adjusted periodically in accordance with the Statement and as disclosed in a prospectus supplement. Prices of fixed income investments vary inversely with changes in market yields. The market yields on securities comparable to Term Preferred Shares may increase, which would likely result in a decline in the secondary market price of Term Preferred Shares prior to the term redemption date.

Unlisted Shares Risk. Because the Fund has no prior trading history for Preferred Shares, it is difficult to predict the trading patterns of Term Preferred Shares, including the effective costs of trading Term Preferred Shares. Moreover, Term Preferred Shares will not be listed on a stock exchange. Thus, an investment in Term Preferred Shares may be illiquid and there may be no active trading market.

Ratings Risk. The Fund expects that, at issuance, the Term Preferred Shares will be rated by at least one Rating Agency designated by the

Board of Trustees, and that such rating will be a requirement of issuance of such Shares by the underwriter pursuant to an underwriting agreement. There can be no assurance that the Term Preferred Shares will receive any particular rating from a Rating Agency, or that any such ratings will be maintained at the level originally assigned through the term of the Term Preferred Shares. In the event that one or more Rating Agency does not issue a rating on the Term Preferred Shares at all or at the minimum level required, the issuance and sale of Term Preferred Shares in this offering may not be completed. Ratings do not eliminate or mitigate the risks of investing in Term Preferred Shares. A rating issued by a Rating Agency is only the opinion of the entity issuing the rating at that time, and is not a guarantee as to quality, or an assurance of the future performance, of the rated security (in this case, Term Preferred Shares). In addition, the manner in which the Rating Agency obtains and processes information about a particular security may affect the Rating Agency's ability to timely react to changes in an issuer's circumstances (in this case, the Fund) that could influence a particular rating. A Rating Agency could downgrade Term Preferred Shares, which may make Term Preferred Shares less liquid in the secondary market and reduce market prices.

Early Redemption Risk. The Fund may, if permitted under the Statement and as disclosed in a prospectus supplement, voluntarily redeem Term Preferred Shares or may redeem Term Preferred Shares to meet regulatory requirements and satisfy the asset coverage requirements of the Term Preferred Shares. Such redemptions may be at a time that is unfavorable to holders of Term Preferred Shares. For further information, see Description of Term Preferred Shares Redemption and Asset Coverage.

Tax Risks. To qualify for the favorable U.S. federal income tax treatment generally accorded to regulated investment companies, among other things, the Fund must derive in each taxable year at least 90% of its gross income from certain prescribed sources. Additionally, in order to qualify as a regulated investment company, the Fund must meet certain distribution requirements. The failure to pay distributions could result in the Fund ceasing to qualify as a regulated investment company. Nevertheless, the Fund might not distribute all of its net investment income, and the Fund is not required to distribute any portion of its net capital gains. If for any taxable year the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company, all of its taxable income (including its net capital gain) would be subject to tax at regular corporate rates without any deduction for distributions to stockholders, and such distributions would be taxable as ordinary dividends to the extent of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits. The value of Term Preferred Shares may be adversely affected by changes in tax rates and policies.

In addition, the Fund will treat Term Preferred Shares as equity in the Fund for federal income tax purposes. See also the opinion of counsel

included as Appendix D to the SAI. If the Term Preferred Shares were treated as debt rather than as equity for such purposes, the timing and character of such income to holders could be affected. See Tax Matters.

Income Shortfall Risk. If the interest rates paid on the securities held by the Fund fall below the Dividend Rate, the Fund's ability to pay dividends on Term Preferred Shares could be jeopardized.

Reinvestment Risk Term Preferred Shares. Given the limited term and potential for early redemption of Term Preferred Shares, holders of Term Preferred Shares may face an increased reinvestment risk, which is the risk that the return on an investment purchased with proceeds from the sale or redemption of Term Preferred Shares may be lower than the return previously obtained from an investment in Term Preferred Shares.

In addition to risks associated with investing in Term Preferred Shares, an investor in the Term Preferred Shares will also be subject indirectly to the general risks associated with the Fund's investment policies, which are more fully disclosed in the Risk Factors section of this Prospectus.

Custodian

State Street Bank and Trust Company (State Street or the Custodian) serves as custodian of the Fund's assets. See Custodian, Transfer Agent, Dividend Disbursing Agent and Redemption and Paying Agent.

Governing Law

The Declaration of Trust and the Statement are governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The following Financial Highlights table is intended to help a prospective investor understand the Fund's financial performance for the periods shown. Certain information reflects financial results for a single Common Share of the Fund. The total returns in the table represent the rate an investor would have earned or lost on an investment in Common Shares of the Fund (assuming reinvestment of all dividends). The information with respect to the fiscal years ended July 31, 2017, July 31, 2016 and July 31, 2015 has been audited by KPMG LLP, whose report for the fiscal years ended July 31, 2017, July 31, 2016 and July 31, 2015, along with the financial statements of the Fund including the Financial Highlights, is included in the Fund's 2017, 2016 and 2015 Annual Reports, respectively. The information with respect to the fiscal years ended prior to July 31, 2015 was audited by other auditors. A copy of the Annual Report may be obtained from www.sec.gov or by visiting www.nuveen.com. The information contained in, or that can be accessed through, the Fund's website is not part of this Offering Memorandum. Past results are not indicative of future performance.

The following per share data and ratios have been derived from information provided in the financial statements.

Selected data for a common share outstanding throughout each period:

	Year Ended July 31				
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013 (k)
Beginning Common Share NAV	\$ 9.25	\$ 9.88	\$ 10.25	\$ 10.13	\$ 9.88
Investment Operations:					
Net Investment Income (Loss) (a)	0.52	0.58	0.62	0.60	0.42
Net Realized/Unrealized Gain (Loss)	0.18	(0.60)	(0.43)	0.16	0.29
Net Investment Income (Loss) to Fund Preferred Shareholders (b)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net Realized/Unrealized Gain (Loss) to Fund Preferred Shareholders (b)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	0.70	(0.02)	0.19	0.76	0.71
Less Distributions to Common Shareholders:					
From Net Investment Income	(0.63)	(0.61)	(0.56)	(0.64)	(0.46)
From Accumulated Net Realized Gains	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Return of Capital to Common Shareholders	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total	(0.63)	(0.61)	(0.56)	(0.64)	(0.46)
Common Share:					
Discount from Shares Repurchased and Retired	0.00	0.00*	0.00*	0.00*	0.00
Ending NAV	\$ 9.32	\$ 9.25	\$ 9.88	\$ 10.25	\$ 10.13
Ending Share Price	\$ 8.69	\$ 8.43	\$ 8.59	\$ 9.05	\$ 10.03
Common Share Total Returns:					
Based on NAV (c)	7.70%	0.11%	1.82%	7.74%	7.32%
Based on Share Price (c)	10.75%	5.98%	1.02%	(3.44)%	8.80%

COMMON SHARE SUPPLEMENTAL DATA/RATIOS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHARES

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Ending Net Assets (000)	\$ 1,265,447	\$ 1,255,254	\$ 1,344,763	\$ 1,396,303	\$ 1,380,261
Ratios to Average Net Assets Before Reimbursement (d)(e)					
Expenses	2.57%	2.41%	1.95%	1.77%	1.77%***
Net Investment Income Loss (g)	5.59%	6.32%	6.16%	5.84%	7.22%***
Ratios to Average Net Assets After Reimbursement (e)					
Expenses	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.76%(f)	N/A
Net Investment Income Loss (g)	N/A	N/A	N/A	5.85%(f)	N/A
Portfolio Turnover Rate (i)	46%	46%	61%	65%	44%

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Year Ended December 31

	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Beginning Common Share NAV	\$ 9.18	\$ 10.13	\$ 9.00	\$ 6.04	\$ 12.46	\$ 14.29
Investment Operations:						
Net Investment Income (Loss) (a)	0.78	0.55	0.53	0.59	0.86	0.97
Net Realized/Unrealized Gain (Loss)	0.72	(0.72)	1.29	3.01	(6.14)	(1.30)
Net Investment Income (Loss) to Fund Preferred Shareholders (b)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00*	(0.14)	(0.26)
Net Realized/Unrealized Gain (Loss) to Fund Preferred Shareholders (b)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.10)
Total	1.50	(0.17)	1.82	3.60	(5.42)	(0.69)
Less Distributions to Common Shareholders:						
From Net Investment Income	(0.80)	(0.79)	(0.60)	(0.65)	(0.72)	(0.79)
From Accumulated Net Realized Gains	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.30)
Return of Capital to Common Shareholders	0.00	0.00	(0.10)	0.00*	(0.28)	(0.05)
Total	(0.80)	(0.79)	(0.70)	(0.65)	(1.00)	(1.14)
Common Share:						
Discount from Shares Repurchased and Retired	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00*	0.00*
Ending NAV	\$ 9.88	\$ 9.18	\$ 10.13	\$ 9.00	\$ 6.04	\$ 12.46
Ending Share Price	\$ 9.65	\$ 8.05	\$ 8.80	\$ 7.69	\$ 4.87	\$ 11.00
Common Share Total Returns:						
Based on NAV (c)	16.80%	(1.70)%	21.02%	63.01%	(45.84)%	(5.34)%
Based on Share Price (c)	30.55%	0.24%	24.26%	76.23%	(49.39)%	(14.70)%
COMMON SHARE SUPPLEMENTAL DATA/RATIOS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHARES						
Ending Net Assets (000)	\$ 1,345,657	\$ 1,250,245	\$ 1,388,235	\$ 1,242,799	\$ 843,469	\$ 1,740,952
Ratios to Average Net Assets Before Reimbursement (d)(e)						
Expenses	1.86%	1.70%	1.64%	1.75%	2.41%	1.50%
Net Investment Income Loss (g)	8.07%	5.44%	5.41%	8.01%	8.00%	6.51%
Ratios to Average Net Assets After Reimbursement (e)						
Expenses	N/A	1.65%	1.48%	1.48%	1.95%	1.02%
Net Investment Income Loss (g)	N/A	5.49%	5.57%	8.27%	8.45%	6.99%
Portfolio Turnover Rate (i)	127%	37%	48%	55%	37%	78%

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- (a) Per share Net Investment Income (Loss) is calculated using the average daily shares method.
- (b) The amounts shown are based on common share equivalents.
- (c) Total Return Based on Common Share NAV is the combination of changes in common share NAV, reinvested dividend income at NAV and reinvested capital gains distributions at NAV, if any. The last dividend declared in the period, which is typically paid on the first business day of the following month, is assumed to be reinvested at the ending NAV. The actual reinvest price for the last dividend declared in the period may often be based on the Fund's market price (and not its NAV), and therefore may be different from the price used in the calculation. Total returns are not annualized.
Total Return Based on Common Share Price is the combination of changes in the market price per share and the effect of reinvested dividend income and reinvested capital gains distributions, if any, at the average price paid per share at the time of reinvestment. The last dividend declared in the period, which is typically paid on the first business day of the following month, is assumed to be reinvested at the ending market price. The actual reinvestment for the last dividend declared in the period may take place over several days, and in some instances may not be based on the market price, so the actual reinvestment price may be different from the price used in the calculation. Total returns are not annualized.
- (d) After expense reimbursement from the Adviser, where applicable. As of June 30, 2011, the Adviser is no longer reimbursing the Fund for any fees or expenses.
- (e) Net Investment Income (Loss) ratios reflect income earned and expenses incurred on assets attributable to reverse repurchase agreements and borrowings, where applicable.
Each ratio includes the effect of dividends expense on securities sold short and all interest expense and other costs related to reverse repurchase agreements and borrowings, where applicable, as follows:

	Year Ended July 31,					Year Ended December 31,					
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013 (k)	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
Ratios of Dividends Expense on Securities Sold Short to Average Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares (j)	%	%	%	%	%	%**	%**	%**	%**	0.01%	%**
Ratios of Interest Expense to Average Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares	1.23%	1.01%	0.66%	0.52%	0.55%***	0.58%	0.43%	0.40%	0.46%	0.83%	%

- (f) During the fiscal year ended July 31, 2014, the Adviser voluntarily reimbursed the Fund for certain expenses incurred in connection with a common shares equity shelf program. As a result the Expenses and Net Investment Income (Loss) Ratios to Average Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares reflect the voluntary expense reimbursement from Adviser.
- (g) Each Ratio of Net Investment Income (Loss) includes the effect of the increase (decrease) of the net realizable value of the receivable for matured senior loans. The increase (decrease) to the Ratios of Net Investment Income (Loss) to Average Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares were as follows:

Increase (Decrease) to Ratios of Net Investment Income (Loss) to Average Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares(h)	
Year Ended 7/31:	
2017	%
2016	
2015	
2014	
2013 (k)	
Year Ended 12/31:	
2012	**
2011	**
2010	**
2009	
2008	
2007	

- (h) The Fund had no matured senior loans subsequent to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012.
- (i) Portfolio Turnover Rate is calculated based on the lesser of long-term purchases or sales divided by the average long-term market value during the period.
- (j) Effective for periods beginning after December 31, 2011, the Fund no longer makes short sales of securities.
- (k) For the seven months ended July 31, 2013.
- * Rounds to less than \$0.01 per share.
- ** Rounds to less than 0.01%.

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*** Annualized.

N/A Fund no longer has a contractual reimbursement agreement with the Adviser.

	Year Ended July 31,					Year Ended December 31,					
	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013 (a)	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007
BORROWINGS AT THE END OF PERIOD											
Aggregate Amount Outstanding (000)	\$ 561,000	\$ 561,000	\$ 640,000	\$ 606,000	\$ 561,000	\$ 561,000	\$ 517,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 224,200	\$
Asset Coverage Per \$1,000 Share	\$ 3,256	\$ 3,238	\$ 3,101	\$ 3,304	\$ 3,460	\$ 3,399	\$ 3,418	\$ 4,471	\$ 4,107	\$ 5,502	\$
FUNDPREFERRED SHARES AT THE END OF PERIOD											
Aggregate Amount Outstanding (000)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 165,800	\$ 965,000
Asset Coverage Per \$1,000 Share	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 152,182	\$ 70,102

(a) For the seven months ended July 31, 2013.

THE FUND

The Fund is a 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 the Declaration of Trust, which is governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Fund's Common Shares are listed on the NYSE under the symbol JQC.

The following provides information about the Fund's outstanding Shares as of December 31, 2017:

Title of Class	Amount Authorized	Amount Held by the Fund or for its Account	Amount Outstanding
Common Shares	Unlimited	0	135,766,990
Preferred Shares	Unlimited	0	0

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

Generally, the Fund intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of Term Preferred Shares (which will be disclosed in a prospectus supplement) to repay all or a portion of the Fund's Borrowings under its Credit Facilities, to repurchase securities subject to reverse repurchase agreements or to increase the Fund's leverage. The use of the net proceeds of any particular offering of Term Preferred Shares under this Prospectus will be disclosed in a prospectus supplement. To the extent the Fund uses any net proceeds from the sale of Term Preferred Shares to invest in securities, it is presently anticipated that any such net proceeds will be invested in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies as soon as practicable after completion of the offering. The Fund currently anticipates that it will be able to invest substantially all of such net

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proceeds in securities that meet the Fund's investment objectives and policies within approximately two weeks after completion of the offering.

DESCRIPTION OF TERM PREFERRED SHARES

The following is a brief description of the terms of Term Preferred Shares. A complete description of the terms of Term Preferred Shares can be found in the Fund's Declaration of Trust and the Statement. These documents are filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as exhibits to the Fund's registration statement of which this Prospectus is a part and the Statement also is attached as Appendix A to the SAI. Copies may be obtained as described under Available Information. The series designation, term redemption date, dividend rate, use of proceeds and other details concerning any issuance of Term Preferred Shares under this Prospectus will be disclosed in a prospectus supplement.

General

At the time of issuance the Term Preferred Shares will be fully paid and non-assessable and have no preemptive, conversion, or exchange rights or rights to cumulative voting. The Fund has entered into the Credit Facilities with Société Générale and the Noteholder. The rights of lenders, such as Société Générale and the Noteholder, and any other creditors to receive payments of interest on and repayments of principal of any borrowings are senior to the rights of holders of Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, and Common Shares, with respect to the payment of dividends and other distributions, and upon liquidation. The Fund may not be permitted to declare dividends and other distributions with respect to Preferred Shares, including the Term Preferred Shares, and Common Shares or redeem such Preferred Shares unless at such time, the Fund meets certain asset coverage requirements and no event of default or other circumstance exists under the Credit Facilities that would limit or otherwise block payments in redemption.

Term Preferred Shares will rank equally with any other series of Preferred Shares of the Fund, including any Preferred Shares that might be issued in the future, as to payment of dividends and the distribution of the Fund's assets upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the affairs of the Fund. Term Preferred Shares and all other Preferred Shares, if any, are senior as to dividends and other distributions to the Fund's Common Shares. The Fund may issue additional series of Preferred Shares in the future, and any such series, together with the Term Preferred Shares, are herein collectively referred to as Preferred Shares.

Except in certain limited circumstances, holders of Term Preferred Shares will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in such shares, and the Term Preferred Shares will be represented by one or more global certificates to be held by and on behalf of the Securities Depository for the Term Preferred Shares. The Depository Trust Company will act as Securities Depository with respect to the Term Preferred Shares.

Dividends and Dividend Periods

General. The following is a general description of dividends and dividend periods. The holders of Term Preferred Shares will be entitled to receive cumulative cash dividends and other distributions (i.e., capital gains distributions and distributions that are not treated as dividends for federal income tax purposes in the event that the Fund has insufficient earnings and profits (often referred to as return of capital)) on such shares, when, as and if declared by, or under authority granted by, the Board of Trustees, out of funds legally available for payment and in preference to dividends and other distributions on Common Shares of the Fund, calculated separately for each Dividend Period for such Term Preferred Shares at the Dividend Rate for such Term Preferred Shares in effect during such Dividend Period, on an amount equal to the Liquidation Preference for such Term Preferred Shares. The Dividend Rate will be computed on the basis described in the Statement and as disclosed in a prospectus supplement. Dividends so declared and payable will be paid to the extent permitted under state law and the Declaration of Trust, and to the extent available, in preference to and priority over any dividend declared and payable on the Common Shares.

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Dividend Rate. The Dividend Rate for Term Preferred Shares will be set forth in the Statement and disclosed in a prospectus supplement. The Dividend Rate for Term Preferred Shares will be adjusted periodically as set forth in the Statement and/or upon the occurrence of certain events resulting in a Default (as defined below).

Payment of Dividends and Dividend Periods. Dividends on the Term Preferred Shares will be payable monthly. The first Dividend Period for the Term Preferred Shares will commence on the Date of Original Issue of Term Preferred Shares and end on the date specified in the Statement and disclosed in a prospectus supplement, and each subsequent Dividend Period will be a calendar month (or the portion thereof occurring prior to the redemption of such Term Preferred Shares). Dividends will be paid on the Dividend Payment Date the first Business Day of the month next following a Dividend Period and upon redemption of the Term Preferred Shares. Dividends with respect to any monthly Dividend Period will be declared and paid to holders of record of Term Preferred Shares as their names shall appear on the registration books of the Fund at the close of business on the day immediately preceding such Dividend Payment Date (or, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day). Dividends payable on Term Preferred Shares for any period of less than a full monthly Dividend Period, including in connection with the first Dividend Period for such shares or upon any redemption of such shares on any redemption date other than on a Dividend Payment Date, will be computed on the basis described in the Statement and as disclosed in a prospectus supplement.

On account of the foregoing provisions, only the holders of Term Preferred Shares on the record date for a Dividend Period will be entitled to receive dividends and other distributions payable with respect to such Dividend Period, and holders of Term Preferred Shares who sell shares before such a record date and purchasers of Term Preferred Shares who purchase shares after such a record date should take the effect of the foregoing provisions into account in evaluating the price to be received or paid for such Term Preferred Shares.

Increased Rate Default. The Dividend Rate will be adjusted to the Increased Rate (as defined below) for any date the Fund fails to deposit with the Redemption and Paying Agent by 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the (i) applicable Dividend Payment Date, Deposit Securities sufficient to pay the full amount of any dividend on Term Preferred Shares payable on such Dividend Payment Date (a Dividend Default) or (ii) applicable Redemption Date (as defined below), Deposit Securities sufficient to pay the full amount of the redemption price payable on such Redemption Date (a Redemption Default and, together with a Dividend Default, referred to as a Default). A Dividend Default or a Redemption Default shall end on the Business Day on which, by 12:00 noon, New York City time, an amount equal to all unpaid dividends and any unpaid redemption price, as applicable, shall have been deposited irrevocably in trust in same-day funds with the Redemption and Paying Agent. In the case of a Default, the applicable dividend rate will be equal to the Increased Rate for each calendar day on which such Default is in effect. The Increased Rate for any such calendar day shall be equal to the applicable Dividend Rate in effect on such day plus five percent (5%) per annum.

Reporting of Increased Rate. In the event that an Increased Rate is in effect for any outstanding series of Term Preferred Shares, the Fund will, as soon as practicable (but in no event later than five Business Days following the first day that such Increased Rate is in effect), make public disclosure via press release of the effectiveness of the Increased Rate and the date on which such Increased Rate was effective. In addition, following the end of a Default triggering such Increased Rate, the Fund will, as soon as practicable (but in no event later than five Business Days following the last day that such Increased Rate is in effect) make public disclosure via press release announcing the date on which such Increased Rate ceased to be effective. For the avoidance of doubt, if the initial public disclosure via press release also includes the date on which such Increased Rate ceased to be effective, a separate press release disclosing that fact will not be required to be issued. The Fund will have no other obligation with respect to notification of any person concerning the effectiveness of the Increased Rate on such date.

Mechanics of Payment of Dividends. Not later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on a Dividend Payment Date, the Fund is required to deposit with the Redemption and Paying Agent sufficient funds for the payment of dividends in the form of Deposit Securities. Deposit Securities will generally consist of (i) cash or cash equivalents; (ii) direct obligations of the United States or its agencies or instrumentalities that are entitled to the full faith and credit of the United States (U.S. Government Obligations); (iii) investments in money market funds registered under the 1940 Act that qualify under Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act and certain similar investment vehicles that invest principally in U.S. Government Obligations; or (iv) any letter of credit from a

bank or other financial institution that has a credit rating from at least one NRSRO that is the highest applicable rating generally ascribed by such NRSRO to bank deposits or short-term debt of banks or such other financial institutions, in each case either that is a demand obligation payable to the holder on any Business Day or that has a maturity date, mandatory redemption date or mandatory payment date, preceding the relevant Redemption Date, Dividend Payment Date or other payment date.

All Deposit Securities paid to the Redemption and Payment Agent for the payment of dividends will be held in trust for the payment of such dividends to the holders of Term Preferred Shares. Dividends will be paid by the Redemption and Payment Agent to the holders of Term Preferred Shares as their names appear on the registration books of the Fund. Dividends that are in arrears for any past Dividend Period may be declared and paid at any time, without reference to any regular Dividend Payment Date. Such payments are made to holders of Term Preferred Shares as their names appear on the registration books of the Fund on such date, not exceeding 15 calendar days preceding the payment date thereof, as may be fixed by the Board of Trustees. Any payment of dividends in arrears will first be credited against the earliest accumulated but unpaid dividends. No interest or sum of money in lieu of interest will be payable in respect of any dividend payment or payments on any Term Preferred Shares which may be in arrears. See Restrictions on Dividend, Redemption and Other Payments.

Upon failure to pay dividends for at least two years, the holders of Term Preferred Shares will acquire certain additional voting rights. See Voting Rights below. Such rights shall be the exclusive remedy of the holders of Term Preferred Shares upon any failure to pay dividends on Term Preferred Shares.

Restrictions on Dividend, Redemption and Other Payments

No full dividends and other distributions will be declared or paid on Term Preferred Shares for any Dividend Period, or a part of a Dividend Period, unless the full cumulative dividends and other distributions due through the most recent dividend payment dates for all outstanding Preferred Shares have been, or contemporaneously are, declared and paid through the most recent dividend payment dates for each Preferred Share. If full cumulative dividends and other distributions due have not been paid on all outstanding Preferred Shares of any series, any dividends and other distributions being declared and paid on Term Preferred Shares will be declared and paid as nearly pro rata as possible in proportion to the respective amounts of dividends and other distributions accumulated but unpaid on the shares of each such series of Preferred Shares on the relevant dividend payment date. No holders of Term Preferred Shares will be entitled to any dividends and other distributions in excess of full cumulative dividends and other distributions as provided in the Statement.

For so long as any Term Preferred Shares are outstanding, the Fund will not: (x) declare or pay any dividend or other distribution (other than a dividend or distribution paid in Common Shares) in respect of the Common Shares, (y) call for redemption, redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration any Common Shares, or (z) pay any proceeds of the liquidation of the Fund in respect of the Common Shares, unless, in each case, (A) immediately thereafter, the Fund shall be in compliance with the 200% asset coverage limitations set forth under the 1940 Act after deducting the amount of such dividend or other distribution or redemption or purchase price or liquidation proceeds, (B) all cumulative dividends and other distributions of shares of all series of Preferred Shares of the Fund ranking on a parity with the Term Preferred Shares due on or prior to the date of the applicable dividend, distribution, redemption, purchase or acquisition shall have been declared and paid (or shall have been declared and sufficient funds or Deposit Securities as permitted by the terms of such Preferred Shares for the payment thereof shall have been deposited irrevocably with the applicable paying agent) and (C) the Fund shall have deposited Deposit Securities with the Redemption and Paying Agent in accordance with the requirements described in the Statement with respect to outstanding Preferred Shares of any series to be redeemed pursuant to a Term Redemption or Corrective Action resulting from the failure to comply with the Asset Coverage requirements described below for which a Notice of Redemption shall have been given or shall have been required to be given in accordance with the terms described in the Statement on or prior to the date of the applicable dividend, distribution, redemption, purchase or acquisition.

Except as required by law, the Fund will not redeem any Term Preferred Shares unless all accumulated and unpaid dividends and other distributions on all outstanding Term Preferred Shares and other series of Preferred Shares ranking on a parity with the Term Preferred Shares with respect to dividends and other distributions for all applicable past dividend periods (whether or not earned or declared by the Fund) (x) shall have been or are contemporaneously paid or (y) shall have been or are contemporaneously declared and Deposit Securities or sufficient funds (in accordance with the terms of such Preferred Shares) for the payment of such dividends and other distributions shall have been or are contemporaneously deposited with the Redemption and Paying Agent or other applicable paying agent, provided, however, that the foregoing shall not prevent the purchase or acquisition of outstanding Term Preferred Shares pursuant to an otherwise lawful purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to holders of all outstanding Term Preferred Shares and any other series of Preferred Shares for which all accumulated and unpaid dividends and other distributions have not been paid.

Under the 1940 Act, the Fund may not (i) declare any dividend with respect to any Preferred Shares if, at the time of such declaration (and after giving effect thereto), asset coverage with respect to any borrowings of the Fund that are senior securities representing indebtedness (as defined in the 1940 Act), would be less than 200% (or such other percentage as may in the future be specified in or under the 1940 Act as the minimum asset coverage for senior securities representing indebtedness of a closed-end investment company as a condition of declaring dividends on its Preferred Shares) or (ii) declare any other distribution on the Preferred Shares or purchase or redeem Preferred Shares if at the time of the declaration or redemption (and after giving effect thereto), asset coverage with respect to such borrowings that are senior securities representing indebtedness would be less than 300% (or such higher percentage as may in the future be specified in or under the 1940 Act as the minimum asset coverage for senior securities representing indebtedness of a closed-end investment company as a condition of declaring distributions, purchases or redemptions of its shares). Senior securities representing indebtedness generally means any bond, debenture, note or similar obligation or instrument constituting a security (other than shares of capital stock) and evidencing indebtedness and could include the Fund's obligations under any borrowings. For purposes of determining asset coverage for senior securities representing indebtedness in connection with the payment of dividends or other distributions on or purchases or redemptions of stock, the term senior security does not include any promissory note or other evidence of indebtedness issued in consideration of any loan, extension or renewal thereof, made by a bank or other person and privately arranged, and not intended to be publicly distributed. The term senior security also does not include any such promissory note or other evidence of indebtedness in any case where such a loan is for temporary purposes only and in an amount not exceeding 5% of the value of the total assets of the Fund at the time when the loan is made; a loan is presumed under the 1940 Act to be for temporary purposes if it is repaid within 60 calendar days and is not extended or renewed; otherwise it is presumed not to be for temporary purposes. For purposes of determining whether the 200% and 300% statutory asset coverage requirements described above apply in connection with dividends or distributions on or purchases or redemptions of Preferred Shares, such asset coverages may be calculated on the basis of values calculated as of a time within 48 hours (only including Business Days) immediately preceding the time of the applicable determination.

Asset Coverage

Notwithstanding the 1940 Act's requirements, as described below, Term Preferred Shares have an Asset Coverage (as defined for purposes of the Term Preferred Shares) of at least 225% instead of 200%. If the Fund fails to maintain Asset Coverage of at least 225% as of the close of business on each Business Day, and such failure is not cured as of the Asset Coverage Cure Date, the Fund will, to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act, and Massachusetts law and pursuant to the terms and conditions of any credit agreement, loan agreement, credit facility or other agreement representing borrowings of the Fund that is in effect at such time, be required to take Corrective Action as provided below. Asset Coverage means asset coverage of a class of senior security which is a stock, as defined for purposes of Section 18(h) of the 1940 Act as in effect on the date of the Statement, determined on the basis of values calculated as of a time within 48 hours (only including Business Days) immediately preceding the time of such determination. For purposes of this determination, no Term Preferred Shares or other Preferred Shares shall be deemed to be outstanding for purposes of the computation of Asset

Coverage if, prior to or concurrently with such determination, sufficient Deposit Securities or other sufficient funds (in accordance with the terms of such Preferred Shares) to pay the full redemption price for such preferred shares (or the portion thereof to be redeemed) shall have been irrevocably deposited in trust with the paying agent for such Preferred Shares and the requisite notice of redemption for such preferred shares (or the portion thereof to be redeemed) shall have been given. In such event, the Deposit Securities or other sufficient funds so deposited shall not be included as assets of the Fund for purposes of the computation of Asset Coverage.

Redemption

Term Redemption. The Fund is required to redeem (the *Term Redemption*) all of the Term Preferred Shares on the date specified in the Statement and disclosed in a prospectus supplement (the *Term Redemption Date*), at a redemption price equal to the Liquidation Preference per share plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends thereon (whether or not earned or declared but without interest thereon) to (but excluding) the Term Redemption Date (the *Term Redemption Price*) out of funds legally available therefore and to the extent permitted by any credit agreement in effect on such date.

Asset Coverage and Corrective Action. If the Fund fails to have Asset Coverage of at least 225% as provided in the Statement and such failure is not cured as of the close of business on the Asset Coverage Cure Date, the Fund will, to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act, and Massachusetts law and pursuant to the terms and conditions of any credit agreement, loan agreement, credit facility or other agreement representing borrowings of the Fund that is in effect at such time, by the close of business on the Business Day next following such Asset Coverage Cure Date, determine (i) the Corrective Action (as defined below) to be taken to cause the Fund to regain Asset Coverage; (ii) if applicable, the identity and market value of assets of the Fund to be sold in connection with a Corrective Action; and (iii) the date, which date will not be later than 20 Business Days following such Asset Coverage Cure Date, on which the Fund will regain Asset Coverage. As used herein, *Corrective Action* means, for the purpose of allowing the Fund to comply with the Asset Coverage requirements, (a) the irrevocable deposit of Deposit Securities with the Redemption and Paying Agent to fund the redemption of Term Preferred Shares; (b) the repayment of indebtedness of the Fund; (c) corrective trades involving Fund assets; or (d) any combination of the actions described in clauses (a) through (c) above. In the event that any Term Preferred Shares are to be redeemed, the Fund will redeem such Term Preferred Shares out of funds legally available therefore and to the extent permitted by any credit agreement in effect on such date at a price per share equal to the liquidation price of the applicable Term Preferred Shares, which is equal to the Liquidation Preference of such Term Preferred Share plus accumulated but unpaid dividends and other distributions thereon (whether or not earned or declared but excluding interest thereon) to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption by the Board of Trustees (the *Asset Coverage Redemption Price*). Corrective trades described above may be made at a time when it would be disadvantageous for the Fund to do so. In the event that any Term Preferred Shares are redeemed to regain compliance with the Asset Coverage requirements, the Fund will effect a redemption on the date fixed by the Fund, which date will not be later than 20 calendar days after the Asset Coverage Cure Date, except that if the Fund does not have funds legally available for the redemption of all of the required number of Term Preferred Shares and other Preferred Shares which have been designated to be redeemed or the Fund otherwise is unable to effect such redemption on or prior to 20 calendar days after the Asset Coverage Cure Date, the Fund will redeem those Term Preferred Shares and other Preferred Shares, if any, which it was unable to redeem on the earliest practicable date on which it is able to effect such redemption.

If fewer than all of the outstanding Term Preferred Shares are to be redeemed pursuant to the Asset Coverage mandatory redemption provisions above, the Term Preferred Shares to be redeemed will be selected either (i) pro rata among Term Preferred Shares, (ii) by lot or (iii) in such other manner as the Board of Trustees may determine to be fair and equitable, in each case, in accordance with the 1940 Act; provided, in each such case, that such method of redemption shall be subject to any applicable procedures of the Security Depository.

Optional Redemption. Term Preferred Shares may be subject to optional redemption (in whole or, from time to time, in part) at the sole option of the Fund out of funds legally available therefor and to the extent

permitted by any credit agreement in effect on such date, as specified in the Statement and described in a prospectus supplement. If applicable, the Fund may redeem Term Preferred Shares in an optional redemption at the redemption price per share equal to the sum of the \$1,000 liquidation preference per share plus (i) any premium (expressed as a percentage of the liquidation preference) (as specified in the Statement and disclosed in a prospectus supplement) and (ii) an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends thereon (whether or not earned or declared but without interest thereon) to (but excluding) the date fixed for such redemption.

Redemption Procedures. The Fund will file a notice of its intention to redeem with the SEC so as to provide the 30 calendar day notice period contemplated by Rule 23c-2 under the 1940 Act, or such shorter notice period as may be permitted by the SEC or its staff.

If the Fund shall determine or be required to redeem, in whole or in part, Term Preferred Shares, it will deliver a notice of redemption (a Notice of Redemption) by overnight delivery, by first class mail, postage prepaid or by electronic means to the holders of such Term Preferred Shares to be redeemed, or request the Redemption and Paying Agent, on behalf of the Fund, to promptly do so by overnight delivery, by first class mail or by electronic means. A Notice of Redemption will be provided not more than 45 calendar days prior to the date fixed for redemption and not less than five calendar days prior to such date set forth in such Notice of Redemption (the Redemption Date). Each Notice of Redemption will state: (i) the Redemption Date; (ii) the series of and number of Term Preferred Shares to be redeemed; (iii) the CUSIP number(s) of such Term Preferred Shares; (iv) the applicable Redemption Price of Term Preferred Shares to be redeemed on a per share basis; (v) if applicable, the place or places where the certificate(s) for such Term Preferred Shares (properly endorsed or assigned for transfer, if the Board of Trustees will so require and the Notice of Redemption states) are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price; (vi) that dividends on Term Preferred Shares to be redeemed will cease to accumulate from and after the redemption date; and (vii) the provisions of the Statement under which such redemption is made. If fewer than all Term Preferred Shares held by any holder are to be redeemed, the Notice of Redemption mailed to such holder shall also specify the number of Term Preferred Shares to be redeemed from such holder or the method of determining such number. The Fund may provide in any Notice of Redemption relating to an optional redemption contemplated to be effected pursuant to the Statement that such redemption is subject to one or more conditions precedent and that the Fund will not be required to effect such redemption unless each such condition has been satisfied. No defect in any Notice of Redemption or delivery thereof will affect the validity of redemption proceedings except as required by applicable law.

If the Fund gives a Notice of Redemption, then at any time from and after the giving of such Notice of Redemption and prior to 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the Redemption Date (so long as any conditions precedent to such redemption have been met or waived by the Fund), the Fund will (i) irrevocably deposit with the Redemption and Paying Agent Deposit Securities having an aggregate market value at the time of deposit no less than the redemption price of the Term Preferred Shares to be redeemed on the Redemption Date and (ii) give the Redemption and Paying Agent irrevocable instructions and authority to pay the applicable redemption price to the holders of Term Preferred Shares called for redemption on the Redemption Date. The Fund may direct the Redemption and Paying Agent with respect to the investment of any Deposit Securities consisting of cash so deposited prior to the Redemption Date, provided that the proceeds of any such investment will be available at the opening of business on the Redemption Date as same day funds. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Redemption Date is the Term Redemption Date, then such irrevocable deposit of Deposit Securities (which may come in whole or in part from the Term Redemption Liquidity Account described below) will be made no later than 15 calendar days prior to the Term Redemption Date.

Following the giving of a Notice of Redemption, upon the date of the irrevocable deposit of Deposit Securities by the Fund for purposes of redemption of Term Preferred Shares, all rights of the holders of Term Preferred Shares so called for redemption shall cease and terminate except the right of the holders thereof to receive the Term Redemption Price, Asset Coverage Redemption Price or Optional Redemption Price thereof, as applicable (any of the foregoing referred to herein as the Redemption Price), and such Term Preferred Shares

shall no longer be deemed outstanding for any purpose whatsoever (other than the transfer thereof prior to the applicable Redemption Date and other than the accumulation of dividends and other distributions thereon in accordance with the terms of the Term Preferred Shares up to (but excluding) the applicable Redemption Date). The Fund will be entitled to receive, promptly after the Redemption Date, any Deposit Securities in excess of the aggregate Redemption Price of Term Preferred Shares called for redemption on the Redemption Date. Any Deposit Securities so deposited that are unclaimed at the end of 90 calendar days from the Redemption Date will, to the extent permitted by law, be repaid to the Fund, after which the holders of Term Preferred Shares so called for redemption shall look only to the Fund for payment of the Redemption Price. The Fund will be entitled to receive, from time to time after the Redemption Date, any interest on the Deposit Securities so deposited.

On or after a Redemption Date, each holder of Term Preferred Shares in certificated form (if any) that are subject to redemption will surrender the certificate(s) evidencing such Term Preferred Shares to the Fund at the place designated in the Notice of Redemption and will then be entitled to receive the Redemption Price, without interest, and in the case of a redemption of fewer than all Term Preferred Shares represented by such certificate(s), a new certificate representing Term Preferred Shares that were not redeemed.

Notwithstanding the other redemption provisions described herein, except as otherwise required by law, (i) the Fund will not redeem any Term Preferred Shares unless all accumulated and unpaid dividends and other distributions on all outstanding Term Preferred Shares and shares of other series of Preferred Shares ranking on a parity with the Term Preferred Shares with respect to dividends and other distributions for all applicable past dividend periods (whether or not earned or declared by the Fund) (x) shall have been or are contemporaneously paid or (y) shall have been or are contemporaneously declared and Deposit Securities or sufficient funds or securities (in accordance with the terms of such Preferred Shares) for the payment of such dividends and other distributions shall have been or are contemporaneously deposited with the Redemption and Paying Agent as set forth in the Statement, and (ii) if, as of the Redemption Date for Term Preferred Shares, any redemption required with respect to any outstanding Preferred Shares (including shares of other series of Term Preferred Shares) ranking on a parity with such Term Preferred Shares (x) shall not have been made on the redemption date therefor or is not contemporaneously made on the Redemption Date or (y) shall not have been or is not contemporaneously noticed and Deposit Securities or sufficient funds or securities (in accordance with the terms of such Term Preferred Shares or other Preferred Shares) for the payment of such redemption shall not have been or are not contemporaneously deposited with the Redemption and Paying Agent for such other Term Preferred Shares or other Preferred Shares in accordance with the terms of such other Term Preferred Shares or other Preferred Shares, then any redemption required hereunder shall be made as nearly as possible on a pro rata basis with all other Preferred Shares then required to be redeemed (or in respect of which securities or funds for redemption are required to be deposited) in accordance with the terms of such Preferred Shares, and the number of shares of such Term Preferred Shares to be redeemed from the respective holders shall be determined pro rata among the outstanding shares of such Term Preferred Shares or in such other manner as the Board of Trustees may determine to be fair and equitable and that is in accordance with the 1940 Act; provided, in each such case, that such method of redemption shall be subject to any applicable procedures established by the Securities Depository, and provided, further, however, that the Fund will not be prevented from the purchase or acquisition of outstanding Term Preferred Shares pursuant to an otherwise lawful purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to holders of all outstanding Term Preferred Shares and any other series of Preferred Shares for which all accumulated and unpaid dividends and other distributions have not been paid.

If any redemption for which a Notice of Redemption has been provided is not made (i) by reason of the absence of legally available funds of the Fund in accordance with the Declaration of Trust of the Fund, the Statement and applicable law or (ii) pursuant to the terms and conditions of any credit agreement in effect on the date on which such redemption is scheduled, such redemption shall be made as soon as practicable to the extent such funds become available or as permitted by such credit agreement. No Redemption Default will be deemed to have occurred if the Fund has failed to deposit in trust with the Redemption and Paying Agent the applicable Redemption Price with respect to any shares where (1) the Notice of Redemption relating to such redemption provided that such redemption was subject to one or more conditions precedent and (2) any such condition

precedent has not been satisfied at the time or times and in the manner specified in such Notice of Redemption. Notwithstanding the fact that a Notice of Redemption has been provided with respect to any Term Preferred Shares, dividends will be declared and paid on such Term Preferred Shares in accordance with their terms regardless of whether Deposit Securities for the payment of the Redemption Price of such Term Preferred Shares shall have been deposited in trust with the Redemption and Paying Agent for that purpose.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Statement or in any Notice of Redemption, if the Fund has not redeemed Term Preferred Shares on the applicable Redemption Date, the holders of the Term Preferred Shares subject to redemption shall continue to be entitled to (a) receive dividends on such Term Preferred Shares accumulated at the Dividend Rate for the period from, and including, such Redemption Date through, but excluding, the date on which such Term Preferred Shares are actually redeemed and such dividends, to the extent accumulated, but unpaid, during such period (whether or not earned or declared but without interest thereon) will be included in the Redemption Price for such Term Preferred Shares and (b) transfer the Term Preferred Shares prior to the date on which such Term Preferred Shares are actually redeemed, provided that all other rights of holders of such Term Preferred Shares will have terminated upon the date of deposit of Deposit Securities in accordance with the Statement.

The Fund may, in its sole discretion and without a shareholder vote, modify the redemption procedures with respect to notification of redemption for the Term Preferred Shares, provided that such modification does not materially and adversely affect the holders of Term Preferred Shares or cause the Fund to violate any applicable law, rule or regulation.

Term Redemption Liquidity Account and Liquidity Requirement

On or prior to the date specified in the Statement and disclosed in a prospectus supplement (the **Liquidity Account Initial Date**), the Fund will identify and designate on its books and records or otherwise in accordance with the Fund's normal procedures (the **Term Redemption Liquidity Account**) Deposit Securities or any other security or investment owned by the Fund that is assigned a rating by any of Moody's, Fitch or Standard & Poor's Rating Services, a Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC business (Standard & Poor's or S&P), of not less than B3 by Moody's, B- by Standard & Poor's, B- by Fitch, or an equivalent rating by any other NRSRO (or any such rating's future equivalent) (each a **Liquidity Account Investment** and collectively the **Liquidity Account Investments**) with a market value equal to at least 110% of the **Term Redemption Amount** (as defined below) with respect to such Term Preferred Shares. The **Term Redemption Amount** for Term Preferred Shares is equal to the **Term Redemption Price** to be paid on the **Term Redemption Date**, based on the number of Term Preferred Shares then outstanding and the **Dividend Rate** that will be in effect for the period of time beginning on the date of the creation of the **Term Redemption Liquidity Account** for such Term Preferred Shares and ending on the **Term Redemption Date** for such Term Preferred Shares. If, on any date after the **Liquidity Account Initial Date**, the aggregate market value of the **Liquidity Account Investments** included in the **Term Redemption Liquidity Account** for Term Preferred Shares as of the close of business on any **Business Day** is less than 110% of the **Term Redemption Amount**, then the Fund will cause Nuveen Fund Advisors to take all such necessary actions, including identifying and designating additional assets of the Fund as **Liquidity Account Investments**, so that the aggregate market value of the **Liquidity Account Investments** included in the **Term Redemption Liquidity Account** is at least equal to 110% of the **Term Redemption Amount** not later than the close of business on the next succeeding **Business Day**. With respect to assets of the Fund identified and designated as **Liquidity Account Investments** with respect to the Term Preferred Shares, Nuveen Fund Advisors, on behalf of the Fund, will be entitled to release any **Liquidity Account Investments** from such identification and designation and to substitute therefor other **Liquidity Account Investments**, so long as (i) the assets of the Fund identified and designated as **Liquidity Account Investments** at the close of business on such date have a market value equal to at least 110% of the **Term Redemption Amount** and (ii) the assets of the Fund designated and segregated in accordance with the Custodian's normal procedures, from other assets of the Fund, and identified as **Deposit Securities** at the close of business on such date have a market value at least equal to the **Liquidity Requirement** (if any) (as set forth below) that is applicable to such date. The Fund will not permit any lien, security interest or encumbrance to be created or

permitted to exist on or in respect of any Liquidity Account Investments included in the Term Redemption Liquidity Account, other than liens, security interests or encumbrances arising by operation of law.

The market value of the Deposit Securities held in the Term Redemption Liquidity Account for the Term Preferred Shares, from and after the 15th day of the calendar month (or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day) that is the number of months preceding the calendar month in which the Term Redemption Date occurs in each case specified in the table set forth below, will not be less than the percentage of the Term Redemption Amount for the Term Preferred Shares set forth below opposite such number of months (the Liquidity Requirement):

Number of Months Preceding Month of Term Redemption Date:	Value of Deposit Securities as Percentage of Term Redemption Amount
5	20%
4	40%
3	60%
2	80%
1	100%

If the aggregate market value of the Deposit Securities included in the Term Redemption Liquidity Account for the Term Preferred Shares as of the close of business on any Business Day is less than the Liquidity Requirement for such Business Day, the Fund will cause the segregation of additional or substitute Deposit Securities in respect of the Term Redemption Liquidity Account, so that the aggregate market value of the Deposit Securities included in the Term Redemption Liquidity Account is at least equal to the Liquidity Requirement not later than the close of business on the next succeeding Business Day.

The Deposit Securities included in the Term Redemption Liquidity Account may be applied by the Fund, in its discretion, towards payment of the Term Redemption Price. Upon the deposit by the Fund with the Redemption and Paying Agent of Deposit Securities having an initial combined market value sufficient to effect the redemption of the Term Preferred Shares on the Term Redemption Date, the requirement of the Fund to maintain the Term Redemption Liquidity Account as described above will lapse and be of no further force and effect.

Liquidation Rights

In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Fund, whether voluntary or involuntary, the holders of Term Preferred Shares will be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Fund available for distribution to shareholders, after satisfying claims of creditors but before any distribution or payment shall be made in respect of the Common Shares, a liquidation distribution equal to the Liquidation Preference of \$1,000 per share, plus an amount equal to all unpaid dividends and other distributions accumulated to (but excluding) the date fixed for such distribution or payment (whether or not earned or declared by the Fund, but without interest thereon), and such holders shall be entitled to no further participation in any distribution or payment in connection with any such liquidation, dissolution or winding up.

If, upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Fund, whether voluntary or involuntary, the assets of the Fund available for distribution among the holders of all Term Preferred Shares, and any other outstanding Preferred Shares, shall be insufficient to permit the payment in full to such holders of Term Preferred Shares of the Liquidation Preference plus accumulated and unpaid dividends and other distributions and the amounts due upon liquidation with respect to such other Preferred Shares, then the available assets shall be distributed among the holders of such Term Preferred Shares and such other series of Preferred Shares ratably in proportion to the respective preferential

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liquidation amounts to which they are entitled. In connection with any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Fund whether voluntary or involuntary, unless and until the Liquidation Preference on each outstanding Term Preferred Share plus accumulated and unpaid

dividends and other distributions has been paid in full to the holders of Term Preferred Shares, no dividends, distributions or other payments will be made on, and no redemption, purchase or other acquisition by the Fund will be made by the Fund in respect of, the Common Shares.

Neither the sale of all or substantially all of the property or business of the Fund, nor the merger, consolidation or reorganization of the Fund into or with any other business or statutory trust, corporation or other entity, nor the merger, consolidation or reorganization of any other business or statutory trust, corporation or other entity into or with the Fund will be a dissolution, liquidation or winding up, whether voluntary or involuntary, for purposes of the provisions relating to liquidation set forth in the Statement.

Voting Rights

Except as otherwise provided in the Fund's Declaration of Trust, the Statement, or as otherwise required by applicable law, each holder of Term Preferred Shares will be entitled to one vote for each Term Preferred Share held by such holder on each matter submitted to a vote of shareholders of the Fund. The holders of outstanding Preferred Shares, including the Term Preferred Shares, will vote together with holders of Common Shares of the Fund as a single class. Under applicable rules of the NYSE, the Fund is currently required to hold annual meetings of shareholders.

In addition, the holders of outstanding Preferred Shares, including the Term Preferred Shares, will be entitled, as a class, to the exclusion of the holders of all other securities and classes of Common Shares, to elect two trustees of the Fund at all times. The holders of outstanding Common Shares and Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, voting together as a single class, will elect the balance of the trustees of the Fund.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if (i) at the close of business on any dividend payment date for dividends on any outstanding Preferred Share, including any outstanding Term Preferred Shares, accumulated dividends (whether or not earned or declared) on the Preferred Shares, including the Term Preferred Shares, equal to at least two full year's dividends shall be due and unpaid and sufficient cash or specified securities shall not have been deposited with the Redemption and Paying Agent or other applicable paying agent for the payment of such accumulated dividends; or (ii) at any time holders of any Preferred Shares are entitled under the 1940 Act to elect a majority of the trustees of the Fund (a period when either of the foregoing conditions exists, a Voting Period), then the number of members constituting the Board of Trustees will automatically be increased by the smallest number that, when added to the two trustees elected exclusively by the holders of Preferred Shares, including the Term Preferred Shares, as described above, would constitute a majority of the Board as so increased by such smallest number; and the holders of the Preferred Shares, including the Term Preferred Shares, will be entitled as a class on a one-vote-per-share basis, to elect such additional trustees. The terms of office of the persons who are trustees at the time of that election will not be affected by the election of the additional trustees. If the Fund thereafter shall pay, or declare and set apart for payment, in full all dividends payable on all outstanding Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, for all past dividend periods, or the Voting Period is otherwise terminated, (i) the voting rights stated above shall cease, subject always, however, to the revesting of such voting rights in the holders of Preferred Shares upon the further occurrence of any of the events described herein, and (ii) the terms of office of all of the additional trustees so elected will terminate automatically. Any Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, and any Preferred Shares issued after the date hereof will vote with Term Preferred Shares as a single class on the matters described above, and the issuance of any other Preferred Shares, may reduce the voting power of the holders of Term Preferred Shares. A Voting Period will terminate when all of the conditions described above cease to exist.

As soon as practicable after the accrual of any right of the holders of Preferred Shares to elect additional trustees as described above, the Fund will call a special meeting of such holders and notify the Redemption and Paying Agent and/or such other person as is specified in the terms of such Preferred Shares to receive notice, (i) by mailing or delivery by electronic means or (ii) in such other manner and by such other means as are specified in the terms of such Preferred Shares, a notice of such special meeting to such holders, such meeting to

be held not less than 10 nor more than 30 calendar days after the date of the delivery by electronic means or mailing of such notice. If the Fund fails to call such a special meeting, it may be called at the expense of the Fund by any such holder on like notice. The record date for determining the holders of Preferred Shares entitled to notice of and to vote at such special meeting shall be the close of business on the fifth Business Day preceding the calendar day on which such notice is mailed or otherwise delivered. At any such special meeting and at each meeting of holders of Preferred Shares held during a Voting Period at which trustees are to be elected, such holders, voting together as a class (to the exclusion of the holders of all other securities and classes of capital stock of the Fund), will be entitled to elect the number of additional trustees prescribed above on a one-vote-per-share basis.

Except as otherwise permitted by the terms of the Statement, so long as any Term Preferred Shares are outstanding, the Fund will not, without the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of Term Preferred Shares of all series outstanding at the time, voting as a separate class, amend, alter or repeal the provisions of the Declaration of Trust or the Statement, whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise, so as to (i) alter or abolish any preferential right of such Term Preferred Share, or (ii) create, alter or abolish any right in respect of redemption of such Term Preferred Share; provided that a division, stock split or reverse stock split of a Term Preferred Share will not, by itself, be deemed to have any of the effects set forth in clause (i) or (ii) above. So long as any Term Preferred Shares are outstanding, the Fund will not, without the affirmative vote or consent of at least $66\frac{2}{3}\%$ of the holders of Term Preferred Shares outstanding at the time, voting as a separate class, file a voluntary application for relief under United States bankruptcy law or any similar application under state law for so long as the Fund is solvent and does not foresee becoming insolvent. No vote of the holders of Common Shares will be required to amend, alter or repeal the provisions of the Statement, including any appendix.

Except as otherwise permitted by the terms of the Statement, and subject to the paragraph below, so long as any Term Preferred Shares are outstanding, the Fund will not, without the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least a majority of the Term Preferred Shares outstanding at the time, voting as a separate class, amend, alter or repeal: (i) the provisions of the appendix to the Statement relating to a series of Term Preferred Shares, whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise, so as to materially and adversely affect any preference, right or power set forth in such appendix of the series of Term Preferred Shares or the holders thereof; or (ii) the provisions of the appendix of the Statement for a series of Term Preferred Shares setting forth the Liquidation Preference for such Term Preferred Shares; provided that a division, stock split or reverse stock split of a Term Preferred Share shall not, by itself, be deemed to violate clause (i) or (ii) above. For purposes of clause (i) above, no matter shall be deemed to materially and adversely affect any preference, right or power of a Term Preferred Share or the holder thereof unless such matter (i) alters or abolishes any preferential right of such Term Preferred Share, or (ii) creates, alters or abolishes any right in respect of redemption of such Term Preferred Share. For the avoidance of doubt, no vote of the holders of Common Shares will be required to amend, alter or repeal the provisions of the Statement, including any appendix to the Statement.

So long as any Term Preferred Shares are outstanding, the Fund will not, without the unanimous vote or consent of the holders of such Term Preferred Shares outstanding at the time, voting as a separate class, amend, alter or repeal the provisions of the appendix to the Statement relating to such Term Preferred Shares, which provisions obligate the Fund to (i) pay the Term Redemption Price on the Term Redemption Date for Term Preferred Shares, (ii) accumulate dividends at the Dividend Rate (as set forth in the Statement and the applicable appendix to the Statement) for the Term Preferred Shares or (iii) pay the Optional Redemption Premium (if any) provided for in the appendix to the Statement for such Term Preferred Shares; provided that a division, stock split or reverse stock split of a Term Preferred Share shall not, by itself, be deemed to violate clause (i), (ii) or (iii) above. For the avoidance of doubt, no vote of the holders of Common Shares will be required to amend, alter or repeal the provisions of the Statement, including any appendix to the Statement.

Unless a higher percentage is provided for in the Declaration of Trust, (i) the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding Preferred Shares, including the Term Preferred Shares outstanding at the time, voting as a separate class, will be required (i) to approve any conversion of the Fund from a closed-end

to an open-end investment company, (ii) to approve any plan of reorganization (as such term is defined in Section 2(a)(33) of the 1940 Act) adversely affecting such Preferred Shares or (iii) to approve any other action requiring a vote of security holders of the Fund under Section 13(a) of the 1940 Act. For purposes of the foregoing, the vote of a majority of the outstanding Preferred Shares means the vote at an annual or special meeting duly called of (i) 67% or more of such shares present at a meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of such shares are present or represented by proxy at such meeting, or (ii) more than 50% of such shares, whichever is less.

For purposes of determining any rights of the holders of Term Preferred Shares to vote on any matter, whether such right is created by the Statement, by the provisions of the Declaration of Trust, by statute or otherwise, no holder of Term Preferred Shares will be entitled to vote any Term Preferred Shares and no Term Preferred Shares will be deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of voting or determining the number of shares required to constitute a quorum if, prior to or concurrently with the time of determination of shares entitled to vote or the time of the actual vote on the matter, as the case may be, the requisite Notice of Redemption with respect to such Term Preferred Shares will have been given in accordance with the Statement, and Deposit Securities for the payment of the Redemption Price of such Term Preferred Shares will have been deposited in trust with the Redemption and Paying Agent for that purpose. No Term Preferred Shares held (legally or beneficially) by the Fund will have any voting rights or be deemed to be outstanding for voting or for calculating the voting percentage required on any other matter or other purposes.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Rating Agency Guidelines discussed below, as they may be amended from time to time by the respective Rating Agency, may be amended by the respective Rating Agency without the vote, consent or approval of the Fund, the Board of Trustees and any holder of Preferred Shares, including any Term Preferred Shares, or any other shareholder of the Fund.

Unless otherwise required by law or the Declaration of Trust, holders of Term Preferred Shares will not have any relative rights or preferences or other special rights with respect to voting other than those specifically set forth in the Voting Rights section of the Statement. The holders of Term Preferred Shares will have no rights to cumulative voting. In the event that the Fund fails to declare or pay any dividends on Term Preferred Shares, the exclusive remedy of the holders will be the right to vote for additional trustees as discussed above; provided that the foregoing does not affect the obligation of the Fund to accumulate and, if permitted by applicable law, the Declaration of Trust and the Statement, pay dividends at the Increased Rate as discussed above.

Rating Agencies

The Fund will use commercially reasonable efforts to cause at least one Rating Agency with respect to the Term Preferred Shares to issue long term credit rating with respect to Term Preferred Shares for so long as such Term Preferred Shares are outstanding. The Rating Agencies rating any series of Term Preferred Shares sold under this Prospectus will be identified in a prospectus supplement. The Fund will use commercially reasonable efforts to comply with any applicable Rating Agency Guidelines. Rating Agency Guidelines are guidelines of any Rating Agency, as they may be amended or modified from time to time, compliance with which is required to cause such Rating Agency to continue to issue a rating with respect to Term Preferred Shares for so long as such Term Preferred Shares are outstanding. If a Rating Agency ceases to rate securities of closed-end management investment companies generally, the Board of Trustees will terminate the designation of such Rating Agency as a Rating Agency. The Board of Trustees may elect to terminate the designation of any Rating Agency previously designated by the Board of Trustees to act as a Rating Agency for purposes of the Statement so long as either (i) immediately following such termination, there would be at least one Rating Agency with respect to the Term Preferred Shares or (ii) it replaces the terminated Rating Agency with another NRSRO and provides notice thereof to the holders of Term Preferred Shares; provided that such replacement will not occur unless such replacement Rating Agency will have at the time of such replacement (i) published a rating for the Term Preferred Shares and (ii) entered into an agreement with the Fund to continue to publish such rating subject

to the Rating Agency's customary conditions. A copy of the current Rating Agency Guidelines will be provided to any holder of Term Preferred Shares promptly upon request therefor made by such holder to the Fund by writing the Fund at 333 West Wacker Dr., Chicago, Illinois 60606.

The Board of Trustees may also elect to designate one or more other NRSROs as Rating Agencies with respect to Term Preferred Shares by notice to the holders of the Term Preferred Shares. The Rating Agency Guidelines of any Rating Agency may be amended by such Rating Agency without the vote, consent or approval of the Fund, the Board of Trustees or any holder of Preferred Shares, including any Term Preferred Shares, or Common Shares.

Issuance of Additional Preferred Shares

So long as any Term Preferred Shares are outstanding, the Fund may, without the vote or consent of the holders thereof, authorize, establish and create and issue and sell shares of one or more series of a class of Preferred Shares, ranking on a parity with Term Preferred Shares as to payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or the winding up of the affairs of the Fund, in addition to then outstanding Term Preferred Shares, including additional series of Term Preferred Shares, and authorize, issue and sell additional shares of any such series of Preferred Shares then outstanding or so established or created, including additional Term Preferred Shares of a Series, in each case in accordance with applicable law, provided that the Fund will, immediately after giving effect to the issuance of such additional Preferred Shares and to its receipt and application of the proceeds thereof, including to an irrevocable deposit in respect of the redemption of Preferred Shares or the repayment of indebtedness with such proceeds, have Asset Coverage of at least 225%.

Actions on Other than Business Days

Unless otherwise provided herein or in the Statement, if the date for making any payment, performing any act or exercising any right is not a Business Day, such payment will be made, act performed or right exercised on the next succeeding Business Day, with the same force and effect as if made or done on the nominal date provided therefor, and, with respect to any payment so made, no dividends, interest or other amount will accrue for the period between such nominal date and the date of payment.

Modification

To the extent permitted by applicable law and the Statement, the Board of Trustees, without the vote of the holders of Term Preferred Shares, may interpret, supplement or amend the provisions of the Statement or any appendix thereto to supply any omission, resolve any inconsistency or ambiguity or to cure, correct or supplement any defective or inconsistent provision, including any provision that becomes defective after the date hereof because of impossibility of performance or any provision that is inconsistent with any provision of any other preferred shares of the Fund.

THE FUND'S INVESTMENTS

Investment Objectives and Policies

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

In pursuing its objective of high current income, the Fund invests in Adjustable Rate Loans and other debt instruments that may involve significant credit risk. As part of its efforts to manage this risk and the potential impact of such risk on the overall value and returns of the Fund's portfolio, Symphony generally follows a credit management strategy that includes (i) a focus on Senior Loans that are secured by specific assets, (ii) rigorous and on-going bottom-up fundamental analysis of Issuers, and (iii) overall portfolio diversification. Symphony

will perform its own credit and research analysis of Issuers, taking into consideration, among other things, the entity's financial resources and operating history, its sensitivity to economic conditions and trends, the ability of its management, its debt maturity schedules and borrowing requirements, its anticipated cash flow, interest and asset coverage, and its earnings prospects. Even with these efforts, because of the greater degree of credit risk within the portfolio, the Fund's net asset value could decline over time. In an effort to help preserve the Fund's overall capital, Symphony seeks to enhance portfolio value by investing in securities it believes to be undervalued, which, if successful, can mitigate the potential loss of value due to credit events over time. Any capital appreciation realized by the Fund will generally result in the distribution of taxable capital gains to Common Shareholders. There can be no assurance that the Fund will achieve its investment objective.

Nuveen Fund Advisors, the Fund's investment adviser, is responsible for the Fund's overall investment strategy and its implementation, including the use of leverage and hedging. Symphony, the Fund's sub-adviser, is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund's Managed Assets. See Management of the Fund.

Under normal market circumstances, the Fund invests at least 70% of its Managed Assets in Adjustable Rate Loans. Senior loans and second lien loans are made to Borrowers that operate in various industries and geographic regions. Senior loans, second lien loans and other adjustable rate instruments pay interest at rates which are determined periodically at short-term intervals on the basis of an adjustable base lending rate, primarily LIBOR (of any tenor, but typically between one month and six months, and currency), plus a premium, and are therefore regarded as having short-term durations. Investment in adjustable rate instruments such as Adjustable Rate Loans is expected to minimize changes in the underlying principal value of such investments, and therefore, the Fund's net asset value, resulting from changes in market interest rates.

The Fund's policy under normal circumstances of investing at least 70% of its Managed Assets in Adjustable Rate Loans is not considered to be fundamental by the Fund and can be changed without a vote of the Common Shareholders.

The high yield debt instruments may have intermediate-term or even long-term durations, but investments in those instruments will not be made in a manner that will cause the Fund's average portfolio duration (including the effect of leverage) to exceed five years. The Fund may also invest in convertible and equity securities.

Substantially all of the Adjustable Rate loans the Fund likely will invest in are, at the time of investment, rated below investment grade or unrated but judged by the portfolio managers to be of comparable quality. Investment grade quality securities are those securities that, at the time of investment, are (i) rated by at least one NRSRO within the four highest grades (BBB- or Baa3 or better by S&P, Moody's or Fitch), or (ii) 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 Appendix B in the SAI for a description of security ratings. Under normal circumstances, the Fund may invest up to 30% of its Managed Assets in the following securities:

other debt securities such as investment and non-investment grade debt securities, fixed rate Senior Loans or subordinated loans, convertible securities and structured notes, (other than structured notes that are designed to provide returns and risks that emulate those of Adjustable Rate Loans, which may be treated as an investment in Adjustable Rate Loans for purposes of the 70% requirement set forth above);

mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities (including collateralized loan obligations and collateralized debt obligations);

debt securities and other instruments issued by government, government-related or supranational Issuer; and

domestic and international equity securities.

The Fund may invest in certain derivative instruments. Such instruments may include total return, credit default and interest rate swaps whose prices, in Symphony's opinion, correlate with the prices of the Adjustable Rate Loan instruments in which the Fund primarily invests. Total return swaps are contracts in which one party agrees to make payments of the total return from the underlying asset(s), which may include indices, securities or baskets of securities during the specified period, in return for payments equal to a fixed or floating rate of interest or the total return from other underlying asset(s). Credit default swaps may require initial premium payments as well as periodic payments related to the interest leg of the swap or to the default of a reference obligation. If the Fund is a seller of a contract, the Fund would be required to pay the par (or other agreed upon) value of a referenced debt obligation to the counterparty in the event of a default or other credit event by the reference issuer, such as a U.S. or foreign corporate issuer, with respect to such debt obligations. In return, the Fund would receive from the counterparty a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract provided that no event of default has occurred. Interest rate swaps involve the exchange by the Fund with a counterparty of their respective commitments to pay or receive interest, such as an exchange of fixed-rate payments for floating rate payments.

The Fund may utilize swaps as a component of synthetic investments. A synthetic investment is comprised of two components that, when combined, replicate or emulate the economic exposure of a third investment. The Fund may use the combination of a swap and cash equivalents to replicate or emulate exposure to Adjustable Rate Loans. The cash equivalent market value effectively represents the principal portion of such synthetic Adjustable Rate Loan exposure, and the total return swap market value (not notional value) represents the interest and/or return portion of such Adjustable Rate Loan exposure. When combined, these two components provide the investment profile of a direct investment in Adjustable Rate Loans.

The Fund may invest up to 5% of its Managed Assets in iBoxx Loan Total Return Swaps (as defined below). An iBoxx Loan Total Return Swap is a specific type of total return swap on an index that is designed to provide exposure to the Senior Loan market. The iBoxx Loan Total Return Swap's underlying index is the Markit iBoxx USD Liquid Leveraged Loans Total Return Index, which is one of a subset of indices designed to track the broader, rules-based Markit iBoxx USD Liquid Leveraged Loan Index. iBoxx Loan Total Return Swaps means total return swaps written on the Markit iBoxx USD Liquid Leveraged Loans Total Return Index. Markit, which is not affiliated with Nuveen or the Fund, created this rules-based index to seek to track the broader senior loan market with a smaller subset of the more liquid index constituents (i.e., constituents with greater transparent price discovery, smaller bid-offer spreads, and larger tradeable sizes at particular price quotes). The Fund believes that iBoxx Loan Total Return Swaps provide an efficient and cost-effective basis for obtaining exposure to the senior loan market. The Fund anticipates using iBoxx Loan Total Return Swaps as a component of synthetic investments that, when combined with cash equivalents, replicate or emulate exposure to Senior Loans, as described above. iBoxx Loan Total Return Swaps share risks that are similar to other derivative instruments in which the Fund may invest. See Risk Factors Security Level Risks Derivatives Risk, Including the Risk of Swaps.

Under normal market circumstances, the Fund seeks to maintain an average duration of two years or less for its portfolio, including the effect of leverage. In this Prospectus, average duration and average portfolio duration are each defined to be the modified duration of the Fund's portfolio, which is the measure of a debt instrument's or a portfolio's price sensitivity with respect to changes in market yields adjusted to reflect the effect of the Fund's effective leverage. Prices of securities with shorter durations (such as the anticipated average duration of two years or less for the Fund's portfolio investments as described above) tend to be less sensitive to interest rate changes than securities with longer durations. In general, the value of a portfolio of securities with a shorter duration can be expected to be less sensitive to interest rate changes than a portfolio with a longer duration. For example, the price of a bond with an effective duration of two years will rise (fall) two percent for every one percent decrease (increase) in its yield, and the price of a five-year duration bond will rise (fall) five percent for a one percent decrease (increase) in its yield. As of November 30, 2017, the average leverage-adjusted effective duration of the Fund's portfolio was 0.80 years, which includes the effects of leverage and takes into account the effect of optional call provisions of the instruments in the Fund's portfolio. The Fund has no policy limiting the maturity of the Adjustable Rate Loans that it purchases. Adjustable Rate Loans usually

have mandatory and optional prepayment provisions. Because of prepayments, the actual remaining maturity of Adjustable Rate Loans may be considerably less than their stated maturity. As of November 30, 2017, the effective maturity of the Fund's portfolio was 5.19 years, including the effects of leverage.

The Fund has no policy limiting the market capitalization of the equity securities in which it invests.

Under normal circumstances, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets in securities of non-U.S. Issuers that are U.S. dollar or non-U.S. dollar denominated, including debt securities of issuers located, or conducting their business, in emerging markets countries. The Fund may not invest more than 25% of its total assets in securities from an industry which (for the purposes of this Prospectus) generally refers to the classification of companies in the same or similar lines of business such as the automotive, textiles and apparel, hotels, media production and consumer retailing industries.

During temporary defensive periods (e.g., times of adverse market, economic or political conditions), including during the period when the net proceeds of the offering of Common Shares are being invested, the Fund may deviate from its investment policies and objectives. During such periods, the Fund may invest up to 100% of its Managed Assets in short-term investments, including high quality, short-term securities or may invest in short-, intermediate-, or long-term U.S. Treasury Bonds. There can be no assurance that such strategies will be successful. For more information, see the SAI under Tax Matters.

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

The Fund cannot change its investment objective without the approval of the holders of a majority of the outstanding Common Shares and preferred shares voting together as a single class, and of the holders of a majority of the outstanding preferred 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 Preferred Shares Voting Rights and the SAI under Description of Shares Preferred Shares Voting Rights for additional information with respect to the voting rights of holders of preferred shares.

Overall Fund Management

Nuveen Fund Advisors oversees Symphony in its management of the Fund's portfolio. This oversight includes ongoing evaluation of Symphony's investment performance, portfolio allocations, quality of investment process and personnel, compliance with Fund and regulatory guidelines, trade allocation and execution, and other factors.

Nuveen Fund Advisors also oversees the Fund's use of leverage, and efforts to minimize the costs and mitigate the risks to Common Shareholders associated with using financial leverage. See Use of Leverage and Hedging Transactions below. This may involve making adjustments to investment policies in an attempt to minimize costs and mitigate risks.

Symphony Investment Philosophy and Process

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Investment Philosophy. Symphony is responsible for the day-to-day investment operations of the Fund. Symphony believes that managing risk, particularly for volatile assets such as Adjustable Rate Loans and other forms of high yield debt, is of paramount importance. Symphony 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, Symphony focuses primarily on liquid securities to help ensure that exit strategies remain available under different market conditions.

Investment Process. In identifying Adjustable Rate Loans and other securities for potential purchase, Symphony combines quantitative screening and fundamental and relative value analysis. Symphony evaluates the identified investment candidates for liquidity constraints and favorable capital structures. The investment team then performs rigorous bottom-up fundamental analysis to identify investments with sound industry fundamentals, cash flow sufficiency and asset quality. The final portfolio is constructed using risk management and monitoring systems to ensure proper diversification.

Portfolio Composition and Other Information

The Fund's portfolio is 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 SAI.

Senior Loans. The Fund may invest in (i) Senior Loans made by banks or other financial institutions to Borrowers, (ii) assignments of such interests in Senior Loans, or (iii) participation interests in Senior Loans. Senior Loans hold the most senior position in the capital structure of a Borrower, are typically secured with specific collateral (such collateral consists of assets and/or stock of the Borrower) and have a claim on the assets and/or stock of the Borrower that is senior to that held by subordinated debt holders and stockholders of the Borrower. The capital structure of a Borrower may include Senior Loans, senior and junior subordinated debt, preferred stock and common stock issued by the Borrower, typically in descending order of seniority with respect to claims on the Borrower's assets. The proceeds of Senior Loans primarily are used by Borrowers to finance leveraged buyouts, recapitalizations, mergers, acquisitions, stock repurchases, refinancings, internal growth and for other corporate purposes. A Senior Loan is typically originated, negotiated and structured by a U.S. or non-U.S. commercial bank, insurance company, finance company or other financial institution (Agent) for a lending syndicate of financial institutions which typically includes the Agent (Lenders). The Agent typically administers and enforces the Senior Loan on behalf of the other Lenders in the syndicate. In addition, an institution, typically but not always the Agent, holds any collateral on behalf of the Lenders. The Fund normally will rely primarily on the Agent to collect principal of and interest on a Senior Loan. Also, the Fund usually will rely on the Agent to monitor compliance by the Borrower with the restrictive covenants in a loan agreement.

Senior Loans in which the Fund invests generally pay interest at rates that are redetermined periodically at short-term intervals by reference to a base lending rate, plus a premium. Senior Loans typically have rates of interest that are redetermined either daily, monthly, quarterly or semi-annually by reference to a base lending rate plus a premium or credit spread. These base lending rates are primarily LIBOR (of any tenor, but typically between one month and six months, and currency), and secondarily the prime rate offered by one or more major U.S. banks (Prime Rate) and the certificate of deposit (CD) rate or other base lending rates used by commercial lenders. As adjustable rate loans, the frequency of how often a Senior Loan resets its interest rate will impact how closely such Senior Loans track current market interest rates. The Senior Loans held by the Fund will have a dollar-weighted average period until the next interest rate adjustment of approximately 90 days or less. As a result, as short-term interest rates increase, interest payable to the Fund from its investments in Senior Loans should increase, and as short-term interest rates decrease, interest payable to the Fund from its investments in Senior Loans should decrease. The Fund may utilize derivative instruments to shorten the effective interest rate redetermination period of Senior Loans in its portfolio. Senior Loans typically have a stated term of between one and eight years. In the experience of Symphony, the average life of Senior Loans in recent years has been approximately two years because of prepayments.

The Fund primarily purchases Senior Loans by assignment from a participant in the original syndicate of lenders or from subsequent assignees of such interests. The purchaser of an assignment typically succeeds to all the rights and obligations under the loan agreement with the same rights and obligations as the assigning Lender. Assignments may, however, be arranged through private negotiations between potential assignees and potential assignors, and the rights and obligations acquired by the purchaser of an assignment may differ from, and be more limited than, those held by the assigning Lender.

The Fund may purchase participation interests in the original syndicate making Senior Loans. Loan participation interests typically represent direct participations in a loan to a corporate Borrower, and generally are offered by banks or other financial institutions or lending syndicates. The Fund may participate in such syndications, or can buy part of a Senior Loan, becoming a part Lender. When purchasing a participation interest, the Fund assumes the credit risk associated with the corporate Borrower and may assume the credit risk associated with an interposed bank or other financial intermediary. The participation interests in which the Fund may invest may not be rated by any NRSRO. See Risk Factors Security Level Risks Senior Loan Participation Risk.

The Fund may purchase and retain in its portfolio Senior Loans where the Borrowers have experienced, or may be perceived to be likely to experience, credit problems, including involvement in or recent emergence from bankruptcy reorganization proceedings or other forms of debt restructuring. Such investments may provide opportunities for enhanced income as well as capital appreciation. At times, in connection with the restructuring of a Senior Loan either outside of bankruptcy court or in the context of bankruptcy court proceedings, the Fund may determine or be required to accept equity securities or junior debt securities in exchange for all or a portion of a Senior Loan. See Warrants and Equity Securities.

Adjustable Rate Subordinated Loans. The subordinated loans in which the Fund may invest are typically privately-negotiated investments that rank subordinate in priority of payment to senior debt, such as Senior Loans, and are often unsecured. However, such subordinated loans rank senior to common and preferred equity in a Borrower's capital structure. Subordinated loans may have elements of both debt and equity instruments, offering fixed or adjustable rates of return in the form of interest payments associated with senior debt, while providing lenders an opportunity to participate in the capital appreciation of a Borrower, if any, through an equity interest. This equity interest may take the form of warrants or direct equity investments which will be in conjunction with the subordinated loans. Due to their higher risk profile and often less restrictive covenants as compared to Senior Loans, subordinated loans generally earn a higher return than secured Senior Loans. The warrants associated with subordinated loans are typically detachable, which allows lenders the opportunity to receive repayment of their principal on an agreed amortization schedule while retaining their equity interest in the Borrower. Subordinated loans also may include a put feature, which permits the holder to sell its equity interest back to the Borrower at a price determined through an agreed formula.

The Fund may invest in subordinated loans that are primarily unsecured and that provide for relatively high, adjustable rates of interest, providing the Fund with significant current interest income. The subordinated loans in which the Fund may invest may have interest-only payments in the early years, with amortization of principal deferred to the later years of the subordinated loans. In some cases, the Fund may acquire subordinated loans that, by their terms, convert into equity or additional debt securities or defer payments of interest for the first few years after issuance. Also, in some cases the subordinated loans in which the Fund may invest will be collateralized by a subordinated lien on some or all of the assets of the Borrower. Typically, subordinated loans in which the Fund may invest will have maturities of four to eight years.

The subordinated loan industry is highly specialized and the Fund will rely on Symphony and its employees' expertise in sourcing, evaluating, structuring, documenting and monitoring such investments by the Fund.

Certain Structured Notes. The Fund may invest in structured notes (as defined below) that are designed to provide returns and risks that emulate those of Adjustable Rate Loans, the Fund may treat the value of (or, if applicable, the notional amount of) such investment as an investment in Adjustable Rate Loans for purposes of determining compliance with the requirement set forth above that at least 70% of the Fund's Managed Assets be invested under normal market circumstances in Adjustable Rate Loans

The Fund acting as Original Lender, Sole Lender and/or Agent. The Fund, in connection with its investments in senior and subordinated loans, particularly those made to middle-market companies, may act as one of the group of lenders originating a loan (Originating Lender), may purchase the entire amount of a particular loan (Sole Lender), and may act as Agent in the negotiation of the terms of a loan and in the formation of a group of investors in a Borrower's loan.

The Fund as Originating Lender or Sole Lender. When the Fund acts as an Originating Lender or Sole Lender it will generally participate in structuring the loan, and may share in an origination fee paid by the Borrower. When the Fund is an Originating Lender or Sole Lender it will generally have a direct contractual relationship with the Borrower, and may enforce compliance by the Borrower with the terms of the loan agreement. As Sole Lender the Fund generally also would have full voting and consent rights under the applicable loan agreement.

The Fund as Agent. Acting in the capacity of an Agent with respect to a loan may subject the Fund to certain risks in addition to those associated with the Fund's role as a lender. In consideration of such risks, the Fund invests no more than 20% of its total assets in Senior Loans in which it acts as an Agent or co-Agent and the size of any such individual Senior Loan will not exceed 5% of the Fund's total assets. See Risk Factors Security Level Risks Senior Loan Agent Risk.

The Fund's ability to receive fee income is constrained by certain requirements for qualifying as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (Internal Revenue Code). The Fund intends to comply with those requirements and may limit its investments in loans in which it acts as Originating Lender, Sole Lender or Agent in order to do so.

Other Investments. The Fund may invest in fixed or floating rate debt instruments and other securities as described below:

High Yield Debt Securities. The Fund may invest in debt securities rated below investment grade or unrated securities deemed by the Fund's portfolio managers to be of comparable quality. Debt securities rated below investment grade are commonly referred to as high yield or junk bonds. These types of bonds are typically issued by companies without long track records of sales and earnings, or by issuers that have questionable credit strength. High yield and comparable unrated debt securities: (a) will likely have some quality and protective characteristics that, in the judgment of the rating agency evaluating the instrument, are outweighed by large uncertainties or major risk exposures to adverse conditions; and (b) are predominantly speculative with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal in accordance with the terms of the obligation.

Common Stocks. The Fund may invest in common stocks and other equity securities. Common stocks generally represent an ownership interest in an issuer, without preference over any other class of securities, including such issuer's fixed income securities and senior equity securities. Dividend payments generally are not guaranteed and so may be discontinued by the issuer at its discretion or because of the issuer's inability to satisfy its liabilities. Further, an issuer's history of paying dividends does not guarantee that it will continue to pay dividends in the future. In addition to dividends, under certain circumstances the Fund may benefit from capital appreciation of an issuer's common stock.

Convertible Securities. The Fund may invest in convertible securities, which are hybrid securities that combine the investment characteristics of bonds and common stocks. Convertible securities typically consist of debt securities that may be converted within a specified period of time (typically for the entire life of the security) into a certain amount of common stock or other equity security of the same or a different issuer at a predetermined price. They also include debt securities with warrants or common stock attached and derivatives combining the features of debt securities and equity securities. Convertible securities entitle the holder to receive interest paid or accrued on debt securities, until the securities mature or are redeemed, converted or exchanged.

Other Corporate Debt Instruments. Corporate debt instruments generally are used by corporations 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. Certain debt instruments in which the Fund may invest may be perpetual in that they have no maturity date and some may be convertible into equity securities of the Issuer or its affiliates. The Fund may invest in debt instruments of any quality and such debt instruments may be secured or unsecured. In addition, certain debt instruments in which the Fund may invest may be subordinated to the payment of an Issuer's senior debt.

Derivatives; Structured Notes. The Fund may utilize derivatives, structured notes and similar instruments (referred to collectively as structured notes) for investment purposes and also for hedging purposes. Structured notes are privately negotiated debt obligations, swap agreements or economically equivalent instruments where the principal and/or interest to be received by the investor is determined by reference to the performance of a benchmark asset, market or interest rate (an embedded index), such as selected securities or loans, an index of securities or loans, or specified interest rates, or the differential performance of two assets or markets. The interest and/or principal payments that may be made on a structured product may vary widely, depending on a variety of factors, including the volatility of the embedded index and the effect of changes in the embedded index on principal and/or interest payments.

U.S. Government Securities. U.S. Government securities include (1) U.S. Treasury obligations, which differ in their interest rates, maturities and times of issuance: U.S. Treasury bills (maturities of one year or less), U.S. Treasury notes (maturities of one year to ten years) and U.S. Treasury bonds (generally maturities of greater than ten years) and (2) obligations issued or guaranteed by U.S. Government agencies and instrumentalities that are supported by any of the following: (i) the full faith and credit of the U.S. Treasury, (ii) the right of the Issuer to borrow an amount limited to a specific line of credit from the U.S. Treasury, (iii) discretionary authority of the U.S. Government to purchase certain obligations of the U.S. Government agency or instrumentality or (iv) the credit of the agency or instrumentality. The Fund also may invest in any other security or agreement collateralized or otherwise secured by U.S. Government securities. Agencies and instrumentalities of the U.S. Government include but are not limited to: Federal Land Banks, Federal Financing Banks, Banks for Cooperatives, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, Farm Credit Banks, Federal Home Loan Banks, FHLMC, FNMA, GNMA, Student Loan Marketing Association, United States Postal Service, Small Business Administration, Tennessee Valley Authority and any other enterprise established or sponsored by the U.S. Government. Because the U.S. Government generally is not obligated to provide support to its instrumentalities, the Fund invests in obligations issued by these instrumentalities only if Symphony determines that the credit risk with respect to such obligations is minimal.

The principal of and/or interest on certain U.S. Government securities which may be purchased by the Fund could be (i) payable in non-U.S. currencies rather than U.S. dollars or (b) increased or diminished as a result of changes in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to the value of non-U.S. currencies. The value of such portfolio securities may be affected by changes in the exchange rate between foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar.

Commercial Paper. Commercial paper represents short-term unsecured promissory notes issued in bearer form by corporations such as banks or bank holding companies and finance companies. The rate of return on commercial paper may be linked or indexed to the level of exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and a foreign currency or currencies.

Warrants and Equity Securities. The Fund may acquire equity securities and warrants issued by an Issuer or its affiliates as part of a package of investments in the Issuer or its affiliates issued in connection with an Adjustable Rate Loan or other debt instrument of the Issuer. The Fund also may convert a warrant so acquired into the underlying security. Investments in warrants and equity securities entail certain risks in addition to those associated with investments in Adjustable Rate Loans or other debt instruments. The value of warrants and equity securities may be affected more rapidly, and to a greater extent, by company-specific developments and general market conditions. These risks may increase fluctuations in the Fund's net asset value. The Fund may possess material non-public information about an Issuer as a result of its ownership of an Adjustable Rate Loan or other debt instrument of such Issuer. Because of prohibitions on trading in securities of Issuers while in possession of such information, the Fund might be unable to enter into a transaction in a security of such an Issuer when it would otherwise be advantageous to do so.

Repurchase Agreements. For cash management purposes, the Fund may enter into repurchase agreements (the purchase of a security coupled with an agreement to resell that security at a higher price) with respect to its permitted investments. The Fund's repurchase agreements will provide that the value of the collateral underlying the repurchase agreement will always be at least equal to the repurchase price, including any accrued interest earned on the agreement, and will be marked to market daily.

Other Securities. The Fund may invest in mortgage-related and other asset-backed securities, and sovereign debt securities, each of which are discussed in more detail in the SAI.

Securities Issued by Non-U.S. Issuers. The Fund may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets in securities of non-U.S. Issuers that are U.S. dollar or non-U.S. dollar denominated, including debt securities of issuers located, or conducting their business, in emerging markets countries. The Fund's Managed Assets to be invested in Adjustable Rate Loans and other debt instruments of non-U.S. Issuers may include debt securities of Issuers located, or conducting their business in, emerging markets countries. The Fund may invest in any region of the world and invest in companies operating in developed countries such as Canada, Japan, Australia, New Zealand and most Western European countries. As used in this Prospectus, an emerging market country is any country determined to have an emerging markets economy, considering, among other things, factors such as whether the country has a low-to-middle-income economy according to the World Bank or its related organizations, the country's credit rating, its political and economic stability and the development of its financial and capital markets. These countries generally include countries located in Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Eastern and Central Europe.

Zero Coupon Bonds. The Fund's investments in debt securities may be in the form of a zero coupon bond. A zero coupon bond is a bond that does not pay interest for the entire life of the obligation. Zero coupon bonds 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. The Fund would be required to distribute the income on any of these instruments as it accrues, even though the Fund will not receive any of the income on a current basis. 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 Common Shareholders.

When-Issued and Delayed Delivery Transactions. The Fund may buy and sell securities on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis, making payment or taking delivery at a later date, normally within 15 to 45 days of the trade date. This type of transaction may involve an element of risk because no interest accrues on the securities prior to settlement and, because securities are subject to market fluctuations, the value of the securities at time of delivery may be less (or more) than their cost. A separate account of the Fund will be established with its custodian consisting of cash equivalents or liquid securities having a market value at all times at least equal to the amount of any delayed payment commitment.

No Inverse Floating Rate Securities. The Fund will not invest in inverse floating rate securities, which are securities that pay interest at rates that vary inversely with changes in prevailing interest rates and which represent a leveraged investment in an underlying security.

Derivatives. The Fund may invest in certain derivative instruments. Such instruments may include credit default swaps, or other derivative instruments whose prices, in Symphony's opinion, correlate with the prices of the Fund's investments. Credit default swaps may require initial premium (discount) payments as well as periodic payments (receipts) related to the interest leg of the swap or to the default of a reference obligation. If the Fund is a seller of a contract, the Fund would be required to pay the par (or other agreed upon) value of a referenced debt obligation to the counterparty in the event of a default or other credit event by the reference issuer, such as a U.S. or foreign corporate issuer, with respect to such debt obligations. In return, the Fund would receive from the counterparty a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract provided that no event of default has occurred. If no default occurs, the Fund would keep the stream of payments and would have no payment obligations. As the seller, the Fund would be subject to investment exposure on the notional amount of the swap. If the Fund is a buyer of a contract, the Fund would have the right to deliver a referenced debt obligation and receive the par (or other agreed-upon) value of such debt obligation from the counterparty in the event of a default or other credit event (such as a credit downgrade) by the reference issuer, such as a U.S. or foreign corporation, with respect to its debt obligations. In return, the Fund would pay the counterparty a periodic stream of payments over the term of the contract provided that no event of default has occurred. If no default occurs, the counterparty would keep the stream of payments and would have no further obligations to the Fund. Interest rate swaps involve the exchange by the Fund with a counterparty of their respective commitments to pay

or receive interest, such as an exchange of fixed-rate payments for floating rate payments. The Fund will usually enter into interest rate swaps on a net basis; that is, the two payment streams will be netted out in a cash settlement on the payment date or dates specified in the instrument, with the Fund receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments.

In addition, the Fund may use derivatives such as interest rate swaps to manage the Fund's effective interest rate exposure. Interest rate swaps do not involve the delivery of securities or other underlying assets or principal. Accordingly, the risk of loss with respect to the swap counterparty on such transactions is limited to the net amount of interest payments that the Fund is to receive. Interest rate swap positions are valued daily. Although there are economic advantages of entering into interest rate swap transactions, there are also additional risks. The Fund helps manage the credit risks associated with interest rate swap transactions by entering into agreements only with counterparties whom Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony believe have the financial resources to honor their obligations and by having Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony continually monitor the financial stability of the swap counterparties.

Depending on the state of interest rates in general, the Fund's use of interest rate swaps could enhance or harm the overall performance of the Common Shares. In addition, if the counterparty to an interest rate swap defaults, the Fund would not be able to use the anticipated net receipts under the swap to offset the interest payments on Borrowings or the dividend payments on outstanding Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares. Depending on whether the Fund would be entitled to receive net payments from the counterparty on the swap, 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 Shares. In addition, at the time an interest rate swap 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 this occurs, it could have a negative impact on the performance of the Shares. 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 transaction. Early termination of a swap could result in a termination payment by or to the Fund.

The Fund may utilize certain derivative instruments as a hedging technique to protect against potential adverse changes in the market value of portfolio securities. The Fund also may use derivatives to attempt to protect the net asset value of the Fund, to facilitate the sale of certain portfolio securities, to manage the Fund's effective interest rate exposure as a temporary substitute for purchasing or selling particular securities. From time to time, the Fund also may utilize derivative instruments to create investment exposure. Derivative instruments in which the Fund invests are valued at their market values.

Other derivative instruments that may be used, or other transactions that may be entered into, by the Fund may include the purchase or sale of futures contracts on securities, credit-linked notes, securities indices, other indices or other financial instruments; options on futures contracts; exchange-traded and over-the-counter options on securities or indices; index linked securities; swaps; and 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 exchange or at a fair value.

The Fund may invest up to 5% of its Managed Assets in iBoxx Loan Total Return Swaps (as defined below). An iBoxx Loan Total Return Swap is a specific type of total return swap on an index that is designed to provide exposure to the Senior Loan market. The iBoxx Loan Total Return Swap's underlying index is the Markit iBoxx USD Liquid Leveraged Loans Total Return Index, which is one of a subset of indices designed to track the broader, rules-based Markit iBoxx USD Liquid Leveraged Loan Index. iBoxx Loan Total Return Swaps means total return swaps written on the Markit iBoxx USD Liquid Leveraged Loans Total Return Index. Markit, which is not affiliated with Nuveen or the Fund, created this rules-based index to seek to track the broader senior loan market with a smaller subset of the more liquid index constituents (i.e., constituents with greater transparent price discovery, smaller bid-offer spreads, and larger tradeable sizes at particular price

quotes). The Fund believes that iBoxx Loan Total Return Swaps provide an efficient and cost-effective basis for obtaining exposure to the senior loan market. The Fund anticipates using iBoxx Loan Total Return Swaps as a component of synthetic investments that, when combined with cash equivalents, replicate or emulate exposure to Senior Loans, as described above. iBoxx Loan Total Return Swaps share risks that are similar to other derivative instruments in which the Fund may invest. See Risk Factors Security Level Risks Derivatives Risk, Including the Risk of Swaps.

Hedging Transactions. As noted above, the Fund may invest in certain derivative instruments as a hedging technique to protect against potential adverse changes in the market value of portfolio securities. These types of strategies may generate taxable income. There is no assurance that these derivative strategies will be available at any time, that Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony will determine to use them for the Fund or, if used, that the strategies will be successful. See Hedging Strategies and Other Uses Of Derivatives in the SAI for further information on hedging transactions.

Limitations on the Use of Futures, Options on Futures and Swaps. Nuveen Fund Advisors has claimed, with respect to the Fund, the exclusion from the definition of commodity pool operator under the Commodity Exchange Act (CEA) provided by Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) Regulation 4.5 and is therefore not currently subject to registration or regulation as such under the CEA with respect to the Fund. In addition, Symphony has claimed the exemption from registration as a commodity trading advisor provided by CFTC Regulation 4.14(a)(8) and is therefore not currently subject to registration or regulation as such under the CEA with respect to the Fund. In February 2012, the CFTC announced substantial amendments to certain exemptions, and to the conditions for reliance on those exemptions, from registration as a commodity pool operator. Under amendments to the exemption provided under CFTC Regulation 4.5, if the Fund uses futures, options on futures or swaps other than for bona fide hedging purposes (as defined by the CFTC), the aggregate initial margin and premiums on these positions (after taking into account unrealized profits and unrealized losses on any such positions and excluding the amount by which options that are in-the-money at the time of purchase are in-the-money) may not exceed 5% of the Fund's net asset value, or alternatively, the aggregate net notional value of those positions may not exceed 100% of the Fund's net asset value (after taking into account unrealized profits and unrealized losses on any such positions). The CFTC amendments to Regulation 4.5 took effect on December 31, 2012, and the Fund intends to comply with amended Regulation 4.5's requirements such that Nuveen Fund Advisors will not be required to register as a commodity pool operator with the CFTC with respect to the Fund. The Fund reserves the right to employ futures, options on futures and swaps to the extent allowed by CFTC regulations in effect from time to time and in accordance with the Fund's policies. The requirements for qualification as a regulated investment company may also limit the extent to which the Fund may employ futures, options on futures or swaps.

Illiquid Securities. The Fund may invest in securities and other instruments that, at the time of investment, are illiquid (*i.e.*, securities that are not readily marketable). For this purpose, illiquid securities may include, but are not limited to, restricted securities (securities the disposition of which is restricted under the federal securities laws), securities that may only be resold pursuant to Rule 144A under the 1933 Act, that are deemed to be illiquid, and certain repurchase agreements. The privately negotiated subordinated loans to middle-market companies in which the Fund may invest are likely to be illiquid. The Board of Trustees or its delegate has the ultimate authority to determine which securities are liquid or illiquid for purposes of this limitation. The Board of Trustees has delegated to the Advisers the day-to-day determination of the illiquidity of any security held by the Fund, although it has retained oversight and ultimate responsibility for such determinations. No definitive liquidity criteria are used. The Board of Trustees has directed the Advisers when making liquidity determinations to look for such factors as (i) the nature of the market for a security (including the institutional private resale market; the frequency of trades and quotes for the security; the number of dealers willing to purchase or sell the security; the amount of time normally needed to dispose of the security; and the method of soliciting offers and the mechanics of transfer), (ii) the terms of certain securities or other instruments allowing for the disposition to a third party or the Issuer thereof (*e.g.*, certain repurchase obligations and demand instruments), and (iii) other relevant factors.

Restricted securities may be sold only in privately negotiated transactions or in a public offering with respect to which a registration statement is in effect under the 1933 Act. Where registration is required, the Fund may be obligated to pay all or part of the registration expenses and a considerable period may elapse between the time of the decision to sell and the time the Fund may be permitted to sell a security under an effective registration statement. If, during such a period, adverse market conditions were to develop, the Fund might obtain a less favorable price than that which prevailed when it decided to sell. Illiquid securities will be priced at fair value as determined in good faith by the Board of Trustees or its delegate. If, through the appreciation of illiquid securities or the depreciation of liquid securities, the Fund should be in a position where more than 50% of the value of its Managed Assets is invested in illiquid securities, including restricted securities that are not readily marketable, the Fund will take such steps as are deemed advisable, if any, to protect liquidity.

Short-Term/Long-Term Debt Securities; Defensive Position. During temporary defensive periods (e.g., times of adverse market, economic or political conditions), the Fund may deviate from its investment objective and invest all or any portion of its assets in investment grade debt securities, including obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies and instrumentalities. In such a case, the Fund may not pursue or achieve its investment objective during such period.

Lending of Portfolio Securities. The Fund may lend its portfolio securities to broker-dealers and banks. Any such loan must be continuously secured by collateral in cash, U.S. Government securities and/or irrevocable letters of credit issued by a bank, maintained on a current basis in an amount at least equal to the market value of the securities loaned by the Fund. The Fund would continue to receive the equivalent of the interest or dividends paid by the Issuer on the securities loaned through payments from the borrower, although such amounts received from the borrower would not be eligible to be treated as tax-advantaged dividends. The Fund would also receive an additional return that may be in the form of a fixed fee or a percentage of the collateral. The Fund must receive reasonable interest on the loan, and any increase in market value. The Fund may pay reasonable fees to persons unaffiliated with the Fund for services in arranging these loans. The Fund may pay only reasonable custodian fees in connection with the loan. The Fund would have the right to call the loan and obtain the securities loaned at any time on notice of not more than five business days. The Fund would not have the right to vote the securities during the existence of the loan but would call the loan to permit voting of the securities, if, in an Adviser's judgment, a material event requiring a shareholder vote would otherwise occur before the loan was repaid. In the event of bankruptcy or other default of the borrower, the Fund could experience both delays in liquidating the loan collateral or recovering the loaned securities and losses, including (a) possible decline in the value of the collateral or in the value of the securities loaned during the period while the Fund seeks to enforce its rights thereto, (b) possible subnormal levels of income and lack of access to income during this period, and (c) expenses of enforcing its rights.

Other Investment Companies. The Fund may invest up to 10% of its Managed Assets in securities of other open- or closed-end investment companies, including exchange-traded funds (ETFs) that invest primarily in securities of the types in which the Fund may invest directly. In addition, the Fund may invest a portion of its Managed Assets in pooled investment vehicles (other than investment companies) that invest primarily in securities of the types in which the Fund may invest directly. The Fund generally expects that it may invest in other investment companies and/or other pooled investment vehicles either during periods when it has large amounts of uninvested cash, such as the period shortly after the Fund receives the proceeds of the offering of its Common Shares, preferred shares and/or Borrowings, or during periods when there is a shortage of attractive securities of the types in which the Fund may invest in directly available in the market. The Fund may invest in investment companies that are advised by Nuveen Fund Advisors or its affiliates to the extent permitted by applicable law and/or pursuant to exemptive relief from the SEC. The Fund has not received or applied for, nor does it currently intend to apply for, any such relief. As an investor in an investment company, the Fund will bear its ratable share of that investment company's expenses, and would remain subject to payment of the Fund's advisory and administrative fees with respect to assets so invested. Common Shareholders would therefore be subject to duplicative expenses to the extent the Fund invests in other investment companies. Symphony will take expenses into account when evaluating the investment merits of an investment in the investment company relative to available securities of the types in which the Fund may invest directly. In addition, the securities of

other investment companies also may be leveraged and therefore will be subject to the same leverage risks described herein. As described in the section entitled Risk Factors, the net asset value and market value of leveraged shares will be more volatile and the yield to Common Shareholders will tend to fluctuate more than the yield generated by unleveraged shares. The Fund will treat its investments in such investment companies as investments in Adjustable Rate Loans for all purposes, such as for purposes of determining compliance with the requirement set forth above that at least 70% of the Fund's Managed Assets be invested under normal market circumstances in Adjustable Rate Loans.

Portfolio Turnover. The Fund may engage in portfolio trading when considered appropriate, but short-term trading will not be used as the primary means of achieving the Fund's investment objective. Although the Fund cannot accurately predict its annual portfolio turnover rate, it is generally not expected to exceed 50% under normal circumstances. However, there are no limits on the Fund's rate of portfolio turnover, and investments may be sold without regard to length of time held when, in Nuveen Fund Advisors's opinion, investment considerations warrant such action. A higher portfolio turnover rate would result in correspondingly greater brokerage commissions and other transactional expenses that are borne by the Fund. In addition, high portfolio turnover may result in the realization of net short-term capital gains by the Fund which, when distributed to shareholders, will be taxable as ordinary income. See Tax Matters.

For the fiscal year ended July 31, 2017, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 46%.

PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the composition of the Fund's securities as of July 31, 2017.

Fund Allocation (as a % of net assets)*	Percent
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)%
Net Assets Plus Borrowings and Reverse Repurchase Agreements	155.8%
Borrowings	(44.3)%
Reverse Repurchase Agreements	(11.5)%
Net Assets	100%

* The relative percentages of the value of the investments attributable the securities could change over time as a result of rebalancing the Fund's assets by Symphony, market value fluctuations, issuance of additional shares and other events.

USE OF LEVERAGE

The Fund may use regulatory leverage. Regulatory leverage consists of senior securities as defined under the 1940 Act, which include (1) Borrowing; (2) issuance of debt securities; and (3) issuance of preferred shares. The Fund has outstanding Borrowings and reverse

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repurchase agreements, and from time to time may employ derivatives, such as certain credit default swaps, interest rate swaps, total return swaps and bond futures, that have the economic effect of leverage by creating additional investment exposure. See The Fund's Investments Portfolio Composition and Other Information Derivatives in the Prospectus and Hedging Transactions in the SAI. Reverse repurchase agreements may be considered to be borrowings by the Fund, but are not considered to

be senior securities as defined under the 1940 Act so long as the Fund establishes and maintains on its accounting records cash or other liquid assets equal to the Fund's obligations in respect of such reverse repurchase agreements, as provided by Investment Company Act Release No. 10666 and related SEC guidance. The Fund may also borrow money for repurchase of its shares or as a temporary measure for extraordinary or emergency purposes, including the payment of dividends and the settlement of securities transactions which otherwise might require untimely dispositions of Fund securities. The Fund may use leverage to the extent permissible under the 1940 Act. The Fund will seek to invest any net cash proceeds from leverage in a manner consistent with the Fund's investment objectives and policies.

The amounts and forms of leverage used by the Fund may vary with prevailing market or economic conditions. The timing and terms of any leverage transactions are determined by the Board of Trustees. There is no assurance that the Fund's leveraging strategy will be successful.

The Fund currently employs regulatory leverage through Borrowings. Generally, the Fund intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of Term Preferred Shares to repay Borrowings under its Credit Facilities, repurchase securities subject to reverse repurchase agreements or to increase the Fund's leverage. The Fund may in the future issue additional types of Preferred Shares.

With respect to Borrowings, the Fund has entered into the Credit Agreement and the Repo Facility. The borrowing capacity under the Credit Agreement is \$640 million. The Credit Agreement has a rolling monthly 90-day maturity, with an end date of April 1, 2020, unless extended. The Fund has the right to augment or replace the Credit Agreement with a new credit agreement in the future, and any such augmented or replacement credit agreement may contain terms that are materially different than the terms contained in the existing Credit Agreement, including terms that limit payments to holders of Term Preferred Shares. Under the Repo Facility, as a means of leverage, the Fund sells to Société Générale a security or securities that it holds with a contemporaneous agreement to repurchase the same security at an agreed-upon price and date, with the Fund retaining the risk of loss that is associated with that security. The Fund will segregate assets determined to be liquid by the Adviser to cover its obligations under the Repo Facility. As of July 31, 2017, the Fund's outstanding balance on these Borrowings under the: (i) Credit Agreement was \$561,000,000 and (ii) Repo Facility was \$145,000,000. For the fiscal year ended July 31, 2017, the average daily balance outstanding and average annual interest rate on these Borrowings were \$561,000,000 and 2.10%, respectively. The Credit Agreement is secured by substantially all of the assets of the Fund and the Repo Facility is secured by certain specific segregated assets of the Fund. The amount of outstanding Borrowings may vary with prevailing market or economic conditions. The Fund borrows money at rates generally available to institutional investors. Any Borrowings of the Fund, including Borrowings currently under the Credit Agreement and/or under the Repo Facility, will have seniority over Term Preferred Shares. The rights of lenders, such as the Noteholder under the Credit Agreement and Société Générale under the Repo Facility, and any other creditors to receive payments of interest on and repayments of principal of any Borrowings are senior to the rights of holders of Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, and Common Shares, with respect to the payment of dividends and other distributions, and upon liquidation. The Fund may not be permitted to declare dividends and other distributions with respect to the Term Preferred Shares and Common Shares or redeem Term Preferred Shares unless at such time, the Fund meets certain asset coverage requirements and no event of default or other circumstance exists under the Credit Agreement or with respect to any other Borrowings that would limit or otherwise block payments in redemption. Borrowings and Preferred Shares, such as the Term Preferred Shares, will have seniority over the Common Shares.

The Fund has entered into reverse repurchase agreements as a means of leverage. Reverse repurchase agreements involve the sale of securities held by the Fund with an agreement to repurchase the securities at an agreed-upon price, date and interest payment. The Fund will segregate assets determined to be liquid by the Adviser to cover its obligations under reverse repurchase agreements.

The Fund may enter into an interest rate swap with a third party to be identified in, and as described in, a prospectus supplement.

So long as the rate of return, net of applicable Fund expenses, on the Fund's portfolio investments exceeds the then current interest rate on Borrowings and the Preferred Shares' dividend rate, the investment of the proceeds of Borrowings and the Preferred Shares will generate more income than will be needed to make interest and dividend payments. If so, the excess will be available to pay higher dividends to Common Shareholders. Changes in the value of the Fund's portfolio, including costs attributable to Borrowings or Preferred Shares, such as the Term Preferred Shares, will be borne entirely by the Common Shareholders. If there is a net decrease (or increase) in the value of the Fund's investment portfolio, the leverage will decrease (or increase) the NAV per Common Share to a greater extent than if the Fund were not leveraged.

The Fund pays Nuveen Fund Advisors a management fee (which in turn pays a portion of its fee to the Fund's sub-adviser, Symphony) based on a percentage of Managed Assets. Managed Assets for this purpose includes the proceeds realized from the Fund's use of leverage as set forth in the Fund's investment management agreement. See Management of the Fund Investment Management and Sub-Advisory Agreements. Nuveen Fund Advisors will be responsible for using leverage to pursue the Fund's investment objectives, and will base its decision regarding whether and how much to leverage to use for the Fund based solely on its assessment of whether such use of leverage will advance the Fund's investment objectives. However, a decision to increase the Fund's leverage will have the effect of increasing Managed Assets and therefore Nuveen Fund Advisors' and Symphony's management fee. Thus, Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony may have a conflict of interest in determining whether to increase the Fund's use of leverage. Nuveen Fund Advisors will seek to manage that incentive by only increasing the Fund's use of leverage when it determines that such increase is in the best interest of the Fund and is consistent with the Fund's investment objective, and by periodically reviewing the Fund's performance and use of leverage with the Board of Trustees.

Under the 1940 Act, the Fund generally is not permitted to borrow or issue commercial paper or notes unless immediately after the borrowing or commercial paper or note issuance the value of the Fund's total assets less liabilities other than the principal amount represented by commercial paper, notes or borrowings, is at least 300% of such principal amount. Generally, the Fund intends, to the extent possible, to prepay all or a portion of the principal amount of any outstanding borrowing, notes or commercial paper to the extent necessary in order to maintain the required asset coverage. Failure to maintain certain asset coverage requirements could result in an event of default and entitle the debt holders to elect a majority of the Board of Trustees.

Under the 1940 Act, the Fund is not permitted to issue Preferred Shares unless immediately after such issuance, the value of the Fund's asset coverage is at least 200% of the liquidation value of the outstanding Preferred Shares (i.e., such liquidation value may not exceed 50% of the Fund's asset coverage). In addition, the Fund is not permitted to declare any cash dividend or other distribution on its Common Shares unless, at the time of such declaration, the value of the Fund's asset coverage less liabilities other than borrowings is at least 200% of such liquidation value. Generally, the Fund intends, to the extent possible, to purchase or redeem Preferred Shares from time to time to the extent necessary in order to maintain asset coverage with respect to the Preferred Shares.

The Fund is subject to certain restrictions imposed by either guidelines of one or more rating agencies that may issue ratings for the Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, commercial paper or notes, or by Société Générale and/or the Noteholder, in the case of the Credit Facilities. These guidelines generally include asset coverage requirements; portfolio characteristics such as portfolio diversification and credit rating criteria; and qualitative views on the Fund and Fund management. While these restrictions and guidelines may impose different requirements than those under the 1940 Act, it is not anticipated that these restrictions or guidelines will impede the management of the Fund's portfolio in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies.

RISK FACTORS

Risk is inherent in all investing. Investing in any investment company security involves risk, including the risk that you may receive little or no return on your investment or even that you may lose part or all of your investment. Therefore, before investing you should consider carefully the following risks that you assume when you invest in Term Preferred Shares. In addition to risks associated with investing in Term Preferred Shares, an investor in the Term Preferred Shares will also be subject indirectly to the general risks associated with the Fund's investment policies, as described below. The section below does not describe all of the risks associated with an investment in the Fund. Additional risks and uncertainties may also adversely affect and impact the Fund.

Risks of Investing in Term Preferred Shares

Subordination Risk.

While holders of Term Preferred Shares will have equal liquidation and distribution rights to any other Preferred Shares that might be issued by the Fund, they will be subordinated to the rights of holders of senior indebtedness of the Fund, including the Credit Facilities or any other credit agreement or reverse repurchase agreement in effect on such date. Therefore, dividends, distributions, payments in redemption and other payments to holders of Term Preferred Shares (i) may be blocked by the terms of the Credit Facilities or any other credit agreement or reverse repurchase agreement in effect on such date and (ii) may be subject to prior payments due to the holders of senior indebtedness. The Fund also has the right to augment or replace the Credit Agreement with a new credit agreement in the future, and any such augmented or replacement credit agreement may contain terms that are materially different than the terms contained in the existing Credit Agreement, including terms that limit payments to holders of Term Preferred Shares.

In addition, the 1940 Act may provide debt holders with voting rights that are superior to the voting rights of Preferred Shares holders, including holders of Term Preferred Shares. The rights of lenders, creditors and counterparties of the Fund will also be senior to those of holders of Term Preferred Shares.

Capital Structure Risk.

As noted above, the Fund has entered into the Credit Facilities, and has an outstanding balance. The rights of lenders, such as Société Générale and the Noteholder, and any other creditors to receive payments of interest on and repayments of principal of any Borrowings are senior to the rights of the Fund's equity holders, such as holders of Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, and Common Shares, with respect to the payment of dividends and other distributions, and upon liquidation. The Fund may not be permitted to declare dividends and other distributions with respect to the Term Preferred Shares and Common Shares or redeem Term Preferred Shares unless at such time, the Fund meets certain asset coverage requirements and no event of default or other circumstance exists under the Credit Facilities (or any other credit agreement or reverse repurchase agreement in effect as of such date) that would limit or otherwise block payments in redemption.

Interest Rate Risk Term Preferred Shares.

Term Preferred Shares pay dividends at the Dividend Rate (as described above in Dividends and Dividend Periods Dividend Rate). The Dividend Rate may be adjusted periodically in accordance with the Statement and as disclosed in a prospectus supplement. Prices of fixed income

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investments vary inversely with changes in market yields. The market yields on securities comparable to Term Preferred Shares may increase, which would likely result in a decline in the secondary market price of Term Preferred Shares prior to the term redemption date. See Description of Term Preferred Shares Dividends and Dividend Periods.

Unlisted Shares Risk.

Because the Fund has no prior trading history for Preferred Shares, it is difficult to predict the trading patterns of Term Preferred Shares, including the effective costs of trading Term Preferred Shares. Moreover,

Term Preferred Shares will not be listed on a stock exchange. Thus, an investment in Term Preferred Shares may be illiquid and there may be no active trading market.

Ratings Risk.

The Fund expects that, at issuance, the Term Preferred Shares will be rated at certain minimum levels by Rating Agencies designated by the Board of Trustees, and that such ratings will be a requirement of issuance of such Shares by the underwriter pursuant to an underwriting agreement. There can be no assurance that the Term Preferred Shares will receive any particular rating from a Rating Agency, or that any such ratings will be maintained at the level originally assigned through the term of Term Preferred Shares. In the event that one or more of the Rating Agencies do not issue a rating on the Term Preferred Shares at all or at the minimum level required, the issuance and sale of Term Preferred Shares in this offering may not be completed. Ratings do not eliminate or mitigate the risks of investing in Term Preferred Shares. A rating issued by a Rating Agency is only the opinion of the entity issuing the rating at that time, and is not a guarantee as to quality, or an assurance of the future performance, of the rated security (in this case, Term Preferred Shares). In addition, the manner in which the Rating Agency obtains and processes information about a particular security may affect the Rating Agency's ability to timely react to changes in an issuer's circumstances (in this case, the Fund) that could influence a particular rating. A Rating Agency could downgrade Term Preferred Shares, which may make Term Preferred Shares less liquid in the secondary market and reduce market prices.

Early Redemption Risk.

The Fund may, if permitted under the Statement and as disclosed in a prospectus supplement, voluntarily redeem Term Preferred Shares or may be forced to redeem Term Preferred Shares to meet regulatory requirements and satisfy the asset coverage requirements of the Term Preferred Shares. Such redemptions may be at a time that is unfavorable to holders of Term Preferred Shares. For further information, see Description of Term Preferred Shares Redemption and Asset Coverage.

Tax Risks.

To qualify for the favorable U.S. federal income tax treatment generally accorded to regulated investment companies, among other things, the Fund must derive in each taxable year at least 90% of its gross income from certain prescribed sources. Additionally, in order to qualify for treatment as a regulated investment company, the Fund must meet certain distribution requirements. The failure to pay distributions could result in the Fund ceasing to qualify as a regulated investment company. Nevertheless, the Fund might not distribute all of its net investment income, and the Fund is not required to distribute any portion of its net capital gain. If for any taxable year the Fund does not qualify as a regulated investment company, all of its taxable income (including its net capital gain) would be subject to tax at regular corporate rates without any deduction for distributions to stockholders, and such distributions would be taxable as ordinary dividends to the extent of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits. The value of Term Preferred Shares may be adversely affected by changes in tax rates and policies.

In addition, the Fund will treat Term Preferred Shares as equity in the Fund for federal income tax purposes. Because there is no controlling legal precedent on the classification of Term Preferred Shares as equity for federal income tax purposes, investors should be aware that the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) could assert a contrary position meaning that the IRS could attempt to classify Term Preferred Shares as debt. If the IRS prevailed on such a position, dividends paid on Term Preferred Shares (including dividends already paid) would be treated as interest payments. Although there is no controlling legal precedent, the Fund's treatment of the Term Preferred Shares as equity is consistent with the holding of a private letter ruling issued by the IRS to another regulated investment company that preferred stock similar to Term Preferred Shares qualifies as equity for federal income tax purposes. In general, private letter rulings may not be used or cited as precedent, but the courts recognize that private letter rulings reveal the interpretation put upon the statute by the IRS and that they

may be helpful in establishing consistency of administrative treatment. In addition, private letter rulings are authority for purposes of determining whether there is substantial authority for the tax treatment of an item in connection with the imposition of the accuracy-related penalty under Section 6662 of the Code. The Fund does not intend currently to seek a ruling on the equity status of Term Preferred Shares. See Tax Matters. See also the form of opinion of counsel included as Appendix D to the SAI.

Income Shortfall Risk.

If the interest rates paid on the securities held by the Fund fall below the Dividend Rate, the Fund's ability to pay dividends on Term Preferred Shares could be jeopardized.

Credit Crisis and Liquidity Risk.

General market uncertainty and extraordinary conditions in the credit markets may impact the liquidity of the Fund's investment portfolio, which in turn, during extraordinary circumstances, could impact the Fund's distributions and/or the liquidity of the Term Redemption Liquidity Account (as described under Description of Term Preferred Shares). Further, there may be market imbalances of sellers and buyers of Term Preferred Shares during periods of extreme illiquidity and volatility. Such market conditions may lead to periods of thin trading in any secondary market for Term Preferred Shares and may make valuation of Term Preferred Shares uncertain. As a result, the spread between bid and asked prices is likely to increase significantly such that a Term Preferred Shares investor may have greater difficulty selling his or her Term Preferred Shares. Less liquid and more volatile trading environments could result in sudden and significant valuation increases or declines in Term Preferred Shares.

Reinvestment Risk Term Preferred Shares.

Given the limited term and potential for early redemption of Term Preferred Shares, holders of Term Preferred Shares may face an increased reinvestment risk, which is the risk that the return on an investment purchased with proceeds from the sale or redemption of Term Preferred Shares may be lower than the return previously obtained from an investment in Term Preferred Shares.

Potential Conflicts of Interest Risk.

Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony each provide a wide array of portfolio management and other asset management services to a mix of clients and may engage in ordinary course activities in which their respective interests or those of their clients may compete or conflict with those of the Fund. For example, Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony may provide investment management services to other funds and accounts that follow investment objectives similar to that of the Fund. In certain circumstances, and subject to its fiduciary obligations under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, Symphony may have to allocate a limited investment opportunity among its clients, which include closed-end funds, open-end funds, other commingled funds, collateralized loan obligations, collateralized debt obligations, simplified employee pension accounts and other private funds. For additional information about potential conflicts of interest, and the way in which Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony address such conflicts, please see the Fund's SAI.

Fund Level Risk

Investment and Market Risk.

An investment in the Fund's Shares is subject to investment risk, including the possible loss of the entire principal amount that you invest. Your investment in Term Preferred Shares represents an indirect investment in the corporate debt obligations owned by the Fund, which generally trade in the over-the-counter markets. Your Term Preferred Shares at any point in time may be worth less than your original investment.

Issuer Level Risks

Issuer Credit Risk.

Debt instruments in which the Fund may invest are subject to the risk of non-payment of scheduled interest or principal. Such non-payment would result in a reduction of income to the Fund, a reduction in the value of the investment and a potential decrease in the net assets of the Fund. Even if an issuer remains current on principal and interest payments, a deterioration in the market's perception of the issuer's ability to make such payments in the future may cause a reduction in the value of the issuer's securities, and a commensurate decrease in the value of the Fund's net assets. To the extent that an issuer must refinance its debt instrument in order to make principal payments at maturity, the issuer's inability to refinance may present increased risk of loss to the Fund.

There can be no assurance that the liquidation of any collateral securing a debt obligation would satisfy the issuer's obligation in the event of non-payment of scheduled interest or principal payments, or that such collateral could be readily liquidated. In the event of bankruptcy of an issuer, the Fund could experience delays or limitations with respect to its ability to realize the benefits of the collateral securing a debt obligation. The collateral securing a debt obligation may lose all or substantially all of its value in the event of bankruptcy of an issuer. Some debt obligations are subject to the risk that a court, pursuant to fraudulent conveyance or other similar laws, could subordinate such debt obligations to presently existing or future indebtedness of the issuer or take other action detrimental to the holders of debt obligations, including, in certain circumstances, invalidating such debt obligations or causing interest previously paid to be refunded to the issuer. If interest were required to be refunded, it would negatively affect the Fund's performance.

In evaluating the creditworthiness of issuers, Symphony may consider, and may rely in part on, analyses performed by others. Issuers may have outstanding debt obligations that are rated below investment grade by a NRSRO. NRSROs are private services that provide ratings of the credit quality of debt instruments. Ratings assigned by a NRSRO are not absolute standards of credit quality and do not evaluate market risks or the liquidity of securities. NRSROs may fail to make timely changes in credit ratings and an issuer's current financial condition may be better or worse than a rating indicates. To the extent that the issuer of a security pays a NRSRO for the analysis of its security, an inherent conflict of interest may exist that could affect the reliability of the rating. Many of the debt obligations acquired by the Fund will have been assigned ratings below investment grade quality. Because of the protective features of Senior Loans, Symphony believes that Senior Loans tend to have more favorable loss recovery rates as compared to more junior types of below investment grade debt obligations. In addition, Symphony believes there are investment opportunities in the subordinated loan segment, which it believes create the potential for attractive risk-adjusted returns. Symphony does not view ratings as the determinative factor in its investment decisions and relies more upon its credit analysis abilities.

The Fund's Adjustable Rate Loans and other loans may include interest rate reset provisions, which can increase issuer credit risk. Under certain circumstances, a loan's interest rate may reset at a higher rate that the Borrower cannot repay and thereby cause the loan to default.

Below Investment Grade Risk.

The Fund invests in debt instruments that are rated below investment grade at the time of investment or that are unrated but judged by the portfolio managers to be of comparable quality. Substantially all of the Fund's portfolio likely will be invested in debt instruments of below investment grade quality. Debt instruments of below investment grade quality are regarded as having predominately speculative characteristics with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal, and are commonly referred to as junk bonds or high yield debt, which may be subject to higher price volatility and default risk than investment grade instruments of comparable terms and duration. Issuers of lower grade instruments may be highly leveraged and may not have available to them more traditional methods of financing. The prices of these lower grade instruments 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 instruments. The secondary market for lower grade

instruments, including some Adjustable Rate Loans and most subordinated loans may not be as liquid as the secondary market for more highly rated instruments, a factor which may have an adverse effect on the Fund's ability to dispose of a particular instrument. There are fewer dealers in the market for lower grade securities than for investment grade obligations. The prices quoted by different dealers for lower grade instruments may vary significantly and the spread between the bid and ask price for such instruments is generally much larger than for higher quality instruments. Under adverse market or economic conditions, the secondary market for lower grade securities could contract further, independent of any specific adverse changes in the condition of a particular issuer, and these instruments may become illiquid. As a result, the Fund could find it more difficult to sell these instruments or may be able to sell the instruments only at prices lower than if such instruments were widely traded. Prices realized upon the sale of such lower rated or unrated instruments, under these circumstances, may be less than the prices used in calculating the Fund's NAV.

Distressed and defaulted securities, including DIPs, generally present the same risks as investments in below investment grade debt instruments. However, in most cases, these risks are of a greater magnitude because of the uncertainties of investing in an issuer undergoing financial distress. An issuer of distressed securities may be in bankruptcy or undergoing some other form of financial restructuring. Interest and/or principal payments on distressed securities may be in default. Distressed securities present a risk of loss of principal value, including potentially a total loss of value. Distressed securities may be highly illiquid and the prices at which distressed securities may be sold may represent a substantial discount to what Symphony believes to be the ultimate value of such obligations.

Non-U.S. Securities Risk.

The Fund may invest in securities of non-U.S. Issuers that are U.S. dollar or non-U.S. dollar denominated. Investments in securities of non-U.S. companies involve special risks not presented by investments in securities of U.S. companies, including less publicly available information about non-U.S. companies or markets due to less rigorous disclosure or accounting standards or regulatory practices; restrictions on foreign investment; possible restrictions on repatriation of investment income and capital; reduced levels of government regulation; many non-U.S. markets may be smaller, less liquid and more volatile; potential adverse effects of fluctuations in currency exchange rates and the costs associated with them (such as currency transfer fees) or fluctuations in 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 experience a downturn or recession; the impact of economic, political, social or diplomatic events; possible seizure of a company's assets; including expropriation and nationalization; restrictions imposed by non-U.S. countries limiting the ability of non-U.S. issuers to make payments of principal and/or interest and withholding and other non-U.S. taxes may decrease the Fund's return. In addition, settlement, clearing, safe custody and registration procedures may be underdeveloped, which increases the chance of an error, fraud or default, which could cause loss to the Fund. In the event of default, there may be limited or no legal recourse in that, generally, remedies for defaults must be pursued in the courts of the defaulting party. Also, enforcing legal rights, such as security interests in collateral underlying loans, may be difficult, costly and slow in non-U.S. countries. Given this possibility, underlying collateral of non-U.S. Borrowers may be insufficient to fully discharge their obligations to the Fund. These risks are more pronounced to the extent that the Fund invests a significant amount of its assets in companies located in one region and to the extent that the Fund invests in securities of issuers in emerging markets. See **Emerging Markets Risk** below. To the extent the Fund invests in depositary receipts, the Fund will be subject to many of the same risks as when investing directly in non-U.S. securities. The holder of an unsponsored depositary receipt may have limited voting rights and may not receive as much information about the issuer of the underlying securities as would the holder of a sponsored depositary receipt. The Fund's income from non-U.S. issuers may be subject to non-U.S. withholding taxes. In some countries, the Fund also may be subject to taxes on trading profits and, on certain securities transactions, transfer or stamp duties tax. To the extent foreign income taxes are paid by the Fund, it is unlikely that U.S. Shareholders will be able to claim a credit or deduction for U.S. federal income tax purposes. See **Tax Matters**. Furthermore, foreign market securities may incur brokerage or stock transfer taxes, which may have the effect of increasing the Fund's cost of investment and which may reduce the realized gain or increase the loss on such securities at the time of sale.

Emerging Markets Risk.

The Fund may invest in securities of non-U.S. Issuers that are U.S. dollar or non-U.S. dollar denominated. The Fund's Managed Assets to be invested in loans and other debt instruments of non-U.S. Issuers may include debt securities of Issuers located, or conducting their business in, emerging markets countries. Risks of investing in emerging markets issuers include: smaller market capitalization of securities markets, which may suffer periods of relative illiquidity; significant price volatility; restrictions on foreign investment; and possible restrictions on repatriation of investment income and capital. In addition, foreign investors may be required to register the proceeds of sales and future economic or political crises could lead to price controls, forced mergers, expropriation or confiscatory taxation, seizure, nationalization, or creation of government monopolies. Inflation and rapid fluctuations in inflation rates have had, and may continue to have, negative effects on the economies and securities markets of certain emerging market countries. Certain emerging markets also may face other significant internal or external risks, including a heightened risk of war, and ethnic, religious and racial conflicts. In addition, governments in many emerging market countries participate to a significant degree in their economies and securities markets, which may impair investment and economic growth, and which may in turn diminish the value of the companies in those markets.

Asset-Backed Securities Risk.

The Fund may invest in mortgage related debt securities and other types of asset backed securities. In the last ten years, certain mortgage-related and asset-backed securities in the United States have experienced difficulties that still adversely affect the performance and market value of certain asset backed securities. Delinquencies and losses on residential mortgage loans may increase, and a decline in or flattening of housing values may exacerbate losses for mortgage related securities. Furthermore, any increase in prevailing market interest rates may result in increased payments for borrowers who have adjustable-rate mortgage loans. Therefore, the risks of loss is heightened for borrowers with adjustable rate loans.

Security Level Risks

Senior Loan Risk.

Senior Loans hold the most senior position in the capital structure of a business entity, are typically secured with specific collateral and have a claim on the assets and/or stock of the Borrower that is senior to that held by subordinated debt holders and stockholders of the Borrower. Senior Loans that the Fund intends to invest in are usually rated below investment grade, and share the same risks of other below investment grade debt instruments.

Although the Fund invests primarily in Senior Loans that are secured by specific collateral, there can be no assurance the liquidation of such collateral would satisfy a Borrower's obligation to the Fund in the event of Borrower default or that such collateral could be readily liquidated under such circumstances. If the terms of a Senior Loan do not require the Borrower to pledge additional collateral in the event of a decline in the value of the already pledged collateral, the Fund will be exposed to the risk that the value of the collateral will not at all times equal or exceed the amount of the Borrower's obligations under the Senior Loan.

In the event of bankruptcy of a Borrower, the Fund could also experience delays or limitations with respect to its ability to realize the benefits of any collateral securing a Senior Loan. If a secured loan is foreclosed, the Fund would likely bear the costs and liabilities associated with owning and disposing of the collateral. The collateral may be difficult to sell and the Fund would bear the risk that the collateral may decline in value while the Fund is holding it. Some Senior Loans are subject to the risk that a court, pursuant to fraudulent conveyance or other similar laws,

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could subordinate the Senior Loans to presently existing or future indebtedness of the Borrower or take other action detrimental to lenders, including the Fund. Such court action could under certain circumstances include invalidation of Senior Loans.

Loan interests may not be considered securities, and purchasers, such as the Fund, therefore may not be entitled to rely on the protections of the federal securities laws.

Second Lien Loans and Unsecured Loans Risk.

Second lien loans and unsecured loans generally are subject to the same risks associated with investments in Senior Loans, as discussed above. Because second lien loans and unsecured loans are lower in priority of payment to Senior Loans, they are subject to the additional risk that the cash flow of the Borrower and property securing the loan, if any, may be insufficient to meet scheduled payments after giving effect to the senior secured obligations of the Borrower. This risk is generally higher for unsecured loans, which are not backed by a security interest in any specific collateral. Second lien loans and unsecured loans are expected to have greater price volatility than Senior Loans and may be less liquid. Second lien loans and unsecured loans of below investment grade quality also share the same risks of other below investment grade debt instruments.

Subordinated Loans and Other Subordinated Debt Instruments.

Issuers of subordinated loans and other subordinated debt instruments in which the Fund may invest usually will have, or may be permitted to incur, other debt that ranks equally with, or senior to, the subordinated loans or other subordinated debt instruments. By their terms, such debt instruments may provide that the holders are entitled to receive payment of interest or principal on or before the dates on which the Fund is entitled to receive payments in respect of subordinated loans or other subordinated debt instruments in which it invests. Also, in the event of insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or bankruptcy of an issuer, holders of debt instruments ranking senior to the subordinated loan or other debt instrument in which the Fund invests would typically be entitled to receive payment in full before the Fund receives any distribution in respect of its investment. After repaying such senior creditors, such issuer may not have any remaining assets to use for repaying its obligation to the Fund. In the case of debt ranking equally with subordinated loans or other subordinated debt instruments in which the Fund invests, the Fund would have to share on an equal basis any distributions with other creditors holding such debt in the event of an insolvency, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or bankruptcy of the relevant issuer. In addition, the Fund will likely not be in a position to control any issuer by investing in its debt instruments. As a result, the Fund will be subject to the risk that an issuer in which it invests may make business decisions with which the Fund disagrees and the management of such issuer, as representatives of the holders of their common equity, may take risks or otherwise act in ways that do not serve the Fund's interests as a debt investor.

Risk of Settlement Delays.

Portfolio transactions in loans may settle in as short as seven days but typically can take up to two or three weeks, and in some cases much longer. Unlike the securities markets, there is no central clearinghouse for loan transactions, and the loan market has not established enforceable settlement standards or remedies for failure to settle.

Loans Not Considered Securities.

Loan interests may not be considered securities, and purchasers, such as the Fund, therefore may not be entitled to rely on the protections of the federal securities laws.

Interest Rate Risk.

Interest rate risk is the risk that fixed rate debt instruments will decline in value because of changes in market interest rates. When interest rates rise, the value of fixed rate obligations can be expected to decline. Conversely, when interest rates decline, the value of fixed rate obligations can

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be expected to rise. The Fund's investments in such fixed rate instruments means that the NAV of the Fund and market price of the Shares will tend to decline if market interest rates rise. Because interest rates on most adjustable rate instruments typically only reset periodically (e.g., monthly or quarterly), a sudden and significant increase in market interest rates may cause a decline in the value of these investments and in the Fund's NAV.

Risks in Loan Valuation.

The Fund utilizes independent pricing services approved by the Board of Trustees to value portfolio instruments at their market value. If the pricing services are unable to provide a market value or if a significant event occurs such that the valuation(s) provided are deemed unreliable, the Fund may value portfolio instrument(s) at their fair value, which is generally the amount an owner might reasonably expect to receive upon a current sale. Valuation risks associated with investing in adjustable rate corporate debt instruments include, but are not limited to: a limited number of market participants, a lack of publicly-available information, resale restrictions, settlement delays, corporate actions and adverse market conditions which may make it difficult to value or sell such instruments.

Senior Loan Agent Risk.

A financial institution's employment as an Agent under a Senior Loan might be terminated in the event that it fails to observe a requisite standard of care or becomes insolvent. A successor Agent would generally be appointed to replace the terminated Agent, and assets held by the Agent under the loan agreement would likely remain available to holders of such indebtedness. However, if assets held by the terminated Agent for the benefit of the Fund were determined to be subject to the claims of the Agent's general creditors, the Fund might incur certain costs and delays in realizing payment on a Senior Loan or loan participation and could suffer a loss of principal and/or interest. In situations involving other interposed financial institutions (*e.g.*, an insurance company or government agency) similar risks may arise.

Loan Participation Risk.

The Fund may purchase a participation interest in a loan and by doing so acquire some or all of the interest of a bank or other lending institution in a loan to a Borrower. A participation typically will result in the Fund having a contractual relationship only with the Lender, not the Borrower. As a result, the Fund assumes the credit risk of the Lender selling the participation in addition to the credit risk of the Borrower. By purchasing a participation, 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 from the Borrower. In the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the Lender selling the participation, the Fund may be treated as a general creditor of the Lender and may not have a senior claim to the Lender's interest in the loan. If the Fund only acquires a participation in the 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 loan. Such third party participation arrangements are designed to give loan investors preferential treatment over high yield investors in the event of a deterioration in the credit quality of the Borrower. Even when these arrangements exist, however, there can be no assurance that the principal and interest owed on the loan will be repaid in full.

Prepayment Risk.

During periods of declining interest rates or for other purposes, issuers may exercise their option to prepay principal earlier than scheduled, forcing the Fund to reinvest in lower yielding instruments. This is known as call or prepayment risk. Prepayments cannot be predicted with accuracy. Loans in particular may be subject to early prepayment and thus the actual maturity of loans is typically shorter than their stated final maturity calculated solely on the basis of the stated life and payment schedule. In addition, below investment grade debt instruments frequently have call features that allow an issuer to redeem an instrument at dates prior to its stated maturity at a specified price (typically greater than par) only if certain prescribed conditions are met (commonly referred to as call protection). An issuer may redeem a lower grade instrument if, for example, the issuer can refinance the debt at a lower cost due to declining interest rates or an improvement in the credit standing of the issuer. Senior loans typically have no such call protection. For premium bonds (bonds acquired at prices that exceed their par or principal value) purchased by the Fund, prepayment risk may be increased.

Structured Product Risk.

The Fund may invest in structured products such as structured notes. Holders of structured products bear risks of the underlying investments, index or reference obligation and are subject to counterparty risk. The Fund may have the right to receive payments to which it is entitled only from the structured product, and generally does not have direct rights against the issuer or the entity that sold assets to the special purpose trust. While certain structured products enable the investor to acquire interests in a pool of securities without the brokerage and other expenses associated with directly holding the same securities, investors in structured products generally pay their share of the structured product's administrative and other expenses. When investing in structured products, it is impossible to predict whether the underlying index or prices of the underlying securities will rise or fall, but prices of the underlying indices and securities (and, therefore, the prices of structured products) will be influenced by the same types of political and economic events that affect particular issuers of securities and capital markets generally. Certain structured products may be thinly traded or have a limited trading market and may have the effect of increasing the illiquidity of the Fund's portfolio to the extent that the Fund, at a particular point in time, may be unable to find qualified buyers for these securities. Investments in structured notes involve risks including income risk, credit and market risk. Where the Fund's investments in structured notes are based upon the movement of one or more factors, including interest rates, referenced bonds and stock indices, depending on the factor used and the use of multipliers or deflators, changes in interest rates and movement of the factor may cause significant price fluctuations. Additionally, changes in the reference instrument or security may cause the interest rate on the structured note to be reduced to zero and any further changes in the reference instrument may then reduce the principal amount payable on maturity. Structured notes may be less liquid than other types of securities and more volatile than the reference instrument or security underlying the note.

Warrants and Equity Securities Risk.

Investments in warrants and equity securities entail certain risks in addition to those associated with investments in adjustable rate instruments or other debt instruments. The value of warrants and equity securities may be affected more rapidly, and to a greater extent, by company-specific developments and general market conditions. These risks may increase fluctuations in the Fund's NAV. The Fund may possess material non-public information about an issuer as a result of its ownership of an adjustable rate instrument or other debt instrument of such issuer. Because of prohibitions on trading in securities of issuers while in possession of such information, the Fund might be unable to enter into a transaction in a security of such an issuer when it would otherwise be advantageous to do so.

Duration Risk.

Duration is the sensitivity, expressed in years, of the price of a fixed income security to changes in the general level of interest rates (or yields). Securities with longer durations tend to be more sensitive to interest rate (or yield) changes than securities with shorter durations, which typically corresponds to higher volatility and higher risk. Duration differs from maturity in that it considers potential changes to interest rates, and a security's coupon payments, yield, price and par value and call features, in addition to the amount of time until the security matures. The duration of a security will be expected to change over time with changes in market factors and time to maturity. The duration of the Fund's portfolio is not subject to any limits and therefore the portfolio may be very sensitive to interest rate changes.

Zero Coupon Bonds Risk.

The market prices of zero coupon bonds of below investment grade quality will normally be affected to a greater extent by interest rate changes, and therefore tend to be more volatile than securities which pay interest currently and in cash.

Floating-Rate and Fixed-to-Floating-Rate Securities Risk.

The market value of floating-rate securities is a reflection of discounted expected cash flows based on expectations for future interest rate resets. The market value of such securities may fall in a declining interest rate environment and may also fall in a rising interest rate environment if there is a lag between the rise in interest rates and the reset. This risk may also be present with respect to fixed-to-floating-rate securities in which the Fund may invest. A secondary risk associated with declining interest rates is the risk that income earned by the Fund on floating-rate and fixed-to-floating-rate securities will decline due to lower coupon payments on floating rate securities.

When-Issued and Delayed Delivery Transactions Risk.

When-issued and delayed-delivery transactions may involve an element of risk because no interest accrues on the securities prior to settlement and, because securities are subject to market fluctuations, the value of the securities at time of delivery may be less (or more) than their cost. A separate account of the Fund will be established with its custodian consisting of cash equivalents or liquid securities having a market value at all times at least equal to the amount of any delayed payment commitment.

Illiquid Securities Risk.

The Fund may invest in securities and other instruments that, at the time of investment, are illiquid. Illiquid securities are securities that are not readily marketable and may include some restricted securities, which are securities that may not be resold to the public without an effective registration statement under the 1933 Act or, if they are unregistered, may be sold only in a privately negotiated transaction or pursuant to an exemption from registration. 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.

Other Risks Associated With Loans.

Many senior loans, second lien loans and other loans in which the Fund invests may not be rated by a NRSRO, will not be registered with the SEC or any state securities commission and will not be listed on any national securities exchange. To the extent that a secondary market does exist for certain loans, the market for them may be subject to irregular trading activity, wide bid/ask spreads and extended trade settlement periods. In addition, the amount of public information available with respect to loans generally may be less extensive than that available for registered or exchange listed securities. As a result, the Fund is particularly dependent on the analytical abilities of Symphony with respect to investments in such loans. Symphony's judgment about the credit quality of a Borrower may be wrong. Economic and other events (whether real or perceived) can reduce the demand for certain loans or loans generally, which may reduce market prices and cause the Fund's NAV to fall. The frequency and magnitude of such changes cannot be predicted. No active trading market may exist for some senior loans and some loans may be subject to restrictions on resale. A secondary market may be subject to irregular trading activity, wide bid/ask spreads and extended trade settlement periods, which may impair the ability to realize full value and thus cause a material decline in the Fund's NAV. During periods of limited supply and liquidity of loans, the Fund's yield may be lower. Other factors (including, but not limited to, rating downgrades, credit deterioration, a large downward movement in stock prices, a disparity in supply and demand of certain loans and other securities or market conditions that reduce liquidity) can reduce the value of loans and other debt obligations, impairing the Fund's NAV.

Derivatives Risk, Including the Risk of Swaps.

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The Fund's use of derivatives involves risks different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in the investments underlying the derivatives. The risks associated with derivatives include (i) the imperfect correlation between the value of such instruments and the underlying assets, (ii) the

possible default of the counterparty to the transaction, (iii) illiquidity of the derivative instruments, and (iv) high volatility losses caused by unanticipated market movements, which are potentially unlimited. Whether the Fund's use of derivatives is successful will depend on, among other things, if Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony correctly forecast market values, interest rates and other applicable factors. If Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony incorrectly forecast these and other factors, the investment performance of the Fund will be unfavorably affected. It is possible that regulatory developments in the derivatives market could adversely affect the Fund's ability to successfully use derivative instruments.

The Fund is subject to the credit risk that its counterparty (whether a clearing corporation in the case of exchange traded instruments or another third party in the case of over-the-counter instruments) may be unable to meet its obligations. In addition, there is a risk of loss by the Fund of margin deposits in the event of the bankruptcy of the dealer with whom the Fund has an open position in an option or futures or forward contract. Derivative instruments traded in foreign markets may offer less liquidity and greater credit risk than comparable instruments traded in domestic markets. The ability of the Fund to close out its positions also may be affected by exchange imposed daily trading limits on options and futures contracts. If the Fund is unable to close out a position, it will be unable to realize its profit or limit its losses until such time as the option becomes exercisable or expires or the futures or forward contract terminates, as the case may be. The inability to close out options, futures and forward positions could also have an adverse impact on the Fund's ability to use derivative instruments as a hedging strategy.

The Fund may enter into debt-related derivatives instruments including credit default swap contracts and interest rate swaps. The Fund may enter into total return swaps on an underlying index to create investment exposure. For example, in order to replicate or emulate exposure to the Senior Loan market, the Fund may invest in iBoxx Loan Total Return Swaps, which are swaps written on an underlying index. See The Fund's Investments Portfolio Composition and Other Information Derivatives; Structured Notes. The Fund cannot guarantee that this index will in all cases correlate with or track the desired exposure to Senior Loans. If the index underlying the iBoxx Loan Total Return Swaps does not track the Senior Loan market, the Fund's investments in iBoxx Loan Total Return Swaps may not perform as expected. Like most derivative instruments, the use of swaps is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. Credit default and total return swap agreements may effectively add leverage to the Fund's portfolio. Total return swap agreements are subject to the risk that a counterparty will default on its payment obligations to the Fund thereunder. In addition, the use of swaps requires an understanding by Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony not only of the referenced asset, rate or index, but also of the swap itself. Because they are two-party contracts and because they may have terms of greater than seven days, swap agreements may be considered to be illiquid, increasing the Fund's interest rate risk. Moreover, the Fund bears the risk of loss of the amount expected to be received under a swap agreement in the event of the default or bankruptcy of a swap agreement counterparty. It is possible that developments in the swaps market, including potential government regulation, could adversely affect the Fund's ability to terminate existing swap agreements or to realize amounts to be received under such agreements. The derivatives market, including the swaps market, is subject to a changing regulatory environment. It is possible that regulatory or other developments in the derivatives market could adversely affect the Fund's ability to successfully use derivative instruments. See also, Risk Factors Security Level Risks Counterparty Risk and Risk Factors Other Risks Hedging Risk and Hedging Transactions in the SAI.

Reverse Repurchase Agreement Risk.

Reverse repurchase agreements involve the sale of securities held by the Fund with an agreement to repurchase the securities at an agreed-upon price, date and interest payment. Reverse repurchase agreements involve the risk that the other party to the agreement may fail to return the securities in a timely manner or at all. The Fund could lose money if it is unable to recover the securities and the value of the collateral held by the Fund, including the value of investments made with cash collateral, is less than the value of the securities. These events could also trigger adverse tax consequences to the Fund. The use by the Fund of reverse repurchase agreements involves many of the same risks of leverage since the proceeds derived from such reverse repurchase agreements may be invested in additional securities.

Swap Risk.

Swap agreements are typically over-the-counter, two-party contracts entered into primarily by institutional investors for periods typically ranging from a few weeks to more than one year, where the parties agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realized on particular predetermined investments or instruments, which may be adjusted for an interest factor. Interest rate swaps involve the exchange with another party of their respective commitments to pay or receive interest (for example, an exchange of floating rate payments for fixed-rate payments). The use of interest rate swaps is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio security transactions. Interest rate swaps do not involve the delivery of securities or other underlying assets or principal. Accordingly, the risk of loss with respect to interest rate swaps is limited to the net amount of interest payments that the Fund is contractually obligated to make. If the other party to an interest rate swap defaults, the Fund's risk of loss generally consists of the net amount of interest payments that the Fund contractually is entitled to receive. There can be no assurance that any interest rate swap entered into by the Fund, including any interest rate swap associated with the Term Preferred Shares, as described in a prospectus supplement, will have the intended effect.

Counterparty Risk.

Changes in the credit quality of the companies that serve as the Fund's counterparties with respect to derivatives, insured securities or other transactions supported by another party's credit may affect the value of those instruments. Certain entities that have served as counterparties in the markets for these transactions have recently incurred significant losses and financial hardships including bankruptcy as a result of exposure to sub-prime mortgages and other lower quality credit investments that have experienced recent defaults or otherwise suffered extreme credit deterioration. As a result, such hardships have reduced these entities' capital and called into question their continued ability to perform their obligations under such transactions. By using derivatives or other transactions, the Fund assumes the risk that its counterparties could experience similar financial hardships. In the event of insolvency of a counterparty, the Fund may sustain losses or be unable to liquidate a derivatives position.

Call Risk.

The Fund may invest in debt instruments that are subject to call risk. Debt instruments may be redeemed at the option of the issuer, or called, before their stated maturity date. In general, an issuer will call its debt instruments if they can be refinanced by issuing new instruments which bear a lower interest rate. The Fund is subject to the possibility that during periods of falling interest rates, an issuer will call its high-yielding debt instruments. The Fund would then be forced to invest the unanticipated proceeds at lower interest rates, resulting in a decline in the Fund's income.

Other Risks

Hedging Risk.

The Fund's use of derivatives or other transactions to reduce risk involves costs and will be subject to Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony'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 Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony'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.

Reinvestment Risk.

Reinvestment risk is the risk that income from the Fund's portfolio will decline if and when the Fund invests the proceeds from matured, traded or called securities at market interest rates that are below the portfolio's current earnings rate.

Borrowing Risk.

In addition to borrowing for leverage (See *Use of Leverage*), the Fund may borrow for temporary or emergency purposes, pay dividends, repurchase its shares, or clear portfolio transactions. Borrowings may exaggerate changes in the NAV of the Fund and may affect the Fund's net income. When the Fund borrows money, it must pay interest and other fees, which will reduce the Fund's returns if such costs exceed the returns on the portfolio securities purchased or retained with such borrowings.

Regulatory Risk.

To the extent that legislation or state or federal regulators that regulate certain financial institutions impose additional requirements or restrictions with respect to the ability of such institutions to make loans, particularly in connection with highly leveraged transactions, the availability of adjustable rate instruments for investment may be adversely affected. Further, such legislation or regulation could depress the market value of adjustable rate instruments.

Anti-Takeover Provisions.

The Declaration and By-Laws include 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 Shares. See *Certain Provisions in the Declaration of Trust and By-Laws.*

Other Investment Companies Risk.

The Fund may invest in the securities of other investment companies. Such securities may be leveraged. As a result, the Fund may be indirectly exposed to leverage through an investment in such securities. Utilization of leverage is a speculative investment technique and involves certain risks. An investment in securities of other investment companies that are leveraged may expose the Fund to higher volatility in the market value of such securities and the possibility that the Fund's long-term returns on such securities will be diminished.

Deflation Risk.

Deflation risk is the risk that prices throughout the economy decline over time, which may have an adverse effect on the market valuation of companies, their assets and revenues. In addition, deflation may have an adverse effect on the creditworthiness of issuers and may make issuer default more likely, which may result in a decline in the value of the Fund's portfolio.

Market Disruption and Geopolitical Risk.

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The aftermath of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, instability in the Middle East and terrorist attacks in the United States and around the world may have a substantial impact on the U.S. and world economies and securities markets. Terrorist attacks closed some of the U.S. securities markets in 2001, and similar events cannot be ruled out in the future. The wars and occupations, terrorism and related geopolitical risks have led, and may in the future lead, to increased short-term market volatility and may have adverse long-term effects on U.S. and world economies and markets generally. These risks may adversely affect individual issuers and securities markets, interest rates, secondary trading, investor psychology, inflation and other factors relating to the Shares.

Recent Market Conditions.

The financial crisis in the U.S. and global economies over the past several years, including the European sovereign debt crisis, has resulted, and may continue to result, in an unusually high degree of volatility in the

financial markets, both domestic and foreign. Liquidity in some markets has decreased and credit has become scarcer worldwide. Recent regulatory changes, including the Dodd-Frank Act and the introduction of new international capital and liquidity requirements under Basel III, may cause lending activity within the financial services sector to be constrained for several years as Basel III rules phase in and rules and regulations are promulgated and interpreted under the Dodd-Frank Act. These market conditions may return and may add significantly to the risk of short-term volatility in the Fund. In response to the crisis, the U.S. and other governments and the Federal Reserve and certain foreign central banks took steps to support financial markets. Withdrawal of this support, failure of efforts in response to the crisis, or investor perception that such efforts are not succeeding, could adversely impact the value and liquidity of certain securities. Because the situation was widespread and largely unprecedented, it may be unusually difficult to identify both risks and opportunities using past models of the interplay of market forces, or to predict the duration of these market conditions. The severity or duration of these types of conditions may also be affected by policy changes made by governments or quasi-governmental organizations. Changes in market conditions will not have the same impact on all types of securities.

Since 2010, the risks of investing in certain foreign government debt have increased dramatically as a result of the European debt crisis, which began in Greece and spread to varying degrees throughout various other European countries. These debt crises and the ongoing efforts of governments around the world to address these debt crises have also resulted in increased volatility and uncertainty in the global securities markets and it is impossible to predict the effects of these or similar events in the future on the Fund, though it is possible that these or similar events could have a significant adverse impact on the value and risk profile of the Fund.

In the United States, on August 5, 2011, S&P lowered its long-term sovereign credit rating on the U.S. federal government debt to AA+ from AAA. Any additional downgrade by S&P, or any other rating agency, could increase volatility in both stock and bond markets, result in higher interest rates and higher Treasury yields and increase the costs of all kinds of debt.

Global economies and financial markets are also becoming increasingly interconnected, which increases the possibilities that conditions in one country or region might adversely impact issuers in a different country or region. For example, during the summer of 2015, stock markets in China suffered a significant downturn, which continues to persist, and is expected to continue to slow economic growth in China. The slowdown in the Chinese economy could negatively affect the country's major trading partners and could, in turn, widely affect the global financial markets. State involvement in the Chinese economy and stock markets is such that it may be difficult to predict or gauge the extent or duration of the slowdown. In addition, concerns about Chinese growth in the first quarter of 2016 had a negative affect on U.S. markets, including U.S. debt markets.

In addition, in a referendum held on June 23, 2016, citizens of the United Kingdom voted to leave the EU, creating economic and political uncertainty in its wake. The country's departure from the EU (known as Brexit) sparked depreciation in the value of the British pound, short-term declines in the stock markets and heightened risk of continued economic volatility worldwide.

As a consequence of the United Kingdom's vote to withdraw from the EU, the government of the United Kingdom has, pursuant to the Treaty, given notice of its withdrawal and is entering into negotiations with the EU Council to agree to terms for the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the EU. The Treaty provides for a two-year negotiation period, which may be shortened or extended by agreement of the parties. However, there is still considerable uncertainty relating to the potential consequences and precise timeframe for the exit, how the negotiations for the withdrawal and new trade agreements will be conducted, and whether the United Kingdom's exit will increase the likelihood of other countries also departing the EU. During this period of uncertainty, the negative impact on not only the United Kingdom and European economies, but the broader global economy, could be significant, potentially resulting in increased volatility and illiquidity and lower economic growth for companies that rely significantly on Europe for their business activities and revenues. Any further exits from the EU, or the possibility of such exits, would likely cause additional market disruption globally and introduce new legal and regulatory uncertainties.

The impact of these developments in the near- and long-term is unknown and could have additional adverse effects on economies, financial markets and asset valuations around the world.

Certain Affiliations.

Certain broker-dealers may be considered to be affiliated persons of the Fund, Nuveen Fund Advisors, Nuveen and/or TIAA. Absent an exemption from the SEC or other regulatory relief, the Fund is generally precluded from effecting certain principal transactions with affiliated brokers, and its ability to purchase securities being underwritten by an affiliated broker or a syndicate including an affiliated broker, or to utilize affiliated brokers for agency transactions, is subject to restrictions. The Fund has not applied for and does not currently intend to apply for such relief. This could limit the Fund's ability to engage in securities transactions, purchase certain Adjustable Rate Loans, if applicable, and take advantage of market opportunities.

MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND

Trustees and Officers

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the Fund's Management, including supervision of the duties performed by Nuveen Fund Advisors. The names and business addresses of the trustees and officers of the Fund and their principal occupations and other affiliations during the past five years are set forth under "Management of the Fund" in the SAI.

Investment Adviser, Sub-Adviser and Portfolio Managers

The Investment Adviser. Nuveen Fund Advisors, a registered investment adviser, is responsible for overseeing the Fund's overall investment strategy and its implementation. Nuveen Fund Advisors also is responsible for the ongoing monitoring of Symphony and overseeing the Fund's use of leverage. Nuveen Fund Advisors is located at 333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606.

Nuveen Fund Advisors also has overall responsibility for management of the Fund, oversees the management of the Fund's portfolio, manages the Fund's business affairs and provides certain clerical, bookkeeping and other administrative services. Nuveen Fund Advisors is an indirect subsidiary of Nuveen, the investment management arm of TIAA. TIAA is a life insurance company founded in 1918 by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and is the companion organization of College Retirement Equities Fund. As of September 30, 2017, Nuveen managed approximately \$948 billion in assets, of which approximately \$137 billion was managed by Nuveen Fund Advisors.

Sub-Adviser. Symphony Asset Management LLC currently serves as sub-adviser to the Fund and as an investment adviser or subadviser to certain other open-end and closed-end funds and as investment adviser to separately managed accounts. The address for Symphony is 555 California Street, Suite 3100, San Francisco, California 94104.

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Portfolio Management. Gunther Stein (a Portfolio Manager) is Chief Investment Officer and Chief Executive Office at Symphony. Prior to that, he was Director of Fixed Income Strategies. Mr. Stein is responsible for leading Symphony's fixed-income and equity investments strategies and research and overseeing firm trading. Prior to joining Symphony in 1999, Mr. Stein was a high yield portfolio manager at Wells Fargo Bank, where he managed a high yield portfolio, was responsible for investing in public high yield bonds and bank loans and managed a team of credit analysts.

Sutanto Widjaja (a Portfolio Manager) is a member of Symphony's fixed-income team and his responsibilities include portfolio management for Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund (since 2005) and other related strategies. Prior to joining Symphony in 2003, Mr. Widjaja was Manager of Finance at

WineShopper.com, an Analyst in investment banking at Robertson, Stephens & Company, and an Analyst at Accenture.

Additional information about the Portfolio Managers' compensation, other accounts managed by the Portfolio Managers and the Portfolio Managers' ownership of securities in the Fund is provided in the SAI. The SAI is available free of charge by calling (800) 257-8787 or by visiting the Fund's website at www.nuveen.com. The information contained in, or that can be accessed through, the Fund's website is not part of this Prospectus or the SAI.

Investment Management and Sub-Advisory Agreements

Investment Management Agreement. Pursuant to an investment management agreement between Nuveen Fund Advisors and the Fund (the Investment Management Agreement), the Fund has agreed to pay an annual management fee for the services and facilities provided by Nuveen Fund Advisors, payable on a monthly basis, based on the sum of a fund-level fee and a complex-level fee, as described below.

Fund-Level Fee. The annual fund-level fee for the Fund, payable monthly, is calculated according to the following schedule:

<u>Average Daily Managed Assets¹</u>	<u>Fund-Level Fee Rate</u>
For the first \$500 million	0.6800%
For the next \$500 million	0.6550%
For the next \$500 million	0.6300%
For the next \$500 million	0.6050%
For Managed Assets over \$2 billion	0.5800%

Complex Level Fee. The annual complex-level fee for the Fund, payable monthly, is calculated according to the following schedule:

<u>Complex-Level Managed Asset Breakpoint Level²</u>	<u>Effective Rate at Breakpoint Level</u>
\$55 billion	0.2000%
\$56 billion	0.1996%
\$57 billion	0.1989%
\$60 billion	0.1961%
\$63 billion	0.1931%
\$66 billion	0.1900%
\$71 billion	0.1851%
\$76 billion	0.1806%
\$80 billion	0.1773%
\$91 billion	0.1691%
\$125 billion	0.1599%
\$200 billion	0.1505%
\$250 billion	0.1469%
\$300 billion	0.1445%

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For this Fund, **Managed Assets** means the total assets of the Fund, minus the sum of its accrued liabilities (other than Fund liabilities incurred for the express purpose of creating leverage). Total assets for this purpose shall include assets attributable to the Fund's use of effective leverage (whether or not those assets are reflected in the Fund's financial statements for purposes of generally accepted accounting principles).

² The complex-level fee is calculated based upon the aggregate daily **eligible assets** of all Nuveen Funds. Eligible assets do not include assets attributable to investments in other Nuveen Funds or assets in excess of a determined amount (originally \$2 billion) added to the Nuveen fund complex in connection with Nuveen Fund

Advisors' assumption of the management of the former First American Funds effective January 1, 2011. With respect to closed-end funds, eligible assets include assets managed by Nuveen Fund Advisors that are attributable to leverage. For these purposes, leverage includes the use of preferred stock and borrowings and certain investments in the residual interest certificates in tender option bond (TOB) trusts, including the portion of assets held by a TOB trust that has been effectively financed by issuance of floating rate securities, subject to an agreement by Nuveen Fund Advisors as to certain funds to limit the amount of such assets for determining eligible assets in certain circumstances. As of October 31, 2017, the complex-level fee rate for the Fund was 0.1595%.

In addition to the fee of Nuveen Fund Advisors, the Fund pays all other costs and expenses of its operations, including compensation of its trustees (other than those affiliated with Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony), custodian, transfer agency and dividend disbursing expenses, legal fees, expenses of independent auditors, expenses of repurchasing shares, expenses associated with any Borrowings, expenses of issuing any Preferred Shares, including the Term Preferred Shares, expenses of preparing, printing and distributing shareholder reports, notices, proxy statements and reports to governmental agencies, and taxes, if any. All fees and expenses are accrued daily and deducted before payment of dividends to investors.

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board of Trustees' decision to renew the Investment Management Agreement for the Fund may be found in the Fund's annual report to shareholders dated July 31 of each year.

Sub-Advisory Agreement. Pursuant to the Sub-Advisory Agreement, Symphony will receive from Nuveen Fund Advisors a management fee equal to the portion specified below of the management fee payable by the Fund to Nuveen Fund Advisors, payable on a monthly basis:

<u>Average Daily Managed Assets</u>	<u>Percentage of Net Management Fee</u>
Up to \$125 million	55.0%
\$125 million to \$150 million	52.5%
\$150 million to \$175 million	50.0%
\$175 million to \$200 million	47.5%
\$200 million and over	45.0%

A discussion regarding the basis for the Board of Trustees' decision to renew the Sub-Advisory Agreement for the Fund may be found in the Fund's annual report to shareholders dated July 31 of each year.

NET ASSET VALUE

The Fund will determine the net asset value of its shares daily, as of the close of regular session trading on the NYSE (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time). Net asset value is computed by dividing the value of all assets of the Fund (including accrued interest and dividends), less all liabilities (including accrued expenses and dividends declared but unpaid), by the total number of Common Shares outstanding. In addition, accrued payments to the Fund under such transactions will be assets of the Fund and accrued payments by the Fund will be liabilities of the Fund. All valuations are subject to review by the Fund's Board of Trustees or its delegate.

The Fund uses an independent pricing service to value most Adjustable Rate Loans and other debt securities at their market value or at a fair value determined by the independent pricing service.

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The Fund will use the fair value method to value loans or other securities if the independent pricing service is unable to provide a market or fair value for them or if the market value provided by the independent pricing service is deemed unreliable, or if events occurring after the close of a securities market and before the Fund values its Managed Assets would materially affect net asset value. A security that is fair valued may be valued at a price higher or lower than actual market quotations or the value determined by other funds using their own fair value procedures.

An independent pricing service typically will value Adjustable Rate Loans at the mean of the highest bona fide bid and lowest bona fide ask prices when current quotations are readily available. Adjustable Rate Loans for which current quotations will not be readily available are valued at a fair value as determined by the pricing service provider using a wide range of market data and other information and analysis, including credit considerations considered relevant by the pricing service provider to determine valuations. The procedures of any independent pricing service and its valuations will be reviewed by the officers of the Fund under the general supervision of the Board of Trustees. If the Fund believes that a value provided by a pricing service provider does not represent a fair value as a result of information specific to that Adjustable Rate Loan or Borrower or its affiliates, which the Fund believes that the pricing agent may not be aware, the Fund may in its discretion value the Adjustable Rate Loan subject to procedures approved by the Board of Trustees and reviewed on a periodic basis, and the Fund will utilize that price instead of the price as determined by the pricing service provider. In addition to such information, the Fund will consider, among other factors, (i) the creditworthiness of the Borrower and (ii) the current interest rate, the period until the next interest rate reset and maturity of such Adjustable Rate Loan in determining a fair value of an Adjustable Rate Loan. If the independent pricing service does not provide a value for an Adjustable Rate Loan or if no pricing service provider is then acting, a value will be determined by the Fund in the manner described above.

It is expected that the Fund's net asset value will fluctuate as a function of interest rate and credit factors. Because of the short-term nature of such instruments, however, the Fund's net asset value is expected to fluctuate less in response to changes in interest rates than the net asset values of investment companies with portfolios consisting primarily of longer term fixed-income securities.

Non-loan holdings (other than debt securities, including short-term obligations) may be valued on the basis of prices furnished by one or more pricing services that determine prices for normal, institutional-size trading units of such securities using market information, transactions for comparable securities and various relationships between securities which are generally recognized by institutional traders. In certain circumstances, portfolio securities will be valued at the last sale price on the exchange that is the primary market for such securities, or the average of the last quoted bid price and asked price for those securities for which the over-the-counter market is the primary market or for listed securities in which there were no sales during the day. Marketable securities listed on the NASDAQ National Market System are valued at the NASDAQ official closing price. The value of interest rate swaps will be based upon a dealer quotation.

Debt securities for which the over-the-counter market is the primary market are normally valued on the basis of prices furnished by one or more pricing services at the mean between the latest available bid and asked prices. Over-the-counter options are valued at the mean between the bid and asked prices provided by dealers. Financial futures contracts listed on commodity exchanges and exchange-traded options are valued at closing settlement prices. Short-term obligations having remaining maturities of less than 60 days are valued at amortized cost, which approximates value, unless the Board of Trustees determines that under particular circumstances such method does not result in fair value. Debt securities (other than short-term obligations) may be valued on the basis of valuations furnished by a pricing service that determines valuations based upon market transactions for normal, institutional-size trading units of such securities. Securities for which there is no such quotation or valuation and all other assets are valued at fair value as determined in good faith by or at the direction of the Fund's Board of Trustees.

Generally, trading in many foreign securities that the Fund may hold will be substantially completed each day at various times prior to the close of the New York Stock Exchange. The values of these securities used in determining the net asset value of the Fund generally will be computed as of such times. Occasionally, events affecting the value of foreign securities may occur between such times and the close of the New York Stock Exchange, which will not be reflected in the computation of the Fund's net asset value (unless the Fund deems that such events would materially affect its net asset value, in which case an adjustment would be made and reflected in such computation). The Fund may rely on an independent fair valuation service in making any such adjustment. Foreign securities and currency held by the Fund will be valued in U.S. dollars; such values will be

computed by the custodian based on foreign currency exchange rate quotations supplied by an independent quotation service.

DISTRIBUTIONS

For a discussion of dividends and other distributions applicable to the Term Preferred Shares, see Description of Term Preferred Shares Dividends and Dividend Periods.

The Fund pays regular monthly cash distributions to Common Shareholders at a level rate (stated in terms of a fixed cents per Common Share dividend rate) that reflects the past and projected performance of the Fund. Distributions can only be made from net investment income after paying any accrued dividends to preferred shareholders, if any, or interest and required principal payments on Borrowings. The Fund does not currently have any Preferred Shares outstanding.

The Fund's ability to maintain a level dividend rate will depend on a number of factors. The net income of the Fund includes all interest income accrued on portfolio assets less all expenses of the Fund. Expenses of the Fund are accrued each day. For each year, the Fund will distribute all or substantially all of its net investment income. At least annually, the Fund also intends to distribute substantially all of its net capital gain (which is the excess of net long-term capital gain over net short-term capital loss) and taxable ordinary income, if any, after paying any accrued dividends or making any liquidation payments to preferred shareholders, if any Preferred Shares are issued in the future, and interest and required principal payments on borrowings. Although it does not now intend to do so, the Board of Trustees may change the Fund's dividend policy and the amount or timing of the distributions, based on a number of factors, including the amount of the Fund's undistributed net investment income and historical and projected investment income and the amount of the expenses and dividend rates on the outstanding Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, and expenses and interest on Borrowings.

The Fund might not distribute all or a portion of any net capital gain for a taxable year. If the Fund does not distribute all of its net capital gain for a taxable year, it will pay federal income tax on the retained gain. Each Common Shareholder of record as of the end of the Fund's taxable year will include in income for federal income tax purposes, as long-term capital gain his or her share of the retained gain, will be deemed to have paid his or her proportionate share of the tax paid by the fund on such retained gain, and will be entitled to an income tax credit or refund for that share of the tax. The Fund will treat the retained capital gains as a substitute for equivalent cash distributions. While not currently anticipated, if the Fund makes total distributions during a given calendar year in an amount that exceeds the Fund's net investment income and capital gain for that calendar year, the excess will generally be treated by Common Shareholders as a return of capital for tax purposes.

The Fund reserves the right to change its distribution policy and the basis for establishing the rate of its monthly distributions at any time upon notice to Common Shareholders, upon a determination by the Fund's Board of Trustees that such change is in the best interests of the Fund and its Common Shareholders.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The Fund may sell, on an immediate, continuous or delayed basis, in one or more offerings under this Prospectus and any related prospectus supplement, the Term Preferred Shares offered under this Prospectus through

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underwriting syndicates; and

privately negotiated transactions.

The aggregate amount of Term Preferred Shares that the Fund may offer in connection with this offering is limited to \$250,000,000. The Fund will bear the expenses of the offering, including but not limited to, the

expenses of preparation of the Prospectus and SAI for the offering and the expense of counsel and auditors in connection with the offering.

Distribution Through Underwriting Syndicates

The Fund from time to time may issue Term Preferred Shares through a syndicated offering. The Fund will launch a syndicated offering on a day, and upon terms, mutually agreed upon between the Fund and the underwriting syndicate.

The Fund will offer Term Preferred Shares at a price of \$1,000 per share, including underwriting discounts and commissions, which will be paid by investors. The applicable underwriting discounts and commissions will be negotiated by the Fund in consultation with the underwriting syndicate and will be disclosed in a prospectus supplement.

Distribution Through Privately Negotiated Transactions

The Fund from time to time may sell directly to, and solicit offers from, institutional and other sophisticated investors, who may be deemed to be underwriters as defined in the 1933 Act for any resale of Term Preferred Shares.

The terms of such privately negotiated transactions will be subject to the discretion of the management of the Fund. In determining whether to sell Term Preferred Shares through a privately negotiated transaction, the Fund will consider relevant factors, including, but not limited to, the attractiveness of obtaining additional funds through the sale of Term Preferred Shares, the purchase price to apply to any such sale of Term Preferred Shares and the person seeking to purchase the Term Preferred Shares.

Term Preferred Shares issued by the Fund through privately negotiated transactions will be issued at a price and an applicable discount determined by the Fund on a transaction-by-transaction basis and will be disclosed in a prospectus supplement.

DESCRIPTION OF OUTSTANDING SHARES AND DEBT

Common Shares

The Declaration authorizes the issuance of an unlimited number of Common Shares. The Common Shares have a par value of \$0.01 per share and, subject to the rights of holders of Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares issued, have equal rights to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon liquidation. The Common Shares when issued, were fully paid and, subject to matters discussed in Certain Provisions in the Declaration of Trust and By-Laws, non-assessable, and have no pre-emptive or conversion rights except as may be determined by the Board of Trustees, in their sole discretion, or rights to cumulative voting. Each whole Common Share has one vote with respect to matters upon which a shareholder vote is required, and each fractional share shall be entitled to a proportional fractional vote consistent with the requirements of the 1940 Act and the rules promulgated thereunder, and will vote together as a single class. Whenever the Fund incurs Borrowings and/or Preferred Shares are outstanding, Common Shareholders will not be entitled to receive any cash distributions from the Fund unless all interest on such Borrowings has been paid and all accrued dividends on Preferred Shares have been paid, unless asset coverage (as

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defined in the 1940 Act) with respect to any borrowings would be at least 300% after giving effect to the distributions and asset coverage (as defined in the 1940 Act) with respect to Preferred Shares would be at least 200% after giving effect to the distributions. See Preferred Shares below.

The Common Shares are listed on the NYSE and trade under the ticker symbol JQC . The Fund intends to hold annual meetings of shareholders so long as the Common Shares are listed on a national securities exchange and such meetings are required as a condition to such listing. The Fund will not issue share certificates.

Unlike open-end funds, closed-end funds like the Fund do not provide daily redemptions. Rather, if a Common Shareholder determines to buy additional Common Shares or sell shares already held, the Common Shareholder may conveniently do so by trading on the exchange through a broker or otherwise. Common Shares of closed-end investment companies may frequently trade on an exchange at prices lower than NAV. Common Shares of closed-end investment companies like the Fund have during some periods traded at prices higher than NAV and have during other periods traded at prices lower than NAV.

Because the market value of the Common Shares may be influenced by such factors as distribution levels (which are in turn affected by expenses), call protection, dividend stability, portfolio credit quality, NAV, relative demand for and supply of such shares in the market, general market and economic conditions, and other factors beyond the control of the Fund, the Fund cannot assure you that Common Shares will be trading at a price equal to or higher than NAV in the future. The Common Shares are designed primarily for long-term investors, and investors in the Common Shares should not view the Fund as a vehicle for trading purposes. See [Repurchase of Fund Shares](#); [Conversion to Open-End Fund](#).

Borrowings

The Declaration authorizes the Fund, without approval of the Shareholders, to borrow money. In this connection, the Fund may issue notes or other evidence of indebtedness (including bank borrowings or commercial paper) and may secure any such Borrowings by mortgaging, pledging or otherwise subjecting as security the Fund's assets. The Fund borrows money at rates generally available to institutional investors. In connection with such Borrowings, the Fund is required to maintain minimum average balances with the lender or to pay a commitment or other fee to maintain the line of credit. These requirements increase the cost of any such Borrowings over the stated interest rate. Under the requirements of the 1940 Act, the Fund, immediately after any such Borrowings, must have an asset coverage of at least 300%. With respect to any such Borrowings, asset coverage means the ratio that the value of the total assets of the Fund, less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities (as defined in the 1940 Act), bears to the aggregate amount of such Borrowings represented by senior securities issued by the Fund. Under the Credit Agreement, the Fund is subject to covenants relating to asset coverages, portfolio coverages and otherwise. In particular, the Fund may not make a redemption payment with respect to the Term Preferred Shares, in the event that Asset Coverage is less than 225%. Notwithstanding the requirements of the 1940 Act, under the Credit Agreement, the Fund may not be permitted to redeem Term Preferred Shares unless at such time, the Fund meets certain asset coverage and borrowing base requirements and no event of default or other circumstance exists under the Credit Agreement that would limit or otherwise block payments in redemption.

Under the terms of the Credit Facilities, the Fund cannot make any redemption or dividend payment on the Term Preferred Shares if a default (or insolvency event) exists or would result from such payment; provided that, until the Noteholder takes certain actions with respect to the default (or insolvency event), the Fund may make payments following the default (or insolvency event) solely to the extent necessary to enable the Fund to maintain its status as a regulated investment company under Section 851 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code) and to avoid the imposition of an excise tax on the Fund under Section 4982 of the Code. If the Fund fails to have asset coverage of at least 222% at any time, the Fund must submit a prepayment plan and within 10 Business Days (as defined in [Dividend Payments](#) below) use available funds to prepay Borrowings (as defined below under [Use of Leverage](#)), such that the Fund regains asset coverage with respect to the sum of total Borrowings outstanding under the Credit Agreement and the Repo Facility of at least 256%. Under the 1940 Act, the Fund may not (i) declare any dividend with respect to any Preferred Shares if asset coverage with respect to any borrowings of the Fund that are senior securities representing indebtedness (as defined in the 1940 Act), would be less than 200% or (ii) declare any other distribution on the Preferred Shares or purchase or redeem Preferred Shares if at the time of the declaration or redemption (and after giving effect thereto), asset coverage with respect to such borrowings that are senior securities representing indebtedness would be less than 300% (or such higher percentage as may in the future be specified in or under the 1940 Act as the minimum asset coverage for senior securities representing indebtedness of a closed-end investment company as a condition of declaring distributions, purchases or redemptions of its shares).

In addition, as with the issuance of Preferred Shares, certain types of Borrowings may result in the Fund being subject to certain restrictions imposed by guidelines of one or more rating agencies that may issue ratings for commercial paper or notes issued by the Fund. Such restrictions may be more stringent than those imposed by the 1940 Act.

The rights of lenders, including Société Générale and the Noteholder, to the Fund to receive interest on and repayment of principal of any such Borrowings is senior to those of the Shareholders, and the terms of these Borrowings contain provisions which limit certain activities of the Fund, including the payment of dividends to Shareholders in certain circumstances. Further, the 1940 Act does (in certain circumstances) grant to the lenders to the Fund certain voting rights in the event of default in the payment of interest on or repayment of principal. In the event that such provisions would impair the Fund's eligibility for treatment as a regulated investment company under the Code, the Fund will attempt to repay or restructure the Borrowings to preserve that eligibility. Borrowings, including the Credit Agreement, are ranked senior or equal to all other existing and future borrowings of the Fund. The Fund may also borrow up to an additional 5% of its total assets for temporary purposes. The Fund may also borrow money for repurchase of its shares or as a temporary measure for extraordinary or emergency situations. See *Investment Restrictions* in the SAI.

Preferred Shares

The Declaration authorizes the issuance of an unlimited number of Preferred Shares in one or more classes or series, with rights as determined by the Board of Trustees, by action of the Board of Trustees without the approval of the Common Shareholders. The Fund is currently offering the Term Preferred Shares. Generally, the Fund intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of Term Preferred Shares to repay all or a portion of the Fund's Borrowings under its Credit Facilities, to repurchase securities subject to reverse repurchase agreements or to increase the Fund's leverage. Each Preferred Share ranks on parity with respect to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon liquidation.

Limited Issuance of Preferred Shares. Under the 1940 Act, the Fund may issue Preferred Shares, such as the Term Preferred Shares, with an aggregate liquidation value of up to one-half of the value of the Fund's total net assets, including any liabilities associated with borrowings, measured immediately after issuance of the Preferred Shares. *Liquidation value* means the original purchase price of the shares being liquidated plus any accrued and unpaid dividends. In addition, the Fund is not permitted to declare any cash dividend or other distribution on its Common Shares unless the liquidation value of the Preferred Shares, such as the Term Preferred Shares, is less than one-half of the value of the Fund's total net assets (determined after deducting the amount of such dividend or distribution) immediately after the distribution.

For a discussion of Term Preferred Shares, see *Description of Term Preferred Shares* above.

CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN THE DECLARATION OF TRUST AND BY-LAWS

Under Massachusetts law, shareholders could, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable for the obligations of the Fund. However, the Declaration of Trust contains an express disclaimer of shareholder liability for debts or obligations of the Fund and requires that notice of such limited liability be given in each agreement, obligation or instrument entered into or executed by the Fund or the trustees. The Declaration of Trust further provides for indemnification out of the assets and property of the Fund for all loss and expense of any shareholder held personally liable for the obligations of the Fund. Thus, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which the Fund would be unable to meet its obligations. The Fund believes that the likelihood of such circumstances is remote.

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The Declaration of Trust includes provisions that could limit the ability of other entities or persons to acquire control of the Fund or to convert the Fund to open-end status. Specifically, the Declaration of Trust requires a vote by holders of at least two-thirds of the Common Shares and Preferred Shares, including Term

Preferred Shares, voting together as a single class, except as described below, to authorize (1) a conversion of the Fund from a closed-end to an open-end investment company, (2) a merger or consolidation of the Fund, or a series or class of the Fund, with any corporation, association, trust or other organization or a reorganization of the Fund, or a series or class of the Fund, (3) a sale, lease or transfer of all or substantially all of the Fund's assets (other than in the regular course of the Fund's investment activities), (4) in certain circumstances, a termination of the Fund, or a series or class of the Fund, or (5) a removal of trustees by shareholders (except at the end of a trustee's term), and then only for cause unless, with respect to (1) through (4), such transaction has already been authorized by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total number of trustees fixed in accordance with the Declaration of Trust or the By-Laws, in which case the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the Fund's Common Shares and Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, outstanding at the time, voting together as a single class, is required; provided, however, that where only a particular class or series is affected (or, in the case of removing a trustee, when the trustee has been elected by only one class), only the required vote by the applicable class or series will be required. Approval of shareholders is not required, however, for any transaction, whether deemed a merger, consolidation, reorganization or otherwise whereby the Fund issues shares in connection with the acquisition of assets (including those subject to liabilities) from any other investment company or similar entity. In the case of the conversion of the Fund to an open-end investment company, or in the case of any of the foregoing transactions constituting a plan of reorganization which adversely affects the holders of Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, the action in question will also require the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the Fund's Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, outstanding at the time, voting as a separate class, or, if such action has been authorized by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total number of trustees fixed in accordance with the Declaration or the By-Laws, the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the Fund's Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, outstanding at the time, voting as a separate class. None of the foregoing provisions may be amended except by the vote of at least two-thirds of the Common Shares and Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, voting together as a single class. The votes required to approve the conversion of the Fund from a closed-end to an open-end investment company or to approve transactions constituting a plan of reorganization which adversely affects the holders of Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, are higher than those required by the 1940 Act. The Board of Trustees believes that the provisions of the Declaration of Trust relating to such higher votes are in the best interest of the Fund and its shareholders. Under the Fund's By-Laws, the Board of Trustees is divided into three classes and such a staggered board could delay for up to two years the replacement of a majority of the Board of Trustees. See the SAI under Certain Provisions in the Declaration of Trust and By-Laws.

The provisions of the Declaration of Trust described above 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 by discouraging a third party from seeking to obtain control of the Fund in a tender offer or similar transaction. The overall effect of these provisions is to render more difficult the accomplishment of a merger or the assumption of control by a third party. They provide, however, the advantage of potentially requiring persons seeking control of the Fund to negotiate with its management regarding the price to be paid and facilitating the continuity of the Fund's investment objective and policies. The Board of Trustees has considered the foregoing anti-takeover provisions and concluded that they are in the best interests of the Fund and its shareholders.

Reference should be made to the Declaration of Trust and By-Laws on file with the SEC for the full text of these provisions.

REPURCHASE OF FUND SHARES; CONVERSION TO OPEN-END FUND

The Fund is a closed-end investment company and as such its Common Shareholders will not have the right to cause the Fund to redeem their Common Shares. Instead, the Common Shares trade in the open market at

³ Vacancies may be filled by a majority of the remaining Trustees, unless a vote is required under the 1940 Act.

prices that are a function of several factors, including Common Share dividend levels (which are in turn affected by expenses) in comparison to market rates for similar investments, NAV, call protection, dividend stability, portfolio credit quality, relative demand for and supply of such shares in the market, general market and economic conditions and other factors. Because shares of closed-end investment companies may frequently trade at prices lower than NAV, the Board of Trustees has currently determined that, at least annually, it will consider action that might be taken to reduce or eliminate any material discount from NAV in respect of Common Shares, which may include the repurchase of such shares in the open market or in private transactions, the making of a tender offer for such shares at NAV, or the conversion of the Fund to an open-end investment company. The Fund cannot assure you that its Board of Trustees will decide to take any of these actions, or that share repurchases or tender offers will actually reduce market discount. The Fund will be unable to repurchase its Common Shares if it does not meet certain asset coverage requirements relating to outstanding Preferred Shares. On August 1, 2017, the Fund's Board of Trustees renewed the Fund's open market share repurchase program under which the Fund may repurchase up to 10% of its Common Shares. Since the inception of the Fund's share repurchase program through November 30, 2017, the Fund has repurchased 4,804,500 Common Shares under the program.

If the Fund converted to an open-end investment company, it would be required to redeem all Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, then outstanding (requiring in turn that it liquidate a portion of its investment portfolio), and the Common Shares would no longer be listed on the NYSE. In contrast to a closed-end investment company, shareholders of an open-end investment company may require the company to redeem their shares at any time (except in certain circumstances as authorized by or under the 1940 Act) at their NAV, less any redemption charge that is in effect at the time of redemption. See the SAI under Certain Provisions in the Declaration of Trust and By-Laws for a discussion of the voting requirements applicable to the conversion of the Fund to an open-end investment company.

Before deciding whether to take any action if the Common Shares trade below NAV, the Board would consider all relevant factors, including the extent and duration of the discount, the liquidity of the Fund's portfolio, the impact of any action that might be taken on the Fund or its shareholders, and market considerations. Based on these considerations, even if the Fund's shares should trade at a discount, the Board of Trustees may determine that, in the interest of the Fund and its shareholders, no action should be taken. See the SAI under Repurchase of Fund Shares; Conversion to Open-End Fund for a further discussion of possible action to reduce or eliminate such discount to NAV.

TAX MATTERS

The following information is meant as a general summary for U.S. shareholders. Please see the SAI for additional information. Investors should rely on their own tax advisers for advice about the particular federal, state and local tax consequences to them of investing in the Fund.

The Fund intends to qualify for the special tax treatment afforded to regulated investment companies (RICs) under the Code. As long as the Fund qualifies for treatment as a regulated investment company, it pays no federal income tax on the earnings it distributes to Shareholders. The Fund has received an opinion from its tax counsel that, subject to certain assumptions and conditions, and based upon certain representations made by the Fund, including representations regarding the nature of the Fund's assets and the conduct of the Fund's business, for federal income tax purposes Term Preferred Shares will qualify as equity in the Fund.

In order to qualify for treatment as a regulated investment company, the Fund must meet certain distribution requirements. Nevertheless, the Fund might not distribute all of its net investment income, and the Fund is not required to distribute any portion of its net capital gain. If the Fund qualifies for treatment as a regulated investment company but does not distribute all of its net capital gain and net investment income, it will be subject to tax on the amount retained. If the Fund retains any net capital gain, it may designate the retained amount of capital gain as undistributed capital gains in a notice to Shareholders who, if subject to federal income tax on

long-term capital gains, (i) will be required to include in income for federal income tax purposes, as long-term capital gain, their share of such undistributed amount; (ii) will be deemed to have paid their proportionate shares of the tax paid by the Fund on such undistributed amount and will be entitled to credit that amount of tax against their federal income tax liabilities, if any; and (iii) will be entitled to claim refunds to the extent the credit exceeds such liabilities. For federal income tax purposes, the tax basis of Term Preferred Shares owned by a Shareholder of the Fund will be increased by an amount equal to the difference between the amount of undistributed capital gains included in the Shareholder's gross income and the tax deemed paid by the Shareholder.

Unless a Shareholder's investment in the Fund is through a tax-exempt entity or tax deferred retirement account, such as a 401(k) plan, a Shareholder will normally have to pay federal income taxes, and any state or local taxes, on the dividends and other distributions received from the Fund, whether the Shareholder takes the distributions in cash or reinvests them in additional Shares. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, distributions from the Fund's net capital gains (if any) are considered long-term capital gains and may be taxable to a Shareholder at reduced rates. Distributions from the Fund's net short-term capital gains are taxable as ordinary income. Other dividends are generally taxable as ordinary income. Since the Fund's income is derived primarily from sources that do not pay dividends, it is not expected that a substantial portion of dividends paid by the Fund will qualify for either the dividends-received deduction for corporations or the U.S. federal income tax rates available to noncorporate taxpayers on qualified dividend income. A distribution of an amount in excess of the Fund's current and accumulated earnings and profits will first be treated as a return of capital, which is applied against and reduces the Shareholder's basis in his or her Term Preferred Shares. To the extent the amount of any such distribution exceeds the Shareholder's basis in his or her Term Preferred Shares, the excess will be treated as gain from a sale or exchange of the Term Preferred Shares.

The Fund will report to Shareholders annually the U.S. federal income tax status of all Fund distributions.

If the Fund declares a dividend in October, November or December, payable to Shareholders of record in such a month, but pays it in January of the following year, Shareholders will be taxed on the dividend as if they received it in the year in which it was declared.

Unless a Shareholder's investment in the Fund is through a tax-exempt entity or tax deferred retirement account, when a Shareholder sells or exchanges Term Preferred Shares, the Shareholder will generally recognize a capital gain or capital loss in an amount equal to the difference between the net amount of sale proceeds (or, in the case of an exchange, the fair market value of the Shares) that he or she receives and his or her tax basis for the Term Preferred Shares that he or she sells or exchanges.

Investments by the Fund in zero coupon or other discount securities will result in income to the Fund equal to a portion of the excess of the face value of the securities over their issue price (the original issue discount or OID) each year that the securities are held, even though the Fund may receive no cash interest payments or may receive cash interest payments that are less than the income recognized for tax purposes. In addition, any market discount recognized on a market discount bond is taxable as ordinary income. A market discount bond is a bond acquired in the secondary market at a price below redemption value, or below adjusted issue price if issued with original issue discount. Absent an election by the Fund to include the market discount in income as it accrues, gain on the Fund's disposition of such an obligation will be treated as ordinary income rather than capital gain to the extent of the accrued market discount. Because the income required to be recognized by the Fund as a result of the OID and/or market discount rules may not be matched by a corresponding cash payment to the Fund, the Fund may be required to borrow money or dispose of securities to be able to make distributions to its Shareholders in order to qualify for treatment as a RIC and eliminate taxes at the Fund level.

A 3.8% Medicare contribution tax generally applies to all or a portion of the net investment income of a Shareholder who is an individual and not a nonresident alien for federal income tax purposes and who has adjusted gross income (subject to certain adjustments) that exceeds a threshold amount (\$250,000 if married filing jointly or if considered a surviving spouse for federal income tax purposes, \$125,000 if married filing

separately, and \$200,000 in other cases). This 3.8% tax also applies to all or a portion of the undistributed net investment income of certain Shareholders that are estates and trusts. For these purposes, interest, dividends and certain capital gains are generally taken into account in computing a Shareholder's net investment income (among other categories of income).

The repurchase, sale or exchange of Term Preferred Shares normally will result in capital gain or loss to holders of Term Preferred Shares who hold their Shares as capital assets. Generally a Shareholder's gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if the Shares have been held for more than one year. Present law taxes both long-term and short-term capital gains of corporations at the rates applicable to ordinary income. For noncorporate taxpayers, however, long-term capital gains are taxed at rates of up to 20%. Short-term capital gains and other ordinary income are taxed to non-corporate taxpayers at ordinary income rates.

The Fund will be required in certain cases to withhold (as backup withholding) federal income tax from amounts payable to any Shareholder who (1) has provided the Fund either an incorrect tax identification number or no number at all, (2) is subject to backup withholding by the Internal Revenue Service for failure to properly report payments of interest or dividends, or (3) has failed to certify to the Fund that such Shareholder is not subject to backup withholding. The backup withholding rate is currently 24%.

CUSTODIAN, TRANSFER AGENT, DIVIDEND DISBURSING AGENT AND REDEMPTION AND PAYING AGENT

The custodian of the assets, including all foreign assets, of the Fund is State Street Bank and Trust Company, One Lincoln Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02111. State Street performs custodial, fund accounting and portfolio accounting services. As foreign custody manager, State Street may place and maintain the Fund's foreign securities with foreign banking institution sub-custodians employed by State Street or foreign securities depositories, all in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Fund's custody agreement. The use of such foreign sub-custodians or foreign securities depositories may give rise to additional risks to the Fund. See Risk Factors Issuer Level Risks Non-U.S. Securities Risk. The Fund's transfer, shareholder services and dividend disbursing agent and, with respect to Term Preferred Shares, its redemption and paying agent is Computershare Inc. and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., 250 Royall Street, Canton, Massachusetts 02021.

LEGAL OPINIONS

Certain legal matters in connection with Term Preferred Shares will be passed upon for the Fund by Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, Chicago, Illinois, and any additional legal opinions will be described in a prospectus supplement. Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP may rely as to certain matters of Massachusetts law on the opinion of _____, Boston, Massachusetts.

INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The audited financial statements of the Fund appearing in the Fund's Annual Report for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2017 are incorporated by reference into the Statement of Additional Information. The audited financial statements have been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their report thereon and incorporated herein by reference. Such audited financial statements are incorporated by reference in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing. The information with respect to the fiscal years ended prior to July 31, 2015 has been audited by other auditors. The principal business address of KPMG LLP is 200 East Randolph Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

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To the extent that a holder of Term Preferred Shares is directly or indirectly a beneficial owner of more than 10% of any class of the Fund's outstanding shares (meaning for purposes of holders of Term Preferred Shares, more than 10% of the Fund's outstanding Preferred Shares), such a 10% beneficial owner would be subject to the short-swing profit rules that are imposed pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act) (and related reporting requirements). These rules generally provide that such a 10% beneficial owner may have to disgorge any profits made on purchases and sales, or sales and purchases, of the Fund's Preferred Shares (including Term Preferred Shares) within any six month time period. Investors should consult with their own counsel to determine the applicability of these rules.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

The Fund is subject to the informational requirements of the Exchange Act and the 1940 Act and is required to file reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. These documents can be inspected and copied for a fee at the SEC's public reference room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549. Reports, proxy statements, and other information about the Fund can be inspected at the offices of the SEC.

This Prospectus does not contain all of the information in the Fund's Registration Statement, including amendments, exhibits, and schedules.

Additional information about the Fund, the Common Shares and the Term Preferred Shares can be found in the Fund's Registration Statement (including amendments, exhibits, and schedules) on Form N-2 filed with the SEC. The SEC maintains a web site (<http://www.sec.gov>) that contains the Fund's Registration Statement, other documents incorporated by reference, and other information the Fund has filed electronically with the SEC, including proxy statements and reports filed under the Exchange Act. Additional information may be found on the Internet at <http://www.nuveen.com>. The information contained in, or that can be accessed through, the Fund's website is not part of this Prospectus.

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The information in this prospectus supplement is not complete and may be changed. A registration statement relating to these securities was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and became effective. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are not an offer to sell these securities and we are not soliciting offers to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion

Prospectus Supplement dated _____, 2018

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT
(To Prospectus dated _____, 2018)

\$

Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund

TERM PREFERRED SHARES

Shares, Series 20[]

Liquidation Preference \$1,000 Per Share

The Offering. *Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund (the Fund) is offering, on an immediate, continuous or delayed basis, up to Term Preferred Shares, Series 20[] (Term Preferred Shares), with a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share. Generally, the Fund intends to use the net proceeds of this offering of Term Preferred Shares to repay all or a portion of the Fund's borrowings under its credit facilities, to repurchase securities subject to reverse repurchase agreements or to increase the Fund's leverage. The series designation, term redemption date, dividend rate and other details concerning this issuance of Term Preferred Shares are disclosed in this Prospectus Supplement.*

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The Fund. This Prospectus Supplement, together with the accompanying prospectus, sets forth concisely information about the Term Preferred Shares that a prospective investor should know before investing, and should be retained for future reference. The Fund is a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund's primary investment objective is to achieve a high level of current income. The Fund's secondary objective is total return.

Unlisted Shares. The Term Preferred Shares are not listed or traded on any securities exchange. An investment in Term Preferred Shares may be illiquid and there may be no active secondary trading market. Thus, Term Preferred Shares are not suitable for investors who seek the return of their investment within a specified timeframe before the term redemption date of the Term Preferred Shares.

Investing in Term Preferred Shares involves risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page 49 of the accompanying prospectus. Certain of these risks are summarized in Prospectus Summary Special Risk Considerations beginning on page 14 of the accompanying prospectus. Although Term Preferred Shares are senior securities of the Fund, with priority in all respects to the Fund's common shares, you could lose some or all of your investment.

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

PRICE \$1,000 A SHARE

	<u>Price to Public</u>	<u>Underwriting Discounts and Commissions</u>	<u>Estimated Offering Costs⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾</u>	<u>Proceeds, after expenses, to the Fund</u>
Per Share	\$1,000	\$	\$	\$
Total	\$	\$	\$	\$

⁽¹⁾ Total expenses of issuance and distribution are estimated to be \$.

⁽²⁾ The Fund has agreed to pay, from its own assets, an upfront structuring fee to . See Underwriter Additional Compensation to be Paid by the Fund on page 29 of this Prospectus Supplement. This fee is included in Estimated Offering Costs above.

Book-Entry Only. It is expected that the Term Preferred Shares will be delivered to the underwriter in book-entry form only, through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company, on or about [], 2018.

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[UNDERWRITER]

[], 2017

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Portfolio Contents. As a non-fundamental policy, under normal market conditions, the Fund invests at least 70% of its Managed Assets (as defined below) in adjustable rate loans, primarily secured senior loans. As part of the 70% requirement, the Fund also may invest in unsecured senior loans and second lien loans. Adjustable rate loans are made to U.S. or non-U.S. corporations, partnerships and other business entities that operate in various industries and geographical regions. Such adjustable rate loans pay interest at rates that are redetermined periodically at short-term intervals on the basis of an adjustable base lending rate plus a premium. The Fund may invest in high yield debt and other debt and equity instruments as described herein in an aggregate amount of up to 30% of its Managed Assets. The Fund may invest all of its Managed Assets in adjustable rate loans and other debt instruments that are, at the time of investment, rated below investment grade or unrated but judged to be of comparable quality. See Risk Factors Issuer Level Risks Below Investment Grade Risk. A security is considered investment grade quality if it is rated within the four highest letter grades (BBB- or Baa3 or better) by at least one nationally recognized statistical rating organization (NRSRO) that rates such instrument (even if it is rated lower by another), or if it is unrated by any NRSRO but judged to be of comparable quality by the portfolio managers. 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 high yield securities or junk bonds. Managed Assets means the total assets of the Fund, minus the sum of its accrued liabilities (other than Fund liabilities incurred for the express purpose of creating leverage). Total assets for this purpose shall include assets attributable to the Fund's use of leverage through borrowing, reverse purchase agreements, any preferred shares and the use of commercial paper or notes.

Investment in the Fund involves substantial risks arising from, among other strategies, the Fund's ability to invest substantially all of its Managed Assets in securities that are rated below investment grade or unrated but judged to be of comparable quality and the Fund's use of leverage.

The Fund may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets in securities of non-U.S. issuers, which may include debt securities of issuers located, or conducting their business in, emerging markets countries.

Leverage. The Fund may use regulatory leverage. Regulatory leverage consists of senior securities as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act), which include (1) borrowings, including loans from financial institutions (Borrowings); (2) issuance of debt securities; and (3) issuance of preferred shares ((1),(2), and (3) are hereinafter collectively referred to as regulatory leverage). The Fund currently has outstanding Borrowings and reverse repurchase agreements, and from time to time may employ derivatives, such as credit default swaps, interest rate swaps, total return swaps and bond futures that have the economic effect of leverage by creating additional investment exposure. Reverse repurchase agreements may be considered to be borrowings by the Fund, but are not considered to be senior securities as defined under the 1940 Act so long as the Fund establishes and maintains on its accounting records cash or other liquid assets equal to the Fund's obligations in respect of such reverse repurchase agreements, as provided by Investment Company Act Release No. 10666 and related SEC guidance. See The Fund's Investments in the accompanying prospectus. There is no assurance that the Fund's leveraging strategy will be successful.

Initial Dividend Rate:	[%]	Series 20[] Term Preferred Shares
	[% of LIBOR plus %]	

The dividend rate payable on the Term Preferred Shares on any date will be determined in accordance with the Fund's Statement Establishing and Fixing the Rights and Preferences of Term Preferred Shares (the Statement) and with reference to the following table:

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Date

Dividend Rate

[From and including the Date of Original Issue to but excluding [] %]

See Description of Term Preferred Shares Dividends and Dividend Periods.

Dividends. Dividends on the Term Preferred Shares will be payable monthly. The first dividend period for the Term Preferred Shares will commence on the date of original issuance of Term Preferred Shares and end on [], 2018 and each subsequent dividend period will be a calendar month (or the portion thereof occurring prior to the redemption of such Term Preferred Shares). Dividends will be paid on the first business day of the month next following a dividend period and upon redemption of the Term Preferred Shares (each payment date a Dividend Payment Date). Dividends with respect to any monthly dividend period will be declared and paid to holders of record of Term Preferred Shares as their names shall appear on the registration books of the Fund at the close of business on the day immediately preceding such Dividend Payment Date (or, if such day is not a business day, the immediately preceding business day).

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Redemption. The Fund is required to redeem the Term Preferred Shares on [] unless earlier redeemed or repurchased by the Fund. In addition, Term Preferred Shares are subject to optional redemption by the Fund in certain circumstances. Term Preferred Shares will be subject to redemption at the option of the Fund, subject to payment of any premium through [], and at their liquidation preference thereafter. See Description of Term Preferred Shares Redemption.

Priority of Payment. The Fund has entered into (i) a senior committed secured revolving note purchase agreement with Montalis Investments B.V. (the Noteholder), with a rolling monthly 90-day maturity (the Credit Agreement) and (ii) a senior uncommitted repurchase facility with Société Générale (Société Générale) establishing an asset purchase facility (the Repo Facility and, together with the Credit Agreement, the Credit Facilities). The Fund has an outstanding balance under both the Credit Agreement and Repo Facility. See Use of Leverage. The rights of lenders, such as the Noteholder and Société Générale, and any other creditors to receive payments of interest on and repayments of principal of any borrowings are senior to the rights of holders of Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, and common shares, with respect to the payment of dividends and other distributions, and upon liquidation. The Fund may not be permitted to redeem Term Preferred Shares unless at such time, the Fund meets certain asset coverage requirements and no event of default or other circumstance exists under the Credit Facilities that would limit or otherwise block payments in redemption. Term Preferred Shares, however, will be senior securities that represent stock of the Fund and are senior, with priority in all respects, to the Fund's common shares as to payments of dividends and as to distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the affairs of the Fund. The Fund may issue additional preferred shares on parity with Term Preferred Shares, subject to certain limitations. The Fund may not issue additional classes of shares that are senior to Term Preferred Shares and other outstanding preferred shares of the Fund as to payments of dividends or as to distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the affairs of the Fund. See Description of Term Preferred Shares.

Redemption and Paying Agent. The redemption and paying agent for Term Preferred Shares will be Computershare Inc. and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., Canton, Massachusetts.

You should read this Prospectus Supplement, together with the accompanying prospectus, which contains important information about the Fund, before deciding whether to invest in Term Preferred Shares and retain it for future reference. A Statement of Additional Information, dated , 2018, and as it may be supplemented, containing additional information about the Fund has been filed with the SEC and is incorporated by reference in its entirety into this Prospectus Supplement and the accompanying prospectus. You may request a free copy of the Statement of Additional Information, the table of contents of which is on page 77 of the accompanying prospectus, annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders, when available, and other information about the Fund, and make shareholder inquiries by calling (800) 257-8787 or by writing to the Fund, or from the Fund's website (www.nuveen.com). The information contained in, or that can be accessed through, the Fund's website is not part of this Prospectus Supplement. You also may obtain a copy of the Statement of Additional Information (and other information regarding the Fund) from the SEC's website (www.sec.gov).

Term Preferred 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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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

This is only a summary. You should review the more detailed information contained elsewhere in this Prospectus Supplement, in the accompanying Prospectus and in the Statement of Additional Information, dated _____, 2018, and as it may be supplemented (the SAI), including the Fund's Statement Establishing and Fixing the Rights and Preferences of Term Preferred Shares, Series 20[] (the Statement), attached as Appendix A to the SAI, prior to making an investment in the Fund, especially the information set forth under the heading Risk Factors in the accompanying Prospectus.

The Fund

Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund (the Fund) is a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund's common shares, \$.01 par value (Common Shares), are traded on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) under the symbol JQC. See Description of Outstanding Shares and Debt Common Shares. As of December 31, 2017, the Fund had 135,766,990 Common Shares outstanding, and net assets applicable to Common Shares of \$1,229,393,493. Term Preferred Shares, Series 20[] (Term Preferred Shares), and any other preferred shares of the Fund that may then be outstanding are collectively referred to as Preferred Shares. The Fund commenced investment operations on June 25, 2003. Holders of Common Shares are referred to as Common Shareholders.

The Offering

The Fund is offering _____ Term Preferred Shares, at a purchase price of \$1,000 per share. Term Preferred Shares are being offered by _____, acting as underwriter. See Underwriter. Generally, the Fund intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of Term Preferred Shares to repay a portion of the Fund's Borrowings under its Credit Facilities (as defined below), to repurchase securities subject to reverse repurchase agreements, or to increase the Fund's leverage. The first issuance date of the Term Preferred Shares upon the closing of this offering is referred to herein as the Date of Original Issue.

Priority of Payment

The Fund has entered into (1) a senior committed secured revolving note purchase agreement with Montalis Investments B.V. (the Noteholder), with a rolling monthly 90-day maturity (the Credit Agreement) and (2) a senior uncommitted repurchase facility with Société Générale (Société Générale) establishing an asset purchase facility (the Repo Facility) and, together with the Credit Agreement, the Credit Facilities). The Fund has an outstanding balance under both the Credit Agreement and Repo Facility. See Use of Leverage. The rights of lenders, such as the Noteholder and Société Générale, and any other creditors to receive payments of interest on and repayments of principal of any borrowings are senior to the rights of holders of Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, and Common Shares (each, a Shareholder), with respect to the payment of dividends and other distributions, and upon liquidation.

Under the terms of the Credit Facilities, the Fund may not be permitted to redeem Term Preferred Shares unless at such time, the Fund meets certain asset coverage and borrowing base requirements and no event of default or other circumstance exists under the Credit Facilities that would limit or otherwise block payments in redemption. In general, asset coverage measures how well a company can repay or cover its obligations, including debt obligations like Borrowings (as defined below) under the Credit Facilities and Preferred Shares, such as the Term Preferred Shares. In general, the borrowing base is the total amount of collateral against which a lender will lend funds to a company. It typically represents a maximum cap on how much asset-based debt a company can obtain, and involves multiplying a discount factor by each type of asset used as collateral.

Under the terms of the Credit Facilities, the Fund cannot make any redemption or dividend payment on the Term Preferred Shares if a default (or insolvency event) exists or would result from such payment; provided that, until the Noteholder takes certain actions with respect to the default (or insolvency event), the Fund may make payments following the default (or insolvency event) solely to the extent necessary to enable the Fund to maintain its status as a regulated investment company under Section 851 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code) and to avoid the imposition of an excise tax on the Fund under Section 4982 of the Code. If the Fund fails to have asset coverage of at least 222% at any time, the Fund must submit a prepayment plan and within 10 Business Days (as defined in Dividend Payments below) use available funds to prepay Borrowings (as defined below under Use of Leverage), such that the Fund regains asset coverage with respect to the sum of total Borrowings outstanding under the Credit Agreement and the Repo Facility of at least 256%. Under the 1940 Act, the Fund may not (i) declare any dividend with respect to any Preferred Shares if asset coverage with respect to any borrowings of the Fund that are senior securities representing indebtedness (as defined in the 1940 Act), would be less than 200% or (ii) declare any other distribution on the Preferred Shares or purchase or redeem Preferred Shares if at the time of the declaration or redemption (and after giving effect thereto), asset coverage with respect to such borrowings that are senior securities representing indebtedness would be less than 300% (or such higher percentage as may in the future be specified in or under the 1940 Act as the minimum asset coverage for senior securities representing indebtedness of a closed-end investment company as a condition of declaring distributions, purchases or redemptions of its shares).

Term Preferred Shares will be senior securities that constitute stock of the Fund and are senior, with priority in all respects, to the Fund's Common Shares as to payments of dividends and as to distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the affairs of the Fund. The Fund may not issue additional classes of shares that are senior to the Term Preferred Shares as to payments of dividends and

as to distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the affairs of the Fund.

Who May Want to Invest

You should consider your investment goals, time horizons and risk tolerance before investing in Term Preferred Shares. An investment in Term Preferred Shares is not appropriate for all investors and is not intended to be a complete investment program. Term Preferred Shares are designed as a short-term investment to help achieve the after-tax income and capital preservation goals of investors, and not as a trading vehicle. Term Preferred Shares may be an appropriate investment for you if you are seeking:

Consistent monthly dividends;

Return of your capital investment after a limited term of approximately [] years; and

A security that benefits from significant over-collateralization and related protective provisions.

However, keep in mind that you will need to assume the risks associated with an investment in Term Preferred Shares and the Fund. See Risk Factors.

Investors in Term Preferred Shares benefit from over-collateralization in the sense that the terms of the Term Preferred Shares require the Fund to maintain Asset Coverage of at least 225%. In addition, investors in Term Preferred Shares benefit from related protective provisions, including a requirement for corrective actions in the event the Fund fails to satisfy the Asset Coverage requirement under the terms of the Term Preferred Shares. See Asset Coverage and Corrective Action.

[Dividend Rate [Fixed Rate

Schedule]

Term Preferred Shares pay a dividend at an initial rate of []% per annum of the \$1,000 liquidation preference per share, subject to adjustment as set forth below and in accordance with the Statement (the Dividend Rate). The Dividend Rate will not in any event be lower than the initial []% Dividend Rate.

The Dividend Rate payable on the Term Preferred Shares on any date will be determined with reference to the following table:

Date	Dividend Rate
From and including the Date of Original Issue to but excluding []	%

See Description of Term Preferred Shares Dividends and Dividend Periods Dividend Rate.]

[Dividend Rate [LIBOR-Based

Rate] The dividend rate for Term Preferred Shares is determined with respect to rate periods that will generally commence on the first calendar day of the month of such rate period and end on and include the last calendar day of such month (Rate Period). The Dividend Rate shall be determined on the day that is two (2) London business days immediately preceding a Rate Period (the Rate Determination Date) and shall be calculated in accordance with the definition of Index Rate . The Index Rate for any such Rate Period will be (i) [] percent ([]%) of the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate made available by 11:00 a.m., London time, on the Rate Determination Date for such Rate Period or (ii) except as otherwise provided in the definition of London Inter-Bank Offered Rate, if such rate is not made available by 11:00 a.m., London time, on such date, the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate as determined on the previous Rate Determination Date; provided, however, that if the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate is less than zero (0), the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate will be deemed to be zero (0) for purposes of the definition of Index Rate. The dividend rate for any Rate Period will be equal to the Index Rate plus the Applicable Spread. The Applicable Spread will initially be % per annum and is subject to adjustment in certain circumstances, as described below. The applicable dividend rate of the Term Preferred Shares is referred to herein as the Dividend Rate. See Description of Term Preferred Shares Dividends and Dividend Periods Dividend Rate.

Applicable Spread Adjustments

As noted above, the Applicable Spread will initially be []% per annum but will adjust based on the highest applicable credit rating most recently assigned to the Term Preferred Shares by [rating agency], or any additional or different rating agency providing a long-term credit rating on the Term Preferred Shares and which is designated a Rating Agency as provided in the Statement. Any such adjustment to the per annum percentage will be as set forth opposite such assigned rating in the table below:

Long-Term Ratings*

<u>[Rating Agency]</u>	<u>Applicable Percentage</u>
AAA to AA	%
AA-	%
A+	%
A	%
A-	%
BBB+	%
BBB	%
BBB-	%

* And/or the equivalent ratings of an Other Rating Agency , as provided in the Statement, then rating the Term Preferred Shares utilizing the highest of the ratings of the Rating Agencies then rating the Term Preferred Shares.]

Dividend Payments

The holders of Term Preferred Shares will be entitled to receive cumulative cash dividends and other distributions (i.e., capital gains distributions and distributions that are not treated as dividends for federal income tax purposes in the event that the Fund has insufficient earnings and profits (often referred to as return of capital)) on each such share, when, as and if declared by, or under authority granted by, the Board of Trustees of the Fund (the Board of Trustees), out of funds legally available for payment. Dividends on the Term Preferred Shares will be payable monthly. The first dividend period for the Term Preferred Shares will commence on the Date of Original Issue of the Term Preferred Shares and end on and each subsequent dividend period will be a calendar month (or the portion thereof occurring prior to the redemption of such Term Preferred Shares) (each dividend period a Dividend Period). Dividends will be paid on the first Business Day of the month next following a Dividend Period and upon redemption of the Term Preferred Shares (each payment date a Dividend Payment Date). Dividends with respect to any monthly Dividend Period will be declared and paid to holders of record of Term Preferred Shares as their names shall appear on the registration books of the Fund at the close of business on the day immediately preceding such Dividend Payment Date (or, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day). See Description of Term Preferred Shares Dividends and Dividend Periods.

Business Day means any day (a) other than a day on which commercial banks in The City of New York, New York are required or authorized by law or executive order to close and (b) on which the NYSE is not closed.

On account of the foregoing provisions, only the holders of Term Preferred Shares on the record date for a Dividend Period will be entitled to receive dividends and other distributions payable with respect to such Dividend Period, and holders of Term Preferred Shares who sell shares before such a record date and purchasers of Term Preferred Shares who purchase shares after such a record date should take the effect of the foregoing provisions into account in evaluating the price to be received or paid for such Term Preferred Shares.

Term Redemption

The Fund is required to provide for the mandatory redemption of all outstanding Term Preferred Shares on at a redemption price equal to \$1,000 per share plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends thereon (whether or not earned or declared but excluding interest thereon) to (but excluding) the redemption date (the Term Redemption Price) out of funds legally available therefore and to the extent permitted by any credit agreement in effect on such date. No amendment, alteration or repeal of the obligations of the Fund to redeem all of the Term Preferred Shares on can be effected without the unanimous vote or consent of the holders of Term Preferred Shares outstanding at such time. See Description of Term Preferred Shares Redemption and Voting Rights.

Asset Coverage and Corrective

Action

With respect to the Term Preferred Shares, the Fund is required to comply with the asset coverage provisions of the 1940 Act, as well as the asset coverage provisions described in the Statement. Asset Coverage for Term Preferred Shares is calculated pursuant to Section 18(h) of the 1940 Act, as in effect on the date of the Statement, and is determined on the basis of values calculated as of a time within 48 hours (only including Business Days) preceding each daily determination (Asset Coverage). In maintaining Asset Coverage as required by either the 1940 Act, or the governing documents for the Term Preferred Shares, the Fund may be required to sell a portion of its investments at a time that it may be disadvantageous for the Fund to do so if, as a result of market fluctuations or otherwise, the Fund fails to maintain the Asset Coverage of at least 225% under the Term Preferred Shares governing documents or as a result of the provisions relating to asset coverage of at least 200% under the 1940 Act. See Description of Term Preferred Shares Asset Coverage.

Under the Statement, if the Fund fails to have Asset Coverage (as defined under Asset Coverage below) of at least 225% as of the close of business on any Business Day on which such Asset Coverage is required to be calculated and such failure is not cured as of the close of business on the date that is 30 calendar days following such Business Day (the Asset Coverage Cure Date), the Fund will, to the extent permitted by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act) and Massachusetts law and pursuant to the terms and conditions of any credit agreement, loan agreement, credit facility or other agreement representing borrowings of the Fund that is in effect at such time, by the close of business on the Business Day next following such Asset Coverage Cure Date, determine (i) the Corrective Action (as defined below) to be taken to cause the Fund to regain Asset Coverage; (ii) if applicable, the identity and market value of assets of the Fund to be sold in connection with a Corrective Action; and (iii) the date, which date will not be later than 20 Business Days following such Asset Coverage Cure Date, on which the Fund will regain Asset Coverage. As used herein, Corrective Action means, for the purpose of allowing the Fund to comply with the Asset Coverage requirements, (a) the irrevocable deposit with the Redemption and Paying Agent (as defined in Redemption and Paying Agent below) of certain securities described in the Statement to fund the redemption of Term Preferred Shares; (b) the repayment of indebtedness of the Fund; (c) corrective trades involving Fund assets; or (d) any combination of the actions described in clauses (a) through (c) above. If Term Preferred Shares are to be redeemed in such an event, they will be redeemed out of funds legally available therefore and to the extent permitted by any credit agreement in effect on such date at a redemption price equal to their \$1,000 liquidation preference per share plus accumulated but unpaid dividends thereon (whether or not declared, but excluding interest thereon) to (but excluding) the date fixed for such redemption (the Asset Coverage Redemption Price).

Optional Redemption

Term Preferred Shares will be subject to optional redemption (in whole or, from time to time, in part) at the sole option of the Fund out of funds legally available therefor and to the extent permitted by any credit agreement in effect on such date as specified in the Statement and described in this Prospectus Supplement. The Fund may redeem Term Preferred Shares in an optional redemption at the redemption price per share equal to the sum of the \$1,000 liquidation preference per share plus [(i) a premium of []% of the liquidation preference (with no such premium on or after) and (ii)] an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends thereon (whether or not earned or declared but excluding interest thereon) to (but excluding) the date fixed for such redemption. See Description of Term Preferred Shares Redemption Optional Redemption.

Federal and State Income Taxes

The Fund has elected to be treated, and intends to continue to qualify each year, as a regulated investment company under Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code). As a regulated investment company, the Fund generally does not expect to be subject to federal income tax. The Fund has received an opinion from its tax counsel that for federal income tax purposes, the Term Preferred Shares will be treated as equity in the Fund. See Tax Matters.

Ratings

The Fund expects that the Term Preferred Shares will be rated by Fitch Ratings, part of the Fitch Group (Fitch) and Moody's Investor Service Inc. (Moody's). The Fund is obligated only to use commercially reasonable efforts to cause at least one rating agency (each a Rating Agency and collectively the Rating Agencies) to publish a credit rating with respect to the Term Preferred Shares for so long as Term Preferred Shares are outstanding. The Fund may choose a different Rating Agency or Rating Agencies to rate the Term Preferred Shares and the ratings of the Term Preferred Shares may vary.

The Fund may be subject to certain restrictions or guidelines by a Rating Agency to achieve a desired rating. Such restrictions and guidelines vary by Rating Agency and by desired ratings. These guidelines generally include asset coverage requirements; portfolio characteristics such as portfolio diversification and credit rating criteria; and qualitative views on the Fund and Fund management. While these restrictions and guidelines may impose different requirements than those under the 1940 Act, it is not anticipated that these restrictions or guidelines will impede the management of the Fund's portfolio in accordance with the Fund's investment objective and policies.

The Fund will bear the costs associated with obtaining any rating on the Term Preferred Shares.

Voting Rights

Except as otherwise provided in the Fund's Declaration of Trust (the Declaration of Trust), the Statement or as otherwise required by law, (i) each holder of Term Preferred Shares shall be entitled to one

vote for each Term Preferred Share held by such holder on each matter submitted to a vote of Shareholders of the Fund and (ii) the holders of outstanding Preferred Shares, including the Term Preferred Shares, and of Common Shares (Common Shares and Preferred Shares shall hereinafter be referred to together as the Shares) shall vote together as a single class; provided that holders of Preferred Shares, including the Term Preferred Shares, voting separately as a class, shall elect at least two of the Fund's trustees and will elect a majority of the Fund's trustees to the extent the Fund fails to pay dividends on any Preferred Shares, including the Term Preferred Shares, in an amount equal to two full years of dividends on that stock. See Description of Term Preferred Shares Voting Rights.

Liquidation Preference

The liquidation preference of Term Preferred Shares will be \$1,000 per share (the Liquidation Preference). In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Fund, whether voluntary or involuntary, the holders of Term Preferred Shares will be entitled to receive a liquidation distribution per share equal to the Liquidation Preference plus an amount equal to all unpaid dividends and other distributions accumulated to (but excluding) the date fixed for distribution or payment (whether or not earned or declared by the Fund, but without interest thereon). See Description of Term Preferred Shares Liquidation Rights.

[Swap

Prior to the closing date of this offering, the Fund expects to enter into an interest rate swap with that seeks to convert the economic impact of the dividend payable by the Fund on the Term Preferred Shares to a variable rate exposure. Under the swap, the Fund would receive a fixed payment at a rate equal to the applicable dividend rate being paid by the Fund on the Term Preferred Shares and in turn pay a fixed spread to the one-month U.S. dollar LIBOR index. has the right, but not the obligation, to terminate the swap agreement on the first business day of each month beginning on . Settlement of the swap is contingent on the closing of the Term Preferred Shares offering. The swap termination date is not contractually tied to the redemption of the Term Preferred Shares. Terms and conditions of the swap may be modified by the mutual written agreement of the Fund and .]

Investment Adviser

Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC (Nuveen Fund Advisors or the Adviser) is the Fund's investment adviser, responsible for overseeing the Fund's overall investment strategy and its implementation.

Nuveen Fund Advisors, a registered investment adviser, offers advisory and investment management services to a broad range of investment company clients. Nuveen Fund Advisors has overall responsibility for management of the Fund, oversees the management of the Fund's portfolio, manages the Fund's business affairs and

provides certain clerical, bookkeeping and other administrative services. Nuveen Fund Advisors is located at 333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606. Nuveen Fund Advisors is an indirect subsidiary of Nuveen, LLC (Nuveen), the investment management arm of Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America (TIAA). TIAA is a life insurance company founded in 1918 by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and is the companion organization of College Retirement Equities Fund. As of September 30, 2017, Nuveen managed approximately \$948 billion in assets, of which approximately \$137 billion was managed by Nuveen Fund Advisors.

Sub-Adviser

Symphony Asset Management LLC (Symphony) serves as the Fund's investment sub-adviser and is an affiliate of Nuveen Fund Advisors. Symphony is a registered investment adviser. Symphony oversees the day-to-day investment operations of the Fund.

Use of Leverage

The Fund may use regulatory leverage. Regulatory leverage consists of senior securities as defined under the 1940 Act, which include (1) borrowings, including loans from financial institutions (Borrowings); (2) issuance of debt securities; and (3) issuance of preferred shares ((1),(2), and (3) are hereinafter collectively referred to as regulatory leverage). The Fund currently employs regulatory leverage through borrowing under the Credit Facilities with Société Générale and the Noteholder. Generally, the Fund intends to use the proceeds from the sale of Term Preferred Shares to repay a portion of the Fund's Borrowings under its Credit Facilities, to repurchase securities subject to reverse repurchase agreements, or to increase the Fund's leverage. With respect to Borrowings, the Fund has entered into the Credit Agreement and the Repo Facility. The borrowing capacity under the Credit Agreement is \$640 million. The Credit Agreement has a rolling monthly 90-day maturity, with an end date of April 1, 2020, unless extended. The Fund has the right to augment or replace the Credit Agreement with a new credit agreement in the future, and any such augmented or replacement credit agreement may contain terms that are materially different than the terms contained in the existing Credit Agreement, including terms that limit payments to holders of Term Preferred Shares. Under the Repo Facility, as a means of leverage, the Fund sells to Société Générale a security or securities that it holds with a contemporaneous agreement to repurchase the same security at an agreed-upon price and date, with the Fund retaining the risk of loss that is associated with that security. The Fund will segregate assets determined by Nuveen Fund Advisors to be liquid to cover its obligations under the Repo Facility. As of July 31, 2017, the Fund's outstanding balance on these Borrowings under the Credit Agreement was \$561,000,000 and under the Repo Facility was \$145,000,000. For the fiscal year ended July 31, 2017, the average daily balance outstanding and average annual interest rate on these Borrowings were \$561,000,000 and 2.10%, respectively. The Credit Agreement is secured by substantially all of the assets of the

Fund and the Repo Facility is secured by certain specific segregated assets of the Fund.

There is no assurance that the Fund's leveraging strategy will be successful. See Use of Leverage.

The Fund pays a management fee to Nuveen Fund Advisors (which in turn pays a portion of its fee to Symphony) based on a percentage of Managed Assets. Managed Assets for this purpose includes the proceeds realized and managed from the Fund's use of leverage as set forth in the Fund's investment management agreement. Nuveen Fund Advisors will be responsible for using leverage to pursue the Fund's investment objectives, and will base its decision regarding whether and how much leverage to use for the Fund based on its assessment of whether such use of leverage will advance the Fund's investment objectives. However, a decision to increase the Fund's leverage will have the effect, all other things being equal, of increasing Managed Assets and therefore Nuveen Fund Advisors' and Symphony's fees. Thus, Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony may have a conflict of interest in determining whether to increase the Fund's use of leverage. Nuveen Fund Advisors will seek to manage that potential conflict by only increasing the Fund's use of leverage when it determines that such increase is in the best interest of the Fund and is consistent with the Fund's investment objectives, and by periodically reviewing the Fund's performance and use of leverage with the Board of Trustees.

In addition to the regulatory leverage described above, the Fund may also enter into derivatives transactions, such as certain credit default swaps, interest rate swaps, total return swaps and bond futures, that have the economic effect of leverage by creating additional investment exposure. See Use of Leverage and The Fund's Investments Portfolio Composition and Other Information Derivatives in the accompanying prospectus and Hedging Transactions in the SAI. The Fund may use leverage in an amount permissible under the 1940 Act and Securities and Exchange Commission Guidance under the 1940 Act.

The Fund has entered and will enter into reverse repurchase agreements as a means of leverage. Reverse repurchase agreements involve the sale of securities held by the Fund with an agreement to repurchase the securities at an agreed-upon price, date and interest payment. Reverse repurchase agreements may be considered to be borrowings by the Fund, but are not considered to be senior securities as defined under the 1940 Act so long as the Fund establishes and maintains on its accounting records cash or other liquid assets equal to the Fund's obligations in respect of such reverse repurchase agreements, as provided by Investment Company Act Release No. 10666 and related SEC guidance.

Unlisted Shares

The Term Preferred Shares are not listed or traded on any securities exchange.

Redemption and Paying Agent

The Fund has entered into a Transfer Agency and Service Agreement with Computershare Inc. and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., Canton, Massachusetts (collectively, the Redemption and Paying Agent) for the purpose of causing the Fund's transfer agent and registrar to serve as transfer agent and registrar, dividend disbursing agent, and redemption and paying agent with respect to Term Preferred Shares.

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CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth the capitalization of the Fund as of July 31, 2017 (audited), and as adjusted (unaudited) to give effect to (i) the issuance of Term Preferred Shares offered hereby (representing \$ in aggregate liquidation preference) (before estimated offering costs) and (ii) the pay-down of \$ on the Credit Facilities with the proceeds of the Series 20[] Term Preferred Shares. The as adjusted information is illustrative only and the Fund's capitalization following the completion of these transactions is subject to adjustment based on the actual number of Term Preferred Shares sold in the offering.

	Actual July 31, 2017	As Adjusted July 31, 2017
	(Audited)	(Unaudited)
Series [] Term Preferred Shares, \$1,000 stated value per share, at liquidation value; shares authorized; 0 shares outstanding and shares outstanding, as adjusted, respectively*	\$	\$
COMMON SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY:		
Common shares, \$.01 par value per share; unlimited shares authorized, 135,766,990 shares outstanding*	\$ 1,357,670	\$ 1,357,670
Paid-in surplus	\$ 1,396,532,977	\$ **
Undistributed (Over-distribution of) net investment income	\$ (12,939,539)	\$
Accumulated net realized gain (loss)	\$ (44,697,831)	\$
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	\$ (74,806,571)	\$
Net assets applicable to common shares	\$ 1,265,446,706	\$ ***

* None of these outstanding shares are held by or for the account of the Fund.

** Assumes a total of \$[], the estimated offering costs related to the issuance of [] Series 20[] Term Preferred Shares, will be amortized over the life of the Series 20[] Term Preferred Shares.

*** Reflects that \$[] will be paid down on the Fund's Credit Facilities with the proceeds of the Series 20[] Term Preferred Shares.

USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds of the offering will be approximately \$, after estimated offering costs. Generally, the Fund intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of Term Preferred Shares to repay a portion of the Fund's Borrowings under its Credit Facilities, to repurchase securities subject to reverse repurchase agreements, or to increase the Fund's leverage. To the extent the Fund uses any net proceeds from the sale of Term Preferred Shares to invest in securities, it is presently anticipated that any such net proceeds will be invested in accordance with the Fund's investment objectives and policies as soon as practicable after completion of the offering. The Fund currently anticipates that it will be able to invest substantially all of such net proceeds in securities that meet the Fund's investment objectives and policies within approximately two weeks after completion of the offering.

DESCRIPTION OF TERM PREFERRED SHARES

The following is a brief description of the terms of Term Preferred Shares. A complete description of the terms of Term Preferred Shares can be found in the Declaration of Trust and the Statement. These documents are filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as exhibits to the

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Fund's registration statement of which this Prospectus Supplement is a part and the Statement also is attached as Appendix A to the SAI. Copies may be obtained as described under Available Information.

General

At the time of issuance the Term Preferred Shares will be fully paid and non-assessable and have no preemptive, conversion, or exchange rights or rights to cumulative voting. The Fund has entered into Credit Facilities with Société Générale and the Noteholder and has outstanding balances. The rights of lenders, such as

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Société Générale and the Noteholder and any other creditors to receive payments of interest on and repayments of principal of any Borrowings are senior to the rights of holders of Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, and Common Shares, with respect to the payment of dividends and other distributions, and upon liquidation. The Fund may not be permitted to declare dividends and other distributions with respect to Preferred Shares, including the Term Preferred Shares, and Common Shares or redeem such Preferred Shares unless at such time, the Fund meets certain asset coverage requirements and no event of default or other circumstance exists under the Credit Facilities that would limit or otherwise block payments in redemption.

Term Preferred Shares will rank equally with any other series of Preferred Shares of the Fund, including any Preferred Shares that might be issued in the future, as to payment of dividends and the distribution of the Fund's assets upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the affairs of the Fund. Term Preferred Shares and all other Preferred Shares, if any, are senior as to dividends and other distributions to the Fund's Common Shares. The Fund may issue additional series of Preferred Shares in the future, and any such series, together with the Term Preferred Shares, are herein collectively referred to as Preferred Shares.

Except in certain limited circumstances, holders of Term Preferred Shares will not receive certificates representing their ownership interest in such shares, and the Term Preferred Shares will be represented by one or more global certificates to be held by and on behalf of the Securities Depository for the Term Preferred Shares. The Depository Trust Company will act as Securities Depository with respect to the Term Preferred Shares.

Dividends and Dividend Periods

General. The following is a general description of dividends and dividend periods. The holders of Term Preferred Shares will be entitled to receive cumulative cash dividends and other distributions (i.e., capital gains distributions and distributions that are not treated as dividends for federal income tax purposes in the event that the Fund has insufficient earnings and profits (often referred to as return of capital)) on such shares, when, as and if declared by, or under authority granted by, the Board of Trustees, out of funds legally available for payment and in preference to dividends and other distributions on Common Shares of the Fund, calculated separately for each Dividend Period for such Term Preferred Shares at the Dividend Rate for such Term Preferred Shares in effect during such Dividend Period, on an amount equal to the Liquidation Preference for such Term Preferred Shares. The Dividend Rate will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Dividends so declared and payable will be paid to the extent permitted under state law and the Declaration of Trust, and to the extent available, in preference to and priority over any dividend declared and payable on the Common Shares.

[Dividend Rate [Fixed Rate Schedule]. The Dividend Rate for Term Preferred Shares is an initial rate of ____%. The Dividend Rate for Term Preferred Shares will be adjusted periodically as set forth below and in accordance with the Statement and/or upon the occurrence of certain events resulting in a Default (as defined below). The Dividend Rate will not in any event be lower than the initial ____% Dividend Rate.

The Dividend Rate payable on the Term Preferred Shares on any date will be determined with reference to the following table:

Date	Dividend Rate
From and including the Date of Original Issue to but excluding	%]

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[Dividend Rate [LIBOR-Based Rate]. The dividend rate for Term Preferred Shares is determined with respect to Rate Periods that will generally commence on the first calendar day of the month of such Rate Period and end on and include the last calendar day of such month. The Dividend Rate shall be determined on the Rate Determination Date and shall be calculated in accordance with the definition of Index Rate . The Index Rate for any such Rate Period will be (i) [] percent ([]%) of the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate made available by 11:00 a.m., London time, on the Rate Determination Date for such Rate Period or (ii) except as otherwise provided in the definition of London Inter-Bank Offered Rate, if such rate is not made available by 11:00 a.m., London time, on such date, the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate as determined on the previous Rate

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Determination Date; provided, however, that if the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate is less than zero (0), the London Inter-Bank Offered Rate will be deemed to be zero (0) for purposes of the definition of Index Rate. The dividend rate for any Rate Period will be equal to the Index Rate plus the Applicable Spread. The Applicable Spread will initially be % per annum and is subject to adjustment in certain circumstances, including a change in the credit rating assigned to the Term Preferred Shares by a rating agency providing a credit rating for the Term Preferred Shares at the request of the Fund, as described below, provided that the dividend rate will in no event exceed % per annum. The applicable dividend rate of the Term Preferred Shares is referred to herein as the Dividend Rate. See Description of Term Preferred Shares Dividends and Dividend Periods Dividend Rate.

Applicable Spread Adjustments. As noted above, the Applicable Spread will initially be []% per annum but will adjust based on the highest applicable credit rating most recently assigned to the Term Preferred Shares by [rating agency], or any additional or different rating agency providing a long-term credit rating on the Term Preferred Shares and which is designated a Rating Agency as provided in the Statement. Any such adjustment to the per annum percentage will be as set forth opposite such assigned rating in the table below:

Long-Term Ratings*

<u>[Rating Agency]</u>	<u>Applicable Percentage</u>
AAA to AA	%
AA-	%
A+	%
A	%
A-	%
BBB+	%
BBB	%
BBB-	%

* And/or the equivalent ratings of an Other Rating Agency then rating the Term Preferred Shares utilizing the highest of the ratings of the Rating Agencies then rating the Term Preferred Shares.]

Payment of Dividends and Dividend Periods. Dividends on the Term Preferred Shares will be payable monthly. The first Dividend Period for the Term Preferred Shares will commence on the Date of Original Issue of Term Preferred Shares and end on and each subsequent Dividend Period will be a calendar month (or the portion thereof occurring prior to the redemption of such Term Preferred Shares). Dividends will be paid on the Dividend Payment Date the first Business Day of the month next following a Dividend Period and upon redemption of the Term Preferred Shares. Dividends with respect to any monthly Dividend Period will be declared and paid to holders of record of Term Preferred Shares as their names shall appear on the registration books of the Fund at the close of business on the day immediately preceding such Dividend Payment Date (or, if such day is not a Business Day, the immediately preceding Business Day). Dividends payable on Term Preferred Shares for any period of less than a full monthly Dividend Period, including in connection with the first Dividend Period for such shares or upon any redemption of such shares on any redemption date other than on a Dividend Payment Date, will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months and the actual number of days elapsed for any period of less than one month.

On account of the foregoing provisions, only the holders of Term Preferred Shares on the record date for a Dividend Period will be entitled to receive dividends and other distributions payable with respect to such Dividend Period, and holders of Term Preferred Shares who sell shares before such a record date and purchasers of Term Preferred Shares who purchase shares after such a record date should take the effect of the foregoing provisions into account in evaluating the price to be received or paid for such Term Preferred Shares.

Increased Rate Default. The Dividend Rate will be adjusted to the Increased Rate (as defined below) for any date the Fund fails to deposit with the Redemption and Paying Agent by 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the (i) applicable Dividend Payment Date, Deposit Securities sufficient to pay the full amount of any dividend on

Term Preferred Shares payable on such Dividend Payment Date (a Dividend Default) or (ii) applicable Redemption Date (as defined below), Deposit Securities sufficient to pay the full amount of the redemption price payable on such Redemption Date (a Redemption Default and, together with a Dividend Default, referred to as a Default). Deposit Securities will generally consist of (i) cash or cash equivalents; (ii) direct obligations of the United States or its agencies or instrumentalities that are entitled to the full faith and credit of the United States (U.S. Government Obligations); (iii) investments in money market funds registered under the 1940 Act that qualify under Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act and certain similar investment vehicles that invest principally in U.S. Government Obligations; or (iv) any letter of credit from a bank or other financial institution that has a credit rating from at least one NRSRO that is the highest applicable rating generally ascribed by such NRSRO to bank deposits or short-term debt of banks or such other financial institutions, in each case either that is a demand obligation payable to the holder on any Business Day or that has a maturity date, mandatory redemption date or mandatory payment date, preceding the relevant Redemption Date, Dividend Payment Date or other payment date.

A Dividend Default or a Redemption Default shall end on the Business Day on which, by 12:00 noon, New York City time, an amount equal to all unpaid dividends and any unpaid redemption price, as applicable, shall have been deposited irrevocably in trust in same-day funds with the Redemption and Paying Agent. In the case of a Default, the applicable dividend rate will be equal to the Increased Rate for each calendar day on which such Default is in effect. The Increased Rate for any such calendar day shall be equal to the applicable Dividend Rate in effect on such day plus five percent (5%) per annum.

Reporting of Increased Rate. In the event that an Increased Rate is in effect for any outstanding series of Term Preferred Shares, the Fund will, as soon as practicable (but in no event later than five Business Days following the first day that such Increased Rate is in effect), make public disclosure via press release of the effectiveness of the Increased Rate and the date on which such Increased Rate was effective. In addition, following the end of a Default triggering such Increased Rate, the Fund will, as soon as practicable (but in no event later than five Business Days following the last day that such Increased Rate is in effect) make public disclosure via press release announcing the date on which such Increased Rate ceased to be effective. For the avoidance of doubt, if the initial public disclosure via press release also includes the date on which such Increased Rate ceased to be effective, a separate press release disclosing that fact will not be required to be issued. The Fund will have no other obligation with respect to notification of any person concerning the effectiveness of the Increased Rate on such date.

Mechanics of Payment of Dividends. Not later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on a Dividend Payment Date, the Fund is required to deposit with the Redemption and Paying Agent sufficient funds for the payment of dividends in the form of Deposit Securities. All Deposit Securities paid to the Redemption and Payment Agent for the payment of dividends will be held in trust for the payment of such dividends to the holders of Term Preferred Shares. Dividends will be paid by the Redemption and Payment Agent to the holders of Term Preferred Shares as their names appear on the registration books of the Fund. Dividends that are in arrears for any past Dividend Period may be declared and paid at any time, without reference to any regular Dividend Payment Date. Such payments are made to holders of Term Preferred Shares as their names appear on the registration books of the Fund on such date, not exceeding 15 calendar days preceding the payment date thereof, as may be fixed by the Board of Trustees. Any payment of dividends in arrears will first be credited against the earliest accumulated but unpaid dividends. No interest or sum of money in lieu of interest will be payable in respect of any dividend payment or payments on any Term Preferred Shares which may be in arrears. See Restrictions on Dividend, Redemption and Other Payments.

Upon failure to pay dividends for at least two years, the holders of Term Preferred Shares will acquire certain additional voting rights. See Voting Rights below. Such rights shall be the exclusive remedy of the holders of Term Preferred Shares upon any failure to pay dividends on Term Preferred Shares.

Restrictions on Dividend, Redemption and Other Payments

No full dividends and other distributions will be declared or paid on Term Preferred Shares for any Dividend Period, or a part of a Dividend Period, unless the full cumulative dividends and other distributions due through the most recent dividend payment dates for all outstanding Preferred Shares have been, or contemporaneously are, declared and paid through the most recent dividend payment dates for each Preferred Share. If full cumulative dividends and other distributions due have not been paid on all outstanding Preferred Shares of any series, any dividends and other distributions being declared and paid on Term Preferred Shares will be declared and paid as nearly pro rata as possible in proportion to the respective amounts of dividends and other distributions accumulated but unpaid on the shares of each such series of Preferred Shares on the relevant dividend payment date. No holders of Term Preferred Shares will be entitled to any dividends and other distributions in excess of full cumulative dividends and other distributions as provided in the Statement.

For so long as any Term Preferred Shares are outstanding, the Fund will not: (x) declare or pay any dividend or other distribution (other than a dividend or distribution paid in Common Shares) in respect of the Common Shares, (y) call for redemption, redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire for consideration any Common Shares, or (z) pay any proceeds of the liquidation of the Fund in respect of the Common Shares, unless, in each case, (A) immediately thereafter, the Fund shall be in compliance with the 200% asset coverage limitations set forth under the 1940 Act after deducting the amount of such dividend or other distribution or redemption or purchase price or liquidation proceeds, (B) all cumulative dividends and other distributions of shares of all series of Preferred Shares of the Fund ranking on a parity with the Term Preferred Shares due on or prior to the date of the applicable dividend, distribution, redemption, purchase or acquisition shall have been declared and paid (or shall have been declared and sufficient funds or Deposit Securities as permitted by the terms of such Preferred Shares for the payment thereof shall have been deposited irrevocably with the applicable paying agent) and (C) the Fund shall have deposited Deposit Securities with the Redemption and Paying Agent in accordance with the requirements described in the Statement with respect to outstanding Preferred Shares of any series to be redeemed pursuant to a Term Redemption or Corrective Action resulting from the failure to comply with the Asset Coverage requirements described below for which a Notice of Redemption shall have been given or shall have been required to be given in accordance with the terms described in the Statement on or prior to the date of the applicable dividend, distribution, redemption, purchase or acquisition.

Except as required by law, the Fund will not redeem any Term Preferred Shares unless all accumulated and unpaid dividends and other distributions on all outstanding Term Preferred Shares and other series of Preferred Shares ranking on a parity with the Term Preferred Shares with respect to dividends and other distributions for all applicable past dividend periods (whether or not earned or declared by the Fund) (x) shall have been or are contemporaneously paid or (y) shall have been or are contemporaneously declared and Deposit Securities or sufficient funds (in accordance with the terms of such Preferred Shares) for the payment of such dividends and other distributions shall have been or are contemporaneously deposited with the Redemption and Paying Agent or other applicable paying agent, provided, however, that the foregoing shall not prevent the purchase or acquisition of outstanding Term Preferred Shares pursuant to an otherwise lawful purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to holders of all outstanding Term Preferred Shares and any other series of Preferred Shares for which all accumulated and unpaid dividends and other distributions have not been paid.

Under the 1940 Act, the Fund may not (i) declare any dividend with respect to any Preferred Shares if, at the time of such declaration (and after giving effect thereto), asset coverage with respect to any borrowings of the Fund that are senior securities representing indebtedness (as defined in the 1940 Act), would be less than 200% (or such other percentage as may in the future be specified in or under the 1940 Act as the minimum asset coverage for senior securities representing indebtedness of a closed-end investment company as a condition of declaring dividends on its Preferred Shares) or (ii) declare any other distribution on the Preferred Shares or purchase or redeem Preferred Shares if at the time of the declaration or redemption (and after giving effect thereto), asset coverage with respect to such borrowings that are senior securities representing indebtedness would be less than 300% (or such higher percentage as may in the future be specified in or under the 1940 Act as the minimum asset coverage for senior securities representing indebtedness of a closed-end investment company

as a condition of declaring distributions, purchases or redemptions of its shares). Senior securities representing indebtedness generally means any bond, debenture, note or similar obligation or instrument constituting a security (other than shares of capital stock) and evidencing indebtedness and could include the Fund's obligations under any borrowings. For purposes of determining asset coverage for senior securities representing indebtedness in connection with the payment of dividends or other distributions on or purchases or redemptions of stock, the term senior security does not include any promissory note or other evidence of indebtedness issued in consideration of any loan, extension or renewal thereof, made by a bank or other person and privately arranged, and not intended to be publicly distributed. The term senior security also does not include any such promissory note or other evidence of indebtedness in any case where such a loan is for temporary purposes only and in an amount not exceeding 5% of the value of the total assets of the Fund at the time when the loan is made; a loan is presumed under the 1940 Act to be for temporary purposes if it is repaid within 60 calendar days and is not extended or renewed; otherwise it is presumed not to be for temporary purposes. For purposes of determining whether the 200% and 300% statutory asset coverage requirements described above apply in connection with dividends or distributions on or purchases or redemptions of Preferred Shares, such asset coverages may be calculated on the basis of values calculated as of a time within 48 hours (only including Business Days) next preceding the time of the applicable determination.

Asset Coverage

Notwithstanding the 1940 Act's requirements, as described below, Term Preferred Shares have an Asset Coverage (as defined for purposes of the Term Preferred Shares) of at least 225% instead of 200%. If the Fund fails to maintain Asset Coverage of at least 225% as of the close of business on each Business Day, and such failure is not cured as of the Asset Coverage Cure Date, the Fund will, to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act, and Massachusetts law and pursuant to the terms and conditions of any credit agreement, loan agreement, credit facility or other agreement representing borrowings of the Fund that is in effect at such time, be required to take Corrective Action as provided below. Asset Coverage means asset coverage of a class of senior security which is a stock, as defined for purposes of Section 18(h) of the 1940 Act as in effect on the date of the Statement, determined on the basis of values calculated as of a time within 48 hours (only including Business Days) next preceding the time of such determination. For purposes of this determination, no Term Preferred Shares or other Preferred Shares shall be deemed to be outstanding for purposes of the computation of Asset Coverage if, prior to or concurrently with such determination, sufficient Deposit Securities or other sufficient funds (in accordance with the terms of such Preferred Shares) to pay the full redemption price for such preferred shares (or the portion thereof to be redeemed) shall have been irrevocably deposited in trust with the paying agent for such Preferred Shares and the requisite notice of redemption for such preferred shares (or the portion thereof to be redeemed) shall have been given. In such event, the Deposit Securities or other sufficient funds so deposited shall not be included as assets of the Fund for purposes of the computation of Asset Coverage.

Redemption

Term Redemption. The Fund is required to redeem (the Term Redemption) all of the Term Preferred Shares on (the Term Redemption Date), at a redemption price equal to the Liquidation Preference per share plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends thereon (whether or not earned or declared but excluding interest thereon) to (but excluding) the Term Redemption Date (the Term Redemption Price) out of funds legally available therefore and to the extent permitted by any credit agreement in effect on such date.

Asset Coverage and Corrective Action. If the Fund fails to have Asset Coverage of at least 225% as provided in the Statement and such failure is not cured as of the close of business on the Asset Coverage Cure Date, the Fund will, to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act, and Massachusetts law and pursuant to the terms and conditions of any credit agreement, loan agreement, credit facility or other agreement representing borrowings of the Fund that is in effect at such time, by the close of business on the Business Day next following such Asset Coverage Cure Date, determine (i) the Corrective Action (as defined below) to be taken to cause the Fund to regain Asset Coverage; (ii) if applicable, the identity and market value of assets of the Fund to be sold in connection with a Corrective Action; and (iii) the date, which date will not be later than 20 Business Days

following such Asset Coverage Cure Date, on which the Fund will regain Asset Coverage. As used herein, *Corrective Action* means, for the purpose of allowing the Fund to comply with the Asset Coverage requirements, (a) the irrevocable deposit of Deposit Securities with the Redemption and Paying Agent to fund the redemption of Term Preferred Shares; (b) the repayment of indebtedness of the Fund; (c) corrective trades involving Fund assets; or (d) any combination of the actions described in clauses (a) through (c) above. In the event that any Term Preferred Shares are to be redeemed, the Fund will redeem such Term Preferred Shares out of funds legally available therefore and to the extent permitted by any credit agreement in effect on such date at a price per share equal to the liquidation price of the applicable Term Preferred Shares, which is equal to the Liquidation Preference of such Term Preferred Share plus accumulated but unpaid dividends and other distributions thereon (whether or not earned or declared but excluding interest thereon) to (but excluding) the date fixed for redemption by the Board of Trustees (the *Asset Coverage Redemption Price*). Corrective trades described above may be made at a time when it would be disadvantageous for the Fund to do so. In the event that any Term Preferred Shares are redeemed to regain compliance with the Asset Coverage requirements, the Fund will effect a redemption on the date fixed by the Fund, which date will not be later than 20 calendar days after the Asset Coverage Cure Date, except that if the Fund does not have funds legally available for the redemption of all of the required number of Term Preferred Shares and other Preferred Shares which have been designated to be redeemed or the Fund otherwise is unable to effect such redemption on or prior to 20 calendar days after the Asset Coverage Cure Date, the Fund will redeem those Term Preferred Shares and other Preferred Shares, if any, which it was unable to redeem on the earliest practicable date on which it is able to effect such redemption.

If fewer than all of the outstanding Term Preferred Shares are to be redeemed pursuant to the Asset Coverage mandatory redemption provisions above, the Term Preferred Shares to be redeemed will be selected either (i) pro rata among Term Preferred Shares, (ii) by lot or (iii) in such other manner as the Board of Trustees may determine to be fair and equitable, in each case, in accordance with the 1940 Act; provided, in each such case, that such method of redemption shall be subject to any applicable procedures of the Security Depository.

Optional Redemption. On any Business Day (such Business Day, an *Optional Redemption Date*), the Fund may redeem out of funds legally available therefore and to the extent permitted by any credit agreement in effect on such date in whole, or from time to time, in part outstanding Term Preferred Shares, at a redemption price equal to the Liquidation Preference, *plus* an amount equal to all unpaid dividends and other distributions accumulated to (but excluding) the *Optional Redemption Date* (whether or not earned or declared by the Fund, but excluding interest thereon), *plus* any applicable *Optional Redemption Premium* per share (as calculated below) (the *Optional Redemption Price*). [The *Optional Redemption Premium* with respect to each Term Preferred Share will be an amount equal to:

if the *Optional Redemption Date* occurs on or after _____, and prior to _____, [_____]% of the Liquidation Preference; or

if the *Optional Redemption Date* occurs on or after _____, [_____]% of the Liquidation Preference.]

If fewer than all of the outstanding Term Preferred Shares are to be redeemed pursuant to the optional redemption provisions above, the Term Preferred Shares to be redeemed will be selected either (i) pro rata among Term Preferred Shares, (ii) by lot or (iii) in such other manner as the Board of Trustees may determine to be fair and equitable, in each case, in accordance with the 1940 Act; provided, in each such case, that such method of redemption shall be subject to any applicable procedures of the Security Depository. Subject to the provisions of the Statement and applicable law, the Board of Trustees will have the full power and authority to prescribe the terms and conditions upon which Term Preferred Shares will be redeemed from time to time.

Redemption Procedures. The Fund will file a notice of its intention to redeem with the Securities and Exchange Commission so as to provide the 30 calendar day notice period contemplated by Rule 23c-2 under the 1940 Act, or such shorter notice period as may be permitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff.

If the Fund shall determine or be required to redeem, in whole or in part, Term Preferred Shares, it will deliver a notice of redemption (a Notice of Redemption) by overnight delivery, by first class mail, postage prepaid or by electronic means to the holders of such Term Preferred Shares to be redeemed, or request the Redemption and Paying Agent, on behalf of the Fund, to promptly do so by overnight delivery, by first class mail or by electronic means. A Notice of Redemption will be provided not more than 45 calendar days prior to the date fixed for redemption and not less than five calendar days prior to such date set forth in such Notice of Redemption (the Redemption Date). Each Notice of Redemption will state: (i) the Redemption Date; (ii) the series of and number of Term Preferred Shares to be redeemed; (iii) the CUSIP number(s) of such Term Preferred Shares; (iv) the applicable Redemption Price of Term Preferred Shares to be redeemed on a per share basis; (v) if applicable, the place or places where the certificate(s) for such Term Preferred Shares (properly endorsed or assigned for transfer, if the Board of Trustees will so require and the Notice of Redemption states) are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price; (vi) that dividends on Term Preferred Shares to be redeemed will cease to accumulate from and after the redemption date; and (vii) the provisions of the Statement under which such redemption is made. If fewer than all Term Preferred Shares held by any holder are to be redeemed, the Notice of Redemption mailed to such holder shall also specify the number of Term Preferred Shares to be redeemed from such holder or the method of determining such number. The Fund may provide in any Notice of Redemption relating to an optional redemption contemplated to be effected pursuant to the Statement that such redemption is subject to one or more conditions precedent and that the Fund will not be required to effect such redemption unless each such condition has been satisfied. No defect in any Notice of Redemption or delivery thereof will affect the validity of redemption proceedings except as required by applicable law.

If the Fund gives a Notice of Redemption, then at any time from and after the giving of such Notice of Redemption and prior to 12:00 noon, New York City time, on the Redemption Date (so long as any conditions precedent to such redemption have been met or waived by the Fund), the Fund will (i) irrevocably deposit with the Redemption and Paying Agent Deposit Securities having an aggregate market value at the time of deposit no less than the redemption price of the Term Preferred Shares to be redeemed on the Redemption Date and (ii) give the Redemption and Paying Agent irrevocable instructions and authority to pay the applicable redemption price to the holders of Term Preferred Shares called for redemption on the Redemption Date. The Fund may direct the Redemption and Paying Agent with respect to the investment of any Deposit Securities consisting of cash so deposited prior to the Redemption Date, provided that the proceeds of any such investment will be available at the opening of business on the Redemption Date as same day funds. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Redemption Date is the Term Redemption Date, then such irrevocable deposit of Deposit Securities (which may come in whole or in part from the Term Redemption Liquidity Account described below) will be made no later than 15 calendar days prior to the Term Redemption Date.

Following the giving of a Notice of Redemption, upon the date of the irrevocable deposit of Deposit Securities by the Fund for purposes of redemption of Term Preferred Shares, all rights of the holders of Term Preferred Shares so called for redemption shall cease and terminate except the right of the holders thereof to receive the Term Redemption Price, Asset Coverage Redemption Price or Optional Redemption Price thereof, as applicable (any of the foregoing referred to herein as the Redemption Price), and such Term Preferred Shares shall no longer be deemed outstanding for any purpose whatsoever (other than the transfer thereof prior to the applicable Redemption Date and other than the accumulation of dividends and other distributions thereon in accordance with the terms of the Term Preferred Shares up to (but excluding) the applicable Redemption Date). The Fund will be entitled to receive, promptly after the Redemption Date, any Deposit Securities in excess of the aggregate Redemption Price of Term Preferred Shares called for redemption on the Redemption Date. Any Deposit Securities so deposited that are unclaimed at the end of 90 calendar days from the Redemption Date will, to the extent permitted by law, be repaid to the Fund, after which the holders of Term Preferred Shares so called for redemption shall look only to the Fund for payment of the Redemption Price. The Fund will be entitled to receive, from time to time after the Redemption Date, any interest on the Deposit Securities so deposited.

On or after a Redemption Date, each holder of Term Preferred Shares in certificated form (if any) that are subject to redemption will surrender the certificate(s) evidencing such Term Preferred Shares to the Fund at the

place designated in the Notice of Redemption and will then be entitled to receive the Redemption Price, without interest, and in the case of a redemption of fewer than all Term Preferred Shares represented by such certificate(s), a new certificate representing Term Preferred Shares that were not redeemed.

Notwithstanding the other redemption provisions described herein, except as otherwise required by law, (i) the Fund will not redeem any Term Preferred Shares unless all accumulated and unpaid dividends and other distributions on all outstanding Term Preferred Shares and shares of other series of Preferred Shares ranking on a parity with the Term Preferred Shares with respect to dividends and other distributions for all applicable past dividend periods (whether or not earned or declared by the Fund) (x) shall have been or are contemporaneously paid or (y) shall have been or are contemporaneously declared and Deposit Securities or sufficient funds or securities (in accordance with the terms of such Preferred Shares) for the payment of such dividends and other distributions shall have been or are contemporaneously deposited with the Redemption and Paying Agent as set forth in the Statement, and (ii) if, as of the Redemption Date for Term Preferred Shares, any redemption required with respect to any outstanding Preferred Shares (including shares of other series of Term Preferred Shares) ranking on a parity with such Term Preferred Shares (x) shall not have been made on the redemption date therefor or is not contemporaneously made on the Redemption Date or (y) shall not have been or is not contemporaneously noticed and Deposit Securities or sufficient funds or securities (in accordance with the terms of such Term Preferred Shares or other Preferred Shares) for the payment of such redemption shall not have been or are not contemporaneously deposited with the Redemption and Paying Agent for such other Term Preferred Shares or other Preferred Shares in accordance with the terms of such other Term Preferred Shares or other Preferred Shares, then any redemption required hereunder shall be made as nearly as possible on a pro rata basis with all other Preferred Shares then required to be redeemed (or in respect of which securities or funds for redemption are required to be deposited) in accordance with the terms of such Preferred Shares, and the number of shares of such Term Preferred Shares to be redeemed from the respective holders shall be determined pro rata among the outstanding shares of such Term Preferred Shares or in such other manner as the Board of Trustees may determine to be fair and equitable and that is in accordance with the 1940 Act; provided, in each such case, that such method of redemption shall be subject to any applicable procedures established by the Securities Depository, and provided, further, however, that the Fund will not be prevented from the purchase or acquisition of outstanding Term Preferred Shares pursuant to an otherwise lawful purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to holders of all outstanding Term Preferred Shares and any other series of Preferred Shares for which all accumulated and unpaid dividends and other distributions have not been paid.

If any redemption for which a Notice of Redemption has been provided is not made (i) by reason of the absence of legally available funds of the Fund in accordance with the Declaration of Trust, the Statement and applicable law or (ii) pursuant to the terms and conditions of any credit agreement in effect on the date on which such redemption is scheduled, such redemption shall be made as soon as practicable to the extent such funds become available or as permitted by such credit agreement. No Redemption Default will be deemed to have occurred if the Fund has failed to deposit in trust with the Redemption and Paying Agent the applicable Redemption Price with respect to any shares where (1) the Notice of Redemption relating to such redemption provided that such redemption was subject to one or more conditions precedent and (2) any such condition precedent has not been satisfied at the time or times and in the manner specified in such Notice of Redemption. Notwithstanding the fact that a Notice of Redemption has been provided with respect to any Term Preferred Shares, dividends will be declared and paid on such Term Preferred Shares in accordance with their terms regardless of whether Deposit Securities for the payment of the Redemption Price of such Term Preferred Shares shall have been deposited in trust with the Redemption and Paying Agent for that purpose.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Statement or in any Notice of Redemption, if the Fund has not redeemed Term Preferred Shares on the applicable Redemption Date, the holders of the Term Preferred Shares subject to redemption shall continue to be entitled to (a) receive dividends on such Term Preferred Shares accumulated at the Dividend Rate for the period from, and including, such Redemption Date through, but excluding, the date on which such Term Preferred Shares are actually redeemed and such dividends, to the extent accumulated, but unpaid, during such period (whether or not earned or declared but without interest thereon) will

be included in the Redemption Price for such Term Preferred Shares and (b) transfer the Term Preferred Shares prior to the date on which such Term Preferred Shares are actually redeemed, provided that all other rights of holders of such Term Preferred Shares will have terminated upon the date of deposit of Deposit Securities in accordance with the Statement.

The Fund may, in its sole discretion and without a shareholder vote, modify the redemption procedures with respect to notification of redemption for the Term Preferred Shares, provided that such modification does not materially and adversely affect the holders of Term Preferred Shares or cause the Fund to violate any applicable law, rule or regulation.

Term Redemption Liquidity Account and Liquidity Requirement

On or prior to (the Liquidity Account Initial Date), the Fund will identify and designate on its books and records or otherwise in accordance with the Fund's normal procedures (the Term Redemption Liquidity Account) Deposit Securities or any other security or investment owned by the Fund that is assigned a rating by any of Moody's, Fitch or Standard & Poor's Rating Services, a Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC business (Standard & Poor's or S&P), of not less than B3 by Moody's, B- by Standard & Poor's, B- by Fitch, or an equivalent rating by any other NRSRO (or any such rating's future equivalent) (each a Liquidity Account Investment and collectively the Liquidity Account Investments) with a market value equal to at least 110% of the Term Redemption Amount (as defined below) with respect to such Term Preferred Shares. The Term Redemption Amount for Term Preferred Shares is equal to the Term Redemption Price to be paid on the Term Redemption Date, based on the number of Term Preferred Shares then outstanding and the Dividend Rate that will be in effect for the period of time beginning on the date of the creation of the Term Redemption Liquidity Account for such Term Preferred Shares and ending on the Term Redemption Date for such Term Preferred Shares. If, on any date after the Liquidity Account Initial Date, the aggregate market value of the Liquidity Account Investments included in the Term Redemption Liquidity Account for Term Preferred Shares as of the close of business on any Business Day is less than 110% of the Term Redemption Amount, then the Fund will cause Nuveen Fund Advisors to take all such necessary actions, including identifying and designating additional assets of the Fund as Liquidity Account Investments, so that the aggregate market value of the Liquidity Account Investments included in the Term Redemption Liquidity Account is at least equal to 110% of the Term Redemption Amount not later than the close of business on the next succeeding Business Day. With respect to assets of the Fund identified and designated as Liquidity Account Investments with respect to the Term Preferred Shares, Nuveen Fund Advisors, on behalf of the Fund, will be entitled to release any Liquidity Account Investments from such identification and designation and to substitute therefor other Liquidity Account Investments, so long as (i) the assets of the Fund identified and designated as Liquidity Account Investments at the close of business on such date have a market value equal to at least 110% of the Term Redemption Amount and (ii) the assets of the Fund designated and segregated in accordance with the Custodian's normal procedures, from other assets of the Fund, and identified as Deposit Securities at the close of business on such date have a market value at least equal to the Liquidity Requirement (if any) (as set forth below) that is applicable to such date. The Fund will not permit any lien, security interest or encumbrance to be created or permitted to exist on or in respect of any Liquidity Account Investments included in the Term Redemption Liquidity Account, other than liens, security interests or encumbrances arising by operation of law.

The market value of the Deposit Securities held in the Term Redemption Liquidity Account for the Term Preferred Shares, from and after the 15th day of the calendar month (or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next succeeding Business Day) that is the number of months preceding the calendar month in which the Term

Redemption Date occurs in each case specified in the table set forth below, will not be less than the percentage of the Term Redemption Amount for the Term Preferred Shares set forth below opposite such number of months (the Liquidity Requirement):

Number of Months Preceding Month of Term Redemption Date	Value of Deposit Securities as Percentage of Term Redemption Amount
5	20%
4	40%
3	60%
2	80%
1	100%

If the aggregate market value of the Deposit Securities included in the Term Redemption Liquidity Account for the Term Preferred Shares as of the close of business on any Business Day is less than the Liquidity Requirement for such Business Day, the Fund will cause the segregation of additional or substitute Deposit Securities in respect of the Term Redemption Liquidity Account, so that the aggregate market value of the Deposit Securities included in the Term Redemption Liquidity Account is at least equal to the Liquidity Requirement not later than the close of business on the next succeeding Business Day.

The Deposit Securities included in the Term Redemption Liquidity Account may be applied by the Fund, in its discretion, towards payment of the Term Redemption Price. Upon the deposit by the Fund with the Redemption and Paying Agent of Deposit Securities having an initial combined market value sufficient to effect the redemption of the Term Preferred Shares on the Term Redemption Date, the requirement of the Fund to maintain the Term Redemption Liquidity Account as described above will lapse and be of no further force and effect.

Liquidation Rights

In the event of any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Fund, whether voluntary or involuntary, the holders of Term Preferred Shares will be entitled to receive out of the assets of the Fund available for distribution to shareholders, after satisfying claims of creditors but before any distribution or payment shall be made in respect of the Common Shares, a liquidation distribution equal to the Liquidation Preference of \$1,000 per share, plus an amount equal to all unpaid dividends and other distributions accumulated to (but excluding) the date fixed for such distribution or payment (whether or not earned or declared by the Fund, but without interest thereon), and such holders shall be entitled to no further participation in any distribution or payment in connection with any such liquidation, dissolution or winding up.

If, upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Fund, whether voluntary or involuntary, the assets of the Fund available for distribution among the holders of all Term Preferred Shares, and any other outstanding Preferred Shares, shall be insufficient to permit the payment in full to such holders of Term Preferred Shares of the Liquidation Preference plus accumulated and unpaid dividends and other distributions and the amounts due upon liquidation with respect to such other Preferred Shares, then the available assets shall be distributed among the holders of such Term Preferred Shares and such other series of Preferred Shares ratably in proportion to the respective preferential liquidation amounts to which they are entitled. In connection with any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Fund whether voluntary or involuntary, unless and until the Liquidation Preference on each outstanding Term Preferred Share plus accumulated and unpaid dividends and other distributions has been paid in full to the holders of Term Preferred Shares, no dividends, distributions or other payments will be made on, and no redemption, purchase or other acquisition by the Fund will be made by the Fund in respect of, the Common Shares.

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Neither the sale of all or substantially all of the property or business of the Fund, nor the merger, consolidation or reorganization of the Fund into or with any other business or statutory trust, corporation or other entity, nor the merger, consolidation or reorganization of any other business or statutory trust, corporation or other entity into or with the Fund will be a dissolution, liquidation or winding up, whether voluntary or involuntary, for purposes of the provisions relating to liquidation set forth in the Statement.

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Voting Rights

Except as otherwise provided in the Fund's Declaration of Trust, the Statement, or as otherwise required by applicable law, each holder of Term Preferred Shares will be entitled to one vote for each Term Preferred Share held by such holder on each matter submitted to a vote of shareholders of the Fund. The holders of outstanding Preferred Shares, including the Term Preferred Shares, will vote together with holders of Common Shares of the Fund as a single class. Under applicable rules of the NYSE, the Fund is currently required to hold annual meetings of shareholders.

In addition, the holders of outstanding Preferred Shares, including the Term Preferred Shares, will be entitled, as a class, to the exclusion of the holders of all other securities and classes of Common Shares, to elect two trustees of the Fund at all times. The holders of outstanding Common Shares and Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, voting together as a single class, will elect the balance of the trustees of the Fund.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if (i) at the close of business on any dividend payment date for dividends on any outstanding Preferred Share, including any outstanding Term Preferred Shares, accumulated dividends (whether or not earned or declared) on the Preferred Shares, including the Term Preferred Shares, equal to at least two full year's dividends shall be due and unpaid and sufficient cash or specified securities shall not have been deposited with the Redemption and Paying Agent or other applicable paying agent for the payment of such accumulated dividends; or (ii) at any time holders of any Preferred Shares are entitled under the 1940 Act to elect a majority of the trustees of the Fund (a period when either of the foregoing conditions exists, a Voting Period), then the number of members constituting the Board of Trustees will automatically be increased by the smallest number that, when added to the two trustees elected exclusively by the holders of Preferred Shares, including the Term Preferred Shares, as described above, would constitute a majority of the Board as so increased by such smallest number; and the holders of the Preferred Shares, including the Term Preferred Shares, will be entitled as a class on a one-vote-per-share basis, to elect such additional trustees. The terms of office of the persons who are trustees at the time of that election will not be affected by the election of the additional trustees. If the Fund thereafter shall pay, or declare and set apart for payment, in full all dividends payable on all outstanding Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, for all past dividend periods, or the Voting Period is otherwise terminated, (i) the voting rights stated above shall cease, subject always, however, to the re-vesting of such voting rights in the holders of Preferred Shares upon the further occurrence of any of the events described herein, and (ii) the terms of office of all of the additional trustees so elected will terminate automatically. Any Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, and any preferred Shares issued after the date hereof will vote with Term Preferred Shares as a single class on the matters described above, and the issuance of any other Preferred Shares, may reduce the voting power of the holders of Term Preferred Shares. A Voting Period will terminate when all of the conditions described above cease to exist.

As soon as practicable after the accrual of any right of the holders of Preferred Shares to elect additional trustees as described above, the Fund will call a special meeting of such holders and notify the Redemption and Paying Agent and/or such other person as is specified in the terms of such Preferred Shares to receive notice, (i) by mailing or delivery by electronic means or (ii) in such other manner and by such other means as are specified in the terms of such Preferred Shares, a notice of such special meeting to such holders, such meeting to be held not less than 10 nor more than 30 calendar days after the date of the delivery by electronic means or mailing of such notice. If the Fund fails to call such a special meeting, it may be called at the expense of the Fund by any such holder on like notice. The record date for determining the holders of Preferred Shares entitled to notice of and to vote at such special meeting shall be the close of business on the fifth Business Day preceding the calendar day on which such notice is mailed or otherwise delivered. At any such special meeting and at each meeting of holders of Preferred Shares held during a Voting Period at which trustees are to be elected, such holders, voting together as a class (to the exclusion of the holders of all other securities and classes of capital stock of the Fund), will be entitled to elect the number of additional trustees prescribed above on a one-vote-per-share basis.

Except as otherwise permitted by the terms of the Statement, so long as any Term Preferred Shares are outstanding, the Fund will not, without the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of Term Preferred

Shares of all series outstanding at the time, voting as a separate class, amend, alter or repeal the provisions of the Declaration of Trust or the Statement, whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise, so as to (i) alter or abolish any preferential right of such Term Preferred Share, or (ii) create, alter or abolish any right in respect of redemption of such Term Preferred Share; provided that a division, stock split or reverse stock split of a Term Preferred Share will not, by itself, be deemed to have any of the effects set forth in clause (i) or (ii) above. So long as any Term Preferred Shares are outstanding, the Fund will not, without the affirmative vote or consent of at least 66²/₃% of the holders of Term Preferred Shares outstanding at the time, voting as a separate class, file a voluntary application for relief under United States bankruptcy law or any similar application under state law for so long as the Fund is solvent and does not foresee becoming insolvent. No vote of the holders of Common Shares will be required to amend, alter or repeal the provisions of the Statement, including any appendix.

Except as otherwise permitted by the terms of the Statement, and subject to the paragraph below, so long as any Term Preferred Shares are outstanding, the Fund will not, without the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least a majority of the Term Preferred Shares outstanding at the time, voting as a separate class, amend, alter or repeal: (i) the provisions of the appendix to the Statement relating to a series of Term Preferred Shares, whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise, so as to materially and adversely affect any preference, right or power set forth in such appendix of the series of Term Preferred Shares or the holders thereof; or (ii) the provisions of the appendix of the Statement for a series of Term Preferred Shares setting forth the Liquidation Preference for such Term Preferred Shares; provided that a division, stock split or reverse stock split of a Term Preferred Share shall not, by itself, be deemed to violate clause (i) or (ii) above. For purposes of clause (i) above, no matter shall be deemed to materially and adversely affect any preference, right or power of a Term Preferred Share or the holder thereof unless such matter (i) alters or abolishes any preferential right of such Term Preferred Share, or (ii) creates, alters or abolishes any right in respect of redemption of such Term Preferred Share. For the avoidance of doubt, no vote of the holders of Common Shares will be required to amend, alter or repeal the provisions of the Statement, including any appendix to the Statement.

So long as any Term Preferred Shares are outstanding, the Fund will not, without the unanimous vote or consent of the holders of such Term Preferred Shares outstanding at the time, voting as a separate class, amend, alter or repeal the provisions of the appendix to the Statement relating to such Term Preferred Shares, which provisions obligate the Fund to (i) pay the Term Redemption Price on the Term Redemption Date for Term Preferred Shares, (ii) accumulate dividends at the Dividend Rate (as set forth in the Statement and the applicable appendix to the Statement) for the Term Preferred Shares or (iii) pay the Optional Redemption Premium (if any) provided for in the appendix to the Statement for such Term Preferred Shares; provided that a division, stock split or reverse stock split of a Term Preferred Share shall not, by itself, be deemed to violate clause (i), (ii) or (iii) above. For the avoidance of doubt, no vote of the holders of Common Shares will be required to amend, alter or repeal the provisions of the Statement, including any appendix to the Statement.

Unless a higher percentage is provided for in the Declaration of Trust of the Fund, (i) the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding Preferred Shares, including the Term Preferred Shares outstanding at the time, voting as a separate class, will be required (i) to approve any conversion of the Fund from a closed-end to an open-end investment company, (ii) to approve any plan of reorganization (as such term is defined in Section 2(a)(33) of the 1940 Act) adversely affecting such Preferred Shares or (iii) to approve any other action requiring a vote of security holders of the Fund under Section 13(a) of the 1940 Act. For purposes of the foregoing, the vote of a majority of the outstanding Preferred Shares means the vote at an annual or special meeting duly called of (i) 67% or more of such shares present at a meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of such shares are present or represented by proxy at such meeting, or (ii) more than 50% of such shares, whichever is less.

For purposes of determining any rights of the holders of Term Preferred Shares to vote on any matter, whether such right is created by the Statement, by the provisions of the Declaration of Trust, by statute or otherwise, no holder of Term Preferred Shares will be entitled to vote any Term Preferred Shares and no Term Preferred Shares will be deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of voting or determining the number of shares required to constitute a quorum if, prior to or concurrently with the time of determination of shares entitled to vote or the time of the actual vote on the matter, as the case may be, the requisite Notice of

Redemption with respect to such Term Preferred Shares will have been given in accordance with the Statement, and Deposit Securities for the payment of the Redemption Price of such Term Preferred Shares will have been deposited in trust with the Redemption and Paying Agent for that purpose. No Term Preferred Shares held (legally or beneficially) by the Fund will have any voting rights or be deemed to be outstanding for voting or for calculating the voting percentage required on any other matter or other purposes.

Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Rating Agency Guidelines discussed below, as they may be amended from time to time by the respective Rating Agency, may be amended by the respective Rating Agency without the vote, consent or approval of the Fund, the Board of Trustees and any holder of Preferred Shares, including any Term Preferred Shares, or any other shareholder of the Fund.

Unless otherwise required by law or the Declaration of Trust, holders of Term Preferred Shares will not have any relative rights or preferences or other special rights with respect to voting other than those specifically set forth in the Voting Rights section of the Statement. The holders of Term Preferred Shares will have no rights to cumulative voting. In the event that the Fund fails to declare or pay any dividends on Term Preferred Shares, the exclusive remedy of the holders will be the right to vote for additional trustees as discussed above; provided that the foregoing does not affect the obligation of the Fund to accumulate and, if permitted by applicable law, the Declaration of Trust and the Statement, pay dividends at the Increased Rate as discussed above.

Rating Agencies

The Fund will use commercially reasonable efforts to cause at least one Rating Agency with respect to the Term Preferred Shares to issue long term credit rating for so long as such Term Preferred Shares are outstanding. The Board of Trustees has initially designated each of Moody's and Fitch as a Rating Agency. The Fund will use commercially reasonable efforts to comply with any applicable Rating Agency Guidelines. Rating Agency Guidelines are guidelines of any Rating Agency, as they may be amended or modified from time to time, compliance with which is required to cause such Rating Agency to continue to issue a rating with respect to Term Preferred Shares for so long as such Term Preferred Shares are outstanding. If a Rating Agency ceases to rate securities of closed-end management investment companies generally, the Board of Trustees will terminate the designation of such Rating Agency as a Rating Agency. The Board of Trustees may elect to terminate the designation of any Rating Agency previously designated by the Board of Trustees to act as a Rating Agency for purposes of the Statement so long as either (i) immediately following such termination, there would be at least one Rating Agency with respect to the Term Preferred Shares or (ii) it replaces the terminated Rating Agency with another NRSRO and provides notice thereof to the holders of Term Preferred Shares; provided that such replacement will not occur unless such replacement Rating Agency will have at the time of such replacement (i) published a rating for the Term Preferred Shares and (ii) entered into an agreement with the Fund to continue to publish such rating subject to the Rating Agency's customary conditions. A copy of the current Rating Agency Guidelines will be provided to any holder of Term Preferred Shares promptly upon request therefor made by such holder to the Fund by writing the Fund at 333 West Wacker Dr., Chicago, Illinois 60606.

The Board of Trustees may also elect to designate one or more other NRSROs as Rating Agencies with respect to Term Preferred Shares by notice to the holders of the Term Preferred Shares. The Rating Agency Guidelines of any Rating Agency may be amended by such Rating Agency without the vote, consent or approval of the Fund, the Board of Trustees or any holder of Preferred Shares, including any Term Preferred Shares, or Common Shares.

Issuance of Additional Preferred Shares

So long as any Term Preferred Shares are outstanding, the Fund may, without the vote or consent of the holders thereof, authorize, establish and create and issue and sell shares of one or more series of a class of Preferred Shares, ranking on a parity with Term Preferred Shares as to payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or the winding up of the affairs of the Fund, in addition to then outstanding Term Preferred Shares, including additional series of Term Preferred Shares, and authorize, issue and sell

additional shares of any such series of Preferred Shares then outstanding or so established or created, including additional Term Preferred Shares, in each case in accordance with applicable law, provided that the Fund will, immediately after giving effect to the issuance of such additional Preferred Shares and to its receipt and application of the proceeds thereof, including to an irrevocable deposit in respect of the redemption of Preferred Shares or the repayment of indebtedness with such proceeds, have Asset Coverage of at least 225%.

Actions on Other than Business Days

Unless otherwise provided herein or in the Statement, if the date for making any payment, performing any act or exercising any right is not a Business Day, such payment will be made, act performed or right exercised on the next succeeding Business Day, with the same force and effect as if made or done on the nominal date provided therefor, and, with respect to any payment so made, no dividends, interest or other amount will accrue for the period between such nominal date and the date of payment.

Modification

To the extent permitted by applicable law and the Statement, the Board of Trustees, without the vote of the holders of Term Preferred Shares, may interpret, supplement or amend the provisions of the Statement or any appendix thereto to supply any omission, resolve any inconsistency or ambiguity or to cure, correct or supplement any defective or inconsistent provision, including any provision that becomes defective after the date hereof because of impossibility of performance or any provision that is inconsistent with any provision of any other preferred shares of the Fund.

USE OF LEVERAGE

The Fund may use regulatory leverage. Regulatory leverage consists of senior securities as defined under the 1940 Act, which include (1) Borrowings, including loans from financial institutions; (2) issuance of debt securities; and (3) issuance of preferred shares. The Fund has outstanding Borrowings and reverse repurchase agreements, and from time to time may employ derivatives, such as certain credit default swaps, interest rate swaps, total return swaps and bond futures, that have the economic effect of leverage by creating additional investment exposure. See The Fund's Investments Portfolio Composition and Other Information Derivatives in the accompanying prospectus and Hedging Transactions in the SAI. Reverse repurchase agreements may be considered to be borrowings by the Fund, but are not considered to be senior securities as defined under the 1940 Act so long as the Fund establishes and maintains on its accounting records cash or other liquid assets equal to the Fund's obligations in respect of such reverse repurchase agreements, as provided by Investment Company Act Release No. 10666 and related SEC guidance. The Fund may also borrow money for repurchase of its shares or as a temporary measure for extraordinary or emergency purposes, including the payment of dividends and the settlement of securities transactions which otherwise might require untimely dispositions of Fund securities. The Fund may use leverage to the extent permissible under the 1940 Act. The Fund will seek to invest any net cash proceeds from leverage in a manner consistent with the Fund's investment objectives and policies.

The amounts and forms of leverage used by the Fund may vary with prevailing market or economic conditions. The timing and terms of any leverage transactions are determined by the Board of Trustees. There is no assurance that the Fund's leveraging strategy will be successful.

The Fund currently employs regulatory leverage through Borrowings. Generally, the Fund intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of Term Preferred Shares to repay a portion of the Fund's Borrowings under its Credit Facilities, to repurchase securities subject to reverse repurchase agreements, or to increase the Fund's leverage. The Fund may in the future issue additional types of Preferred Shares.

With respect to Borrowings, the Fund has entered into the Credit Agreement and the Repo Facility. The borrowing capacity under the Credit Agreement is \$640 million. The Credit Agreement has a rolling monthly 90-day maturity, with an end date of April 1, 2020, unless extended. The Fund has the right to augment or replace the Credit Agreement with a new credit agreement in the future, and any such augmented or replacement credit agreement may contain terms that are materially different than the terms contained in the existing Credit Agreement, including terms that limit payments to holders of Term Preferred Shares. Under the Repo Facility, as a means of leverage, the Fund sells to Société Générale a security or securities that it holds with a contemporaneous agreement to repurchase the same security at an agreed-upon price and date, with the Fund retaining the risk of loss that is associated with that security. The Fund will segregate assets determined to be liquid by the Adviser to cover its obligations under the Repo Facility. As of July 31, 2017, the Fund's outstanding balance on these Borrowings under the: (i) Credit Agreement was \$561,000,000 and (ii) Repo Facility was \$145,000,000. For the fiscal year ended July 31, 2017, the average daily balance outstanding and average annual interest rate on these Borrowings were \$561,000,000 and 2.10%, respectively. The Credit Agreement is secured by substantially all of the assets of the Fund and the Repo Facility is secured by certain specific segregated assets of the Fund. The amount of outstanding Borrowings may vary with prevailing market or economic conditions. The Fund borrows money at rates generally available to institutional investors. Any Borrowings of the Fund, including Borrowings currently under the Credit Agreement and/or under the Repo Facility, will have seniority over Term Preferred Shares. The rights of lenders, such as the Noteholder under the Credit Agreement and Société Générale under the Repo Facility, and any other creditors to receive payments of interest on and repayments of principal of any Borrowings are senior to the rights of holders of Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, and Common Shares, with respect to the payment of dividends and other distributions, and upon liquidation. The Fund may not be permitted to declare dividends and other distributions with respect to the Term Preferred Shares and Common Shares or redeem Term Preferred Shares unless at such time, the Fund meets certain asset coverage requirements and no event of default or other circumstance exists under the Credit Agreement or with respect to any other Borrowings that would limit or otherwise block payments in redemption. Borrowings and Preferred Shares, such as the Term Preferred Shares, will have seniority over the Common Shares.

The Fund has entered reverse repurchase agreements as a means of leverage. Reverse repurchase agreements involve the sale of securities held by the Fund with an agreement to repurchase the securities at an agreed-upon price, date and interest payment. The Fund will segregate assets determined to be liquid by the Adviser to cover its obligations under reverse repurchase agreements.

[Prior to the closing date of this offering, the Fund expects to enter into an interest rate swap with _____ that seeks to convert the economic impact of the dividend payable by the Fund on the Term Preferred Shares to a variable rate exposure. Under the swap, the Fund would receive a fixed payment at a rate equal to the applicable dividend rate being paid by the Fund on the Term Preferred Shares and in turn pay a fixed spread to the one-month U.S. dollar LIBOR index. _____ has the right, but not the obligation, to terminate the swap agreement on the first Business Day of each month beginning on _____. Settlement of the swap is contingent on the closing of the Term Preferred Shares offering. The swap termination date is not contractually tied to the redemption of the Term Preferred Shares. Terms and conditions of the swap may be modified by the mutual written agreement of the Fund and the counterparty.]

In addition, the Fund may use derivatives such as interest rate swaps to manage the Fund's effective interest rate exposure. Interest rate swaps do not involve the delivery of securities or other underlying assets or principal. Accordingly, the risk of loss with respect to the swap counterparty on such transactions is limited to the net amount of interest payments that the Fund is to receive. Interest rate swap positions are valued daily. Although there are economic advantages of entering into interest rate swap transactions, there are also additional risks. The Fund helps manage the credit risks associated with interest rate swap transactions by entering into agreements only with counterparties whom Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony believe have the financial resources to honor their obligations and by having Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony continually monitor the financial stability of the swap counterparties.

Depending on the state of interest rates in general, the Fund's use of interest rate swaps could enhance or harm the overall performance of the Common Shares. In addition, if the counterparty to an interest rate swap defaults, the Fund would not be able to use the anticipated net receipts under the swap to offset the interest payments on Borrowings or the dividend payments on outstanding Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares. Depending on whether the Fund would be entitled to receive net payments from the counterparty on the swap, 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 Shares. In addition, at the time an interest rate swap 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 this occurs, it could have a negative impact on the performance of the Shares. 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 transaction. Early termination of a swap could result in a termination payment by or to the Fund. See Use of Leverage.

The Fund pays Nuveen Fund Advisors a management fee (which in turn pays a portion of its fee to the Fund's sub-adviser, Symphony) based on a percentage of Managed Assets. Managed Assets for this purpose includes the proceeds realized from the Fund's use of leverage as set forth in the Fund's investment management agreement. See Management of the Fund Investment Management and Sub-Advisory Agreements. Nuveen Fund Advisors will be responsible for using leverage to pursue the Fund's investment objective, and will base its decision regarding whether and how much to leverage to use for the Fund based solely on its assessment of whether such use of leverage will advance the Fund's investment objective. However, a decision to increase the Fund's leverage will have the effect of increasing Managed Assets and therefore Nuveen Fund Advisors' and Symphony's management fee. Thus, Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony may have a conflict of interest in determining whether to increase the Fund's use of leverage. Nuveen Fund Advisors will seek to manage that incentive by only increasing the Fund's use of leverage when it determines that such increase is in the best interest of the Fund and is consistent with the Fund's investment objective, and by periodically reviewing the Fund's performance and use of leverage with the Board of Trustees.

Under the 1940 Act, the Fund generally is not permitted to borrow or issue commercial paper or notes unless immediately after the borrowing or commercial paper or note issuance the value of the Fund's total assets less liabilities other than the principal amount represented by commercial paper, notes or borrowings, is at least 300% of such principal amount. Generally, the Fund intends, to the extent possible, to prepay all or a portion of the principal amount of any outstanding borrowing, notes or commercial paper to the extent necessary in order to maintain the required asset coverage. Failure to maintain certain asset coverage requirements could result in an event of default and entitle the debt holders to elect a majority of the Board of Trustees.

Under the 1940 Act, the Fund is not permitted to issue Preferred Shares unless immediately after such issuance, the value of the Fund's asset coverage is at least 200% of the liquidation value of the outstanding Preferred Shares (i.e., such liquidation value may not exceed 50% of the Fund's asset coverage). In addition, the Fund is not permitted to declare any cash dividend or other distribution on its Common Shares unless, at the time of such declaration, the value of the Fund's asset coverage less liabilities other than borrowings is at least 200% of such liquidation value. The Fund intends, to the extent possible, to purchase or redeem Preferred Shares from time to time to the extent necessary in order to maintain asset coverage with respect to the Preferred Shares.

The Fund is subject to certain restrictions imposed by either guidelines of one or more Rating Agencies that may issue ratings for the Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, commercial paper or notes, or by Société Générale and the Noteholder in the case of the Credit Facilities. These guidelines generally include asset coverage requirements; portfolio characteristics such as portfolio diversification and credit rating criteria; and qualitative views on the Fund and Fund management. While these restrictions and guidelines may impose different requirements than those under the 1940 Act, it is not anticipated that these restrictions or guidelines will impede the management of the Fund's portfolio in accordance with the Fund's investment objective and policies.

UNDERWRITER

Under the terms and subject to the conditions contained in an underwriting agreement dated the date of this Prospectus Supplement, (the Underwriter) has agreed to purchase, and the Fund has agreed to sell to the Underwriter, Term Preferred Shares.

The Underwriter is offering the Term Preferred Shares subject to its acceptance of the Term Preferred Shares from the Fund and subject to prior sale. The underwriting agreement provides that the obligation of the Underwriter to pay for and accept delivery of the Term Preferred Shares offered by this Prospectus Supplement is subject to the approval of certain legal matters by its counsel and to certain other conditions. The Underwriter is obligated to take and pay for all of the Term Preferred Shares offered by this Prospectus Supplement if any such Term Preferred Shares are taken.

The Underwriter initially proposes to offer the Term Preferred Shares directly to the public at the public offering price listed on the cover page of this Prospectus Supplement. The underwriting discounts and commissions of \$ per Term Preferred Share are equal to % of the public offering price. Investors must pay for any Term Preferred Shares purchased on or before .

The following table shows the per share and total public offering price, underwriting discounts and commissions, and estimated offering costs and proceeds, after expenses, to the Fund.

	Per Term Preferred Share	Total
Public Offering Price	\$ 1,000	\$
Underwriting Discounts and Commissions	\$	\$
Estimated Offering Costs	\$	\$
Proceeds, After Expenses, to the Fund	\$	\$

The Fund anticipates that the Underwriter may from time to time act as broker and dealer in connection with the execution of its portfolio transactions after it has ceased to be Underwriter and, subject to certain restrictions, may act as such broker while it is the Underwriter.

The Underwriter and its affiliates are full service financial institutions engaged in various activities, which may include securities trading, commercial and investment banking, financial advisory, investment management, principal investment, hedging, financing and brokerage activities. The Underwriter or its affiliates, from time to time, have provided in the past, and may provide in the future, investment banking, securities trading, hedging, brokerage activities, commercial lending and financial advisory services to the Fund, its affiliates and Nuveen Fund Advisors, Symphony and their affiliates in the ordinary course of business, for which they have received, and may receive, customary fees and expenses. [, an affiliate of the Underwriter, is expected to act as counterparty to an interest rate swap with the Fund. See Prospectus Supplement Summary Swap.]

No action has been taken in any jurisdiction (except in the United States) that would permit a public offering of the Term Preferred Shares, or the possession, circulation or distribution of this Prospectus Supplement or any other material relating to the Fund or the Term Preferred Shares where action for that purpose is required. Accordingly, the Term Preferred Shares may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, and none of this Prospectus Supplement, the accompanying prospectus nor any other offering material or advertisements in connection with the Term

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Preferred Shares may be distributed or published, in or from any country or jurisdiction except in compliance with the applicable rules and regulations of any such country or jurisdiction.

The Fund, Nuveen Fund Advisors, Symphony and the Underwriter have agreed to indemnify each other against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933.

The principal business address of the Underwriter is _____, New York, New York _____.

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Additional Compensation to be Paid by the Fund

The Fund has agreed to pay _____, from its own assets, an upfront structuring fee in the amount of \$ _____ for assisting with the design and structuring of, and marketing assistance with respect to, the Term Preferred Shares, and assistance with the offering of the Term Preferred Shares, including, without limitation, views from an investor market perspective on the proposed terms of the Term Preferred Shares. The upfront structuring fee paid to _____ will not exceed _____ % of the total public offering price of the Term Preferred Shares. The amount of this structuring fee is calculated based on the total sales of Term Preferred Shares by _____.

LEGAL OPINIONS

Certain legal matters in connection with Term Preferred Shares will be passed upon for the Fund by Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP, Chicago, Illinois, and for the Underwriter by _____, New York, New York. Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP may rely as to certain matters of Massachusetts law on the opinion of _____, Boston, Massachusetts.

INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The audited financial statements of the Fund appearing in the Fund's Annual Report for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2017 are incorporated by reference into the SAI. The audited financial statements have been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their report thereon and incorporated herein by reference. Such audited financial statements are incorporated by reference in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing. The information with respect to the fiscal years ended prior to July 31, 2015 has been audited by other auditors. The principal business address of KPMG LLP is 200 East Randolph Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601.

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To the extent that a holder of Term Preferred Shares is directly or indirectly a beneficial owner of more than 10% of any class of the Fund's outstanding shares (meaning for purposes of holders of Term Preferred Shares, more than 10% of the Fund's outstanding Preferred Shares), such a 10% beneficial owner would be subject to the short-swing profit rules that are imposed pursuant to Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act) (and related reporting requirements). These rules generally provide that such a 10% beneficial owner may have to disgorge any profits made on purchases and sales, or sales and purchases, of the Fund's Preferred Shares (including Term Preferred Shares) within any six month time period. Investors should consult with their own counsel to determine the applicability of these rules.

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

The Fund is subject to the informational requirements of the Exchange Act and the 1940 Act and is required to file reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. These documents can be inspected and copied for a fee at the SEC's public reference room, 100 F Street, NE, Washington, D.C. 20549. Reports, proxy statements, and other information about the Fund can be inspected at the offices of the SEC.

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This Prospectus Supplement does not contain all of the information in the Fund's Registration Statement, including amendments, exhibits, and schedules. Statements in this Prospectus Supplement about the contents of any contract or other document are not necessarily complete and in each instance reference is made to the copy of the contract or other document filed as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, each such statement being qualified in all respects by this reference.

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Additional information about the Fund, the Common Shares and the Term Preferred Shares can be found in the Fund's Registration Statement (including amendments, exhibits, and schedules) on Form N-2 filed with the SEC. The SEC maintains a web site (<http://www.sec.gov>) that contains the Fund's Registration Statement, other documents incorporated by reference, and other information the Fund has filed electronically with the SEC, including proxy statements and reports filed under the Exchange Act. Additional information may be found on the Internet at <http://www.nuveen.com>. The information contained in, or that can be accessed through, the Fund's website is not part of this Prospectus Supplement.

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The information in this statement of additional information 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 statement of additional information and the accompanying prospectus are not an offer to sell these securities and we are not soliciting offers to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion

Dated , 2018

NUVEEN CREDIT STRATEGIES INCOME FUND

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STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

, 2018

Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund (Fund) is a diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act). The Fund was organized on March 17, 2003.

This Statement of Additional Information (the SAI) relating to Term Preferred Shares of the Fund (Term Preferred Shares) does not constitute a prospectus, but should be read in conjunction with the prospectus relating thereto dated , 2018 (the Prospectus) and any related prospectus supplement. This SAI relates to the offering, on an immediate, continuous or delayed basis, of up to \$250,000,000 in aggregate initial offering price of Term Preferred Shares in one or more offerings. This SAI does not include all information that a prospective investor should consider before purchasing Term Preferred Shares. Investors should obtain and read the Prospectus and any related prospectus supplement prior to purchasing such shares. In addition, the Fund s financial statements and the independent registered public accounting firm s report therein included in the Fund s annual report dated July 31, 2017, are incorporated herein by reference. A copy of the Prospectus and any related prospectus supplement may be obtained without charge by calling (800) 257-8787. You may also obtain a copy of the Prospectus and any related prospectus supplement on the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission s (SEC) web site (<http://www.sec.gov>). Capitalized terms used but not defined in this SAI have the meanings ascribed to them in the Prospectus.

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