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**CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED  
MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**

Investment Company Act file number 811-10491

Nuveen Real Estate Income Fund  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Nuveen Investments

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

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Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: December 31, 2012

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**ITEM 1. REPORTS TO SHAREHOLDERS**

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Annual Report

December 31, 2012

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Chairman's  
Letter to Shareholders

**Dear Shareholders,**

Despite the global economy's ability to muddle through the many economic headwinds of 2012, investors continue to have good reasons to remain cautious. The European Central Bank's decisions to extend intermediate term financing to major European banks and to support sovereign debt markets have begun to show signs of a stabilized euro area financial market. The larger member states of the European Union (EU) are working diligently to strengthen the framework for a tighter financial and banking union and meaningful progress has been made by agreeing to centralize large bank regulation under the European Central Bank. However, economic conditions in the southern tier members are not improving and the pressures on their political leadership remain intense. The jury is out on whether the respective populations will support the continuing austerity measures that are needed to meet the EU fiscal targets.

In the U.S., the Fed remains committed to low interest rates into 2015 through its third program of Quantitative Easing (QE3). Inflation remains low but a growing number of economists are expressing concern about the economic distortions resulting from negative real interest rates. The highly partisan atmosphere in Congress led to a disappointingly modest solution for dealing with the end-of-year tax and spending issues. Early indications for the new Congressional term have not given much encouragement that the atmosphere for dealing with the sequestration legislation and the debt ceiling issues, let alone a more encompassing "grand bargain," will be any better than the last Congress. Over the longer term, there are some encouraging trends for the U.S. economy: house prices are beginning to recover, banks and corporations continue to strengthen their financial positions and incentives for capital investment in the U.S. by domestic and foreign corporations are increasing due to more competitive energy and labor costs.

During 2012 U.S. investors have benefited from strong returns in the domestic equity markets and solid returns in most fixed income markets. However, many of the macroeconomic risks of 2012 remain unresolved, including negotiating through the many U.S. fiscal issues, managing the risks of another year of abnormally low U.S. interest rates, sustaining the progress being made in the euro area and reducing the potential economic impact of geopolitical issues, particularly in the Middle East. In the face of these uncertainties, the experienced investment professionals at Nuveen Investments seek out investments that are enjoying positive economic conditions. At the same time they are always on the alert for risks in markets subject to excessive optimism or for opportunities in markets experiencing undue pessimism. Monitoring this process is a critical function for the Fund Board as it oversees your Nuveen Fund on your behalf.

As always, I encourage you to communicate with your financial consultant if you have any questions about your investment in a Nuveen Fund. On behalf of the other members of your Fund Board, we look forward to continuing to earn your trust in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Bremner  
Chairman of the Board  
February 22, 2013



Portfolio Managers' Comments

**Certain statements in this report are forward-looking statements. Discussions of specific investments are for illustration only and are not intended as recommendations of individual investments. The forward-looking statements and other views expressed herein are those of the portfolio managers as of the date of this report. Actual future results or occurrences may differ significantly from those anticipated in any forward-looking statements and the views expressed herein are subject to change at any time, due to numerous market and other factors. The Fund disclaims any obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements or views expressed herein.**

**Ratings shown are the highest rating given by one of the following national rating agencies: Standard & Poor's Group, Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or Fitch, Inc. Credit ratings are subject to change. AAA, AA, A, and BBB are investment grade ratings; BB, B, CCC, CC, C and D are below investment grade ratings. Certain bonds backed by U.S. Government or agency securities are regarded as having an implied rating equal to the rating of such securities. Holdings designated N/R are not rated by these national rating agencies.**

Nuveen Real Estate Income Fund (JRS)

*The Fund is managed by a team of real estate investment professionals at Security Capital Research & Management Incorporated, a wholly-owned subsidiary of JPMorgan Chase & Co. Anthony R. Manno Jr., Kenneth D. Statz and Kevin W. Bedell lead the team and have managed JRS since its inception in 2001. Here they discuss general market conditions, their management strategy and performance of the Fund over the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2012.*

**What were the general market conditions and trends over the course of this reporting period?**

During this period, the U.S. economy's progress toward recovery from recession continued at a moderate pace. The Federal Reserve (Fed) maintained its efforts to improve the overall economic environment by holding the benchmark fed funds rate at the record low level of zero to 0.25% that it established in December 2008. The central bank decided during its December 2012 meeting to keep the fed funds rate at "exceptionally low levels" until either the unemployment rate reaches 6.5% or expected inflation goes above 2.5%. The Fed also affirmed its decision, announced in September 2012, to purchase \$40 billion of mortgage-backed securities each month in an effort to stimulate the housing market. In addition to this new, open-ended stimulus program, the Fed plans to continue its program to extend the average maturity of its holdings of U.S. Treasury securities through the end of December 2012. The goals of these actions, which together will increase the Fed's holdings of longer-term securities by approximately \$85 billion a month through the end of the year, are to put downward pressure on longer-term interest rates, make broader financial conditions more accommodative and support a stronger economic recovery as well as continued progress toward the Fed's mandates of maximum employment and price stability.

In the fourth quarter 2012, the U.S. economy, as measured by the U.S. gross domestic product (GDP), decreased at an estimated annualized rate of 0.1%, down from a 3.1% increase in the third quarter. This slight decline was due to lower inventory investment, federal spending and net exports. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 1.7% year-over-year as of December 2012, after a 3.0% increase in 2011. The core CPI (which excludes food and energy) increased 1.9% during the period, staying just within the Fed's unofficial objective of 2.0% or lower for this inflation measure. As of January 2013, the national unemployment rate was 7.9%, slightly higher than the 7.8% unemployment rate for December 2012 but below the 8.3% level recorded in January 2012. The housing market continued to show signs of

improvement, with the average home price in the S&P/Case-Shiller Index of 20

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major metropolitan areas rising 5.5% for the twelve months ended November 2012 (most recent data available at the time this report was prepared). This was the largest year-over-year price gain since August 2006. The outlook for the U.S. economy remained clouded by uncertainty about global financial markets and the continued negotiations by Congress regarding potential spending cuts and tax policy reform.

Along with broader U.S. equity markets, Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) stocks endured a choppy end-of-year, but overall generated highly attractive returns for 2012 amidst emerging hopeful signs for a U.S. housing recovery, easing concerns regarding European financial markets and enthusiasm for continuing stimulus by the Fed. Returns for REIT senior securities were highly attractive in 2012 as well, aided among other things, by a continued narrowing of spreads as investors sought yield against historically low long-term interest rates.

### **What key strategies were used to manage the Fund during this reporting period?**

The Fund is designed to invest at least 90% of its assets in income producing common stocks, preferred stocks, convertible preferred stocks and debt securities issued by real estate companies, with at least 80% of its total assets invested in income producing equity securities issued by REITs.

In managing the JRS portfolio, we sought to maintain significant property type and geographic diversification while taking into account company credit quality, sector and security-type allocations. Investment decisions are based on a multi-layered analysis of the company, the real estate it owns, its management and the relative price of the security, with a focus on securities that we believe will be best positioned to generate sustainable income and potential price appreciation over the long-run. In addition to fundamental security research, the proportion of the Fund invested in common equity versus preferred and fixed income investments is a key tactic we use to manage risk at a portfolio level. In general, in times of strong economic growth we position the portfolio towards more ownership of equity. In highly uncertain times, we tend to favor more allocation toward bonds and preferred securities. The allocation for the portfolio between equity, preferred and debt investments as of December 31, 2012 was 60% in equity, 35% in preferred, 1% in bonds and 4% in cash. This allocation is in-line with the long term "normal" allocation for managing this portfolio and reflects our strategy of balancing growth and risk in an economy experiencing a slow but uneven recovery.

### **How did the Fund perform during this twelve-month period ended December 31, 2012?**

The performance of the Fund, as well as for comparative benchmark and indexes, is presented in the accompanying table.

Past performance is not predictive of future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than the data shown. Returns do not reflect the deduction of taxes that shareholders may have to pay on Fund distributions or upon the sale of Fund shares.

For additional information, see the Performance Overview page in this report.

\* Refer to Glossary of Terms Used in this Report for definitions. Indexes and benchmarks are not available for direct investment.

### Average Annual Total Returns on Common Share Net Asset Value

For periods ended 12/31/12

	1-Year	5-Year	10-Year
JRS	18.63%	2.06%	7.16%
Specialized Real Estate Securities Benchmark*	17.34%	9.34%	10.56%
Wilshire U.S. Select Real Estate Securities Index*	17.09%	4.92%	11.56%
S&P 500® Index*	16.00%	1.66%	7.10%

For the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2012, the Fund outperformed its comparative indexes and benchmark.

For common equity investors in 2012, there were distinctive performance differences by property type. The underlying themes and influences reflecting company-specific factors, earlier performance differentials as well as shifting investor expectations colored by macro-economic trends. Almost irrespective of property type, among the year's top performers for 2012 were companies with rehabilitating balance sheets and more compatible asset portfolios. On the margin, these companies were aided significantly during the year by the continued saturation of capital markets with easy money working to narrow credit spreads and easy access to attractively priced debt and equity capital. This was in stark contrast with 2011, which saw outperformance by companies with the highest quality real estate portfolios often matched with the best balance sheets, the so-called Treasury trade in real estate. Also seemingly evident in the relative performance of property types in 2012 was investors' embracement of the beginning of a housing recovery which would confirm the strong outperformance of consumer driven retail and timber REIT stocks, and the relative underperformance of the multi-family stocks.

The Fund's performance benefited from its selection and allocation to perpetual preferred and debt securities during a volatile REIT common equity market. The Fund's selection of diversified equity investments constrained benchmark relative performance during the reporting period.



Fund Leverage  
and Other Information

**IMPACT OF THE FUND'S LEVERAGE STRATEGY ON PERFORMANCE**

One important factor impacting the returns of this Fund relative to the comparative benchmark and indexes was the Fund's use of leverage through the use of bank borrowings. The Fund uses leverage because its managers believe that, over time, leveraging provides opportunities for additional income and total return for common shareholders. However, use of leverage also can expose common shareholders to additional volatility. For example, as the prices of securities held by the Fund decline, the negative impact of these valuation changes on common share net asset value and common shareholder total return is magnified by the use of leverage. Conversely, leverage may enhance common share returns during periods when the prices of securities held by a Fund generally are rising. Leverage had a positive impact on the performance of the Fund over this reporting period. During the period, the Fund entered into forward starting interest rate swap contracts, which have yet to become effective, in order to hedge future leverage costs. The combination of those forward starting swaps along with the existing interest rate swap contracts that were previously entered into in order to hedge a portion of the Fund's leverage costs partially detracted from the overall positive contribution of leverage. Short-term floating interest rates remained below the existing fixed swap rates for the period which increased realized leverage costs and exceeded the combined positive mark-to-market impact of unrealized gains.

**RISK CONSIDERATIONS**

Fund shares are not guaranteed or endorsed by any bank or other insured depository institution, and are not federally insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. Shares of closed-end funds are subject to investment risks, including the possible loss of principal invested. Past performance is no guarantee of future results. Fund common shares are subject to a variety of risks, including:

**Investment, Market and Price Risk.** An investment in common shares is subject to investment risk, including the possible loss of the entire principal amount that you invest. Your investment in common shares represents an indirect investment in the corporate securities owned by the Fund, which generally trade in the over-the-counter markets. Shares of closed-end investment companies like the Fund frequently trade at a discount to their net asset value (NAV). Your common shares at any point in time may be worth less than your original investment, even after taking into account the reinvestment of Fund dividends and distributions.

**Leverage Risk.** The Fund's use of leverage creates the possibility of higher volatility for the Fund's per share NAV, market price and distributions. Leverage risk can be introduced through regulatory leverage (issuing preferred shares or debt borrowings at the

Fund level) or through certain derivative investments held in the Fund's portfolio. Leverage typically magnifies the total return of the Fund's portfolio, whether that return is positive or negative. The use of leverage creates an opportunity for increased common share net income, but there is no assurance that the Fund's leveraging strategy will be successful.

**Tax Risk.** The tax treatment of Fund distributions may be affected by new IRS interpretations of the Internal Revenue Code and future changes in tax laws and regulations. This is particularly true for funds employing a managed distribution program.

**Real Estate Risks.** The Fund's performance is linked to the performance of the commercial real estate markets, which may fall due to increasing vacancies, declining rents or the failure of borrowers to pay their loans.

**Common Stock Risk.** Common stock returns often have experienced significant volatility.

**Issuer Credit Risk.** This is the risk that a security in the Fund's portfolio will fail to make dividend or interest payments when due.

**Dividend Income Risk.** There is no guarantee that the issuers of common stocks in which the Fund invests will declare dividends in the future or that, if declared, they will remain at current levels or increase over time.

**Preferred Stock Risk.** Preferred stocks are subordinated to bonds and other debt instruments in a company's capital structure, and therefore are subject to greater credit risk.

**Derivatives Strategy Risk.** Derivative securities, such as calls, puts, warrants, swaps and forwards, carry risks different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with the underlying investments.

**Interest Rate Risk.** Fixed-income securities such as bonds, preferred, convertible and other debt securities will decline in value if market interest rates rise.

**Reinvestment Risk:** If market interest rates decline, income earned from the Fund's portfolio may be reinvested at rates below that of the original bond that generated the income.

Common Share Distribution  
and Price Information

**Distribution Information**

The following information regarding the Fund's distributions is current as of December 31, 2012, and likely will vary over time based on the Fund's investment activities and portfolio investment value changes.

During the current reporting period, the Fund's quarterly distribution to common shareholders remained stable. Some of the important factors affecting the amount and composition of these distributions are summarized below.

The Fund employs financial leverage through the use of bank borrowings. Financial leverage provides the potential for higher earnings (net investment income), total returns and distributions over time, but as noted earlier also increases the variability of common shareholders' net asset value per share in response to changing market conditions.

The Fund has a managed distribution program. The goal of this program is to provide common shareholders with relatively consistent and predictable cash flow by systematically converting the Fund's expected long-term return potential into regular distributions. As a result, regular common share distributions throughout the year are likely to include a portion of expected long-term gains (both realized and unrealized), along with net investment income.

Important points to understand about the managed distribution program are:

- The Fund seeks to establish a relatively stable common share distribution rate that roughly corresponds to the projected total return from its investment strategy over an extended period of time. However, you should not draw any conclusions about the Fund's past or future investment performance from its current distribution rate.
- Actual common share returns will differ from projected long-term returns (and therefore the Fund's distribution rate), at least over shorter time periods. Over a specific timeframe, the difference between actual returns and total distributions will be reflected in an increasing (returns exceed distributions) or a decreasing (distributions exceed returns) Fund net asset value.
- Each distribution is expected to be paid from some or all of the following sources:
  - net investment income (regular interest and dividends),
  - realized capital gains and
  - unrealized gains, or, in certain cases, a return of principal (non-taxable distributions).
- A non-taxable distribution is a payment of a portion of the Fund's capital. When the Fund's returns exceed distributions, it may represent portfolio gains generated, but

\*\* The Fund elected to retain a portion of its realized long-term capital gains for the tax years ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, and pay required federal corporate income taxes on these amounts. As reported on Form 2439, Common shareholders on record date must include their pro-rata share of these gains on their applicable federal tax returns, and are entitled to take offsetting tax credits, for their pro-rata share of the taxes paid by the Fund. The total returns "Including retained gain tax credit/refund" include the economic benefit to Common shareholders on record date of these tax credits/refunds. The Fund had no retained capital gains for the tax years ended December 31, 2012 through December 31, 2008 or for the tax years ended prior to December 31, 2006.

not realized as a taxable capital gain. In periods when the Fund's returns fall short of distributions, the shortfall will represent a portion of your original principal, unless the shortfall is offset during other time periods over the life of your investment (previous or subsequent) when the Fund's total return exceeds distributions.

- Because distribution source estimates are updated during the year based on the Fund's performance and forecast for its current fiscal year (which is the calendar year for the Fund), estimates on the nature of your distributions provided at the time the distributions are paid may differ from both the tax information reported to you in your Fund's IRS Form 1099 statement provided at year end, as well as the ultimate economic sources of distributions over the life of your investment.

The following table provides information regarding the Fund's common share distributions and total return performance for the year ended December 31, 2012. This information is intended to help you better understand whether the Fund's returns for the specified time period were sufficient to meet the Fund's distributions.

<b>As of 12/31/12 (Common Shares)</b>	<b>JRS</b>
Inception date	11/15/01
Fiscal year (calendar year) ended December 31, 2012:	
Per share distribution:	
From net investment income	\$ 0.92
From long-term capital gains	0.00
From short-term capital gains	0.00
Return of capital	0.00
Total per share distribution	\$ 0.92
Distribution rate on NAV	8.78%
Average annual total returns:	
Excluding retained gain tax credit/refund**:	
1-Year on NAV	18.63%
5-Year on NAV	2.06%
10-Year on NAV	7.16%
Including retained gain tax credit/refund**:	
1-Year on NAV	18.63%
5-Year on NAV	2.06%
10-Year on NAV	8.08%

### **Common Share Repurchases and Price Information**

During November 2012, the Nuveen Funds Board of Directors/Trustees reauthorized the Fund's open-market share repurchase program, allowing the Fund to repurchase an aggregate of up to approximately 10% of its outstanding common shares.

As of December 31, 2012, and since the inception of the Fund's repurchase program, the Fund has not repurchased any of its outstanding common shares.

As of December 31, 2012, the Fund was trading at a -0.10% discount to its common share NAV, compared with an average premium of +6.41% for the entire twelve-month period.

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**Fund Snapshot**

Common Share Price	\$ 10.48
Common Share Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$ 10.49
Premium/(Discount) to NAV	-0.10%
Current Distribution Rate <sup>1</sup>	8.78%
Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares (\$000)	\$301,207

**Leverage**

Regulatory Leverage	29.00%
Effective Leverage	29.00%

**Portfolio Composition**(as a % of total investments)<sup>2,3</sup>

Specialized	24.3%
Office	23.8%
Retail	22.5%
Residential	13.6%
Diversified	6.3%
Industrial	4.5%
Short-Term Investments	3.7%
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	1.3%

**Top Five Common Stock Issuers**(as a % of total investments)<sup>2,3</sup>

Simon Property Group, Inc.	7.4%
Equity Residential	4.7%
Public Storage, Inc.	4.3%
Prologis, Inc.	3.8%
Health Care Property Investors, Inc.	3.4%

**Top Five Preferred Stock Issuers**(as a % of total investments)<sup>2,3</sup>

CBL & Associates Properties, Inc.	3.5%
Highwoods Properties, Inc.	3.5%
SL Green Realty Corporation	2.5%
Hospitality Properties Trust	2.0%
Lexington Realty Trust	2.0%

**Average Annual Total Returns**

(Inception 11/15/01)

	On Share Price	On NAV
1-Year	9.25%	18.63%
5-Year	3.92%	2.06%

10-Year	6.94%	7.16%
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**Average Annual Total Returns<sup>4</sup>**

(Including retained gain tax credit/refund)

	<b>On Share Price</b>	<b>On NAV</b>
1-Year	9.25%	18.63%
5-Year	3.92%	2.06%
10-Year	7.82%	8.08%

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Performance

## OVERVIEW

Nuveen Real Estate Income Fund

as of December 31, 2012

**Portfolio Allocation** (as a % of total investments)<sup>2,3</sup>**2012 Distributions Per Common Share****Common Share Price Performance Weekly Closing Price**

Refer to the Glossary of Terms used in this Report for further definition of the terms used within this Fund's Performance Overview Page.

1 Current Distribution Rate is based on the Fund's current annualized quarterly distribution divided by the Fund's current market price. REIT distributions received by the Fund are generally comprised of investment income, long-term and short-term capital gains and a REIT return of capital. The Fund's quarterly distributions to its shareholders may be comprised of ordinary income, net realized capital gains and, if at the end of the calendar year the Fund's cumulative net ordinary income and net realized gains are less than the amount of the Fund's distributions, a return of capital for tax purposes.

2 Excluding investments in derivatives.

3 Holdings are subject to change.



4 As previously explained in the Common Share Distribution and Price Information section of this report, the Fund elected to retain a portion of its realized long-term capital gains for the tax years ended December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006, and pay required federal corporate income taxes on these amounts. These standardized total returns include the economic benefit to Common shareholders of record of this tax credit/refund. The Fund had no retained capital gains for the tax years ended December 31, 2012 through December 31, 2008 or for the tax years ended prior to December 31, 2006.

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Report of INDEPENDENT REGISTERED

PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

**The Board of Trustees and Shareholders  
Nuveen Real Estate Income Fund**

We have audited the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities, including the portfolio of investments, of Nuveen Real Estate Income Fund (the "Fund") as of December 31, 2012, and the related statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended, the statements of changes in net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Fund's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. We were not engaged to perform an audit of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Our audits included consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Fund's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements and financial highlights, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of December 31, 2012, by correspondence with the custodian, counterparty, and brokers or by other appropriate auditing procedures where replies from brokers were not received. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements and financial highlights referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Nuveen Real Estate Income Fund at December 31, 2012, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, the changes in its net assets for each of the two years in the period then ended, and the financial highlights for each of the five years in the period then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Chicago, Illinois  
February 27, 2013

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Portfolio of Investments

December 31, 2012

Shares	Description (1)	Value
	<b>Real Estate Investment Trust Common Stocks 84.7% (60.0% of total Investments)</b>	
	<b>Diversified 3.2%</b>	
119,010	Vornado Realty Trust	\$ 9,530,321
	<b>Hotels, Restaurants &amp; Leisure 1.8%</b>	
93,620	Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc.	5,370,043
	<b>Industrial 5.3%</b>	
438,197	Prologis, Inc.	15,989,809
	<b>Office 11.9%</b>	
419,690	BioMed Realty Trust, Inc.	8,112,608
96,350	Boston Properties, Inc.	10,194,794
147,250	Douglas Emmett, Inc.	3,430,925
274,530	Mack-Cali Realty Corporation	7,167,978
88,950	SL Green Realty Corporation	6,818,018
	Total Office	35,724,323
	<b>Residential 19.2%</b>	
398,220	Apartment Investment & Management Company, Class A	10,775,833
88,838	AvalonBay Communities, Inc.	12,045,544
290,730	Colonial Properties Trust	6,212,900
355,920	Equity Residential	20,169,986
363,280	UDR, Inc.	8,638,798
	Total Residential	57,843,061
	<b>Retail 20.2%</b>	
252,599	General Growth Properties, Inc.	5,014,090
262,550	Kimco Realty Corporation	5,072,466
176,727	Macerich Company	10,303,184
94,010	Regency Centers Corporation	4,429,751
198,799	Simon Property Group, Inc.	31,428,134

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176,600	Weingarten Realty Trust	4,727,582
	<b>Total Retail</b>	<b>60,975,207</b>
	<b>Specialized 23.1%</b>	
125,100	Extra Space Storage, Inc.	4,552,389
324,210	Health Care Property Investors, Inc.	14,647,808
204,420	Health Care REIT, Inc.	12,528,902
667,375	Host Hotels & Resorts, Inc.	10,457,766
117,687	Public Storage, Inc., (2)	17,059,908
50,000	Public Storage, Inc.	1,307,500
141,990	Ventas, Inc.	9,189,592
	<b>Total Specialized</b>	<b>69,743,865</b>
	<b>Total Real Estate Investment Trust Common Stocks (cost \$182,835,561)</b>	<b>255,176,629</b>

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Shares	Description (1)	Coupon	Ratings (3)	Value
	<b>Convertible Preferred Securities</b>	<b>11.8% (8.4% of Total Investments)</b>		
	<b>Office 5.2%</b>			
679,856	CommonWealth REIT	6.500%	Ba1	\$ 15,691,076
	<b>Specialized 6.6%</b>			
346,000	Health Care REIT	6.500%	Baa3	19,787,740
	<b>Total Convertible Preferred Securities</b>			<b>35,478,816</b>
	<b>(cost \$32,524,020)</b>			
Shares	Description (1)	Coupon		Value
	<b>Real Estate Investment Trust Preferred Stocks</b>	<b>37.5% (26.6% of Total Investments)</b>		
	<b>Diversified 5.8%</b>			
40,000	Duke Realty Corporation, Series O	8.375%		\$ 1,011,600
335,978	Lexington Realty Trust	7.550%		8,402,810
111,000	PS Business Parks, Inc.	6.450%		2,927,070
117,664	Vornado Realty Trust	6.875%		3,173,398
75,000	Vornado Realty Trust	6.750%		1,888,500
	<b>Total Diversified</b>			<b>17,403,378</b>
	<b>Industrial 1.0%</b>			
114,700	Terreno Realty Corporation	7.750%		2,983,347
	<b>Office 14.7%</b>			
144,550	CommonWealth REIT	7.250%		3,645,551
12,359	Highwoods Properties, Inc., Series A, (7)	8.625%		14,738,108
293,000	Hudson Pacific Properties, Inc.	8.375%		7,635,580
314,000	Parkway Properties, Inc.	8.000%		7,853,140
419,703	SL Green Realty Corporation, (2)	7.625%		10,530,348
	<b>Total Office</b>			<b>44,402,727</b>
	<b>Retail 11.4%</b>			
594,000	CBL & Associates Properties, Inc.	7.375%		14,879,700
158,000	Inland Real Estate Corporation	8.250%		4,115,900
175,000	Regency Centers Corporation	6.625%		4,649,750
152,800	Saul Centers, Inc.	8.000%		3,926,960
30,700	Urstadt Biddle Properties	7.125%		797,893
60,000	Weingarten Realty Trust	6.750%		1,501,800

183,304	Weingarten Realty Trust	6.500%			4,575,268
	Total Retail				34,447,271
	<b>Specialized 4.6%</b>				
344,191	Hospitality Properties Trust	7.000%			8,680,497
50,000	Public Storage, Inc.	6.500%			1,326,500
156,452	Sunstone Hotel Investors, Inc.	8.000%			3,881,574
	Total Specialized				13,888,571
	<b>Total Real Estate Investment Trust Preferred Stocks (cost \$107,683,414)</b>				<b>113,125,294</b>
<b>Principal Amount (000)</b>	<b>Description (1)</b>	<b>Coupon</b>	<b>Maturity</b>	<b>Ratings (3)</b>	<b>Value</b>
	<b>Convertible Bonds 1.8% (1.3% of Total Investments)</b>				
	<b>Office 1.8%</b>				
\$ 5,162	Corporate Office Properties LP, Convertible Bond, 144A	4.250%	4/15/30	N/R	\$ 5,326,539
	<b>Total Convertible Bonds (cost \$4,820,168)</b>				<b>5,326,539</b>

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Portfolio of Investments December 31, 2012

Principal Amount (000)	Description (1)	Coupon	Maturity	Value
	<b>Short-Term Investments</b>	<b>5.3% (3.7% of Total Investments)</b>		
\$ 15,936	Repurchase Agreement with Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, dated 12/31/12, repurchase price \$15,936,105, collateralized by \$15,575,000 U.S. Treasury Notes, 1.750%, due 7/31/15, value \$16,255,347	0.010%	1/02/13	\$ 15,936,096
	<b>Total Short-Term Investments (cost \$15,936,096)</b>			<b>15,936,096</b>
	<b>Total Investments (cost \$343,799,259) 141.1%</b>			<b>425,043,374</b>
	<b>Borrowings (40.8%) (4), (5)</b>			<b>(123,000,000)</b>
	<b>Other Assets Less Liabilities (0.3%) (6)</b>			<b>(836,691)</b>
	<b>Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares - 100%</b>			<b>\$ 301,206,683</b>

Investments in Derivatives as of December 31, 2012

**Interest Rate Swaps outstanding:**

Counterparty	Notional Amount	Fund Pay/Receive	Floating Rate Index	Fixed Rate	Fixed Rate Effective Payment Date*Frequency (8)	Termination Date	Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) (6)
JPMorgan	\$20,727,500	Receive	USD-LIBOR	1.412%	Monthly3/29/113/29/14		\$ (305,129)
JPMorgan	35,761,000	Receive	USD-LIBOR	1.255	Monthly12/01/1112/01/18		84,285
JPMorgan	35,761,000	Receive	USD-LIBOR	1.673	Monthly12/01/1112/01/20		205,754
Morgan Stanley	20,727,500	Receive	USD-LIBOR	2.323	Monthly3/29/113/29/16		(1,272,533)
							<b>\$ (1,287,623)</b>

\* Annualized.

For Fund portfolio compliance purposes, the Fund's industry classifications refer to any one or more of the industry sub-classifications used by one or more widely recognized market indexes or ratings group indexes, and/or as defined by Fund management. This definition may not apply for purposes of this report, which may combine industry sub-classifications into sectors for reporting ease.

(1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets applicable to Common shares unless otherwise noted.

(2) Investment, or portion of investment, has been pledged to collateralize the net payment obligations for investments in derivatives.

(3) Ratings (not covered by the report of independent registered public accounting firm): Using the highest of Standard & Poor's Group ("Standard & Poor's"), Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or Fitch, Inc. ("Fitch") rating. Ratings below BBB by Standard & Poor's, Baa by Moody's or BBB by Fitch are considered to be below investment grade. Holdings designated N/R are not rated by any of these national rating agencies.

(4) Borrowings as a percentage of Total Investments is 28.9%.

(5) The Fund may pledge up to 100% of its eligible investments in the Portfolio of Investments as collateral for Borrowings. At the end of the reporting period investments with a value of \$283,016,108 have been pledged as collateral for Borrowings.

(6) Other Assets Less Liabilities includes the Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) of derivative instruments as listed within Investments in Derivatives at the end of the reporting period.

(7) For fair value measurement disclosure purposes, Real Estate Investment Trust Preferred Stocks categorized as Level 2. See Notes to Financial Statements, Footnote 1 General Information and Significant Accounting Policies, Investment Valuation for more Information.

(8) Effective date represents the date on which both the Fund and Counterparty commence interest payment accruals on each swap contract.

N/R Not rated.

144A Investment is exempt from registration under Rule 144A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. These investments may only be resold in transactions exempt from registration, which are normally those transactions with qualified institutional buyers.

USD-LIBOR United States Dollar London Inter-Bank Offered Rate.

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*



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## ASSETS &amp; LIABILITIES

December 31, 2012

**Assets**

Investments, at value (cost \$343,799,259)	\$ 425,043,374
Receivables:	
Dividends	1,671,880
Interest	46,253
Other assets	64,067
Total assets	426,825,574

**Liabilities**

Borrowings	123,000,000
Unrealized depreciation on interest rate swaps, net	1,287,623
Payable for investment purchased	801,000
Accrued expenses:	
Interest on borrowings	16,805
Management fees	309,849
Trustees fees	64,126
Other	139,488
Total liabilities	125,618,891
Net assets applicable to Common shares	\$ 301,206,683
Common shares outstanding	28,716,036
Net asset value per Common share outstanding (net assets applicable to Common shares, divided by Common shares outstanding)	\$ 10.49

**Net assets applicable to Common shares consist of:**

Common shares, \$.01 par value per share	\$ 287,160
Paid-in surplus	389,687,372
Undistributed (Over-distribution of) net investment income	(73,474)
Accumulated net realized gain (loss)	(168,650,867)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation)	79,956,492
Net assets applicable to Common shares	\$ 301,206,683

## Authorized shares:

Common	Unlimited
Preferred	Unlimited

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

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## OPERATIONS

Year Ended December 31, 2012

**Investment Income**

Dividends	\$ 15,982,537
Interest	370,682
Total investment income	16,353,219

**Expenses**

Management fees	3,641,671
Interest expense on borrowings	1,666,983
Shareholder servicing agent fees and expenses	3,182
Custodian fees and expenses	60,202
Trustees fees and expenses	11,610
Professional fees	54,180
Shareholder reporting expenses	118,831
Stock exchange listing fees	3,704
Investor relations expense	103,925
Other expenses	19,387
Total expenses	5,683,675
Net investment income (loss)	10,669,544

**Realized and Unrealized Gain (Loss)**

Net realized gain (loss) from:	
Investments and foreign currency	17,391,495
Interest rate swaps	(683,425)
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of:	
Investments and foreign currency	23,061,596
Interest rate swaps	334,194
Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	40,103,860
Net increase (decrease) in net assets applicable to Common shares from operations	\$ 50,773,404

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

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## CHANGES in NET ASSETS

	Year Ended 12/31/12	Year Ended 12/31/11
<b>Operations</b>		
Net investment income (loss)	\$ 10,669,544	\$ 8,524,629
Net realized gain (loss) from:		
Investments and foreign currency	17,391,495	21,043,521
Interest rate swaps	(683,425)	(544,021)
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of:		
Investments and foreign currency	23,061,596	(5,727,533)
Interest rate swaps	334,194	(1,621,817)
Net increase (decrease) in net assets applicable to Common shares from operations	50,773,404	21,674,779
<b>Distributions to Common Shareholders</b>		
From net investment income	(26,384,143)	(26,002,387)
Decrease in net assets applicable to Common shares from distributions to Common shareholders	(26,384,143)	(26,002,387)
<b>Capital Share Transactions</b>		
Net proceeds from Common shares issued to shareholders due to reinvestment of distributions	1,067,308	1,006,303
Net increase (decrease) in net assets applicable to Common shares from capital share transactions	1,067,308	1,006,303
Net increase (decrease) in net assets applicable to Common shares	25,456,569	(3,321,305)
Net assets applicable to Common shares at the beginning of period	275,750,114	279,071,419
Net assets applicable to Common shares at the end of period	\$301,206,683	\$275,750,114
Undistributed (Over-distribution of) net investment income at the end of period	\$ (73,474)	\$ (107,177)

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

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## CASH FLOWS

Year Ended December 31, 2012

**Cash Flows from Operating Activities:****Net Increase (Decrease) In Net Assets Applicable to  
Common Shares from Operations**

\$ 50,773,404

Adjustments to reconcile the net increase (decrease) in net assets applicable to Common shares from operations to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:

Purchases of investments (220,900,201)

Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments 233,282,731

Proceeds from (Purchases of) short-term investments, net (14,356,178)

Proceeds from (Payments for) interest rate swap contracts,  
net (683,425)

Amortization (Accretion) of premiums and discounts, net (19,106)

(Increase) Decrease in:

Receivable for dividends 142,595

Receivable for interest 25,459

Other assets (9,382)

Increase (Decrease) in:

Payable for investments purchased 801,000

Accrued interest on borrowings 7,375

Accrued management fees 36,561

Accrued trustees fees 8,119

Accrued other expenses 31,277

Net realized (gain) loss from:

Investments and foreign currency (17,391,495)

Interest rate swaps 683,425

Change in net unrealized (appreciation) depreciation of:

Investments and foreign currency (23,061,596)

Interest rate swaps (334,194)

Capital gain and return of capital distributions from  
investments 4,253,804

Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities 13,290,173

**Cash Flows from Financing Activities:**

Increase in borrowings 12,000,000

Cash distributions paid to Common shareholders (25,316,835)

Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities (13,316,835)

**Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash** (26,662)

Cash at the beginning of period 26,662

**Cash at the End of Period** \$**Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information**

Cash paid for interest on borrowings (excluding borrowing costs) was \$1,587,108.

Non-cash financing activities not included herein consists of reinvestments of Common share distributions of \$1,067,308.

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

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## Financial

## HIGHLIGHTS

Selected data for a Common share outstanding throughout each period:

Beginning Common Share Net Asset Value	Net Investment Income (Loss)(a)	Net Realized/ Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Investment Operations Distributions from Distributions from Net Investment Income to		Total	Less Distributions				
			Taxable Auctioned Preferred Share- holders(b)	Net Realized Gains to Taxable Auctioned Preferred Share- holders(b)		From Accum- ulated Net Realized Investment Income to Common Share- holders	From Accum- ulated Net Realized Gains to Common Share- holders	Return of Capital to Common Share- holders		
Year Ended 12/31:										
2012	\$ 9.64	\$ .37	\$ 1.40	\$	\$	\$ 1.77	\$ (.92)	\$	\$	\$ (.92)
2011	9.79	.30	.46			.76	(.91)			(.91)
2010	8.10	.28	2.29			2.57	(.88)			(.88)
2009	6.46	.42	2.15		*	2.57	(.41)		(.52)	(.93)
2008	16.84	.75	(9.18)	(.16)		(8.59)	(.55)		(1.24)	(1.79)
Taxable Auctioned Preferred Shares at End of Period										
Aggregate Amount Outstanding (000)		Liquidation Value Per Share		Asset Coverage Per Share		Borrowings at End of Period Aggregate Amount Outstanding (000)		Asset Coverage Per \$1,000		
Year Ended 12/31:										
2012	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 123,000	\$	\$ 3,449	
2011							111,000		3,484	
2010							64,710		5,313	
2009							64,710		4,559	
2008	37,000	25,000	148,762	25,000	9,807					

(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 Market Value 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.

Total Return Based on Common Share Net Asset Value is the combination of changes in Common share net asset value, reinvested dividend income at net asset value and reinvested capital gains distributions at net asset value, 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 net asset value. 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 net asset value), and therefore may be different from the price used in the calculation. Total returns are not annualized.

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Borrowing Costs and Taxable Auctioned Preferred Share Underwriting Discounts	Ending Common Share Net Asset Value	Ending Market Value	Total Returns		Ending Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares (000)	Ratios/Supplemental Data		Net Investment Income (Loss) Expenses	Net Investment Income (Loss) Expenses	Portfolio Turnover Rate
			Based on Market Value(c)	Based on Share Net Asset Value(c)		Ratios to Average Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares Before Reimbursement(d)	Ratios to Average Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares After Reimbursement(d)(e)			
Year Ended 12/31:										
2012	\$10.49	\$10.48	9.25%	18.63%	\$301,207	1.90%	3.56%	N/A	N/A	54%
2011	9.64	10.44	13.11	8.18	275,750	1.74	2.95	1.65%	3.04%	49
2010	9.79	10.11	37.51	32.98	279,071	1.60	2.95	1.48	3.07	58
2009	8.10	8.08	87.05	46.80	230,325	1.66	6.61	1.47	6.79	74
2008*	6.46	5.08	(62.13)	(55.79)	183,168	2.55	5.03	2.24	5.33	20

(d) • Ratios do not reflect the effect of dividend payments to Taxable Auctioned Preferred shareholders, where applicable.

• Net Investment Income (Loss) ratios reflect income earned and expenses incurred on assets attributable to Taxable Auctioned Preferred shares and/or borrowings, where applicable.

• Each ratio includes the effect of all interest expense paid and other costs related to borrowings as follows:

Ratios of Borrowings Interest Expense to  
Average Net Assets Applicable to Common  
Shares

Year Ended 12/31:	
2012	.56%
2011	.42
2010	.35
2009	.41
2008	.91

(e) After expense reimbursement from the Adviser, where applicable. As of November 30, 2011, the Adviser is no longer reimbursing the Fund for any fees or expenses.

\* Rounds to less than \$.01 per share.

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

See accompanying notes to financial statements.





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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### 1. General Information and Significant Accounting Policies

#### General Information

Nuveen Real Estate Income Fund (the "Fund") is a diversified, closed-end registered investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The Fund's Common shares are listed on the NYSE MKT (formerly known as NYSE Amex) and trade under the ticker symbol "JRS." The Fund was organized as a Massachusetts business trust on August 27, 2001.

On December 31, 2012, the Fund's investment adviser converted from a Delaware corporation to a Delaware limited liability company. As a result, Nuveen Fund Advisors, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nuveen Investments, Inc. ("Nuveen"), changed its name to Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC (the "Adviser"). There were no changes to the identities or roles of any personnel as a result of the change.

The Fund seeks to provide high current income and capital appreciation by investing at least 90% of its total assets in income producing common stocks, preferred stocks, convertible preferred stocks and debt securities issued by real estate companies; at least 80% of its total assets in income producing equity securities issued by Real Estate Investment Trusts ("REITs"); and will not invest more than 25% of its total assets in non-investment grade preferred stocks, convertible preferred stocks and debt securities.

#### Significant Accounting Policies

The following is a summary of significant accounting policies followed by the Fund in the preparation of its financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("U.S. GAAP").

##### *Investment Valuation*

Common stocks and other equity-type securities are valued at the last sales price on the securities exchange on which such securities are primarily traded and are generally classified as Level 1 for fair value measurement purposes. Securities primarily traded on the NASDAQ National Market ("NASDAQ") are valued, except as indicated below, at the NASDAQ Official Closing Price and are generally classified as Level 1. However, securities traded on a securities exchange or NASDAQ for which there were no transactions on a given day or securities not listed on a securities exchange or NASDAQ are valued at the quoted bid price and are generally classified as Level 2.

Prices of fixed-income securities and interest rate swap contracts are provided by a pricing service approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees. These securities are generally classified as Level 2. The pricing service establishes a security's fair value using methods that may include consideration of the following: yields or prices of investments of comparable quality, type of issue, coupon, maturity and rating, market quotes or indications of value from security dealers, evaluations of anticipated cash flows or collateral, general market conditions and other information and analysis, including the obligor's credit characteristics considered relevant. In pricing certain securities, particularly less liquid and lower quality securities, the pricing service may consider information about a security, its issuer, or market activity provided by the Adviser. These securities are generally classified as Level 2 or Level 3 depending on the priority of the significant inputs.



Repurchase agreements are valued at contract amount plus accrued interest, which approximates market value. These securities are generally classified as Level 2.

Certain securities may not be able to be priced by the pre-established pricing methods as described above. Such securities may be valued by the Fund's Board of Trustees or its designee at fair value. These securities generally include, but are not limited to, restricted securities (securities which may not be publicly sold without registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended) for which a pricing service is unable to provide a market price; securities whose trading has been formally suspended; debt securities that have gone into default and for which there is no current market quotation; a security whose market price is not available from a pre-established pricing source; a security with respect to which an event has occurred that is likely to materially affect the value of the security after the market has closed but before the calculation of a Fund's net asset value (as may be the case in non-U.S. markets on which the security is primarily traded) or make it difficult or impossible to obtain a reliable market quotation; and a security whose price, as provided by the pricing service, is not deemed to reflect the security's fair value. As a general principle, the fair value of a security would appear to be the amount that the owner might reasonably expect to receive for it in a current sale. A variety of factors

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may be considered in determining the fair value of such securities, which may include consideration of the following: yields or prices of investments of comparable quality, type of issue, coupon, maturity and rating, market quotes or indications of value from security dealers, evaluations of anticipated cash flows or collateral, general market conditions and other information and analysis, including the obligor's credit characteristics considered relevant. These securities are generally classified as Level 2 or Level 3 depending on the priority of the significant inputs. Regardless of the method employed to value a particular security, all valuations are subject to review by the Fund's Board of Trustees or its designee.

Refer to Footnote 2 Fair Value Measurements for further details on the leveling of securities held by the Fund as of the end of the reporting period.

#### *Investment Transactions*

Investment transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Realized gains and losses from transactions are determined on the specific identification method, which is the same basis used for federal income tax purposes. Investments purchased on a when-issued/delayed delivery basis may have extended settlement periods. Any investments so purchased are subject to market fluctuation during this period. The Fund has instructed the custodian to earmark securities in the Fund's portfolio with a current value at least equal to the amount of the when-issued/delayed delivery purchase commitments. As of December 31, 2012, the Fund had no such outstanding purchase commitments.

#### *Investment Income*

Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date or, for foreign securities, when information is available. Interest income, which reflects the amortization of premiums and includes accretion of discounts for financial reporting purposes, is recorded on an accrual basis. Interest income also reflects paydown gains and losses, if any.

#### *Income Taxes*

The Fund intends to distribute substantially all of its investment company taxable income to shareholders and to otherwise comply with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies. In any year when the Fund realizes net capital gains, the Fund may choose to distribute all or a portion of its net capital gains to shareholders, or alternatively, to retain all or a portion of its net capital gains and pay federal corporate income taxes on such retained gains.

For all open tax years and all major taxing jurisdictions, management of the Fund has concluded that there are no significant uncertain tax positions that would require recognition in the financial statements. Open tax years are those that are open for examination by taxing authorities (i.e., generally the last four tax year ends and the interim tax period since then). Furthermore, management of the Fund is also not aware of any tax positions for which it is reasonably possible that the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits will significantly change in the next twelve months.

#### *Dividends and Distributions to Common Shareholders*

Distributions to Common shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The amount and timing of distributions are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. GAAP.

The Fund makes quarterly cash distributions to Common shareholders of a stated dollar amount per share. Subject to approval and oversight by the Fund's Board of Trustees, the Fund seeks to maintain a stable distribution level designed to deliver the long-term return potential of the Fund's investment strategy through regular quarterly distributions (a "Managed Distribution Program"). Total distributions during a calendar year generally will be made from the Fund's net investment income, net realized capital gains and net unrealized capital gains in the Fund's portfolio, if any. The portion of distributions paid attributed to net unrealized gains, if any, is distributed from the Fund's assets and is treated by shareholders as a non-taxable distribution ("Return of Capital") for tax purposes. In the event that total distributions during a calendar year exceed the Fund's total return on net asset value, the difference will reduce net asset value per share. If the Fund's total return on net asset value exceeds total distributions during a calendar year, the excess will be reflected as an increase in net asset value per share. The final determination of the source and character of all distributions for the fiscal year are made after the end of the fiscal year and are reflected in the financial statements contained in the annual report as of December 31 each year.

REIT distributions received by the Fund are generally comprised of ordinary income, long-term capital gains, and a return of REIT capital. The actual character of amounts received during the period are not known until after the fiscal year-end. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, the character of distributions to the Fund from the REITs was 78.85% ordinary income, 13.13% long-term capital gains and 8.02% return of REIT capital. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, the character of distributions to the Fund from the REITs was 71.66% ordinary income, 16.37% long-term capital gains and a 11.97% return of REIT capital.

For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the Fund applied the actual character of distributions reported by the REITs in which the Fund invests to its receipts from the REITs. If a REIT held in the portfolio of investments did not report the actual character of its distributions during the period, the Fund treated the distributions as ordinary income.

The actual character of distributions made by the Fund during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, is reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

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*Taxable Auctioned Preferred Shares*

The Fund is authorized to issue auction rate preferred ("Taxable Auctioned Preferred") shares. As of December 31, 2009, the Fund redeemed all \$222,000,000 of its outstanding Taxable Auctioned Preferred shares, at liquidation value.

*Foreign Currency Transactions*

The Fund is authorized to engage in foreign currency transactions, including forward foreign currency exchange contracts, futures, options and swap contracts. To the extent that the Fund invests in securities and/or contracts that are denominated in a currency other than U.S. dollars, the Fund will be subject to currency risk, which is the risk that an increase in the U.S. dollar relative to the foreign currency will reduce returns or portfolio value. Generally, when the U.S. dollar rises in value against a foreign currency, the Fund's investments denominated in that currency will lose value because its currency is worth fewer U.S. dollars; the opposite effect occurs if the U.S. dollar falls in relative value. Investments and other assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are converted into U.S. dollars on a spot (i.e. cash) basis at the spot rate prevailing in the foreign currency exchange market at the time of valuation. Purchases and sales of investments and income denominated in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars on the respective dates of such transactions.

The books and records of the Fund are maintained in U.S. dollars. Foreign currencies, assets and liabilities are translated into U.S. dollars at 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Investment transactions, income and expenses are translated on the respective dates of such transactions. Net realized foreign currency gains and losses resulting from changes in exchange rates include foreign currency gains and losses between trade date and settlement date of the transactions, foreign currency transactions, and the difference between the amounts of interest and dividends recorded on the books of the Fund and the amounts actually received.

The realized gains and losses resulting from changes in foreign currency exchange rates and changes in foreign exchange rates associated with other assets and liabilities on investments are recognized as a component of "Net realized gain (loss) from investments and foreign currency," on the Statement of Operations, when applicable.

The unrealized gains and losses resulting from changes in foreign currency exchange rates and changes in foreign exchange rates associated with other assets and liabilities on investments are recognized as a component of "Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and foreign currency," on the Statement of Operations, when applicable. The unrealized gains and losses resulting from changes in foreign exchange rates associated with forward foreign currency exchange contracts, futures, options purchased, options written and swaps are recognized as a component of "Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of forward foreign currency exchange contracts, futures, options purchased, options written and swap contracts," respectively, on the Statement of Operations, when applicable.

*Interest Rate Swap Contracts*

The Fund is subject to interest rate risk in the normal course of pursuing its investment objectives and is authorized to invest in interest rate swap transactions in an attempt to manage such risk. The Fund's use of interest rate swap contracts is intended to mitigate the negative impact that an increase in short-term

interest rates could have on Common share net earnings as a result of leverage. Forward interest rate swap transactions involve the Fund's agreement with a counterparty to pay, in the future, a fixed or variable rate payment in exchange for the counterparty paying the Fund a variable or fixed rate payment, the accruals for which would begin at a specified date in the future (the "effective date"). Interest rate swap contracts involve the Fund's agreement with the counterparty to pay or receive a fixed rate payment in exchange for the counterparty receiving or paying a variable rate payment that is intended to approximate the Fund's variable rate payment obligation on Taxable Auctioned Preferred shares or any variable rate borrowing. The payment obligation is based on the notional amount of the interest rate swap contract. Interest rate swap contracts 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. The Fund accrues the fixed rate payment expected to be paid or received and the variable rate payment expected to be received or paid on interest rate swap contracts on a daily basis, and recognizes the daily change in the fair value of the Fund's contractual rights and obligations under the contracts. The net amount recorded for these transactions for each counterparty is recognized on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities as a component of "Unrealized appreciation or depreciation on interest rate swaps (, net)" with the change during the fiscal period recognized on the Statement of Operations as a component of "Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of interest rate swaps." Income received or paid by the Fund is recognized as a

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component of "Net realized gain (loss) from interest rate swaps" on the Statement of Operations, in addition to the net realized gains or losses recognized upon the termination of an interest rate swap contract and are equal to the difference between the Fund's basis in the interest rate swap and the proceeds from (or cost of) the closing transaction. Payments received or made at the beginning of the measurement period are recognized as a component of "Interest rate swap premiums paid and/or received" on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, when applicable. For tax purposes, periodic payments are treated as ordinary income or expense.

During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, the Fund continued to use interest rate swap contracts to partially fix the interest cost of leverage, which the Fund uses through the use of bank borrowings.

The average notional amount of interest rate swaps contracts outstanding during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, was as follows:

Average notional amount of interest rate swap contracts outstanding*	\$59,904,900
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\* The average notional amount is calculated based on the outstanding notional at the beginning of the fiscal year and at the end of each fiscal quarter within the current fiscal year.

Refer to Footnote 3 Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities for further details on interest rate swap contract activity.

#### *Market and Counterparty Credit Risk*

In the normal course of business the Fund may invest in financial instruments and enter into financial transactions where risk of potential loss exists due to changes in the market (market risk) or failure of the other party to the transaction to perform (counterparty credit risk). The potential loss could exceed the value of the financial assets recorded on the financial statements. Financial assets, which potentially expose the Fund to counterparty credit risk, consist principally of cash due from counterparties on forward, option and swap transactions, when applicable. The extent of the Fund's exposure to counterparty credit risk in respect to these financial assets approximates its carrying value as recorded on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Futures contracts, when applicable, expose the Fund to minimal counterparty credit risk as they are exchange traded and the exchange's clearing-house, which is counterparty to all exchange traded futures, guarantees the futures contracts against default.

The Fund helps manage counterparty credit risk by entering into agreements only with counterparties the Adviser believes have the financial resources to honor their obligations and by having the Adviser monitor the financial stability of the counterparties. Additionally, counterparties may be required to pledge collateral daily (based on the daily valuation of the financial asset) on behalf of the Fund with a value approximately equal to the amount of any unrealized gain above a pre-determined threshold. Reciprocally, when the Fund has an unrealized loss, the Fund has instructed the custodian to pledge assets of the Fund as collateral with a value approximately equal to the amount of the unrealized loss above a pre-determined threshold. Collateral pledges are monitored and subsequently adjusted if and when the valuations fluctuate, either up or down, by at least the pre-determined threshold amount.

#### *Repurchase Agreements*

In connection with transactions in repurchase agreements, it is the Fund's policy that its custodian take possession of the underlying collateral securities, the fair value of which exceeds the principal amount of the repurchase transaction, including accrued interest, at all times. If the counterparty defaults, and the fair

value of the collateral declines, realization of the collateral may be delayed or limited.

### *Indemnifications*

Under the Fund's organizational documents, its officers and trustees are indemnified against certain liabilities arising out of the performance of their duties to the Fund. In addition, in the normal course of business, the Fund enters into contracts that provide general indemnifications to other parties. The Fund's maximum exposure under these arrangements is unknown as this would involve future claims that may be made against the Fund that have not yet occurred. However, the Fund has not had prior claims or losses pursuant to these contracts and expects the risk of loss to be remote.

### *Use of Estimates*

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of increases and decreases in net assets applicable to Common shares from operations during the reporting period. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

## **2. Fair Value Measurements**

Fair value is defined as the price that the Fund would receive upon selling an investment or transferring a liability in an orderly transaction to an independent buyer in the principal or most advantageous market for the investment. A three-tier hierarchy is used to maximize the use of observable market data and minimize the use of unobservable inputs and to establish classification of fair value measurements for disclosure purposes. Observable inputs reflect the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Observable inputs are based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity. Unobservable inputs reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs are based on the best information available in the circumstances. The following is a summary of the three-tiered hierarchy of valuation input levels.

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Level 1 Inputs are unadjusted and prices are determined using quoted prices in active markets for identical securities.

Level 2 Prices are determined using other significant observable inputs (including quoted prices for similar securities, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, etc.).

Level 3 Prices are determined using significant unobservable inputs (including management's assumptions in determining the fair value of investments).

The inputs or methodologies used for valuing securities are not an indication of the risks associated with investing in those securities. The following is a summary of the Fund's fair value measurements as of the end of the reporting period:

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Long-Term Investments*:				
Real Estate Investment Trust				
Common Stocks	\$255,176,629	\$	\$	\$255,176,629
Convertible Preferred Securities	35,478,816			35,478,816
Real Estate Investment Trust Preferred Stocks	98,387,186	14,738,108		113,125,294
Convertible Bonds		5,326,539		5,326,539
Short-Term Investments:				
Repurchase Agreements		15,936,096		15,936,096
Derivatives:				
Interest Rate Swaps**		(1,287,623)		(1,287,623)
Total	\$389,042,631	\$34,713,120	\$	\$423,755,751

\* Refer to the Fund's Portfolio of Investments for industry classifications and breakdown of Real Estate Investment Trust Preferred Stocks classified as Level 2.

\*\* Represents net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) as reported in the Fund's Portfolio of Investments.

The Nuveen funds' Board of Directors/Trustees is responsible for the valuation process and has delegated the oversight of the daily valuation process to the Adviser's Valuation Committee. The Valuation Committee, pursuant to the valuation policies and procedures adopted by the Board of Directors/Trustees, is responsible for making fair value determinations, evaluating the effectiveness of the funds' pricing policies, and reporting to the Board of Directors/Trustees. The Valuation Committee is aided in its efforts by the Adviser's dedicated Securities Valuation Team, which is responsible for administering the daily valuation process and applying fair value methodologies as approved by the Valuation Committee. When determining the reliability of independent pricing services for investments owned by the funds, the Valuation Committee, among other things, conducts due diligence reviews of the pricing services and monitors the



quality of security prices received through various testing reports conducted by the Securities Valuation Team.

The Valuation Committee will consider pricing methodologies it deems relevant and appropriate when making fair value determinations. Examples of possible methodologies include, but are not limited to, multiple of earnings; discount from market of a similar freely traded security; discounted cash-flow analysis; book value or a multiple thereof; risk premium/yield analysis; yield to maturity; and/or fundamental investment analysis. The Valuation Committee will also consider factors it deems relevant and appropriate in light of the facts and circumstances. Examples of possible factors include, but are not limited to, the type of security; the issuer's financial statements; the purchase price of the security; the discount from market value of unrestricted securities of the same class at the time of purchase; analysts' research and observations from financial institutions; information regarding any transactions or offers with respect to the security; the existence of merger proposals or tender offers affecting the security; the price and extent of public trading in similar securities of the issuer or comparable companies; and the existence of a shelf registration for restricted securities.

For each portfolio security that has been fair valued pursuant to the policies adopted by the Board of Directors/Trustees, the fair value price is compared against the last available and next available market quotations. The Valuation Committee reviews the results of such testing and fair valuation occurrences are reported to the Board of Directors/Trustees.

### **3. Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities**

The Fund records derivative instruments at fair value, with changes in fair value recognized on the Statement of Operations, when applicable. Even though the Fund's investments in derivatives may represent economic hedges, they are not considered to be hedge

transactions for financial reporting purposes. For additional information on the derivative instruments in which the Fund was invested during and at the end of the reporting period, refer to the Portfolio of Investments, Financial Statements and Footnote 1 General Information and Significant Accounting Policies.

The following table presents the fair value of all derivative instruments held by the Fund as of December 31, 2012, the location of these instruments on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities, and the primary underlying risk exposure.

Underlying Derivative Risk Exposure	Instrument	Location on the Statements of Assets		Liabilities	
		Asset Derivatives	Value	Liability Derivatives	Value
		Location		Location	
Interest Rate	Swaps		\$	Unrealized depreciation on interest rate swaps, net	\$ (1,577,662)
Interest Rate	Swaps			Unrealized depreciation on interest rate swaps, net	290,039
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$</b>		<b>\$ (1,287,623)</b>

The following tables present the amount of net realized gain (loss) and change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) recognized for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, on derivative instruments, as well as the primary risk exposure associated with each.

#### Net Realized Gain (Loss) from Interest Rate Swaps

##### Risk Exposure

Interest Rate \$ (683,425)

#### Change in Net Unrealized Appreciation (Depreciation) of Interest Rate Swaps

##### Risk Exposure

Interest Rate \$ 334,194

#### 4. Fund Shares

##### Common Shares

Since the inception of the Fund's repurchase program, the Fund has not repurchased any of its outstanding Common shares.

Transactions in Common shares were as follows:

	Year Ended 12/31/12	Year Ended 12/31/11
Common shares issued to shareholders due to reinvestment of distributions	100,661	103,593

#### 5. Investment Transactions

Purchases and sales (including maturities but excluding short-term investments and derivative transactions) during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, aggregated \$220,900,201 and \$233,282,731, respectively.

#### 6. Income Tax Information

The following information is presented on an income tax basis. Differences between amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes are primarily due to timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions. To the extent that differences arise that are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts as detailed below. Temporary differences do not require reclassification. Temporary and permanent differences do not impact the net asset value of the Fund.

As of December 31, 2012, the cost and unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments (excluding investments in derivatives), as determined on a federal income tax basis, were as follows:

Cost of investments	\$347,331,679
Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$ 82,679,134
Depreciation	(4,967,439)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$ 77,711,695

Permanent differences, primarily due to tax basis earnings and profits adjustments and treatment of notional principal contracts, resulted in reclassifications among the Fund's components of common share net assets at December 31, 2012, the Fund's tax year end, as follows:

Paid-in surplus	\$(16,431,726)
Undistributed (Over-distribution of) net investment income	15,748,302
Accumulated net realized gain (loss)	683,424

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The tax components of undistributed net ordinary income and net long-term capital gains at December 31, 2012, the Fund's tax year end, were as follows:

Undistributed net ordinary income	\$
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Undistributed net long-term capital gains	
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The tax character of distributions paid during the Fund's tax years ended December 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, was designated for purposes of the dividends paid deduction as follows:

**2012**

Distributions from net ordinary income *	\$26,384,143
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Distributions from net long-term capital gains	
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**2011**

Distributions from net ordinary income *	\$26,002,387
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Distributions from net long-term capital gains	
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\* Net ordinary income consists of net taxable income derived from dividends and interest, and current year earnings and profits attributable to realized gains.

At December 31, 2012, the Fund's tax year end, the Fund had unused capital loss carryforwards available for federal income tax purposes to be applied against future capital gains, if any. If not applied, the carryforwards will expire as follows:

Expiration: December 31, 2017	\$165,118,447
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During the Fund's tax year ended December 31, 2012, the Fund utilized \$17,232,176 of its capital loss carryforwards.

Under the Regulated Investment Company Modernization Act of 2010, capital losses incurred by the Fund after December 31, 2010 will not be subject to expiration. During the Fund's tax year ended December 31, 2012, there were no post-enactment capital losses generated.

**7. Management Fees and Other Transactions with Affiliates**

The Fund's management fee consists of two components a fund-level fee, based only on the amount of assets within the Fund, and a complex-level fee, based on the aggregate amount of all eligible fund assets managed by the Adviser. This pricing structure enables Fund shareholders to benefit from growth in the assets within the Fund as well as from growth in the amount of complex-wide assets managed by the Adviser.

The annual fund-level fee, payable monthly, is calculated according to the following schedule:

Average Daily Managed Assets*	Fund-Level Fee Rate
For the first \$500 million	.7000%
For the next \$500 million	.6750
For the next \$500 million	.6500
For the next \$500 million	.6250
For managed assets over \$2 billion	.6000



The annual complex-level fee, payable monthly, is calculated according to the following schedule:

<b>Complex-Level Managed Asset Breakpoint Level*</b>	<b>Effective Rate at Breakpoint Level</b>
\$55 billion	.2000%
\$56 billion	.1996
\$57 billion	.1989
\$60 billion	.1961
\$63 billion	.1931
\$66 billion	.1900
\$71 billion	.1851
\$76 billion	.1806
\$80 billion	.1773
\$91 billion	.1691
\$125 billion	.1599
\$200 billion	.1505
\$250 billion	.1469
\$300 billion	.1445

\* For the fund-level and complex-level fees, managed assets include closed-end fund assets managed by the Adviser that are attributable to financial leverage. For these purposes, financial leverage includes the funds' use of preferred stock and borrowings and certain investments in the residual interest certificates (also called inverse floating rate securities) in tender option bond (TOB) trusts, including the portion of assets held by a TOB trust that has been effectively financed by the trust's issuance of floating rate securities, subject to an agreement by the Adviser as to certain funds to limit the amount of such assets for determining managed assets in certain circumstances. The complex-level fee is calculated based upon the aggregate daily managed assets of all Nuveen Funds that constitute "eligible assets." Eligible assets do not include assets attributable to investments in other Nuveen Funds and assets in excess of \$2 billion added to the Nuveen Fund complex in connection with the Adviser's assumption of the management of the former First American Funds effective January 1, 2011. As of December 31, 2012, the complex-level fee rate for the Fund was .1684%.

The management fee compensates the Adviser for overall investment advisory and administrative services and general office facilities. The Adviser is responsible for the Fund's overall investment strategy and asset allocation decisions. The Adviser has entered into a sub-advisory agreement with Security Capital Research & Management Incorporated ("Security Capital"), under which Security Capital manages the investment portfolio of the Fund. Security Capital is compensated for its services to the Fund from the management fees paid to the Adviser. The Adviser is responsible for overseeing the Fund's investments in interest rate swap contracts.

The Fund pays no compensation directly to those of its trustees who are affiliated with the Adviser or to its officers, all of whom receive remuneration for their services to the Fund from the Adviser or its affiliates. The Board of Trustees has adopted a deferred compensation plan for independent trustees that enables trustees to elect to defer receipt of all or a portion of the annual compensation they are entitled to receive from certain Nuveen-advised funds. Under the plan, deferred amounts are treated as though equal dollar amounts had been invested in shares of select Nuveen-advised funds.

## **8. Borrowing Arrangements**

The Fund has entered into a \$140 million (maximum commitment amount), prime brokerage facility ("Borrowings") with BNP Paribas Prime Brokerage, Inc. ("BNP") as a means of financial leverage. On May

25, 2012, the Fund amended its prime brokerage facility with BNP and increased its maximum commitment amount from \$111 million to \$140 million. As of December 31, 2012, the outstanding balance on these Borrowings was \$123 million. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, the average daily balance outstanding and interest rate on these Borrowings were \$118,245,902 million and 1.28%, respectively.

In order to maintain these Borrowings, the Fund must meet certain collateral, asset coverage and other requirements. Borrowings outstanding are fully secured by securities held in the Fund's portfolio of investments. Interest is charged on these Borrowings at 3-Month LIBOR (London Inter-bank Offered Rate) plus .85% on the amount borrowed and .50% on the undrawn balance. The Fund also incurred a one-time .25% amendment fee on the increase to the maximum commitment amount, which was fully expensed during the current reporting period.

Effective January 9, 2012, interest charged on the amount borrowed changed from 3-Month LIBOR plus .95% to 3-Month LIBOR plus .85%. All other terms remain unchanged.

Borrowings outstanding are recognized as "Borrowings" on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. Interest expense incurred on the borrowed amount and undrawn balance and the one-time amendment fee are recognized as a component of "Interest expense on borrowings" on the Statement of Operations.

## **9. New Accounting Pronouncements**

### *Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Balance Sheet (Topic 210): Disclosures about Offsetting Assets and Liabilities*

In December 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2011-11 ("ASU No. 2011-11") to enhance disclosures about financial instruments and derivative instruments that are subject to offsetting ("netting") on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities. This information will enable users of the entity's financial statements to evaluate the effect or potential effect of netting arrangements on the entity's financial position. ASU No. 2011-11 is effective prospectively during interim or annual periods beginning on or after January 1, 2013. At this time, management is evaluating the implications of this guidance and the impact it will have to the financial statements amounts and footnote disclosures, if any.





## Board Members &amp; Officers (Unaudited)

The management of the Funds, including general supervision of the duties performed for the Funds by the Adviser, is the responsibility of the board members of the Funds. The number of board members of the Funds is currently set at ten. None of the board members who are not "interested" persons of the Funds (referred to herein as "independent board members") has ever been a director or employee of, or consultant to, Nuveen or its affiliates. The names and business addresses of the board members and officers of the Funds, their principal occupations and other affiliations during the past five years, the number of portfolios each oversees and other directorships they hold are set forth below.

<b>Name, Birthdate &amp; Address</b>	<b>Position(s) Held with the Funds</b>	<b>Year First Elected or Appointed and Term<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s) including other Directorships During Past 5 Years</b>	<b>Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Board Member</b>
<b>Independent Board Members:</b>				
<b>nROBERT P. BREMNER</b> 8/22/40 333 W. Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606	Chairman of the Board and Board Member	<b>1996</b> <b>Class III</b>	Private Investor and Management Consultant; Treasurer and Director, Humanities Council of Washington, D.C.; Board Member, Independent Directors Council affiliated with the Investment Company Institute.	<b>216</b>
<b>nJACK B. EVANS</b> 10/22/48 333 W. Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606	Board Member	<b>1999</b> <b>Class III</b>	President, The Hall-Perrine Foundation, a private philanthropic corporation (since 1996); Director and Chairman, United Fire Group, a publicly held company; member of the Board of Regents for the State of Iowa University System; Director, Source Media Group; Life Trustee of Coe College and the Iowa College Foundation; formerly, Director, Alliant Energy; formerly, Director, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; formerly, President and Chief Operating Officer, SCI Financial Group, Inc., a regional financial services firm.	<b>216</b>
<b>nWILLIAM C. HUNTER</b> 3/6/48 333 W. Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606	Board Member	<b>2004</b> <b>Class I</b>	Dean Emeritus (since June 30, 2012), formerly, Dean, Tippie College of Business, University of Iowa (2006-2012); Director (since 2004) of Xerox Corporation; Director (since 2005), and President (since July 2012) Beta Gamma Sigma, Inc., The International Honor Society; Director of Wellmark, Inc. (since 2009); formerly, Dean and Distinguished Professor of Finance, School of Business at the University of Connecticut (2003-2006); previously, Senior Vice President	<b>216</b>

and Director of Research at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago (1995-2003); formerly, Director (1997-2007), Credit Research Center at Georgetown University.

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<b>Independent Board Members (continued):</b>				
<b>nDAVID J. KUNDERT</b>				
10/28/42 333 W. Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606	Board Member	<b>2005 Class II</b>	Director, Northwestern Mutual Wealth Management Company; retired (since 2004) as Chairman, JPMorgan Fleming Asset Management, President and CEO, Banc One Investment Advisors Corporation, and President, One Group Mutual Funds; prior thereto, Executive Vice President, Banc One Corporation and Chairman and CEO, Banc One Investment Management Group; Regent Emeritus, Member of Investment Committee, Luther College; member of the Wisconsin Bar Association; member of Board of Directors, Friends of Boerner Botanical Gardens; member of Board of Directors and Chair of Investment Committee, Greater Milwaukee Foundation; member of the Board of Directors (Milwaukee), College Possible.	<b>216</b>
<b>nWILLIAM J. SCHNEIDER</b>				
9/24/44 333 W. Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606	Board Member	<b>1996 Class III</b>	Chairman of Miller-Valentine Partners Ltd., a real estate investment company; formerly, Senior Partner and Chief Operating Officer (retired 2004) of Miller-Valentine Group; member, University of Dayton Business School Advisory Council; member, Mid-America Health System Board; formerly, member and chair, Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra Association; formerly, member, Business Advisory Council, Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank.	<b>216</b>
<b>nJUDITH M. STOCKDALE</b>				
12/29/47 333 W. Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606	Board Member	<b>1997 Class I</b>	Formerly, Executive Director (1994-2012), Gaylord and Dorothy Donnelley Foundation (since 1994); prior thereto, Executive Director, Great Lakes Protection Fund (1990-1994).	<b>216</b>
<b>nCAROLE E. STONE</b>				
6/28/47 333 W. Wacker Drive Chicago,	Board Member	<b>2007 Class I</b>	Director, Chicago Board Options Exchange (since 2006); Director, C2 Options Exchange, Incorporated (since 2009); formerly, Commissioner, New York State Commission on Public Authority Reform (2005-2010); formerly,	<b>216</b>

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Chair, New York Racing Association Reform (2005-2010); formerly, Chair, New York Racing Association Oversight Board (2005-2007).

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**Class I**

Board Member, Mutual Fund Directors Forum; former governance consultant and non-profit board member; former Owner and President, Strategic Management Resources, Inc. a management consulting firm; former Member, Governing Board, Investment Company Institute's Independent Directors Council; previously, held several executive positions in general management, marketing and human resources at IBM and The Pillsbury Company; Independent Director, First American Fund Complex (1987-2010) and Chair (1997-2010).

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Name, Birthdate & Address	Position(s) Held with the Funds	Year First Elected or Appointed and Term <sup>(1)</sup>	Principal Occupation(s) including other Directorships During Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Board Member
<b>Independent Board Members (continued):</b>				
<b>nTERENCE J. TOTH</b>				
9/29/59 333 W. Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606	Board Member	<b>2008</b> <b>Class II</b>	Director, Legal & General Investment Management America, Inc. (since 2008); Managing Partner, Promus Capital (since 2008); formerly, CEO and President, Northern Trust Global Investments (2004-2007); Executive Vice President, Quantitative Management & Securities Lending (2000-2004); prior thereto, various positions with Northern Trust Company (since 1994); member: Chicago Fellowship Board (since 2005), Catalyst Schools of Chicago Board (since 2008) and Mather Foundation Board (since 2012), and a member of its investment committee; formerly, Member, Northern Trust Mutual Funds Board (2005-2007), Northern Trust Global Investments Board (2004-2007), Northern Trust Japan Board (2004-2007), Northern Trust Securities Inc. Board (2003-2007) and Northern Trust Hong Kong Board (1997-2004).	<b>216</b>
<b>Interested Board Member:</b>				
<b>nJOHN P. AMBOIAN<sup>(2)</sup></b>				
6/14/61 333 W. Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606	Board Member	<b>2008</b> <b>Class II</b>	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman (since 2007) and Director (since 1999) of Nuveen Investments, Inc., formerly, President (1999-2007); Chief Executive Officer (since 2007) of Nuveen Investments Advisers, Inc.; Director (since 1998) formerly, Chief Executive Officer (2007-2010) of Nuveen Fund Advisers, LLC.	<b>216</b>
<b>Officers of the Funds:</b>				
<b>nGIFFORD R. ZIMMERMAN</b>				
Name, Birthdate and Address	Position(s) Held with the Funds	Year First Elected or Appointed <sup>(3)</sup>	Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years	Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Officer

<p>9/9/56 333 W. Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606</p>	<p>Chief Administrative Officer</p>	<p><b>1988</b></p>	<p>Managing Director (since 2002), and Assistant Secretary of Nuveen Securities, LLC; Managing Director (since 2004) and Assistant Secretary (since 1994) of Nuveen Investments, Inc.; Managing Director (since 2002), Assistant Secretary (since 1997) and Co-General Counsel (since 2011) of Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC; Managing Director, Assistant Secretary and Associate General Counsel of Nuveen Asset Management, LLC (since 2011); Managing Director, Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary, of Symphony Asset Management LLC (since 2003); Vice President and Assistant Secretary of NWQ Investment Management Company, LLC (since 2002), Nuveen Investments Advisers Inc. (since 2002), Santa Barbara Asset Management, LLC (since 2006), and of Winslow Capital Management, LLC, (since 2010); Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Compliance Officer (since 2006) of Nuveen Commodities Asset Management, LLC; Chartered Financial Analyst.</p>	<p><b>216</b></p>
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<b>Officers of the Funds (continued):</b>				
<b>nWILLIAM ADAMS IV</b> 6/9/55 333 W. Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606	Vice President	<b>2007</b>	Senior Executive Vice President, Global Structured Products (since 2010), formerly, Executive Vice President (1999-2010) of Nuveen Securities, LLC; Co-President of Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC (since 2011); President (since 2011), formerly, Managing Director (2010-2011) of Nuveen Commodities Asset Management, LLC.	<b>116</b>
<b>nCEDRIC H. ANTOSIEWICZ</b> 1/11/62 333 W. Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606	Vice President	<b>2007</b>	Managing Director of Nuveen Securities, LLC.	<b>116</b>
<b>nMARGO L. COOK</b> 4/11/64 333 W. Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606	Vice President	<b>2009</b>	Executive Vice President (since 2008) of Nuveen Investments, Inc. and of Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC (since 2011); Managing Director-Investment Services of Nuveen Commodities Asset Management, LLC (since August 2011), previously, Head of Institutional Asset Management (2007-2008) of Bear Stearns Asset Management; Head of Institutional Asset Management (1986-2007) of Bank of NY Mellon; Chartered Financial Analyst.	<b>216</b>
<b>nLORNA C. FERGUSON</b> 10/24/45 333 W. Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606	Vice President	<b>1998</b>	Managing Director (since 2005) of Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC and Nuveen Securities, LLC (since 2004).	<b>216</b>
<b>nSTEPHEN D. FOY</b> 5/31/54 333 W. Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606	Vice President and Controller	<b>1998</b>	Senior Vice President (since 2010), formerly, Vice President (2005-2010) and Funds Controller of Nuveen Securities, LLC; Vice President of Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC; Chief Financial Officer of Nuveen Commodities Asset Management, LLC (since 2010); Certified Public Accountant.	<b>216</b>

**nSCOTT S. GRACE**

<p>8/20/70 333 W. Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606</p>	<p>Vice President and Treasurer</p>	<p><b>2009</b></p>	<p>Managing Director, Corporate Finance &amp; Development, Treasurer (since 2009) of Nuveen Securities, LLC; Managing Director and Treasurer (since 2009) of Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC, Nuveen Investments Advisers, Inc., Nuveen Investments Holdings Inc. and (since 2011) Nuveen Asset Management, LLC; Vice President and Treasurer of NWQ Investment Management Company, LLC, Tradewinds Global Investors, LLC, Symphony Asset Management LLC and Winslow Capital Management, LLC.; Vice President of Santa Barbara Asset Management, LLC; formerly, Treasurer (2006-2009), Senior Vice President (2008-2009), previously, Vice President (2006-2008) of Janus Capital Group, Inc.; formerly, Senior Associate in Morgan Stanley's Global Financial Services Group (2000-2003); Chartered Accountant Designation.</p>	<p><b>216</b></p>
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## Board Members &amp; Officers (Unaudited) (continued)

<b>Name, Birthdate and Address</b>	<b>Position(s) Held with the Funds</b>	<b>Year First Elected or Appointed<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>Principal Occupation(s) During Past 5 Years</b>	<b>Number of Portfolios in Fund Complex Overseen by Officer</b>
<b>Officers of the Funds (continued):</b>				
<b>nWALTER M. KELLY</b>				
2/24/70 333 W. Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606	Chief Compliance Officer and Vice President	<b>2003</b>	Senior Vice President (since 2008) and Assistant Secretary (since 2003) of Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC; Senior Vice President (since 2008) of Nuveen Investment Holdings, Inc.; formerly, Senior Vice President (2008-2011) of Nuveen Securities, LLC.	<b>216</b>
<b>nTINA M. LAZAR</b>				
8/27/61 333 W. Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606	Vice President	<b>2002</b>	Senior Vice President (since 2010), formerly, Vice President (2005-2010) of Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC.	<b>216</b>
<b>nKEVIN J. MCCARTHY</b>				
3/26/66 333 W. Wacker Drive Chicago, IL 60606	Vice President and Secretary	<b>2007</b>	Managing Director and Assistant Secretary (since 2008), formerly, Vice President (2007-2008), Nuveen Securities, LLC; Managing Director (since 2008), Assistant Secretary (since 2007) and Co-General Counsel (since 2011) of Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC; Managing Director, Assistant Secretary and Associate General Counsel (since 2011) of Nuveen Asset Management, LLC; Managing Director (since 2008), and Assistant Secretary, Nuveen Investment Holdings, Inc.; Vice President (since 2007) and Assistant Secretary of Nuveen Investments Advisers Inc., NWQ Investment Management Company, LLC, NWQ Holdings, LLC, Symphony Asset Management LLC, Santa Barbara Asset Management, LLC, and of Winslow Capital Management, LLC (since 2010); Vice President and Secretary (since 2010) of Nuveen Commodities Asset Management, LLC; prior thereto, Partner, Bell, Boyd & Lloyd LLP (1997-2007).	<b>216</b>
<b>nKATHLEEN L. PRUDHOMME</b>				
3/30/53 901 Marquette	Vice President and	<b>2011</b>	Managing Director, Assistant Secretary and Co-General Counsel (since 2011) of Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC; Managing Director,	<b>216</b>

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Minneapolis, Secretary  
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Assistant Secretary and Associate General  
Counsel (since 2011) of Nuveen Asset  
Management, LLC; Managing Director and  
Assistant Secretary (since 2011) of Nuveen  
Securities, LLC; formerly, Deputy General  
Counsel, FAF Advisors, Inc. (2004-2010).

(1) The Board Members serve three year terms. The Board of Trustees is divided into three classes. Class I, Class II, and Class III, with each being elected to serve until the third succeeding annual shareholders' meeting subsequent to its election or thereafter in each case when its respective successors are duly elected or appointed. The first year elected or appointed represents the year in which the board member was first elected or appointed to any fund in the Nuveen Complex.

(2) Mr. Amboian is an interested Director because of his position with Nuveen Investments, Inc. and certain of its subsidiaries, which are affiliates of the Nuveen Funds.

(3) Officers serve one year terms through August of each year. The year first elected or appointed represents the year in which the Officer was first elected or appointed to any fund in the Nuveen Complex.

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Glossary of Terms  
Used in this Report

- **Average Annual Total Return:** This is a commonly used method to express an investment's performance over a particular, usually multi-year time period. It expresses the return that would have been necessary each year to equal the investment's actual cumulative performance (including change in NAV or market price and reinvested dividends and capital gains distributions, if any) over the time period being considered.
- **Current Distribution Rate:** An investment's current annualized distribution divided by its current market price.
- **Effective Leverage:** Effective leverage is a Fund's effective economic leverage, and includes both Regulatory Leverage (see below) and the leverage effects of certain derivative investments in the Fund's portfolio that increase the Fund's investment exposure.
- **Gross Domestic Product (GDP):** The total market value of all final goods and services produced in a country/region in a given year, equal to total consumer, investment and government spending, plus the value of exports, minus the value of imports.
- **Leverage:** Using borrowed money to invest in securities or other assets, seeking to increase the return of an investment or portfolio.
- **Net Asset Value (NAV):** The net market value of all securities held in a portfolio.
- **Net Asset Value (NAV) Per Share:** The market value of one share of a mutual fund or closed-end fund. For a Fund, the NAV is calculated daily by taking the Fund's total assets (securities, cash, and accrued earnings), subtracting the Fund's liabilities, and dividing by the number of shares outstanding.
- **Regulatory Leverage:** Regulatory Leverage consists of preferred shares issued by or borrowings of a Fund. Both of these are part of a Fund's capital structure. Regulatory Leverage is sometimes referred to as "40 Act Leverage" and is subject to asset coverage limits set in the Investment Company Act of 1940.
- **S&P 500® Index:** An unmanaged index generally considered representative of the U.S. stock market. Index returns assume reinvestment of distributions, but do not reflect any applicable sales charges or management fees.
- **Specialized Real Estate Securities Benchmark:** A measure based on the return of the preferred stock and highest 50% yielding (based on market capitalization) common stock securities in the SNL Financial LC real estate database through 6/30/2007. Beginning in July 2007, the benchmark is based on preferred and all common stocks in the database. Returns are computed from this database by a third party provider. Returns do not include the effects of any sales charges or management fees.
- **Wilshire U.S. Select Real Estate Securities Index (RESI):** A float-adjusted market capitalization index that is reviewed quarterly. This index is designed to measure the performance of publicly traded real estate securities and to serve as a proxy for direct real estate investments. Index returns assume reinvestment of distributions, but do not reflect any applicable sales charges.



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## Additional Fund Information

### **Board of Trustees**

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Virginia L. Stringer  
Terence J. Toth

### **Fund Manager**

Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC  
333 West Wacker Drive  
Chicago, IL 60606

### **Custodian**

State Street Bank & Trust Company  
Boston, MA

### **Transfer Agent and Shareholder Services**

State Street Bank & Trust Company  
Nuveen Funds  
P.O. Box 43071  
Providence, RI 02940-3071  
(800) 257-8787

### **Legal Counsel**

Chapman and Cutler LLP  
Chicago, IL

### **Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

Ernst & Young LLP  
Chicago, IL

### **Quarterly Portfolio of Investments and Proxy Voting Information**

You may obtain (i) the Fund's quarterly portfolio of investments, (ii) information regarding how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities held during the most recent twelve-month period ended June

30, and (iii) a description of the policies and procedures that the Fund used to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities without charge, upon request, by calling Nuveen Investments toll-free at (800) 257-8787 or on Nuveen's website at [www.nuveen.com](http://www.nuveen.com).

You may also obtain this and other Fund information directly from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). The SEC may charge a copying fee for this information. Visit the SEC on-line at <http://www.sec.gov> or in person at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Call the SEC at (202) 942-8090 for room hours and operation. You may also request Fund information by sending an e-mail request to [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov) or by writing to the SEC's Public Reference Section at 100 F Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20549.

### CEO Certification Disclosure

The Fund's Chief Executive Officer has submitted to the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) the annual CEO certification as required by Section 303A.12(a) of the NYSE Listed Company Manual.

The Fund has filed with the SEC the certification of its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

### Distribution Information

The Fund hereby designates its percentages of dividends paid from net ordinary income as dividends qualifying for the 70% dividends received deduction (DRD) for corporations and its percentages as qualified dividend income (QDI) for individuals under Section 1(h)(11) of the Internal Revenue Code as shown in the accompanying table. The actual qualified dividend income distributions will be reported to shareholders on Form 1099-DIV which will be sent to shareholders shortly after calendar year end.

	% of DRD	% of QDI
JRS	0.00%	1.49%

### Common Share Information

The Fund intends to repurchase shares of its own common stock in the future at such times and in such amounts as is deemed advisable. During the period covered by this report, the Fund repurchased shares of its common stock as shown in the accompanying table.

	Common Shares Repurchased
JRS	

Any future repurchases will be reported to shareholders in the next annual or semi-annual report.





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Since 1898, financial advisors and their clients have relied on Nuveen Investments to provide dependable investment solutions through continued adherence to proven, long-term investing principles. Today, we offer a range of high quality equity and fixed-income solutions designed to be integral components of a well-diversified core portfolio.

**Focused on meeting investor needs.**

Nuveen Investments provides high-quality investment services designed to help secure the long-term goals of institutional and individual investors as well as the consultants and financial advisors who serve them. Nuveen Investments markets a wide range of specialized investment solutions which provide investors access to capabilities of its high-quality boutique investment affiliates Nuveen Asset Management, Symphony Asset Management, NWQ Investment Management Company, Santa Barbara Asset Management, Tradewinds Global Investors, Winslow Capital Management and Gresham Investment Management. In total, Nuveen Investments managed \$219 billion as of December 31, 2012.

**Find out how we can help you.**

To learn more about how the products and services of Nuveen Investments may be able to help you meet your financial goals, talk to your financial advisor, or call us at **(800) 257-8787**. Please read the information provided carefully before you invest. Investors should consider the investment objective and policies, risk considerations, charges and expenses of any investment carefully. Where applicable, be sure to obtain a prospectus, which contains this and other relevant information. To obtain a prospectus, please contact your securities representative or **Nuveen Investments, 333 W. Wacker Dr., Chicago, IL 60606**. Please read the prospectus carefully before you invest or send money.

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ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

As of the end of the period covered by this report, the registrant has adopted a code of ethics that applies to the registrant's principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions. There were no amendments to or waivers from the Code during the period covered by this report. The registrant has posted the code of ethics on its website at [www.nuveen.com/CEF/Shareholder/FundGovernance.aspx](http://www.nuveen.com/CEF/Shareholder/FundGovernance.aspx). (To view the code, click on Code of Conduct.)

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

The registrant's Board of Directors or Trustees ( Board ) determined that the registrant has at least one audit committee financial expert (as defined in Item 3 of Form N-CSR) serving on its Audit Committee. The registrant's audit committee financial expert is Carole E. Stone, who is independent for purposes of Item 3 of Form N-CSR.

Ms. Stone served for five years as Director of the New York State Division of the Budget. As part of her role as Director, Ms. Stone was actively involved in overseeing the development of the State's operating, local assistance and capital budgets, its financial plan and related documents; overseeing the development of the State's bond-related disclosure documents and certifying that they fairly presented the State's financial position; reviewing audits of various State and local agencies and programs; and coordinating the State's system of internal audit and control. Prior to serving as Director, Ms. Stone worked as a budget analyst/examiner with increasing levels of responsibility over a 30 year period, including approximately five years as Deputy Budget Director. Ms. Stone has also served as Chair of the New York State Racing Association Oversight Board, as Chair of the Public Authorities Control Board, as a Commissioner on the New York State Commission on Public Authority Reform and as a member of the Boards of Directors of several New York State public authorities. These positions have involved overseeing operations and finances of certain entities and assessing the adequacy of project/entity financing and financial reporting. Currently, Ms. Stone is on the Board of Directors of CBOE Holdings, Inc., of the Chicago Board Options Exchange, and of C2 Options Exchange. Ms. Stone's position on the boards of these entities and as a member of both CBOE Holdings' Audit Committee and its Finance Committee has involved, among other things, the oversight of audits, audit plans and preparation of financial statements.

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

NUVEEN REAL ESTATE INCOME FUND

The following tables show the amount of fees that Ernst & Young LLP, the Fund's auditor, billed to the Fund during the Fund's last two full fiscal years. For engagements with Ernst & Young LLP the Audit Committee approved in advance all audit services and non-audit services that Ernst & Young LLP provided to the Fund, except for those non-audit services that were subject to the pre-approval exception under Rule 2-01 of Regulation S-X (the pre-approval exception ). The pre-approval exception for services provided directly to the Fund waives the pre-approval requirement for services other than audit, review or attest services if: (A) the aggregate amount of all such services provided constitutes no more than 5% of the total amount of revenues paid by the Fund to its accountant during the fiscal year in which the services are provided; (B) the Fund did not recognize the services as non-audit services at the time of the engagement; and (C) the services are promptly brought to the Audit Committee's attention, and the Committee (or its delegate) approves the services before the audit is completed.

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The Audit Committee has delegated certain pre-approval responsibilities to its Chairman (or, in his absence, any other member of the Audit Committee).

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SERVICES THAT THE FUND'S AUDITOR BILLED TO THE FUND

Fiscal Year Ended	Audit Fees Billed to Fund 1	Audit-Related Fees Billed to Fund 2	Tax Fees Billed to Fund 3	All Other Fees Billed to Fund 4
December 31, 2012	\$ 24,300	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Percentage approved pursuant to pre-approval exception	0%	0%	0%	0%
December 31, 2011	\$ 23,600	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Percentage approved pursuant to pre-approval exception	0%	0%	0%	0%

1 Audit Fees are the aggregate fees billed for professional services for the audit of the Fund's annual financial statements and services provided in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.

2 Audit-Related Fees are the aggregate fees billed for assurance and related services reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of financial statements that are not reported under Audit Fees. These fees include offerings related to the Fund's common shares and leverage.

3 Tax Fees are the aggregate fees billed for professional services for tax advice, tax compliance, and tax planning. These fees include: all global withholding tax services; excise and state tax reviews; capital gain, tax equalization and taxable basis calculations performed by the principal accountant.

4 All Other Fees are the aggregate fees billed for products and services other than Audit Fees, Audit-Related Fees and Tax Fees. These fees represent all Agreed-Upon Procedures engagements pertaining to the Fund's use of leverage.

SERVICES THAT THE FUND'S AUDITOR BILLED TO THE ADVISER AND AFFILIATED FUND SERVICE PROVIDERS

The following tables show the amount of fees billed by Ernst & Young LLP to Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC (formerly Nuveen Fund Advisors, Inc.) (or the Adviser), and any entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Adviser that provides ongoing services to the Fund (Affiliated Fund Service Provider), for engagements directly related to the Fund's operations and financial reporting, during the Fund's last two full fiscal years.

The tables also show the percentage of fees subject to the pre-approval exception. The pre-approval exception for services provided to the Adviser and any Affiliated Fund Service Provider (other than audit, review or attest services) waives the pre-approval requirement if: (A) the aggregate amount of all such services provided constitutes no more than 5% of the total amount of revenues paid to Ernst & Young LLP by the Fund, the Adviser and Affiliated Fund Service Providers during the fiscal year in which the services are provided that would have to be

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pre-approved by the Audit Committee; (B) the Fund did not recognize the services as non-audit services at the time of the engagement; and (C) the services are promptly brought to the Audit Committee's attention, and the Committee (or its delegate) approves the services before the Fund's audit is completed.

<b>Fiscal Year Ended</b>	<b>Audit-Related Fees Billed to Adviser and Affiliated Fund Service Providers</b>	<b>Tax Fees Billed to Adviser and Affiliated Fund Service Providers</b>	<b>All Other Fees Billed to Adviser and Affiliated Fund Service Providers</b>
December 31, 2012	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Percentage approved pursuant to pre-approval exception	0%	0%	0%
December 31, 2011	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Percentage approved pursuant to pre-approval exception	0%	0%	0%

## NON-AUDIT SERVICES

The following table shows the amount of fees that Ernst & Young LLP billed during the Fund's last two full fiscal years for non-audit services. The Audit Committee is required to pre-approve non-audit services that Ernst & Young LLP provides to the Adviser and any Affiliated Fund Services Provider, if the engagement related directly to the Fund's operations and financial reporting (except for those subject to the pre-approval exception described above). The Audit Committee requested and received information from Ernst & Young LLP about any non-audit services that Ernst & Young LLP rendered during the Fund's last fiscal year to the Adviser and any Affiliated Fund Service Provider. The Committee considered this information in evaluating Ernst & Young LLP's independence.

Fiscal Year Ended	Total Non-Audit Fees Billed to Fund	Total Non-Audit Fees billed to Adviser and Affiliated Fund Service Providers (engagements related directly to the operations and financial reporting of the Fund)	Total Non-Audit Fees billed to Adviser and Affiliated Fund Service Providers (all other engagements)	Total
December 31, 2012	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0
December 31, 2011	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0

Non-Audit Fees billed to Fund for both fiscal year ends represent Tax Fees and All Other Fees billed to Fund in their respective amounts from the previous table.

Less than 50 percent of the hours expended on the principal accountant's engagement to audit the registrant's financial statements for the most recent fiscal year were attributed to work performed by persons other than the principal accountant's full-time, permanent employees.

**Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures.** Generally, the Audit Committee must approve (i) all non-audit services to be performed for the Fund by the Fund's independent accountants and (ii) all audit and non-audit services to be performed by the Fund's independent accountants for the Affiliated Fund Service Providers with respect to operations and financial reporting of the Fund. Regarding tax and research projects conducted by the independent accountants for the Fund and Affiliated Fund Service Providers (with respect to operations and financial reports of the Fund) such engagements will be (i) pre-approved by the Audit Committee if they are expected to be for amounts greater than \$10,000; (ii) reported to the Audit Committee chairman for his verbal approval prior to engagement if they are expected to be for amounts under \$10,000 but greater than \$5,000; and (iii) reported to the Audit Committee at the next Audit Committee meeting if they are expected to be for an amount under \$5,000.

## ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

The registrant's Board has a separately designated Audit Committee established in accordance with Section 3(a)(58)(A) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (15 U.S.C. 78c(a)(58)(A)). The members of the audit committee are Robert P. Bremner, David J. Kundert, William J. Schneider, Carole E. Stone and Terence J. Toth.

## ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

(a) See Portfolio of Investments in Item 1.

(b) Not applicable.

ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC, formerly known as Nuveen Fund Advisors, Inc., is the registrant's investment adviser (also referred to as the Adviser). The Adviser is responsible for the on-going monitoring of the Fund's investment portfolio, managing the Fund's business affairs and providing certain clerical, bookkeeping and administrative services. The Adviser has engaged Security Capital Research & Management Incorporated (Security Capital or Sub-Adviser) as Sub-Adviser to provide discretionary investment advisory services. As part of these services, the Adviser has delegated to the Sub-Adviser the full responsibility for proxy voting on securities held in the registrant's portfolio and related duties in accordance with the Sub-Adviser's policies and procedures. The Adviser periodically monitors the Sub-Adviser's voting to ensure that it is carrying out its duties. The Sub-Adviser's proxy voting policies and procedures are summarized as follows:

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Security Capital may be granted by its clients the authority to vote the proxies of the securities held in client portfolios. To ensure that the proxies are voted in the best interests of its clients, Security Capital has adopted detailed proxy voting procedures ( Procedures ) that incorporate detailed proxy guidelines ( Guidelines ) for voting proxies on specific types of issues.

Pursuant to the Procedures, most routine proxy matters will be voted in accordance with the Guidelines, which have been developed with the objective of encouraging corporate action that enhances shareholder value. For proxy matters that are not covered by the Guidelines (including matters that require a case-by-case determination) or where a vote contrary to the Guidelines is considered appropriate, the Procedures require a certification and review process to be completed before the vote is cast. That process is designed to identify actual or potential material conflicts of interest and ensure that the proxy is cast in the best interest of clients.

To oversee and monitor the proxy-voting process, Security Capital has established a proxy committee and appointed a proxy administrator. The proxy committee meets periodically to review general proxy-voting matters, review and approve the Guidelines annually, and provide advice and recommendations on general proxy-voting matters as well as on specific voting issues.

A copy of the Security Capital's proxy voting procedures and guidelines are available upon request by contacting your client service representative.

#### ITEM 8. PORTFOLIO MANAGERS OF CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC, formerly known as Nuveen Fund Advisors, Inc. ( NFALLC ), is the registrant's investment adviser (NFALLC is also referred to as the Adviser ). NFALLC is responsible for the selection and on-going monitoring of the Fund's investment portfolio, managing the Fund's business affairs and providing certain clerical, bookkeeping and administrative services. The Adviser has engaged Security Capital Research & Management Incorporated ( Security Capital ) for a portion of the registrant's investments. (Security Capital is also referred to as Sub-Adviser ). Security Capital, as Sub-Adviser, provides discretionary investment advisory services. The following section provides information on the portfolio managers at the Sub-Adviser:

##### **Item 8 (a)(1). Portfolio management team from SECURITY CAPITAL RESEARCH & MANAGEMENT INCORPORATED**

**ANTHONY R. MANNO JR.** is CEO, President and Chief Investment Officer of Security Capital Research & Management Incorporated. He is Chairman, President and Managing Director of SC-Preferred Growth LLC. Prior to joining Security Capital in 1994, Mr. Manno spent 14 years with LaSalle Partners Limited as a Managing Director, responsible for real estate investment banking activities. Mr. Manno began his career in real estate finance at The First National Bank of Chicago and has 39 years of experience in the real estate investment business. He received an MBA in Finance with honors (Beta Gamma Sigma) from the University of Chicago and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Northwestern University with a BA and MA in Economics. Mr. Manno is also a Certified Public Accountant and was awarded an Elijah Watt Sells award.

**KENNETH D. STATZ** is a Managing Director and Senior Market Strategist of Security Capital Research & Management Incorporated where he is responsible for the development and implementation of portfolio investment strategy. Prior to joining Security Capital in 1995, Mr. Statz was a Vice President in the Investment Research Department of Goldman, Sachs & Co., concentrating on research and underwriting for the

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REIT industry. Previously, he was a REIT Portfolio Manager and a Managing Director of Chancellor Capital Management. Mr. Statz has 31 years of experience in the real estate securities industry and received an MBA and a BBA in Finance from the University of Wisconsin.

**KEVIN W. BEDELL** is a Managing Director of Security Capital Research & Management Incorporated where he directs the Investment Analysis Team, which provides in-depth proprietary research on publicly listed companies. Prior to joining Security Capital in 1996, Mr. Bedell spent nine years with LaSalle Partners Limited where he was Equity Vice President and Portfolio Manager, with responsibility for strategic, operational and financial management of a private real estate investment trust with commercial real estate investments in excess of \$1 billion. Mr. Bedell has 26 years of experience in the real estate securities industry and received an MBA in Finance from the University of Chicago and a BA from Kenyon College.

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**Item 8 (a)(2). Other Accounts Managed by Security Capital Research & Management Incorporated**

Nuveen Real Estate Income Fund and Nuveen Diversified Dividend and Income Fund ( Funds )  
Security Capital Research & Management Incorporated ( Adviser )

(a)(2) For each person identified in column (a)(1), provide number of (a)(3) Performance Fee Accounts. For each of the categories accounts other than the Funds managed by the person within each in column (a)(2), provide number of accounts and the total category below and the total assets in the accounts managed within assets in the accounts with respect to which the advisory fee is based on the performance of the account each category below

(a)(1) Identify portfolio manager(s) of the Adviser to be named in the Fund prospectus	Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts		Registered Investment Companies		Other Pooled Investment Vehicles		Other Accounts	
	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (\$billions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (\$billions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (\$billions)	Number of Accounts	Total Assets	Number of Accounts	Total Assets	Number of Accounts	Total Assets (\$billions)
Anthony R. Manno Jr.	8	\$ 1.1	1	\$ 0.7	321	\$ 2.1					5	\$ 0.3
Kenneth D. Statz	8	\$ 1.1	1	\$ 0.7	313	\$ 2.1					5	\$ 0.3
Kevin W. Bedell	8	\$ 1.1	1	\$ 0.7	314	\$ 2.1					5	\$ 0.3

**Potential Material Conflicts of Interest**

As shown in the above tables, the portfolio managers may manage accounts in addition to the Nuveen Funds (the Funds ). The potential for conflicts of interest exists when portfolio managers manage other accounts with similar investment objectives and strategies as the Funds ( Similar Accounts ). Potential conflicts may include, for example, conflicts between investment strategies and conflicts in the allocation of investment opportunities.

Responsibility for managing Security Capital s clients portfolios is organized according to investment strategies within asset classes. Generally, client portfolios with similar strategies are managed using the same objectives, approach and philosophy. Therefore, portfolio holdings, relative position sizes and sector exposures tend to be similar across similar portfolios, which minimizes the potential for conflicts of interest.

Security Capital may receive more compensation with respect to certain Similar Accounts than that received with respect to the Nuveen Funds or may receive compensation based in part on the performance of certain Similar Accounts. This may create a potential conflict of interest for Security Capital or its portfolio managers by providing an incentive to favor these Similar Accounts when, for example, placing securities transactions. Potential conflicts of interest may arise with both the aggregation and allocation of securities transactions and allocation of limited investment opportunities. Allocations of aggregated trades, particularly trade orders that were only partially completed due to limited availability, and allocation of investment opportunities generally, could raise a potential conflict of interest, as Security Capital may have an incentive to allocate securities that are expected to increase in value to favored accounts. Initial public offerings, in particular, are frequently of very limited availability. Security Capital may be perceived as causing accounts it manages to participate in an offering to increase Security Capital s overall allocation of securities in that offering. A potential conflict of interest also may be perceived to arise if transactions in one account closely follow related transactions in a different account, such as when a purchase increases the value of securities previously purchased by another account, or when a sale in one account lowers the sale price received in a sale by a second account. If Security Capital manages accounts that engage in short sales of securities of the type in which the Funds invests, Security Capital could be seen as harming the performance of the Funds for the benefit of the accounts engaging in short sales if the short sales cause the market value of the securities to fall.

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Security Capital has policies and procedures designed to manage these conflicts described above such as allocation of investment opportunities to achieve fair and equitable allocation of investment opportunities among its clients over time. For example:

Orders placed for the same equity security within a reasonable time period are aggregated consistent with Security Capital's duty of best execution for its clients. If aggregated trades are fully executed, accounts participating in the trade will be allocated their pro rata share on an average price basis. Partially completed orders will be allocated among the participating accounts on a pro-rata average price basis as well.

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**Item 8 (a)(3). Fund Manager Compensation**

The principal form of compensation of Security Capital's professionals is a base salary and annual bonus. Base salaries are fixed for each portfolio manager. Each professional is paid a cash salary and, in addition, a year-end bonus based on achievement of specific objectives that the professional's manager and the professional agree upon at the commencement of the year. The annual bonus is paid partially in cash and partially in either: (i) restricted stock of Security Capital's parent company, JPMorgan Chase & Co., (ii) in self-directed parent company mutual funds, and/or (iii) mandatory notional investment in selected mutual funds advised by Security Capital, all vesting over a three-year period (50% each after the second and third years). The annual bonus is a function of Security Capital achieving its financial, operating and investment performance goals, as well as the individual achieving measurable objectives specific to that professional's role within the firm and the investment performance of all accounts managed by the portfolio manager. None of the portfolio managers' compensation is based on the performance of, or the value of assets held in, the Funds.

**Item 8 (a)(4). Ownership of JRS Securities as of December 31, 2012.**

Portfolio Manager	None	\$1-\$10,000	\$10,001-\$50,000	\$50,001-\$100,000	\$100,001-\$500,000	\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	Over \$1,000,000
Anthony R. Manno Jr.	X						
Kenneth D. Statz					X		
Kevin W. Bedell	X						

**ITEM 9. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS.**

Not applicable.

**ITEM 10. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.**

There have been no material changes to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the registrant's Board implemented after the registrant last provided disclosure in response to this Item.

**ITEM 11. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.**

- (a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).

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- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d)) that occurred during the second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.
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ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.

File the exhibits listed below as part of this Form.

(a)(1) Any code of ethics, or amendment thereto, that is the subject of the disclosure required by Item 2, to the extent that the registrant intends to satisfy the Item 2 requirements through filing of an exhibit: Not applicable because the code is posted on registrant's website at [www.nuveen.com/CEF/Shareholder/FundGovernance.aspx](http://www.nuveen.com/CEF/Shareholder/FundGovernance.aspx) and there were no amendments during the period covered by this report. (To view the code, click on Code of Conduct.)

(a)(2) A separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)) in the exact form set forth below: Ex-99.CERT Attached hereto.

(a)(3) Any written solicitation to purchase securities under Rule 23c-1 under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.23c-1) sent or given during the period covered by the report by or on behalf of the registrant to 10 or more persons. Not applicable.

(b) If the report is filed under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, provide the certifications required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(b)); Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13a-14(b) or 240.15d-14(b)), and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code (18 U.S.C. 1350) as an exhibit. A certification furnished pursuant to this paragraph will not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78r), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. Such certification will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that the registrant specifically incorporates it by reference. Ex-99.906 CERT attached hereto.

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SIGNATURES

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

(Registrant) Nuveen Real Estate Income Fund

By (Signature and  
Title) /s/ Kevin J. McCarthy  
Kevin J. McCarthy  
Vice President and Secretary

Date: March 8, 2013

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

By (Signature and  
Title) /s/ Gifford R. Zimmerman  
Gifford R. Zimmerman  
Chief Administrative Officer  
(principal executive officer)

Date: March 8, 2013

By (Signature and  
Title) /s/ Stephen D. Foy  
Stephen D. Foy  
Vice President and Controller  
(principal financial officer)

Date: March 8, 2013



