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REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT OF 1940

Amendment No. 15

### Nuveen Senior Income Fund

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| <b>Title of Securities Being Registered</b> | <b>Amount Being Registered</b> | <b>Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit<sup>(2)</sup></b> | <b>Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price<sup>(2)</sup></b> | <b>Amount of Registration Fee<sup>(3)</sup></b> |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Term Preferred Shares                       | 60,000 Shares <sup>(1)</sup>   | \$1,000                                                       | \$60,000,000                                                   | \$6,042                                         |

- (1) The Fund will offer, on an immediate, continuous or delayed basis, Term Preferred Shares, at an estimated offering price of \$1,000 per share.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee. In no event will the aggregate initial offering price of the securities offered from time to time pursuant to the prospectus included as a part of this Registration Statement exceed \$60,000,000.
- (3) Previously paid.

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

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

Subject to Completion

Preliminary Prospectus dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2016

**BASE PROSPECTUS**

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*Nuveen Senior Income Fund*

*TERM PREFERRED SHARES*

*Shares*

*Liquidation Preference \$1,000 Per Share*

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**The Offering.** *Nuveen Senior Income Fund (the Fund) is offering, on an immediate, continuous or delayed basis, up to 60,000 Term Preferred Shares (Term Preferred Shares), with a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share. The Fund currently intends to distribute the shares offered pursuant to this Prospectus primarily through an underwriting syndicate, although from time to time it may also distribute shares through privately negotiated transactions. To the extent shares are distributed other than through an underwriting syndicate, the Fund will file a supplement to this Prospectus describing such transactions. For information on how Term Preferred Shares may be sold, see the Plan of Distribution section of this Prospectus. The Fund intends to use the proceeds of this offering of Term Preferred Shares to maintain the Fund's leverage after redeeming all or a portion of the Fund's preferred shares outstanding from time to time, including all or a portion of the Fund's outstanding Variable Rate Term Preferred Shares (VRTP Shares) and/or repaying a portion of the Fund's borrowings under its credit agreement. In addition, the Fund may use the proceeds of this offering of Term Preferred Shares to increase the Fund's leverage. The series designation, term redemption date, dividend rate and other details concerning any issuance of Term Preferred Shares under this prospectus will be disclosed in a prospectus supplement applicable to a particular offering.*

**The Fund.** *This prospectus, together with the applicable prospectus supplement, sets forth concisely information about the Fund that a prospective investor should know before investing, and should be retained for future reference. The Fund is a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund's investment objective is to achieve a high level of current income, consistent with the preservation of capital.*

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

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**Investing in Term Preferred Shares involves risks.** *See Risk Factors beginning on page 45. Certain of these risks are summarized in Prospectus Summary Special Risk Considerations beginning on page 11 of this prospectus. Although Term Preferred Shares are senior securities of the Fund, with priority in all respects to the Fund's common shares, you could lose some or all of your investment.*

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

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**PRICE \$1,000 A SHARE**

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

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**Investment Strategies.** *As a non-fundamental policy, under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its Managed Assets (as defined on page 8) in adjustable rate, U.S. dollar-denominated secured and unsecured Senior Loans (as defined on page 8), which unsecured Senior Loans will be, at the time of investment, investment grade quality.*

*As a non-fundamental policy, under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 65% of its Managed Assets in Senior Loans that are secured by specific collateral. Such collateral consists of assets and/or stock of the borrower. Senior Loans are made to corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies and other similar types of business entities ( Borrowers ) to finance leveraged buyouts, recapitalizations, mergers, acquisitions, stock repurchases, debt refinancings and, to a lesser extent, for general operating and other purposes. As a non-fundamental policy, under normal market circumstances, no more than 30% of the Fund's Managed Assets may be invested in Senior Loans and other debt securities that are, at the time of investment, rated CCC+ or Caa or below by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or Fitch Ratings. Also as a non-fundamental policy, under normal circumstances, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets in U.S. dollar-denominated Senior Loans of Borrowers that are organized or located in countries outside the United States. Additionally, as a non-fundamental policy, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets, in the aggregate, in:*

*other income producing securities such as investment and non-investment grade corporate debt securities;*

*high quality, short-term debt securities of corporate or governmental issuers; and*

*equity securities and warrants acquired in connection with the Fund's investments in Senior Loans.*

*See The Fund's Investments for further information.*

**Leverage.** *Regulatory leverage consists of senior securities as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act ), which include (1) borrowings, including loans from financial institutions ( Borrowings ); (2) issuance of debt securities; and (3) issuance of preferred shares ((1),(2), and (3) are hereinafter collectively referred to as regulatory leverage ). The Fund currently has outstanding VRTP Shares, which will be redeemed with the proceeds of this offering. In addition to regulatory leverage, the Fund may utilize derivatives such as certain credit default swaps, total return swaps and bond futures that have the economic effect of leverage by creating additional investment exposure. See The Fund's Investments. There is no assurance that the Fund's leveraging strategy will be successful. Leverage involves special risks. See Risk Factors Fund Level Risks Leverage Risk.*

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

**Redemption.** *The Fund is required to redeem the Term Preferred Shares on the date specified in the Statement, unless earlier redeemed or repurchased by the Fund. In addition, Term Preferred Shares are subject to optional redemption by the Fund in certain circumstances. Term*

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*Preferred Shares will be subject to redemption at the option of the Fund, subject to payment of a premium for the period specified in the Statement, and at their liquidation preference thereafter. See Description of Term Preferred Shares Redemption and the Prospectus Supplement accompanying this Prospectus.*

**Priority of Payment.** *The Fund may borrow. It has entered into a credit agreement with several conduit lenders and Citibank, N.A. as a lender, liquidity provider and as agent for the lenders (collectively, Citibank ) (the Credit Agreement ), and currently has an outstanding borrowing balance. See Use of Leverage. The rights of lenders, such as Citibank and any other creditors, to receive payments of interest on and repayments of principal of any borrowings are senior to the rights of holders of Term Preferred Shares and the Fund's common shares, with respect to the payment of dividends and other distributions, and upon liquidation. The Fund may not be permitted to redeem Term Preferred Shares unless at such time, the Fund meets certain asset coverage requirements and no event of default or other circumstance exists under the Credit Agreement that would limit or otherwise block payments in redemption. Term Preferred Shares,*

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*however, will be senior securities that represent stock of the Fund and are senior, with priority in all respects, to the Fund's common shares as to payments of dividends and as to distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the affairs of the Fund. The Fund may issue additional preferred shares on parity with Term Preferred Shares, subject to certain limitations. The Fund may not issue additional classes of shares that are senior to Term Preferred Shares and other outstanding preferred shares of the Fund as to payments of dividends or as to distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the affairs of the Fund. See Description of Term Preferred Shares.*

***Redemption and Paying Agent.*** *The redemption and paying agent for Term Preferred Shares will be State Street Bank and Trust Company, Canton, Massachusetts. State Street has subcontracted the redemption and paying agency servicing of the Fund to Computershare Inc.*

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*You should read this prospectus, together with any prospectus supplement, which contains important information about the Fund, before deciding whether to invest in Term Preferred Shares and retain it for future reference. A Statement of Additional Information, dated , 2016, and as it may be supplemented, containing additional information about the Fund has been filed with the SEC and is incorporated by reference in its entirety into this prospectus. You may request a free copy of the Statement of Additional Information, the table of contents of which is on page 73 of this prospectus, annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders, when available, and other information about the Fund, and make shareholder inquiries by calling (800) 257-8787 or by writing to the Fund, or from the Fund's website (www.nuveen.com). The information contained in, or that can be accessed through, the Fund's website is not part of this prospectus. You also may obtain a copy of the Statement of Additional Information (and other information regarding the Fund) from the SEC's website (www.sec.gov).*

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***Term Preferred Shares do not represent a deposit or obligation of, and are not guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank or other insured depository institution, and are not federally insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board or any other government agency.***



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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference into this prospectus. The Fund has not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. The Fund is not making an offer of Term Preferred Shares in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this prospectus. The Fund's business, financial condition and prospects may have changed since that date. The Fund will update this prospectus to reflect any material changes to the disclosures herein.

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**PROSPECTUS SUMMARY**

*This is only a summary. You should review the more detailed information contained elsewhere in this Prospectus, in the prospectus supplement applicable to a particular offering and in the Statement of Additional Information, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, and as it may be supplemented (the SAI), including the Fund's Statement Establishing and Fixing the Rights and Preferences of Term Preferred Shares (the Statement), attached as Appendix A to the SAI, prior to making an investment in the Fund, especially the information set forth under the heading Risk Factors.*

**The Fund**

Nuveen Senior Income Fund (the Fund) is a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund's common shares, \$.01 par value (Common Shares), are traded on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) under the symbol NSL. See Description of Outstanding Shares and Debt Common Shares. As of May 31, 2016, the Fund had 38,621,872 Common Shares outstanding, net assets applicable to Common Shares of 258,151,384, and 450 Variable Rate Term Preferred Shares, Series C-4, with a liquidation preference of \$100,000 per share (the VRTP Shares) outstanding. Term Preferred Shares, as defined below, and any other preferred shares of the Fund, including VRTP Shares, that may then be outstanding are collectively referred to as Preferred Shares. Holders of Common Shares are referred to herein as Common Shareholders. The Fund commenced investment operations on October 26, 1999.

**Offering Methods**

The Fund may offer, on an immediate, continuous or delayed basis, up to \$60,000,000 in aggregate liquidation preference of Term Preferred Shares (Term Preferred Shares), on terms to be determined at the time of the offering. The series designation, term redemption date, dividend rate, including the term period of the dividend rate and any process for determining the dividend rate, and other details concerning any issuance of Term Preferred Shares under this Prospectus will be disclosed in a prospectus supplement. The Fund may offer Term Preferred Shares using one or more of the following methods: (i) through an underwriting syndicate; and (ii) through privately negotiated transactions between the Fund and specific investors. See Plan of Distribution.

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

*Distribution Through Underwriting Syndicate.* The Fund will launch a syndicated offering on a day, and upon terms, mutually agreed upon between the Fund and the underwriting syndicate.

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

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

The Fund intends to use the proceeds of this offering of Term Preferred Shares to maintain the Fund's leverage after redeeming all or a portion of the Fund's Preferred Shares outstanding from time to time, including all or a portion of the Fund's outstanding VRTP Shares and/or repaying a portion of the Fund's borrowings under its Credit Agreement (as defined below). In addition, the Fund may use the proceeds of this offering of Term Preferred Shares to increase the Fund's leverage. The first issuance date of the Term Preferred Shares upon the closing of this offering is referred to herein as the Date of Original Issue.

*Distribution Through Privately Negotiated Transactions.* The Fund from time to time may sell directly to, and solicit offers from, institutional and other sophisticated investors, who may be deemed to be underwriters as defined in the 1933 Act for any resale of Term Preferred Shares. No sales commission or other compensation will be paid to any FINRA member in connection with such transactions. The terms of such privately negotiated transactions will be subject to the discretion of the management of the Fund. In determining whether to sell Term Preferred Shares through a privately negotiated transaction, the Fund will consider relevant factors, including, but not limited to, the attractiveness of obtaining additional funds through the sale of Term Preferred Shares, the purchase price to apply to any such sale of Term Preferred Shares and the investor seeking to purchase the Term Preferred Shares. See Plan of Distribution Distribution Through Privately Negotiated Transactions.

#### **Priority of Payment**

The Fund may borrow. It has entered into a credit agreement with several conduit lenders and Citibank, N.A. as a lender, liquidity provider and as agent for the lenders (collectively, Citibank ) (the Credit Agreement ), and currently has an outstanding borrowing balance. See Use of Leverage. The rights of lenders, such as Citibank, and any other creditors to receive payments of interest on and repayments of principal of any borrowings are senior to the rights of holders of Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, and Common Shares (each, a Shareholder ), with respect to the payment of dividends and other distributions, and upon liquidation.

Under the Credit Agreement, the Fund may not be permitted to redeem Term Preferred Shares unless at such time, the Fund meets certain asset coverage and borrowing base requirements and no event of default or other circumstance exists under the Credit Agreement that would limit or otherwise block payments in redemption. In general, asset coverage measures how well a company can repay or cover its obligations, including debt obligations like Borrowings (as defined below) under the Credit Agreement and preferred shares,

such as the Term Preferred Shares. In general, the borrowing base is the total amount of collateral against which a lender will lend funds to a company. It typically represents a maximum cap on how much asset-based debt a company can obtain, and involves multiplying a discount factor by each type of asset used as collateral.

Under the Credit Agreement, the Fund cannot make any redemption or dividend payment on the Term Preferred Shares if immediately after giving effect to such payment the Fund will have less than 263% asset coverage with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness. Furthermore, the Fund must (i) have 300% asset coverage with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness, and (ii) meet certain borrowing base tests as a condition precedent to borrowing under the Credit Agreement. If the Fund fails to have asset coverage of at least 263% as of the close of business on any Business Day on which asset coverage is required to be calculated, the Fund must use available funds to prepay Borrowings on such date, and if it is unable, no later than the close of business on the fifth Business Day (as defined below) following such event, prepay any Borrowings, in each case such that the Fund regains asset coverage with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness of at least 300%.

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

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

#### **Who May Want to Invest**

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

Consistent monthly dividends;

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

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

A short-term fixed income investment with potentially less price volatility than longer-dated fixed income securities.

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

#### **Dividend Rate**

Term Preferred Shares pay a dividend at an initial rate per annum to be disclosed in a prospectus supplement, subject to adjustment as set forth below (See Description of Term Preferred Shares Dividends and Dividend Periods Dividend Rate ) and in accordance with the Statement (the Dividend Rate ). The Dividend Rate will not in any event be lower than the initial Dividend Rate.

The Dividend Rate to be accumulated and periodically payable on the Term Preferred Shares on any date will be determined in accordance with the Statement, and will be disclosed in a prospectus supplement.

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

#### **Dividend Payments**

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

On account of the foregoing provisions, only the holders of Term Preferred Shares on the record date for a Dividend Period will be entitled to receive dividends and other distributions payable with

respect to such Dividend Period, and holders of Term Preferred Shares who sell shares before such a record date and purchasers of Term Preferred Shares who purchase shares after such a record date should take the effect of the foregoing provisions into account in evaluating the price to be received or paid for such Term Preferred Shares.

#### **Term Redemption**

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

#### **Asset Coverage and Corrective**

##### **Action**

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

credit agreement in effect on such date at a redemption price equal to their \$1,000 liquidation preference per share plus accumulated but unpaid dividends thereon (whether or not declared, but excluding interest thereon) to (but excluding) the date fixed for such redemption (the Asset Coverage Redemption Price ). Corrective trades described above may be made at a time when it would be disadvantageous for the Fund to do so.

### **Optional Redemption**

Term Preferred Shares will be subject to optional redemption (in whole or, from time to time, in part) at the sole option of the Fund out of funds legally available therefor and to the extent permitted by any credit agreement in effect on such date, at the redemption price per share equal to the sum of the \$1,000 liquidation preference per share plus (i) a premium (expressed as a percentage of the liquidation preference) (with no such premium on or after the date specified in the Statement and disclosed in a prospectus supplement) and (ii) an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends thereon (whether or not earned or declared but without interest thereon) to (but excluding) the date fixed for such redemption. See Description of Term Preferred Shares Redemption Optional Redemption.

### **Federal and State Income Taxes**

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

### **Ratings**

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

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

guidelines will impede the management of the Fund's portfolio in accordance with the Fund's investment objective and policies.

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

#### **Asset Coverage**

If the Fund fails to maintain at least 225% Asset Coverage as of the close of business on each Business Day, and such failure is not cured as of the Asset Coverage Cure Date, the Fund shall be required to take Corrective Action as provided above. Asset Coverage for Term Preferred Shares is calculated pursuant to Section 18(h) of the 1940 Act, as in effect on the date of the Statement, and is determined on the basis of values calculated as of a time within 48 hours (only including Business Days) preceding each daily determination (Asset Coverage). In maintaining Asset Coverage as described above, the Fund may be required to sell a portion of its investments at a time that it may be disadvantageous for the Fund to do so if, as a result of market fluctuations or otherwise, the Fund fails to have Asset Coverage of at least 200%. See Description of Term Preferred Shares Asset Coverage.

#### **Voting Rights**

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

#### **Liquidation Preference**

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



**Investment Objective and Policies**

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve a high level of current income, consistent with preservation of capital. There can be no assurance that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved.

In pursuing its objective of high current income, the Fund invests primarily in floating or variable rate, U.S. dollar denominated senior loans that hold the most senior position in the capital structure of an issuer (i.e., that have a claim on the assets and/or stock of the issuer that has priority over subordinated debt holders and stockholders of the issuer) (Senior Loans). Senior Loans are made to corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies and other similar types of business entities (Borrowers) to finance leveraged buyouts, recapitalizations, mergers, acquisitions, stock repurchases, debt refinancings and, to a lesser extent, for general operating and other purposes. Investment in such floating rate instruments is expected to minimize changes in the underlying principal value of the Senior Loans, and therefore the Fund's net asset value (NAV), resulting from changes in market interest rates. The Borrowers under such Senior Loans operate in a variety of industries and geographical regions. In pursuing its investment objective, the Fund may also invest without limitation in illiquid securities. See Risk Factors Security Level Risks Illiquid Securities Risk.

As a non-fundamental policy, under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its Managed Assets in adjustable rate, U.S. dollar-denominated, secured and unsecured Senior Loans, which unsecured Senior Loans will be, at the time of investment, investment grade quality. Managed Assets means the total assets of the Fund, minus the sum of its accrued liabilities (other than Fund liabilities incurred for the express purpose of creating leverage). With respect to the Fund's Senior Loans included in the 80% policy described above, such instruments will at all times have a dollar-weighted average time until the next interest rate adjustment of 90 days or less. As a non-fundamental policy, under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 65% of its Managed Assets in Senior Loans that are secured by specific collateral. Such collateral consists of assets and/or stock of the Borrower. See The Fund's Investments Portfolio Composition and Other Information Senior Loans Protective Provisions of Senior Loans and Risk Factors Issuer Level Risks Issuer Credit Risk.

As a non-fundamental policy, under normal market circumstances, no more than 30% of the Fund's Managed Assets may be invested in Senior Loans and other debt securities that are, at the time of investment, rated CCC+ or Caa or below by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services, a Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC business (S&P or Standard's & Poor's), Moody's or Fitch. Under normal circumstances the Fund may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets in U.S. dollar-denominated Senior Loans of Borrowers that are organized or located in countries outside the United States.

Additionally, as a non-fundamental policy, under normal circumstances, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets, in the aggregate, in:

other income producing securities such as investment and non-investment grade corporate debt securities;

high-quality, short-term debt securities of corporate or governmental issuers; and

equity securities and warrants acquired in connection with the Fund's investments in Senior Loans.

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

#### **Swap**

Prior to the closing date of this offering, the Fund expects to enter into an interest rate swap with a third party to be identified in a prospectus supplement that seeks to convert the economic impact of the dividend payable by the Fund on the Term Preferred Shares to a variable rate exposure. Under the swap, the Fund would receive a fixed payment at a rate equal to the applicable dividend rate being paid by the Fund on the Term Preferred Shares and in turn pay a fixed spread to the one-month U.S. dollar London Inter-Bank Offered Rate ( LIBOR ) index. Such third party will have the right, but not the obligation, to terminate the swap agreement as disclosed in a prospectus supplement. Settlement of the swap is contingent on the closing of the Term Preferred Shares offering. The swap termination date will not be contractually tied to the redemption of the Term Preferred Shares. Terms and conditions of the swap may be modified by the mutual written agreement of the Fund and such third party.

#### **Investment Adviser**

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

Nuveen Fund Advisors, a registered investment adviser, is a subsidiary of Nuveen Investments. Founded in 1898, Nuveen Investments is an operating division of TIAA Global Asset Management. In total, Nuveen Investments managed approximately \$230 billion as of March 31, 2016. Nuveen Investments is the leading sponsor of closed-end funds as measured by the number of funds (90) and the amount of fund assets under management (approximately \$57.8 billion) as of March 31, 2016.

**Sub-Adviser**

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

**Use of Leverage**

Regulatory leverage consists of senior securities as defined under the 1940 Act, which include (1) borrowings, including loans from financial institutions ( Borrowings ); (2) issuance of debt securities; and (3) issuance of preferred shares ((1),(2), and (3) are hereinafter collectively referred to as regulatory leverage ). The Fund may utilize regulatory leverage to the extent permissible under the 1940 Act. The Fund currently employs regulatory leverage through borrowing under the Credit Agreement with Citibank and currently has outstanding VRTP Shares. The Fund intends to use the proceeds of this offering of Term Preferred Shares to maintain the Fund's leverage after redeeming all or a portion of the Fund's Preferred Shares outstanding from time to time, including all or a portion of the Fund's outstanding VRTP Shares and/or repaying a portion of the Fund's borrowings under its Credit Agreement. In addition, the Fund may use the proceeds of this offering of Term Preferred Shares to increase the Fund's leverage. The borrowing capacity under the Credit Agreement is \$116 million. The term of the Credit Agreement ends on January 30, 2017, unless extended. The Fund has the right to augment or replace the Credit Agreement with a new credit agreement in the future, and any such augmented or replacement credit agreement may contain terms that are materially different than the terms contained in the existing Credit Agreement, including terms that limit payments to holders of Term Preferred Shares. As of January 31, 2016, the Fund's outstanding balance on these Borrowings under the Credit Agreement was \$93,500,000. For the fiscal period ended January 31, 2016, the average daily balance outstanding and the average annual interest rate on these Borrowings were \$101,233,696 and 1.14%, respectively. This credit facility is secured by substantially all of the assets of the Fund.

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

Leverage involves special risks. See Risk Factors Fund Level Risks Leverage Risk. There is no assurance that the Fund's leveraging strategy will be successful. See Use of Leverage.

The Fund pays a management fee to Nuveen Fund Advisors (which in turn pays a portion of its fee to the Fund's sub-adviser, Symphony)

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

**Unlisted Shares**

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

**Redemption and Paying Agent**

The Fund has entered into an amendment to its Transfer Agency and Service Agreement with State Street Bank and Trust Company, Canton, Massachusetts (the "Redemption and Paying Agent") for the purpose of causing the Fund's transfer agent and registrar to serve as transfer agent and registrar, dividend disbursing agent, and redemption and paying agent with respect to Term Preferred Shares. State Street has subcontracted the transfer agency servicing and dividend disbursing and redemption and paying agency servicing of the Fund to Computershare Inc.

**Special Risk Considerations**

Investment in the Fund, and in Term Preferred Shares in particular, involves special risk considerations, which are summarized below. The Term Preferred Shares is designed as a medium-term investment and not as a trading vehicle. The Fund is not intended to be a complete investment program. See "Risk Factors" for a more complete discussion of the special risk considerations of an investment in the Term Preferred Shares and in the Fund.

**Risks of Investing in Term Preferred Shares**

*Subordination Risk.* While holders of Term Preferred Shares will have equal liquidation and distribution rights to the VRTP Shares and any other Preferred Shares that might be issued by the Fund, they will be subordinated to the rights of holders of senior indebtedness of the Fund, including the borrowings under the Credit Agreement or any other credit agreement in effect on such date. Therefore, dividends, distributions, payments in redemption and other payments to holders

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

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

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

*Interest Rate Risk Term Preferred Shares.* Term Preferred Shares pay dividends at the Dividend Rate (as described in Dividend Rate above). The Dividend Rate will be adjusted periodically in accordance with the Statement and as disclosed in a prospectus supplement, but will not in any event be lower than the initial Dividend Rate. Prices of fixed income investments vary inversely with changes in market yields. The market yields on securities comparable to Term Preferred Shares may increase, which would likely result in a decline in the secondary market price of Term Preferred Shares prior to the Term Redemption Date.

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

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

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

*Early Redemption Risk.* The Fund may voluntarily redeem Term Preferred Shares or may redeem Term Preferred Shares to meet regulatory requirements and satisfy the asset coverage requirements of the Term Preferred Shares. Such redemptions may be at a time that is unfavorable to holders of Term Preferred Shares. The Fund expects to voluntarily redeem Term Preferred Shares before the Term Redemption Date to the extent that market conditions allow the Fund to issue other preferred shares or debt securities at a rate that is lower than the then-current Dividend Rate on Term Preferred Shares. For further information, see Description of Term Preferred Shares Redemption and Asset Coverage.

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

The Fund will treat Term Preferred Shares as equity in the Fund for federal income tax purposes. See the opinion of counsel included as Appendix D to the SAI. If the Term Preferred Shares were treated as debt rather than as equity for such purposes, the timing and tax character of income to holders could be affected. See Tax Matters.

*Swap Risk.* Swap agreements are typically over-the-counter, two-party contracts entered into primarily by institutional investors for periods typically ranging from a few weeks to more than one year, where the parties agree to exchange the returns (or differentials in rates of return) earned or realized on particular predetermined investments or instruments, which may be adjusted for an interest factor. Interest rate swaps involve the exchange with another party of their respective commitments to pay or receive interest (for example, an exchange of floating rate payments for fixed-rate payments). The use of interest rate swaps is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio security transactions. There can be no assurance that any interest rate swap entered into by the Fund, including the interest rate swap associated with the Term Preferred Shares, as described above under Swap, will have the intended effect.

*Income Shortfall Risk.* The securities held in the Fund's portfolio generally pay interest that varies with changes in short-term market interest rates. Those short-term interest rates may fluctuate. If the interest rates received on the securities held by the Fund fall below the Dividend Rate, the Fund's ability to pay dividends on Term Preferred Shares could be jeopardized.

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

#### **Other Risks**

An investment in the Fund raises other risks, which are described in the Risk Factors section of this Prospectus.

#### **Custodian and Transfer Agent**

State Street Bank and Trust Company serves as custodian of the Fund's assets, including all foreign assets, transfer agent and Preferred Share redemption and paying agent. See Custodian, Transfer Agent, Dividend Disbursing Agent and Redemption and Paying Agent.

#### **Governing Law**

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

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**THE FUND**

The Fund is a diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the 1940 Act. The Fund was organized as a Massachusetts business trust on August 13, 1999, pursuant to the Declaration, which is governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Fund's Common Shares are listed on the NYSE under the symbol NSL.

The following provides information about the Fund's outstanding Shares as of May 31, 2016:

| Title of Class                                  | Amount<br>Authorized | Amount Held<br>by the Fund or<br>for its<br>Account | Amount<br>Outstanding |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Common Shares                                   | unlimited            | 0                                                   | 38,621,872            |
| Preferred Shares                                | unlimited            |                                                     |                       |
| Variable Rate Term Preferred Shares, Series C-4 | 580                  | 0                                                   | 450                   |

The Fund's principal office is located at 333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606, and its telephone number is (800) 257-8787.

**USE OF PROCEEDS**

The Fund intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of Term Preferred Shares (which will be disclosed in a prospectus supplement) to maintain the Fund's leverage after redeeming all or a portion of the Fund's preferred shares outstanding from time to time, including all or a portion of the Fund's outstanding VRTP Shares, and/or after paying a portion of the Fund's borrowings under its Credit Agreement. In addition, the Fund may use the proceeds of this offering of Term Preferred Shares to increase the Fund's leverage. Any net proceeds from the sale of Term Preferred Shares will be invested in accordance with the Fund's investment objective and policies as soon as practicable after completion of the offering. The Fund currently anticipates that it will be able to invest substantially all of such net proceeds in securities that meet the Fund's investment objectives and policies within approximately two weeks after completion of the offering.

**DESCRIPTION OF TERM PREFERRED SHARES**

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

**General**

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

Term Preferred Shares will rank equally with any other series of Preferred Shares of the Fund, including VRTP Shares and any Preferred Shares that might be issued in the future, as to payment of dividends and the

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

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

### **Dividends and Dividend Periods**

*General.* The following is a general description of dividends and dividend periods. The holders of Term Preferred Shares will be entitled to receive cumulative cash dividends and other distributions on such shares, when, as and if declared by, or under authority granted by, the Board of Trustees, out of funds legally available for payment and in preference to dividends and other distributions on Common Shares of the Fund, calculated separately for each Dividend Period for such Term Preferred Shares at the Dividend Rate for such Term Preferred Shares in effect during such Dividend Period, on an amount equal to the Liquidation Preference for such Term Preferred Shares. The Dividend Rate is computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Dividends so declared and payable will be paid to the extent permitted under state law and the Declaration of Trust, and to the extent available, in preference to and priority over any dividend declared and payable on the Common Shares.

*Dividend Rate.* The Dividend Rate for Term Preferred Shares will be an initial rate set forth in the Statement and disclosed in a prospectus supplement. Additional details concerning dividends can also be found in the Statement and will be disclosed in a prospectus supplement. The Dividend Rate for Term Preferred Shares will be adjusted periodically as set forth in the Statement and/or upon the occurrence of certain events resulting in a Default (as defined below). See Description of Term Preferred Shares Dividends and Dividend Periods Increased Rate Default. The Dividend Rate will not in any event be lower than the initial Dividend Rate.

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

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

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*Increased Rate Default.* The Dividend Rate will be adjusted to the Increased Rate (as defined below) for any date the Fund fails to deposit with the Redemption and Paying Agent by 12:00 noon, New York City time, on

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

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

*Mechanics of Payment of Dividends.* Not later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on a Dividend Payment Date, the Fund is required to deposit with the Redemption and Paying Agent sufficient funds for the payment of dividends in the form of Deposit Securities. Deposit Securities will generally consist of (i) cash or cash equivalents; (ii) direct obligations of the United States or its agencies or instrumentalities that are entitled to the full faith and credit of the United States ( U.S. Government Obligations ); (iii) investments in money market funds registered under the 1940 Act that qualify under Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act and certain similar investment vehicles that invest principally in U.S. Government Obligations; or (iv) any letter of credit from a bank or other financial institution that has a credit rating from at least one NRSRO that is the highest applicable rating generally ascribed by such NRSRO to bank deposits or short-term debt of banks or such other financial institutions, in each case either that is a demand obligation payable to the holder on any Business Day or that has a maturity date, mandatory redemption date or mandatory payment date, preceding the relevant redemption date, Dividend Payment Date or other payment date.

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

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

### Restrictions on Dividend, Redemption and Other Payments

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

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

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

Notwithstanding the 1940 Act's requirements, as described below, Term Preferred Shares have an Asset Coverage (as defined for purposes of the Term Preferred Shares) of at least 225% instead of 200%. Under the 1940 Act, the Fund may not (i) declare any dividend with respect to any Preferred Shares if, at the time of such declaration (and after giving effect thereto), asset coverage with respect to any borrowings of the Fund that are senior securities representing indebtedness (as defined in the 1940 Act), would be less than 200% (or such other percentage as may in the future be specified in or under the 1940 Act as the minimum asset coverage for senior securities representing indebtedness of a closed-end investment company as a condition of declaring dividends on its Preferred Shares) or (ii) declare any other distribution on the Preferred Shares or purchase or redeem Preferred Shares if at the time of the declaration or redemption (and after giving effect thereto), asset coverage

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

### **Asset Coverage**

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

### **Redemption**

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

*Asset Coverage and Corrective Action.* If the Fund fails to have Asset Coverage of at least 225% as provided in the Statement and such failure is not cured as of the close of business on the Asset Coverage Cure Date, the Fund will, to the extent permitted by the 1940 Act, and Massachusetts law and pursuant to the terms



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

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

*Optional Redemption.* On any Business Day (such Business Day, an *Optional Redemption Date*), the Fund may redeem out of funds legally available therefore and to the extent permitted by any credit agreement in effect on such date in whole, or from time to time, in part outstanding Term Preferred Shares, at a redemption price equal to the Liquidation Preference, *plus* an amount equal to all unpaid dividends and other distributions accumulated to (but excluding) the *Optional Redemption Date* (whether or not earned or declared by the Fund, but without interest thereon), *plus* the applicable *Optional Redemption Premium* per share (as calculated below) (the *Optional Redemption Price*). Details regarding the *Optional Redemption Premium* with respect to each Term Preferred Share will be specified in the Statement and disclosed in a prospectus supplement

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Term Redemption Liquidity Account and Liquidity Requirement**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### Liquidation Rights

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

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

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Neither the sale of all or substantially all of the property or business of the Fund, nor the merger, consolidation or reorganization of the Fund into or with any other business or statutory trust, corporation or other

entity, nor the merger, consolidation or reorganization of any other business or statutory trust, corporation or other entity into or with the Fund will be a dissolution, liquidation or winding up, whether voluntary or involuntary, for purposes of the provisions relating to liquidation set forth in the Statement.

### **Voting Rights**

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

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

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

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

holders, voting together as a class (to the exclusion of the holders of all other securities and classes of capital stock of the Fund), will be entitled to elect the number of additional trustees prescribed above on a one-vote-per-share basis.

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

#### **Rating Agencies**

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

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

### **Issuance of Additional Preferred Shares**

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

### **Actions on Other than Business Days**

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

### **Modification**

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

## **THE FUND'S INVESTMENTS**

### **Investment Objective and Policies**

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve a high level of current income, consistent with preservation of capital. There can be no assurance that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved. See "Investment Objective and Policies" in the Prospectus Summary for further information about the Fund's Investment policies and objective.

The Fund may invest in certain derivative instruments. Such instruments may include total return swaps whose prices, in Symphony's opinion, correlate with the prices of the senior loan instruments in which the Fund primarily invests. Total return swaps are contracts in which one party agrees to make payments of the total return from the underlying asset(s), which may include indices, securities or baskets of securities during the specified period, in return for payments equal to a fixed or floating rate of interest or the total return from other underlying asset(s). For purposes of the investment policy requiring the Fund to invest at least 80% of its Managed Assets in Senior Loans, the Fund will treat the lesser of (a) the notional amount of a total return swap, which represents the Fund's investment exposure with respect to the swap, or (b) the amount of cash and

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cash equivalents on the Fund's books, which when associated with an equal notional exposure amount of a senior loan-based total return swap can be thought of as materializing that swap, as being a senior loan.

The Fund's policy under normal circumstances of investing at least 80% of its Managed Assets in adjustable rate, U.S. dollar-denominated, secured and unsecured Senior Loans, which unsecured Senior Loans will be, at the time of investment, investment grade quality, is not considered to be fundamental by the Fund and can be changed without a vote of the Common Shareholders. However, this policy may only be changed by the Fund's Board upon 60 days prior written notice to Common Shareholders.

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

### **Overall Fund Management**

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

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

### **Symphony Investment Philosophy and Process**

*Investment Philosophy.* Symphony is responsible for the day-to-day investment operations of the Fund. Symphony believes that managing risk, particularly for volatile assets such as Senior Loans and other forms of high yield debt, is of paramount importance. Symphony believes that a combination of fundamental credit analysis and valuation information that is available from the equity markets provide a means of identifying what it believes to be superior investment candidates. Additionally, Symphony focuses primarily on liquid securities to help ensure that exit strategies remain available under different market conditions.

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

### **Portfolio Composition and Other Information**

The Fund's portfolio is composed principally of the following investments. A more detailed description of the Fund's investment policies and restrictions and more detailed information about the Fund's portfolio investments are contained in the SAI.

#### Senior Loans

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*General Description.* Senior Loans generally are negotiated between a Borrower and the Lenders represented by one or more Lenders acting as agent ( Agent ) of all the Lenders. The Agent is responsible for negotiating the loan agreement ( Loan Agreement ) that establishes the terms and conditions of the Senior Loan and the rights of the Borrower and the Lenders. The Agent is paid a fee by the Borrower for its services.

*Rates of Interest.* Interest rates on Senior Loans adjust periodically. The interest rates are adjusted based on a base rate plus a premium or spread over the base rate. The base rate usually is LIBOR (of any tenor, but typically between one month and six months, and currency), the prime rate offered by one or more major

United States banks (the Prime Rate ) or the certificate of deposit ( CD ) rate or other base lending rates used by commercial lenders. The tenor of these base rates typically range from one month to six months, but may be shorter or longer. LIBOR, as provided for in Loan Agreements, usually is an average of the interest rates quoted by several designated banks as the rates at which they pay interest to major depositors in the London Inter-Bank market on U.S. dollar-denominated deposits. The Adviser believes that changes in short-term LIBOR rates are closely related to changes in the Federal Reserve federal funds rate, although the two are not technically linked. The Prime Rate quoted by a major U.S. bank is generally the interest rate at which that bank is willing to lend U.S. dollars to its most creditworthy borrowers, although it may not be the bank's lowest available rate. The CD rate, as provided for in Loan Agreements, usually is the average rate paid on large certificates of deposit traded in the secondary market.

Interest rates on Senior Loans may adjust daily, monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. The Fund will not invest more than 10% of its Managed Assets in Senior Loans with interest rates that adjust less often than semi-annually. The Fund's portfolio of Senior Loans will at all times have a dollar-weighted average time until the next interest rate adjustment of 90 days or less. The Fund may use interest rate swaps and other investment practices to shorten the effective interest rate adjustment period of Senior Loans. If the Fund does so, it considers the shortened period to be the adjustment period of the Senior Loans.

When interest rates decline, the value of a portfolio invested in fixed-rate obligations can be expected to rise. Conversely, when interest rates rise, the value of a portfolio invested in fixed-rate obligations can be expected to decline. Although the Fund's net asset value will vary, the Fund's management expects the Fund's policy of acquiring interests in Senior Loans, the interest rates on which are adjustable over short-term periods, to limit fluctuations in net asset value as a result of changes in interest rates. Accordingly, the value of the Fund's portfolio fluctuates less than a portfolio of fixed-rate, longer-term obligations as a result of market interest rate changes. However, changes in prevailing interest rates can be expected to cause some fluctuation in the Fund's net asset value. In addition to changes in interest rates, changes in the credit quality of Borrowers (and Lenders where the Fund holds a Participation) also affect the Fund's net asset value. Furthermore, a serious deterioration in the credit quality of one or more Borrowers could cause a prolonged or permanent decrease in the Fund's net asset value. Fluctuations in net asset value would be magnified as a result of the Fund's use of leverage.

*Maturity.* The Fund has no policy limiting the maturity of the Senior Loans that it purchases. Senior Loans usually have mandatory and optional prepayment provisions. Because of prepayments, the actual remaining maturity of Senior Loans may be considerably less than their stated maturity.

*Protective Provisions of Senior Loans.* Secured Senior Loans generally have the most senior position in a Borrower's capital structure, although some Senior Loans may hold an equal ranking with other senior securities of the Borrower. The capital structure of a Borrower may include Senior Loans, senior and junior subordinated debt (which may include junk bonds ), preferred stock and common stock issued by the Borrower, typically in descending order of seniority with respect to claims on the Borrower's assets.

Senior Loans generally are secured by specific collateral, which may include guarantees. In order to borrow money pursuant to collateralized Senior Loans, a Borrower will frequently, for the term of the Senior Loan, pledge as collateral assets such as trademarks, accounts receivable, inventory, buildings, real estate, franchises and common and preferred stock in its subsidiaries. In addition, in the case of some Senior Loans, there may be additional collateral pledged in the form of guarantees or other credit support by and/or securities of affiliates of the Borrowers. In certain instances, a collateralized Senior Loan may be secured only by stock in the Borrower or its subsidiaries.

Collateral may consist of assets that may not be readily liquidated, and there is no assurance that the liquidation of such assets would satisfy fully a Borrower's obligations under a Senior Loan. The Fund may invest in Senior Loans which are not secured by any collateral, subject to the limitations set forth under The Fund's Investments Investment Objective and Policies. Senior Loans that are not secured by specific collateral generally pose a greater risk of non-payment of interest or loss of principal than do collateralized Senior Loans.



Loan Agreements may include various restrictive covenants designed to limit the activities of the Borrower in an effort to protect the right of the Lenders to receive timely payments of interest on and repayment of principal of the Senior Loans. Restrictive covenants may include mandatory prepayment provisions arising from excess cash flows and typically include restrictions on dividend payments, specific mandatory minimum financial ratios, limits on total debt and other financial tests. Breach of such covenants, if not waived by the Lenders, is generally an event of default under the applicable Loan Agreement and may give the Lenders the right to accelerate principal and interest payments. When the Fund holds a Participation in a Senior Loan it may not have the right to vote to waive enforcement of any restrictive covenant breached by a Borrower. Lenders voting in connection with a potential waiver of a restrictive covenant may have interests different from those of the Fund and such Lenders may not consider the interests of the Fund in connection with their votes. Investing in Senior Loans involves investment risk despite these covenants, and some Borrowers default on their Senior Loan payments.

*Borrowers.* Borrowers operate in a variety of industries and geographic regions. The Fund does not intend to invest more than 10% of its Managed Assets in Senior Loans or other securities of a single Borrower. In addition, the Fund will not invest more than 25% of its Managed Assets in Borrowers that conduct their principal businesses in the same industry.

Most Senior Loans are made to U.S. Borrowers. The Fund may, however, invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets in Senior Loans made to Borrowers organized or located outside the U.S. These Senior Loans must be U.S. dollar-denominated. Investing in the Senior Loans of foreign Borrowers involves special risks. See *Risk Factors Non-U.S. Securities Risk*.

The proceeds of Senior Loans that the Fund will purchase usually will be used by Borrowers to finance leveraged buyouts, recapitalizations, mergers, acquisitions, stock repurchases, debt refinancings and, to a lesser extent, for general operating and other purposes.

Although Senior Loans have the most senior position in a Borrower's capital structure and are often secured by specific collateral, they are typically below investment grade quality and may have below investment grade ratings; these ratings are associated with securities having speculative characteristics. Senior loans rated below investment grade may therefore be regarded as "junk," despite their senior capital structure position or specific collateral pledged to secure such loans. See *Risk Factors Issuer Level Risks Below Investment Grade Risk* and *Other Investment Policies and Techniques Portfolio Liquidity* in the SAI. The Fund may purchase and retain in its portfolio Senior Loans of Borrowers that have filed for protection under the federal bankruptcy laws or that have had involuntary bankruptcy petitions filed against them by creditors. Given the Fund's policy to invest up to 30% of its Managed Assets in Senior Loans and other debt securities that are, at the time of investment, rated CCC+ or Caa or below by S&P, Moody's or Fitch (see *Investment Objectives and Policies* in the Prospectus Summary), the Fund may invest no more than 30% of its Managed Assets in Borrowers that have filed for protection under the federal bankruptcy laws or that have had involuntary bankruptcy petitions filed against them by creditors. You should expect the Fund's net asset value to fluctuate as a result of changes in the credit quality of Borrowers and other factors. A serious deterioration in the credit quality of one or more Borrowers could cause a permanent decrease in the Fund's net asset value.

There is no minimum rating or other independent evaluation of a Borrower or its securities limiting the Fund's investments, other than the requirement that unsecured Senior Loans be of investment grade quality at the time of investment. Senior Loans may not be rated by any rating agency at the time the Fund purchases the Senior Loan. The lack of a rating does not necessarily imply that a Senior Loan is of lesser investment quality; however, most Senior Loans, when rated, are below investment grade quality. There is no limit on the percentage of the Fund's assets that may be invested in Senior Loans that are rated below investment grade or that are unrated but of comparable quality.



The Senior Loan Process.

The Fund normally relies on the Agent to collect principal and interest payments on a Senior Loan. Furthermore, the Fund also relies in part on the Agent to monitor compliance by the Borrower with the restrictive covenants in the Loan Agreement and to notify the Fund (or the Lender from which the Fund has purchased a Participation) of any adverse change in the Borrower's financial condition. The Fund will act as a Lender with respect to a syndicated Senior Loan only where the Agent, at the time of the Fund's investment, has outstanding debt or deposit obligations rated investment grade by a rating agency, or where such debt or obligations are unrated but determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality. A rating agency's top four major rating categories generally are considered to be investment grade. The lowest tier of investment grade rating is considered to have speculative characteristics. The Fund will not purchase interests in Senior Loans unless the Agent, Lender and any other person positioned between the Fund and the Borrower has entered into an agreement that provides for the holding of assets in safekeeping for, or the prompt disbursement of assets to, the Fund. Insolvency of the Agent or other persons positioned between the Fund and the Borrower could result in losses for the Fund. See Risk Factors Security Level Risks Senior Loan Risk.

The Fund may be required to pay and may receive various fees and commissions in connection with purchasing, selling and holding interests in Senior Loans. The fees normally paid by Borrowers include three primary types: facility fees, commitment fees and prepayment penalties. Facility fees are paid to Lenders when a Senior Loan is originated. Commitment fees are paid to Lenders on an ongoing basis based on the unused portion of a Senior Loan commitment. Lenders may receive prepayment penalties when a Borrower prepays a Senior Loan. The Fund receives these fees directly from the Borrower if the Fund is an Original Lender (as defined below) or, in the case of commitment fees and prepayment penalties, if the Fund acquires an Assignment. Whether the Fund receives a facility fee in the case of an Assignment, or any fees in the case of a Participation, depends on negotiations between the Fund and the Lender selling such interests. When the Fund buys an Assignment, it may be required to pay a fee, or forgo a portion of interest and fees payable to it, to the Lender selling the Assignment. Occasionally, the assignor pays a fee to the assignee.

A person selling a Participation to the Fund may deduct a portion of the interest and any fees payable to the Fund as an administrative fee. The Fund may be required to pass along to a person that buys a Senior Loan from the Fund a portion of any fees that the Fund is entitled to. Fees that the Fund occasionally may receive may enhance the Fund's income.

Senior Loan Investments.

The Fund may act as one of the group of Lenders originating a Senior Loan (an Original Lender), act as an Agent, purchase Assignments of portions of Senior Loans from third parties and invest in Participations in Senior Loans.

Senior Loans also include certain foreign debt obligations that are in the form of notes rather than Loan Agreements. All of these interests in Senior Loans are sometimes referred to simply as Senior Loans.

*The Fund as Original Lender.* When the Fund acts as an Original Lender it may participate in structuring the Senior Loan. The Fund will not act as sole Agent or sole principal negotiator of a Senior Loan. When the Fund is a member of the originating syndicate group for a Senior Loan, it may share in a fee paid to the Original Lenders. When the Fund is an Original Lender it will have a direct contractual relationship with the Borrower, may enforce compliance by the Borrower with the terms of the Loan Agreement and may have rights with respect to any funds acquired by other Lenders through set-off. Lenders also have full voting and consent rights under the applicable Loan Agreement. Action subject to Lender vote or consent generally requires the vote or consent of the holders of some specified percentage of the outstanding principal amount of the Senior Loan. Certain decisions, such as reducing the amount of interest on or principal of a Senior Loan, releasing all or substantially all of the collateral or changing the maturity of a Senior Loan, frequently require the unanimous vote or consent of all Lenders affected.



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

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

*Assignments.* The purchaser of an Assignment typically succeeds to all the rights and obligations under the Loan Agreement of the assigning Lender and becomes a Lender under the Loan Agreement. Assignments may, however, be arranged through private negotiations, and the rights and obligations acquired by the purchaser of an Assignment may differ from, and be more limited than, those held by the assigning Lender.

*Participations.* Participations by the Fund in a Lender's portion of a Senior Loan typically will result in the Fund having a contractual relationship only with such Lender, not with the Borrower. As a result, the Fund may have the right to receive payments of principal, interest and any fees to which it is entitled only from the Lender selling the Participation and only upon receipt by such Lender of such payments from the Borrower. In connection with purchasing Participations, the Fund generally will have no right to enforce compliance by the Borrower with the terms of the Loan Agreement, nor have any rights with respect to any funds acquired by other Lenders through set-off against the Borrower, and the Fund may not directly benefit from the collateral supporting the Senior Loan in which it has purchased the Participation. As a result, the Fund may assume the credit risk of both the Borrower and the Lender selling the Participation. In the event of the insolvency of the Lender selling a Participation, the Fund may be treated as a general creditor of such Lender. The Fund does not currently intend to invest more than 20% of its Managed Assets in Participations.

The Fund will only acquire Participations if the Lender selling the Participation, and any other persons interpositioned between the Fund and the Lender, (i) at the time of investment has outstanding debt or deposit obligations rated investment grade (BBB or A-3 or higher by S&P, Baa or P-3 or higher by Moody's or BBB or F3 or higher by Fitch) or has debt or obligations that are unrated by S&P, Moody's and Fitch and determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality and (ii) has entered into an agreement which provides for the holding of assets in safekeeping for, or the prompt disbursement of assets to, the Fund. Long-term debt rated BBB by S&P is regarded by S&P as having adequate capacity to pay interest and repay principal, and debt rated Baa by Moody's is regarded by Moody's as a medium grade obligation, i.e., it is neither highly protected nor poorly secured, and debt rated BBB by Fitch is regarded by Fitch as having adequate capacity for timely payment of financial commitments. Commercial paper rated A-3 by S&P indicates that S&P believes such obligations exhibit adequate protection parameters but that adverse economic conditions or changing circumstances are more likely to lead to a weakened capacity of the obligor to meet its financial commitment on the obligation, issues of commercial paper rated P-3 by Moody's are considered by Moody's to have an acceptable ability for repayment of short-term debt obligations but the effect of industry characteristics and market compositions may be more pronounced and issues of commercial paper rated F3 by Fitch are considered to be of fair credit quality with an adequate capacity for timely payment of financial commitments but near-term adverse changes could result in a reduction to non-investment grade.

The selling Lenders and other persons interpositioned between such Lenders and the Fund with respect to such Participations will likely conduct their principal business activities in the banking, finance and financial services industries. The Fund may be more susceptible to any single economic, political or regulatory occurrence affecting such industries. Persons engaged in such industries may be more susceptible than are persons engaged in some other industry to, among other things, fluctuations in interest rates, changes in the Federal Open Market Committee's monetary policy, governmental regulations concerning such industries and capital raising activities generally and fluctuations in the financial markets generally.

When the Fund holds a Participation in a Senior Loan, the Fund generally will not have the right to enforce compliance by the Borrower with the Loan Agreement, nor rights to any funds acquired by other Lenders through set-off against the Borrower. In addition, the Fund may not have the right to vote on whether to waive enforcement of any restrictive covenant breached by a Borrower. Lenders voting in connection with a potential waiver of a restrictive covenant may have interests different from those of the Fund and may not consider the interests of the Fund. The Fund may not benefit directly from the collateral supporting a Senior Loan in which it has purchased the Participation, although Lenders that sell Participations generally are required to distribute liquidation proceeds received by them pro rata among the holders of such Participations. For purposes of the Fund's policy of investing at least 80% of its Managed Assets in secured Senior Loans, a Participation in a Senior Loan will be deemed to be secured if the underlying Senior Loan is secured.

*Role of Agent.* On behalf of the several Lenders, an Agent generally will be required to administer and manage the Senior Loan and, with respect to collateralized Senior Loans, to service or monitor the collateral. In this connection, the valuation of assets pledged as collateral will reflect market value and the Agent may rely on independent appraisals as to the value of specific collateral. The Agent, however, may not obtain an independent appraisal as to the value of assets pledged as collateral in all cases. The Fund normally will rely primarily on the Agent (where the Fund is an Original Lender or owns an Assignment) or the selling Lender (where the Fund owns a Participation) to collect principal of and interest on a Senior Loan.

Furthermore, the Fund usually will rely on the Agent (where the Fund is an Original Lender or owns an Assignment) or the selling Lender (where the Fund owns a Participation) to monitor compliance by the Borrower with the restrictive covenants in the Loan Agreement and notify the Fund of any adverse change in the Borrower's financial condition or any declaration of insolvency.

Loan Agreements may provide for the termination of the Agent's agency status in the event that it fails to act as required under the relevant Loan Agreement, becomes insolvent, enters FDIC receivership or, if not FDIC insured, enters into bankruptcy. Should such an Agent, Lender or assignor with respect to an Assignment interpositioned between the Fund and the Borrower become insolvent or enter FDIC receivership or bankruptcy, any interest in the Senior Loan of such person and any loan payment held by such person for the benefit of the Fund should not be included in such person's or entity's bankruptcy estate.

If, however, any such amount were included in such person's or entity's bankruptcy estate, the Fund would incur certain costs and delays in realizing payment or could suffer a loss of principal or interest. In such event, the Fund could experience a decrease in net asset value.

*Prepayments.* Pursuant to the relevant Loan Agreement, a Borrower may be required in certain circumstances, and may have the option at any time, to prepay the principal amount of a Senior Loan, often without incurring a prepayment penalty. Because the interest rates on Senior Loans are periodically redetermined at relatively short intervals, the Fund and the Adviser believe that the prepayment of, and subsequent reinvestment by the Fund in, Senior Loans will not have a materially adverse impact on the yield on the Fund's portfolio and may have a beneficial impact on income due to receipt of prepayment penalties, if any, and any facility fees earned in connection with reinvestment.

*Commitments to Make Additional Loans.* A Lender may have certain obligations pursuant to a Loan Agreement, which may include the obligation to make additional loans in certain circumstances. The Fund currently intends to reserve against such contingent obligations by segregating a sufficient amount of cash, liquid securities and liquid Senior Loans as a reserve against such commitments. The Fund will not purchase interests in Senior Loans that would require the Fund to make any such additional loans if such additional loan commitments in the aggregate would exceed 20% of the Fund's Managed Assets or would cause the Fund to fail to meet the diversification requirements set forth under the heading "Investment Restrictions" in the SAI.

Warrants, Equity Securities and Junior Debt

The Fund may acquire equity securities and warrants issued by a Borrower or its affiliates as part of a package of investments in the Borrower or its affiliates issued in connection with a Senior Loan of the Borrower. The Fund also may convert a warrant so acquired into the underlying security. The Fund may acquire junior debt securities as part of a package of investments in the Borrower or its affiliates issued in connection with a Senior Loan of the Borrower, and may invest separately up to 5% of its Managed Assets in junior debt securities. The Fund generally will acquire interests in warrants, equity and junior bonds or other debt securities only when the Adviser believes that the value the Fund gives in exchange for such interests is substantially outweighed by their potential value. However, investments in warrants, equity and junior debt securities entail certain risks in addition to those associated with investments in Senior Loans. The value of these securities may be affected more rapidly, and to a greater extent, by company-specific developments and general market conditions. These risks may increase fluctuations in the Fund's net asset value. The Fund may frequently possess material non-public information about a Borrower as a result of its ownership of a Senior Loan of such Borrower. Because of prohibitions on trading in securities of issuers while in possession of such information the Fund might be unable to enter into a transaction in a security of such a Borrower when it would otherwise be advantageous to do so. The Fund's investments in warrants, equity securities and junior debt securities are subject to the limitations set forth under The Fund's Investments Investment Objective and Policies.

Derivatives

The Fund may invest in derivative instruments including total return swaps; interest rate swaps; credit default swaps; interest rate caps; interest rate floors; interest rate collars; swaptions; credit-linked notes; securities indices; other indices or other financial instruments; stock and bond index futures; futures contracts on securities; options on securities; options on futures contracts; options on stock and bond indexes; interest rate futures; exchange-traded and over-the-counter options on securities or indices; index linked securities; currency exchange transactions; financial futures; options on financial futures; index futures; index options; index options on futures contracts; interest rate options; interest rate option on futures contracts; short sales; structured notes; options on U.S. Treasury security or U.S. Government Agency securities; U.S. Treasury security or U.S. Government Agency security futures contracts; and options on U.S. Treasury security or U.S. Government Agency security futures contracts.

The Fund may invest in certain derivative instruments as a hedging technique to protect against potential adverse changes in the market value of portfolio securities. The Fund also may use derivatives to attempt to protect the NAV of the Fund, to facilitate the sale of certain portfolio securities, to manage the Fund's effective interest rate exposure, or as a means of gaining investment exposure.

Such instruments may include total return swaps whose prices, in Symphony's opinion, correlate with the prices of the senior loan instruments in which the Fund may primarily invest. Total return swaps are contracts in which one party agrees to make payments of the total return from the underlying asset(s), which may include indices, securities or baskets of securities during the specified period, in return for payments equal to a fixed or floating rate of interest or the total return from other underlying asset(s). For purposes of the investment policy requiring the Fund to invest at least 80% of its Managed Assets in Senior Loans, the Fund will treat the lesser of (a) the notional amount of a total return swap, which represents the Fund's investment exposure with respect to the swap, or (b) the amount of cash and cash equivalents on the Fund's books, which when associated with an equal notional exposure amount of a senior loan-based total return swap can be thought of as materializing that swap, as being a senior loan.

Interest rate swaps involve the exchange by the Fund with a counterparty of their respective commitments to pay or receive interest of different rates and tenors, such as an exchange of fixed-rate payments for floating rate payments. The Fund will usually enter into interest rate swaps on a net basis; that is, the two payment streams will be netted out in a cash settlement on the payment date or dates specified in the instrument, with the Fund receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments.



For cash management purposes, the Fund may enter into repurchase agreements (a purchase of, and a simultaneous commitment to resell, a financial instrument at an agreed upon price on an agreed upon date) only with member banks of the Federal Reserve System and member firms of the New York Stock Exchange. When participating in repurchase agreements, the Fund buys securities from a vendor, e.g., a bank or brokerage firm, with the agreement that the vendor will repurchase the securities at a higher price at a later date. Such transactions afford an opportunity for the Fund to earn a return on available cash at minimal market risk, although the Fund may be subject to various delays and risks of loss if the vendor is unable to meet its obligation to repurchase. Under the 1940 Act, repurchase agreements are deemed to be collateralized loans of money by the Fund to the seller. In evaluating whether to enter into a repurchase agreement, the Adviser will consider carefully the creditworthiness of the vendor. If the member bank or member firm that is the party to the repurchase agreement petitions for bankruptcy or otherwise becomes subject to the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, the Fund might experience delays in recovering its cash. The securities underlying a repurchase agreement will be marked to market every business day so that the value of the collateral is at least equal to the value of the loan, including the accrued interest thereon, and the Adviser will monitor the value of the collateral. No specific limitation exists as to the percentage of the Fund's assets which may be used to participate in repurchase agreements.

Other derivative instruments that may be used, or other transactions that may be entered into, by the Fund may include the purchase or sale of futures contracts on securities, credit-linked notes, securities indices, other indices or other financial instruments; options on futures contracts; exchange-traded and over-the-counter options on securities or indices; index linked securities; total return swaps; and currency exchange transactions. Some, but not all, of the derivative instruments may be traded and listed on an exchange. The positions in derivatives will be marked-to-market daily at the closing price established on the exchange or at a fair value.

There is no assurance that these derivative strategies will be available at any time, that Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony will determine to use them for the Fund or, if used, that the strategies will be successful.

### *Hedging*

As noted above, the Fund may invest in certain derivative instruments as a hedging technique to protect against potential adverse changes in the market value of portfolio securities. For example, the Fund may invest in interest rate swaps to hedge the interest rate exposure associated with the Fund's portfolio investments. See *The Fund's Investments Portfolio Composition and Other Information Derivatives* above and *Hedging Transactions* and *Other Investment Policies and Techniques Interest Rate Transactions* in the SAI for further information on how the Fund may use derivatives as a hedging technique to reduce risk.

### Short-Term/Long-Term Debt Securities; Temporary Defensive Position

The Fund may invest in high quality, short-term debt securities of corporate or governmental issuers with remaining maturities of one year or less. These may include commercial paper rated at least in the top two rating categories by S&P, Moody's or Fitch, or unrated commercial paper considered by the Adviser to be of similar quality; interests in shorter loans of Borrowers having short-term debt obligations rated, or a short-term credit rating, at least in such top two rating categories, or having no rating but determined by the Adviser to be of comparable quality; certificates of deposit and bankers' acceptances; and securities issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities. These securities may pay interest at adjustable rates or at fixed rates. The Fund's investments in high-quality, short-term debt securities of corporate or governmental issuers are subject to the limitations set forth under *The Fund's Investments Investment Objective and Policies*.

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





## Miscellaneous Investments and Investment Techniques

### Structured Notes

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its Managed Assets in structured notes, which are privately negotiated debt obligations with rates of return determined by reference to the total rate of return on one or more Senior Loans referenced in such notes. The rate of return on the structured note may be determined by applying a multiplier to the rate of total return on the referenced loan or loans. Application of a multiplier is comparable to the use of leverage, a speculative technique. Leverage magnifies the potential for gain and the risk of loss; as a result, a relatively small decline in the value of a referenced Senior Loan could result in a relatively large loss in the value of a structured note.

### Derivatives to Gain Investment Exposure

The Fund may also invest in derivatives, such as total return swaps, to gain investment exposure. See The Fund's Investments Portfolio Composition and Other Information Derivatives.

### Other Investment Companies

The Fund may invest in securities of other closed-end investment companies that invest primarily in securities of the types in which the Fund may invest directly. The Fund may invest in other investment companies either during periods when it has large amounts of uninvested cash, or during periods when there is a shortage of attractive securities of the types in which the Fund may invest in directly available in the market. As an investor in an investment company, the Fund will bear its ratable share of that investment company's expenses, and would remain subject to payment of the Fund's advisory and administrative fees with respect to assets so invested. Common Shareholders would therefore be subject to duplicative expenses to the extent the Fund invests in other investment companies. Symphony will take expenses into account when evaluating the investment merits of an investment in the investment company relative to available securities of the types in which the Fund may invest directly. In addition, the securities of other investment companies also may be leveraged and therefore will be subject to the same leverage risks described herein. As described in Risk Factors Fund Level Risks Leverage Risk, the net asset value and market value of leveraged shares will be more volatile and the yield to Common Shareholders will tend to fluctuate more than the yield generated by unleveraged shares. The Fund will treat its investments in such investment companies as investments in Senior Loans for all purposes, such as for purposes of determining compliance with the requirement set forth above that at least 80% of the Fund's Managed Assets be invested under normal circumstances in Senior Loans.

### Lending of Portfolio Holdings

To increase its income, the Fund may lend financial instruments in its portfolio. Such loans may be made, without limit, to brokers, dealers, banks or other recognized institutional borrowers of financial instruments and would be required to be secured continuously by collateral, including cash, cash equivalents or U.S. Treasury bills maintained on a current basis at an amount at least equal to the market value of the financial instruments loaned. The Fund would have the right to call a loan and obtain the financial instruments loaned at any time on five days notice. For the duration of a loan, the Fund would continue to receive the equivalent of the interest paid by the issuer on the financial instruments loaned and also may receive compensation from the investment of the collateral.

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The Fund would not have the right to vote any financial instruments having voting rights during the existence of the loan, but the Fund could call the loan in anticipation of an important vote to be taken among holders of the financial instruments or in anticipation of the giving or withholding of their consent on a material matter affecting the financial instruments. As with other extensions of credit, risks of delay in recovery or even loss of rights in the collateral exist should the borrower of the financial instruments fail financially. However, the loans would be made only to firms deemed by the Adviser to be creditworthy and when, in the judgment of the

Adviser, the consideration which can be earned currently from loans of this type justifies the attendant risk. The creditworthiness of firms to which the Fund lends its portfolio holdings will be monitored on an ongoing basis by the Adviser. No specific limitation exists as to the percentage of the Fund's assets which the Fund may lend.

#### When-Issued and Delayed Delivery Transactions

The Fund may also purchase and sell interests in Senior Loans and other portfolio securities on a when issued or delayed delivery basis. No income accrues to the Fund on such interests or securities in connection with such purchase transactions prior to the date the Fund actually takes delivery of such interests or securities.

These transactions are subject to market fluctuation; the value of the interests in Senior Loans and other portfolio debt securities at delivery may be more or less than their purchase price, and yields generally available on such interests or securities when delivery occurs may be higher or lower than yields on the interests or securities obtained pursuant to such transactions.

Because the Fund relies on the buyer or seller, as the case may be, to consummate the transaction, failure by the other party to complete the transaction may result in the Fund missing the opportunity of obtaining a price or yield considered to be advantageous. When the Fund is the buyer in such a transaction, however, it will maintain, in a segregated account with its custodian, cash or liquid securities having an aggregate value equal to the amount of such purchase commitments until payment is made.

The Fund will make commitments to purchase interests or securities on such basis only with the intention of actually acquiring these interests or securities, but the Fund may sell such interests or securities prior to the settlement date if such sale is considered to be advisable. To the extent the Fund engages in when issued or delayed delivery transactions, it will do so for the purpose of acquiring interests or securities for the Fund's portfolio consistent with the Fund's investment objective and policies and not for the purpose of investment leverage. No specific limitation exists as to the percentage of the Fund's assets which may be used to acquire securities on a when issued or delayed delivery basis.

#### Portfolio Turnover

The Fund may engage in portfolio trading when considered appropriate, but short-term trading will not be used as the primary means of achieving the Fund's investment objective. Although the Fund cannot accurately predict its annual portfolio turnover rate, it is generally not expected to exceed 100% under normal circumstances. For the fiscal year ended July 31, 2015, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 34%. However, there are no limits on the rate of portfolio turnover, and investments may be sold without regard to length of time held when, in the opinion of Symphony, investment considerations warrant such action. A higher portfolio turnover rate would result in correspondingly greater brokerage commissions and other transactional expenses that are borne by the Fund. Although these commissions and expenses are not reflected in the Fund's Annual Expenses under Summary of Fund Expenses, they will be reflected in the Fund's total return. In addition, high portfolio turnover may result in the realization of net short-term capital gains by the Fund which, when distributed to shareholders, will be taxable as ordinary income. See Tax Matters.

## PORTFOLIO COMPOSITION

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the composition of the Fund's securities, as a percentage of net assets, as of January 31, 2016.

| <u>Portfolio Allocation*</u>                                                 | <u>Percent</u> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Variable Rate Senior Loan Interests                                          | 134.6%         |
| Common Stocks                                                                | 2.0%           |
| \$25 Par (or similar) Retail Preferred                                       | 0.0%           |
| Corporate Bonds                                                              | 15.9%          |
| Repurchase Agreements                                                        | 14.4%          |
| Other Assets Less Liabilities                                                | (5.0)%         |
| <b>Net Assets Plus Borrowings and VRTP Shares, at Liquidation Preference</b> | <b>161.9%</b>  |
| Borrowings                                                                   | (38.2)%        |
| VRTP Shares, at Liquidation Preference                                       | (23.7)%        |
| <b>Net Assets</b>                                                            | <b>100%</b>    |

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

## USE OF LEVERAGE

The amounts and forms of leverage used by the Fund may vary with prevailing market or economic conditions. The timing and terms of any leverage transactions are determined by the Board of Trustees. In addition to the regulatory leverage afforded by the issuance of the Term Preferred Shares, the Fund currently employs additional regulatory leverage through its Credit Agreement with Citibank and its outstanding VRTP Shares. See Use of Leverage in the Prospectus Summary and Description of Outstanding Shares and Debt Preferred Shares Variable Rate Term Preferred Shares (VRTP Shares). The Fund intends to use the proceeds of this offering of Term Preferred Shares to maintain the Fund's leverage after redeeming all or a portion of the Fund's Preferred Shares outstanding from time to time, including all or a portion of the Fund's outstanding VRTP Shares and/or repaying a portion of the Fund's borrowings under its Credit Agreement. In addition, the Fund may use the proceeds of this offering of Term Preferred Shares to increase the Fund's leverage.

The Fund has entered into, and currently has outstanding Borrowings under, a Credit Agreement with Citibank. The borrowing capacity under the Credit Agreement is \$116 million. The term of the Credit Agreement ends on January 30, 2017, unless extended. The Fund has the right to augment or replace the Credit Agreement with a new credit agreement in the future, and any such augmented or replacement credit agreement may contain terms that are materially different than the terms contained in the existing Credit Agreement, including terms that limit payments to holders of Term Preferred Shares. As of January 31, 2016, the Fund's outstanding balance on these Borrowings under the Credit Agreement was \$93,500,000. For the fiscal period ended January 31, 2016, the average daily balance outstanding and average annual interest rate on these Borrowings were \$101,233,696 and 1.14%, respectively. This credit facility is secured by substantially all of the assets of the Fund. The amount of outstanding Borrowings may vary with prevailing market or economic conditions. The Fund borrows money at rates generally available to institutional investors.

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Following an offering of additional Common Shares from time to time, the Fund's leverage ratio will decrease as a result of the increase in net assets attributable to Common Shares. The Fund's leverage ratio may decline further to the extent that the net proceeds of an offering of Common Shares are used to reduce the Fund's regulatory leverage. A lower leverage ratio may result in lower (higher) returns to Common Shareholders over a period of time to the extent that net returns on the Fund's investment portfolio exceed (fall below) its cost of leverage over that period, which lower (higher) returns may impact the level of the Fund's distributions. See Risk Factors Fund Level Risks Leverage Risk.

As discussed above, the Fund is offering Term Preferred Shares. The Fund may in the future issue additional types of Preferred Securities.

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

Borrowings and Preferred Shares, such as the Term Preferred Shares, will have seniority over the Common Shares. Leverage involves special risks. There is no assurance that the Fund's leveraging strategy will be successful. The Fund will seek to invest any net cash proceeds from regulatory leverage in a manner consistent with the Fund's objective and policies.

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

So long as the Fund's portfolio is invested in securities that provide a higher rate of return than the Fund's cost of leverage (after taking expenses into consideration), the leverage will cause you to receive a higher current rate of return than if the Fund were not leveraged.

Changes in the value of the Fund's portfolio, including costs attributable to Borrowings or Preferred Shares, such as the Term Preferred Shares, will be borne entirely by the Common Shareholders. If there is a net decrease (or increase) in the value of the Fund's investment portfolio, the leverage will decrease (or increase) the NAV per Common Share to a greater extent than if the Fund were not leveraged.

Given the current economic and debt market environment with historically low short-term to intermediate-term interest rates, the Fund may use derivatives such as interest rate swaps, with terms that may range from one to seven years, to manage the Fund's effective interest rate exposure.

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



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

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

Regulatory leverage consists of senior securities as defined under the 1940 Act, which include (1) borrowings, including loans from financial institutions; (2) issuance of debt securities; and (3) issuance of preferred shares. The Fund may use regulatory leverage to the extent permissible under the 1940 Act.

In addition to the regulatory leverage described above, the Fund may also enter into reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives transactions, such as certain credit default swaps, total return swaps and bond futures, that have the economic effect of leverage by creating additional investment exposure. See The Fund's Investments Portfolio Composition and Other Information Credit Default Swaps in the Prospectus and Hedging Transactions in the SAI.

For borrowing purposes (*i.e.*, to increase the Fund's leverage), the Fund may enter into reverse repurchase agreements with respect to financial assets which could otherwise be sold by the Fund. A reverse repurchase agreement is an instrument under which the Fund may sell an underlying financial asset and simultaneously obtain the commitment of the purchaser (a commercial bank or a broker or dealer) to sell the asset back to the Fund at an agreed upon price on an agreed upon date. The Fund will set aside with its custodian cash or liquid securities in an amount sufficient to cover its obligations with respect to reverse repurchase agreements. See Segregation of Assets in the SAI. The Fund receives payment for such assets only upon physical delivery or evidence of book entry transfer by its custodian. Reverse repurchase agreements could involve certain risks in the event of default or insolvency of the other party, including possible delays or restrictions upon the Fund's ability to dispose of the underlying assets. Reverse repurchase agreements involve additional risks to the Fund. See Risk Factors Security Level Risks Reverse Repurchase Agreement Risk. The Fund will not hold more than 5% of the value of its Managed Assets in reverse repurchase agreements.

The Fund's leverage strategy may not work as planned or achieve its goals. The Fund may use leverage in an amount permissible under the 1940 Act and related SEC guidance.

So long as the rate of return, net of applicable Fund expenses, on the Fund's portfolio investments exceeds the then current interest rate on Borrowings and the Preferred Shares dividend rate, the investment of the proceeds of Borrowings and the Preferred Shares will generate more income than will be needed to make interest and dividend payments. If so, the excess will be available to pay higher dividends to Common Shareholders. Given the current economic and debt market environment with historically low short-term to intermediate-term interest rates, the Fund may use derivatives such as interest rate swaps to manage the Fund's effective interest rate exposure.



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Interest rate swaps do not involve the delivery of securities or other underlying assets or principal. Accordingly, the risk of loss with respect to the swap counterparty on such transactions is limited to the net amount of interest payments that the Fund is to receive. Interest rate swap positions are valued daily. Although

there are economic advantages of entering into interest rate swap transactions, there are also additional risks. The Fund helps manage the credit risks associated with interest rate swap transactions by entering into agreements only with counterparties whom Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony believe have the financial resources to honor their obligations and by having Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony continually monitor the financial stability of the swap counterparties.

Depending on the state of interest rates in general, the Fund's use of interest rate swaps could enhance or harm the overall performance of the Fund. In addition, if the counterparty to an interest rate swap defaults, the Fund would not be able to use the anticipated net receipts under the swap to offset the interest payments on Borrowings or the dividend payments on outstanding Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares. Depending on whether the Fund would be entitled to receive net payments from the counterparty on the swap, which in turn would depend on the general state of short-term interest rates at that point in time, such a default could negatively impact the performance of the Fund. In addition, at the time an interest rate swap transaction reaches its scheduled termination date, there is a risk that the Fund would not be able to obtain a replacement transaction or that the terms of the replacement would not be as favorable as on the expiring transaction. If this occurs, it could have a negative impact on the performance of the Fund. The Fund could be required to prepay the principal amount of any Borrowings. Such redemption or prepayment would likely result in the Fund seeking to terminate early all or a portion of any swap transaction. Early termination of a swap could result in a termination payment by or to the Fund. See The Fund's Investments Portfolio Composition and Other Information Derivatives and Risk Factors Fund Level Risks Swap Risk. The Fund's leverage strategy may not work as planned or achieve its goals.

The Fund may be subject to certain restrictions imposed by either guidelines of one or more rating agencies that may issue ratings for the Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, commercial paper or notes, or by Citibank in the case of the Credit Agreement. These guidelines may impose asset coverage or portfolio composition requirements that are more stringent than those imposed on the Fund by the 1940 Act. It is not anticipated that these covenants or guidelines will impede Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony from managing the Fund's portfolio in accordance with the Fund's investment objective and policies. In addition to other considerations, to the extent that the Fund believes that the covenants and guidelines required by the rating agencies or lenders would impede its ability to meet its investment objective, or if the Fund is unable to obtain the rating on borrowings or Preferred Shares such as the Term Preferred Shares, the Fund will not incur borrowings or issue Preferred Shares.

The Fund may also borrow money for repurchase of its shares or as a temporary measure for extraordinary or emergency purposes, including the payment of dividends and the settlement of securities transactions which otherwise might require untimely dispositions of Fund securities.

**Effects of Leverage [To be provided in a prospectus supplement.]**

## RISK FACTORS

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

### **Risks of Investing in Term Preferred Shares**

#### ***Subordination Risk.***

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

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

#### ***Capital Structure Risk.***

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

#### ***Interest Rate Risk Term Preferred Shares.***

Term Preferred Shares pay dividends at the Dividend Rate (as described above in Dividends and Dividend Periods Dividend Rate ). The Dividend Rate will be adjusted periodically in accordance with the Statement and as disclosed in a prospectus supplement, but will not in any event be lower than the initial Dividend Rate. Prices of fixed income investments vary inversely with changes in market yields. The market yields on securities comparable to Term Preferred Shares may increase, which would likely result in a decline in the secondary market price of Term

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Preferred Shares prior to the Term Redemption Date. See Description of Term Preferred Shares Dividends and Dividend Periods.

### *Unlisted Shares Risk.*

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

***Ratings Risk.***

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

***Early Redemption Risk.***

The Fund may voluntarily redeem Term Preferred Shares or may be forced to redeem Term Preferred Shares to meet regulatory requirements and satisfy the asset coverage requirements of the Term Preferred Shares. Such redemptions may be at a time that is unfavorable to holders of Term Preferred Shares. The Fund expects to voluntarily redeem Term Preferred Shares before the Term Redemption Date to the extent that market conditions allow the Fund to issue other Preferred Shares or debt securities at a rate that is lower than the then-current Dividend Rate on Term Preferred Shares. For further information, see [Description of Term Preferred Shares Redemption](#) and [Asset Coverage](#).

***Tax Risks.***

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

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



imposition of the accuracy-related penalty under Section 6662 of the Code. The Fund does not intend currently to seek a ruling on the equity status of Term Preferred Shares. See Tax Matters. See also the form of opinion of counsel included as Appendix D to the SAI.

***Swap Risk.***

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

***Income Shortfall Risk.***

The securities held in the Fund's portfolio generally pay interest that varies with changes in short-term market interest rates. Those short-term interest rates may fluctuate. If the interest rates received on the securities held by the Fund fall below the Dividend Rate, the Fund's ability to pay dividends on Term Preferred Shares could be jeopardized.

***Credit Crisis and Liquidity Risk.***

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

***Inflation Risk.***

Inflation is the reduction in the purchasing power of money resulting from the increase in the price of goods and services. Inflation risk is the risk that the inflation-adjusted (or real) value of an investment in Term Preferred Shares or the income from that investment will be worth less in the future. As inflation occurs, the real value of Term Preferred Shares and dividends on Term Preferred Shares declines.

*Reinvestment Risk Term Preferred Shares.*

Given the limited term and potential for early redemption of Term Preferred Shares, holders of Term Preferred Shares may face an increased reinvestment risk, which is the risk that the return on an investment



purchased with proceeds from the sale or redemption of Term Preferred Shares may be lower than the return previously obtained from an investment in Term Preferred Shares.

## **Fund Level Risks**

### *Investment and Market Risk*

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

### *Leverage Risk*

The use of leverage created through Borrowings and issuing Preferred Shares, such as the Term Preferred Shares, creates an opportunity for increased net income and returns, but also creates special risks for Fund shareholders, including potential interest rate risks and the likelihood of greater volatility of NAV and market price of, and distributions on, the shares of the Fund. Issuance of Term Preferred Shares may increase the Fund's leverage. There is no assurance that the Fund's leveraging strategy will be successful. Changes in the value of the Fund's portfolio, including risk of loss and costs attributable to Borrowings and Preferred Shares, such as the Term Preferred Shares, will be borne entirely by Common Shareholders. The Fund's use of leverage can result in a greater decrease in NAV in declining markets. The Fund's use of leverage similarly can magnify the impact of changing market conditions on market prices for the Fund's Common Shares.

So long as the rate of distributions received from the Fund's portfolio investments purchased with the proceeds of leverage, net of applicable Fund expenses, exceeds the all-in leverage expense, which reflects the then current interest or dividend rate on such regulatory leverage and the amortization of offering costs or other expenses related to outstanding regulatory leverage, the investment of the proceeds of such leverage will generate more cash flow than will be needed to make interest or dividend payments. If so, the excess cash flow will be available to pay higher distributions to Common Shareholders. However, if the rate of cash flow received from the Fund's portfolio investments purchased with the proceeds of leverage, net of applicable Fund expenses, is less than the then current interest or dividend rate on any such leverage, the Fund may be required to utilize other Fund assets to make interest or dividend payments on such leverage and this may result in reduced net investment income available for distribution to holders of Common Shares.

The Fund cannot assure you that the use of leverage will result in a higher yield or return to Shareholders. The income benefit from leverage will be reduced to the extent that the difference narrows between the net earnings on the Fund's portfolio securities and its cost of leverage. Because of the costs of leverage, the Fund may incur losses even if the Fund has positive returns, if they are not sufficient to cover the costs of leverage. The Fund's cost of leverage includes interest on Borrowings and dividends paid on Preferred Shares, such as the Term Preferred Shares, as well as any one-time costs (e.g., issuance costs) and ongoing fees and expenses associated with such leverage.

Furthermore, the amount of fees paid to Nuveen Fund Advisors (which in turn pays a portion of its fees to Symphony) for investment advisory services will be higher if the Fund uses leverage because the fees will be calculated based on the Fund's Managed Assets. This may create an incentive for Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony to leverage the Fund or increase its leverage.

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The Fund may invest in the securities of other investment companies, which may themselves be leveraged and therefore present similar risks to those described above and magnify the Fund's leverage risk.

## **Issuer Level Risks**

### ***Issuer Credit Risk***

Debt instruments in which the Fund may invest are subject to the risk of non-payment of scheduled interest or principal. Such non-payment would result in a reduction of income to the Fund, a reduction in the value of the investment and a potential decrease in the net assets of the Fund. Even if an issuer remains current on principal and interest payments, a deterioration in the market's perception of the issuer's ability to make such payments in the future may cause a reduction in the value of the issuer's securities, and a commensurate decrease in the value of the Fund's net assets.

To the extent that an issuer must refinance its debt instrument in order to make principal payments at maturity, the issuer's inability to refinance may present increased risk of loss to the Fund.

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

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

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

### ***Below Investment Grade Risk***

The Fund invests in debt instruments that are rated below investment grade at the time of investment or that are unrated but judged by the portfolio managers to be of comparable quality. Substantially all of the Fund's portfolio likely will be invested in debt instruments of below investment grade quality. Debt instruments of below investment grade quality are regarded as having predominately speculative characteristics

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with respect to the issuer's capacity to pay interest and repay principal, and are commonly referred to as junk bonds or high yield debt, which may be subject to higher price volatility and default risk than investment grade instruments of comparable terms and duration. Issuers of lower grade instruments may be highly leveraged and may not have available to them more traditional methods of financing. The prices of these lower grade instruments are

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

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

#### ***Non-U.S. Securities Risk***

The Fund may invest its Managed Assets in U.S. dollar-denominated Senior Loans of Borrowers that are organized or located in countries outside of the United States. Investments in securities of non-U.S. companies involve special risks not presented by investments in securities of U.S. companies, including less publicly available information about non-U.S. companies or markets due to less rigorous disclosure or accounting standards or regulatory practices; restrictions on foreign investment; possible restrictions on repatriation of investment income and capital; reduced levels of government regulation of foreign securities markets; many non-U.S. markets may be smaller, less liquid and more volatile; potential adverse effects of fluctuations in controls on the value of the Fund's investments; the economies of non-U.S. countries may grow at slower rates than expected or may experience a downturn or recession; the impact of economic, political, social or diplomatic events; possible seizure of a company's assets, including expropriation and nationalization; restrictions imposed by non-U.S. countries limiting the ability of non-U.S. issuers to make payments of principal and/or interest and withholding and other non-U.S. taxes may decrease the Fund's return. In addition, settlement, clearing, safe custody and registration procedures may be underdeveloped, which increases the chance of an error, fraud or default, which could cause loss to the Fund. Also, enforcing legal rights, such as security interests in collateral underlying loans, may be difficult, costly and slow in non-U.S. countries. Given this possibility, underlying collateral of non-U.S. Borrowers may be insufficient to fully discharge their obligations to the Fund. These risks are more pronounced to the extent that the Fund invests a significant amount of its assets in companies located in one region and to the extent that the Fund invests in securities of issuers in emerging markets. See **Emerging Markets Risk** below. To the extent the Fund invests in depositary receipts, the Fund will be subject to many of the same risks as when investing directly in non-U.S. securities. The holder of an unsponsored depositary receipt may have limited voting rights and may not receive as much information about the issuer of the underlying securities as would the holder of a sponsored depositary receipt. The Fund's income from non-U.S. issuers may be subject to non-U.S. withholding taxes. In some countries, the Fund also may be subject to taxes on trading profits and, on certain securities transactions, transfer or stamp duties tax. To the extent foreign income taxes are paid by the Fund, it is unlikely that U.S. Shareholders will be able to claim a credit or deduction for U.S. federal income tax purposes. See **Tax Matters**. Furthermore, foreign market securities may incur brokerage or stock transfer taxes, which may have the effect of increasing the Fund's cost of investment and which may reduce the realized gain or increase the loss on such securities at the time of sale.

### ***Emerging Markets Risk***

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

### **Security Level Risks**

#### ***Senior Loan Risk***

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

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

In the event of bankruptcy of a Borrower, the Fund could also experience delays or limitations with respect to its ability to realize the benefits of any collateral securing a Senior Loan. If a secured loan is foreclosed, the Fund would likely bear the costs and liabilities associated with owning and disposing of the collateral. The collateral may be difficult to sell and the Fund would bear the risk that the collateral may decline in value while the Fund is holding it. Some Senior Loans are subject to the risk that a court, pursuant to fraudulent conveyance or other similar laws, could subordinate the senior loans to presently existing or future indebtedness of the Borrower or take other action detrimental to lenders, including the Fund. Such court action could under certain circumstances include invalidation of Senior Loans.

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

#### ***Second Lien Loans and Unsecured Loans Risk***

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Second lien loans and unsecured loans generally are subject not only to the risks associated with investments in Senior Loans, as discussed above, but also to additional risks. Because second lien loans and unsecured loans are lower in priority of payment to Senior Loans, they are subject to the additional risk that the cash flow of the Borrower and property securing the loan, if any, may be insufficient to meet scheduled payments after giving effect to the senior secured obligations of the Borrower. This risk is generally higher for unsecured loans, which are not backed by a security interest in any specific collateral. Second lien loans and unsecured

loans are expected to have greater price volatility than Senior Loans and may be less liquid. Second lien loans and unsecured loans of below investment grade quality also share the same risks of other below investment grade debt instruments, commonly referred to as junk bonds or high yield debt.

#### ***Subordinated Loans and Other Subordinated Debt Instruments***

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

#### ***Risk of Settlement Delays***

Although portfolio transactions in loans may settle in a normal to slightly-longer than normal period, settlement typically can take from ten days to three weeks, and in some cases much longer. Unlike the securities markets, there is no central clearinghouse for loan transactions, and the loan market has not established enforceable settlement standards or remedies for failure to timely settle.

#### ***Loans Not Considered Securities***

Loan interests may not be considered securities under securities and commercial laws (although this prospectus does include loans within the term securities). Purchasers of loan interests, such as the Fund, therefore may not be entitled to rely on the protections of the federal securities laws.

#### ***Interest Rate Risk***

Interest rate risk is the risk that fixed rate debt instruments will decline in value because of changes in market interest rates. When interest rates rise, the value of a fund invested in fixed rate obligations can be expected to decline. Conversely, when interest rates decline, the value of a fund invested in fixed rate obligations can be expected to rise. The Fund's investments in such fixed rate instruments means that the NAV of the Fund and market price of the Shares will tend to decline if market interest rates rise. Market interest rates in the U.S. and in certain other countries in which the Fund may invest are near historically low levels. Because interest rates on most adjustable rate instruments typically only reset periodically (e.g., monthly or quarterly), a sudden and significant increase in market interest rates may cause a decline in the value of these investments and in the Fund's NAV.



*Risks in Loan Valuation*

The Fund utilizes independent pricing services approved by the Board of Trustees to value portfolio instruments at their market value. If the pricing services are unable to provide a market value or if a significant event occurs such that the valuation(s) provided are deemed unreliable, the Fund may value portfolio

instrument(s) at their fair value, which is generally the amount an owner might reasonably expect to receive upon a current sale. Valuation risks associated with investing in adjustable rate corporate debt instruments include, but are not limited to: a limited number of market participants, a lack of publicly-available information, resale restrictions, settlement delays, corporate actions and adverse market conditions which may make it difficult to value or sell such instruments.

#### ***Senior Loan Agent Risk***

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

#### ***Loan Participation Risk***

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

#### ***Prepayment Risk***

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

#### ***Structured Product Risk***

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The Fund may invest in structured products such as structured notes. Holders of structured products bear risks of the underlying investments, index or reference obligation and are subject to counterparty risk. The Fund may have the right to receive payments to which it is entitled only from the structured product, and generally

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

#### ***Warrants and Equity Securities Risk***

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

#### ***Duration Risk***

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

#### ***Zero Coupon Bonds Risk***

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

#### ***Floating-Rate and Fixed-to-Floating-Rate Securities Risk***

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The market value of floating-rate securities is a reflection of discounted expected cash flows based on expectations for future interest rate resets. The market value of such securities may fall in a declining interest rate environment and may also fall in a rising interest rate environment if there is a lag between the rise in interest rates and the reset. This risk may also be present with respect to fixed-to-floating-rate securities in which the

Fund may invest. A secondary risk associated with declining interest rates is the risk that income earned by the Fund on floating-rate and fixed-to-floating-rate securities will decline due to lower coupon payments on floating rate securities.

#### ***When-Issued and Delayed Delivery Transactions Risk***

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

#### ***Illiquid Securities Risk***

The Fund may invest in securities and other instruments that, at the time of investment, are illiquid. Illiquid securities are securities that are not readily marketable and may include some restricted securities, which are securities that may not be resold to the public without an effective registration statement under the 1933 Act or, if they are unregistered, may be sold only in a privately negotiated transaction or pursuant to an exemption from registration. Illiquid securities involve the risk that the securities will not be able to be sold at the time desired by the Fund or at prices approximating the value at which the Fund is carrying the securities on its books.

#### ***Other Risks Associated With Loans***

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

#### ***Derivatives Risk, Including the Risk of Swaps***

The Fund may enter into debt-related derivatives instruments including credit default swap contracts, total return swaps and bond futures. The Fund's use of derivatives involves risks different from, and possibly greater than, the risks associated with investing directly in the investments underlying the derivatives. The risks associated with derivatives include (i) the imperfect correlation between the value of such instruments and the underlying assets, (ii) the possible default of the counterparty to the transaction, (iii) illiquidity of the derivative instruments, (iv) the leveraging effect that certain derivatives have, and (v) high volatility losses caused by unanticipated market movements, which are potentially unlimited. The use of swaps and other derivatives is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from

those associated with ordinary portfolio securities transactions. Because they are two-party contracts and because they

may have terms of greater than seven days, swap agreements may be considered to be illiquid, increasing the Fund's interest rate risk. Moreover, the Fund bears the risk of loss of the amount expected to be received under a swap agreement in the event of the default or bankruptcy of a swap agreement counterparty. It is possible that developments in the swaps market, including government regulation, could adversely affect the Fund's ability to terminate existing swap agreements or to realize amounts to be received under such agreements. See *Risk Factors* *Security Level Risks* *Counterparty Risk* and *Risk Factors* *Other Risks* *Hedging Risk* and *Hedging Transactions* in the SAI.

In addition, the use of swaps requires an understanding by Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony not only of the referenced asset, rate or index, but also of the swap itself. Whether the Fund's use of derivatives is successful will depend on, among other things, if Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony correctly forecast market values, interest rates and other applicable factors. If Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony incorrectly forecast these and other factors, the investment performance of the Fund will be unfavorably affected. It is possible that regulatory developments in the derivatives market could adversely affect the Fund's ability to successfully use derivative instruments.

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

#### ***Reverse Repurchase Agreement Risk***

A reverse repurchase agreement is a contract under which the Fund sells a security for cash for a relatively short period (usually not more than one month) subject to the obligation of the Fund to repurchase such security at a fixed time and price (representing the seller's cost plus interest). Reverse repurchase agreements involve the risk that the market value of the securities the Fund is obligated to repurchase under the agreement may decline below the repurchase price. In the event the buyer of securities under a reverse repurchase agreement files for bankruptcy or becomes insolvent, the Fund's use of proceeds of the agreement may be restricted pending a determination by the other party, or its trustee or receiver, whether to enforce the Fund's obligation to repurchase the securities. In addition, reverse repurchase agreements are techniques involving leverage, and accordingly, under the requirements of the 1940 Act, the Fund is required to segregate permissible assets to cover its position. To the extent that the amount of cash and liquid securities required to be segregated increases, the Fund may be required to sell portfolio securities at prices that may be disadvantageous to the Fund.

#### ***Counterparty Risk***

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





***Call Risk***

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

**Other Risks**

***Hedging Risk***

The Fund's use of derivatives or other transactions to reduce risk involves costs and will be subject to Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony's ability to predict correctly changes in the relationships of such hedge instruments to the Fund's portfolio holdings or other factors. No assurance can be given that Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony's judgment in this respect will be correct. In addition, no assurance can be given that the Fund will enter into hedging or other transactions at times or under circumstances in which it may be advisable to do so.

***Reinvestment Risk***

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

***Borrowing Risk***

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

***Legislation and Regulatory Risk***

At any time after the date of this prospectus, legislation or additional regulations may be enacted that could negatively affect the assets of the Fund or the issuers of such assets. Legislation or regulation may also change the way in which the Fund itself is regulated. There can be no assurance that future legislation, regulation or deregulation will not have a material adverse effect on the Fund or will not impair the ability of the Fund to achieve its investment objective.

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

### *Anti-Takeover Provisions*

The Declaration and By-Laws include provisions that could limit the ability of other entities or persons to acquire control of the Fund or convert the Fund to open-end status. These provisions could have the effect of depriving the Shareholders of opportunities to sell their shares at a premium over the then current market price of the shares. See Certain Provisions in the Declaration of Trust and By-Laws.

***Other Investment Companies Risk***

The Fund may invest up to 10% of its Managed Assets in the securities of other investment companies. Such securities may be leveraged. As a result, the Fund may be indirectly exposed to leverage through an investment in such securities. Utilization of leverage is a speculative investment technique and involves certain risks. An investment in securities of other investment companies that are leveraged may expose the Fund to higher volatility in the market value of such securities and the possibility that the Fund's long-term returns on such securities will be diminished.

***Deflation Risk***

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

***Market Disruption and Geopolitical Risk***

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

***Recent Market Conditions***

The financial crisis in the United States and many foreign economies over the past several years, including the European sovereign debt and banking crises, has resulted, and may continue to result, in an unusually high degree of volatility in the financial markets, both domestic and foreign. Liquidity in some markets has decreased and credit has become scarcer worldwide.

These market conditions may continue or deteriorate further and may add significantly to the risk of short-term volatility in the Fund. In response to the crisis, the U.S. and other governments and the Federal Reserve and certain foreign central banks have taken steps to support financial markets. Where economic conditions are recovering, they are nevertheless perceived as still fragile. Withdrawal of government support, failure of efforts in response to the crisis, or investor perception that such efforts are not succeeding could adversely impact the value and liquidity of certain securities. Because the situation is widespread and largely unprecedented, it may be unusually difficult to identify both risks and opportunities using past models of the interplay of market forces, or to predict the duration of these market conditions. The severity or duration of these conditions may also be affected by policy changes made by governments or quasi-governmental organizations. Changes in market conditions will not have the same impact on all types of securities. In addition, since 2010, the risks of investing in certain foreign government debt have increased dramatically as a result of the ongoing European debt crisis, which began in Greece and spread throughout various other European countries. These debt crises and the ongoing efforts of governments around the world to address these debt crises have also resulted in increased volatility and uncertainty in the global securities markets and it is impossible to predict the effects of these or similar events in the future on the Fund, though it is possible that these or similar events could have a significant adverse impact on the value and risk profile of the Fund. Instruments in which the Funds may invest, or the issuers of such instruments, may be affected by the new legislation and

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regulation in ways that are as yet unforeseeable. The Dodd-Frank Act has initiated a dramatic revision of the U.S. financial regulatory framework that will continue to unfold over several years. The Dodd-Frank Act covers a broad range of topics, including (among many others) a reorganization of federal financial regulators; a process intended to improve financial

systemic stability and the resolution of potentially insolvent financial firms; new rules for derivatives trading; the creation of a consumer financial protection watchdog; the registration and additional regulation of hedge and private equity fund managers; and new federal requirements for residential mortgage loans. Many of the implementing regulations have not yet been finalized. Accordingly, the ultimate impact of the Dodd-Frank Act, including on the derivative instruments in which the Fund may invest, is not yet certain. The introduction of new international capital and liquidity requirements under Basel III, a global, voluntary regulatory standard on bank capital adequacy, stress testing and market liquidity risk, may cause lending activity within the financial services sector to be constrained as Basel III rules phase in over the next several years.

### ***Certain Affiliations***

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

### ***Potential Conflicts of Interest Risk***

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

## **MANAGEMENT OF THE FUND**

### **Trustees and Officers**

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

### **Investment Adviser, Sub-Adviser and Portfolio Managers**

*The Investment Adviser.* Nuveen Fund Advisors, a registered investment adviser, is responsible for overseeing the Fund's overall investment strategy and its implementation. Nuveen Fund Advisors also is responsible for the ongoing monitoring of Nuveen Asset Management,

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overseeing the Fund's use of leverage, managing the Fund's business affairs and providing certain clerical, bookkeeping and other administrative services to the Fund. Nuveen Fund Advisors is located at 333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, IL 60606.

Nuveen Fund Advisers is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Nuveen Investments. Founded in 1898, Nuveen Investments is an operating division of TIAA Global Asset Management. In total, Nuveen Investments managed

approximately \$239.5 billion as of June 30, 2016. Nuveen Investments is the leading sponsor of closed-end funds as measured by the number of funds (83) and the amount of fund assets under management (approximately \$61 billion) as of June 30, 2016.

*Sub-Adviser.* Symphony located at 555 California Street, Suite 2975, San Francisco, CA 94104, serves as the Fund's sub-adviser, pursuant to a sub-advisory agreement between Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony (the "Sub-Advisory Agreement"). Symphony, a registered investment adviser, commenced operations in 1994 and had approximately \$17.5 billion in assets under management as of March 31, 2016. Symphony is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Nuveen Investments. Symphony oversees day-to-day investment operations of the Fund. Pursuant to the sub-advisory agreement, Symphony will be compensated for the services it provides to the fund with a portion of the management fee Nuveen Fund Advisors receives from the Fund. Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony retain the right to reallocate investment advisory responsibilities and fees between themselves in the future.

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

Scott Caraher (a "Portfolio Manager") is a Co-Portfolio Manager and a member of Symphony's fixed-income team, and his responsibilities include portfolio management and trading for Symphony's bank loan strategies and credit and equity research for its fixed-income strategies. Prior to joining Symphony in 2002, Mr. Caraher was an Investment Banking Analyst in the industrial group at Deutsche Banc Alex Brown in New York.

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

## Investment Management and Sub-Advisory Agreements

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

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

| <u>Average Daily Managed Assets<sup>1</sup></u> | <u>Fund-Level Fee Rate</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| For the first \$1 billion                       | 0.6500%                    |
| For the next \$1 billion                        | 0.6375%                    |
| For the next \$3 billion                        | 0.6250%                    |
| For the next \$5 billion                        | 0.6000%                    |
| For Managed Assets over \$10 billion            | 0.5750%                    |





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

| <u>Complex-Level Managed Asset Breakpoint Level<sup>2</sup></u> | <u>Effective Rate at Breakpoint Level</u> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| \$55 billion                                                    | 0.2000%                                   |
| \$56 billion                                                    | 0.1996%                                   |
| \$57 billion                                                    | 0.1989%                                   |
| \$60 billion                                                    | 0.1961%                                   |
| \$63 billion                                                    | 0.1931%                                   |
| \$66 billion                                                    | 0.1900%                                   |
| \$71 billion                                                    | 0.1851%                                   |
| \$76 billion                                                    | 0.1806%                                   |
| \$80 billion                                                    | 0.1773%                                   |
| \$91 billion                                                    | 0.1691%                                   |
| \$125 billion                                                   | 0.1599%                                   |
| \$200 billion                                                   | 0.1505%                                   |
| \$250 billion                                                   | 0.1469%                                   |
| \$300 billion                                                   | 0.1445%                                   |

- (1) For this Fund, **Managed Assets** means the total assets of the Fund, minus the sum of its accrued liabilities (other than Fund liabilities incurred for the express purpose of creating leverage). Total assets for this purpose shall include assets attributable to the Fund's use of leverage (whether or not those assets are reflected in the Fund's financial statements for purposes of generally accepted accounting principles).
- (2) The complex-level fee is calculated based upon the aggregate daily **eligible assets** of all Nuveen Funds. Eligible assets do not include assets attributable to investments in other Nuveen Funds or assets in excess of a determined amount (originally \$2 billion) added to the Nuveen fund complex in connection with Nuveen Fund Advisors' assumption of the management of the former First American Funds effective January 1, 2011. With respect to closed-end funds, eligible assets include assets managed by Nuveen Fund Advisors that are attributable to financial leverage. For these purposes, financial leverage includes the use of preferred stock and borrowings and certain investments in the residual interest certificates in tender option bond (TOB) trusts, including the portion of assets held by a TOB trust that has been effectively financed by issuance of floating rate securities, subject to an agreement by Nuveen Fund Advisors as to certain funds to limit the amount of such assets for determining eligible assets in certain circumstances. As of June 30, 2016, the complex-level fee rate for the Fund was 0.1614%.

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

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

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

| <u>Average Daily Managed Assets</u> | <u>Percentage of<br/>Net Management<br/>Fee</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Up to \$125 million                 | 50.0%                                           |
| \$125 million to \$150 million      | 47.5%                                           |
| \$150 million to \$175 million      | 45.0%                                           |
| \$175 million to \$200 million      | 42.5%                                           |
| \$200 million and over              | 40.0%                                           |

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

#### NET ASSET VALUE

The Fund's net asset value per Common Share is determined as of the close of regular session trading (normally 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time) on each day the NYSE is open for business. Net asset value is calculated by taking the market value of the Fund's total assets, including interest or dividends accrued but not yet collected, less all liabilities, and dividing by the total number of Common Shares outstanding. The result, rounded to the nearest cent, is the net asset value per Common Share. All valuations are subject to review by the Board of Trustees or its delegate.

The Fund utilizes independent pricing services approved by the Board of Trustees to value portfolio instruments at their market value. If the pricing services are unable to provide a market value or if a significant event occurs such that the valuation(s) provided are deemed unreliable, the Fund may value portfolio instrument(s) at their fair value, which is generally the amount that an owner might reasonably expect to receive upon a current sale. Valuation risks associated with investing in adjustable rate corporate debt instruments include, but are not limited to: a limited number of market participants, a lack of publicly-available information, resale restrictions, settlement delays, corporate actions and adverse market conditions which may make it difficult to value or sell such instruments. It is expected that the Fund's net asset value will fluctuate as a function of interest rate and credit factors. Because of the short-term nature of such instruments, however, the Fund's net asset value is expected to fluctuate less in response to changes in interest rates than the net asset values of investment companies with portfolios consisting primarily of longer term fixed-income instruments. Because non-U.S. instruments may trade on days when Common Shares are not priced, net asset value can change at times when Common Shares cannot be sold.

Independent pricing services typically value adjustable rate corporate debt instruments utilizing readily available market quotations obtained from broker-dealers making markets in such instruments. Other debt instruments and derivative instruments held by the Funds may be valued by the pricing services utilizing a range of market-based inputs and assumptions, cash flows, transactions for comparable instruments and correlations between instruments for normal, institutional-size trading units when determining market value. Equity securities listed and trading on U.S. national securities exchanges will be valued at the last reported sales price on the principal exchange on the valuation date. Unlisted equity securities traded primarily in a U.S. over-the-counter (OTC) market are valued at the last reported sales price on the valuation date, a quoted price as provided by an approved pricing service or market quotations obtained from brokers making markets in such securities. In the absence of readily available market quotations or, when in the opinion of Nuveen Fund Advisors and/or Symphony a significant event has occurred such that market values are deemed unreliable, portfolio instruments may be valued by the Fund at their fair value as determined in good faith by or at the direction of the Board of Trustees. A range of factors and analysis may be considered when determining fair value including relevant



market data, interest rates, credit considerations and/or issuer-specific news. The Fund may rely on an independent fair valuation service in making any such fair value determinations or adjustments.

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

### DISTRIBUTIONS

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

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

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

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

The Fund reserves the right to change its distribution policy and the basis for establishing the rate of its monthly distributions at any time.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

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

underwriting syndicates; and

privately negotiated transactions.

The aggregate amount of Term Preferred Shares that the Fund may offer in connection with this offering is limited to \$60,000,000. The Fund will bear the expenses of the offering, including but not limited to, the expenses of preparation of the Prospectus and SAI for the offering and the expense of counsel and auditors in connection with the offering.

### **Distribution Through Underwriting Syndicates**

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

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

### **Distribution Through Privately Negotiated Transactions**

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

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

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

**DESCRIPTION OF OUTSTANDING SHARES AND DEBT**

**Common Shares**

The Declaration authorizes the issuance of an unlimited number of Common Shares. The Common Shares have a par value of \$0.01 per share and, subject to the rights of holders of Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares issued, have equal rights to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon liquidation. The Common Shares when issued, were fully paid and, subject to matters discussed in Certain Provisions in the Declaration of Trust and By-Laws, non-assessable, and have no pre-emptive or conversion rights except as may be determined by the Board of Trustees, in their sole discretion, or rights to cumulative voting. Each whole Common Share has one vote with respect to matters upon which a shareholder vote is required, and each fractional share shall be entitled to a proportional fractional vote consistent with the

requirements of the 1940 Act and the rules promulgated thereunder, and will vote together as a single class. Whenever the Fund incurs borrowings and/or Preferred Shares are outstanding, Common Shareholders will not be entitled to receive any cash distributions from the Fund unless all interest on such borrowings has been paid and all accrued dividends on Preferred Shares have been paid, unless asset coverage (as defined in the 1940 Act) with respect to any borrowings would be at least 300% after giving effect to the distributions and asset coverage (as defined in the 1940 Act) with respect to Preferred Shares would be at least 200% after giving effect to the distributions. See Preferred Shares below.

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

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

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

## **Borrowings**

The Declaration authorizes the Fund, without approval of the Shareholders, to borrow money. In this connection, the Fund may issue notes or other evidence of indebtedness (including bank borrowings or commercial paper) and may secure any such Borrowings by mortgaging, pledging or otherwise subjecting as security the Fund's assets. The Fund borrows money at rates generally available to institutional investors. In connection with such Borrowings, the Fund is required to maintain minimum average balances with the lender or to pay a commitment or other fee to maintain the line of credit. These requirements increase the cost of any such Borrowings over the stated interest rate. Under the requirements of the 1940 Act, the Fund, immediately after any such Borrowings, must have an asset coverage of at least 300%. With respect to any such Borrowings, asset coverage means the ratio that the value of the total assets of the Fund, less all liabilities and indebtedness not represented by senior securities (as defined in the 1940 Act), bears to the aggregate amount of such Borrowings represented by senior securities issued by the Fund. Under the Credit Agreement, the Fund is subject to covenants relating to asset coverages, portfolio coverages and otherwise. In particular, the Fund may not make a redemption payment with respect to the Term Preferred Shares, in the event that Asset Coverage is less than 225%. Notwithstanding the requirements of the 1940 Act, under the Credit Agreement, the Fund cannot make any redemption or dividend payment on the Term Preferred Shares if immediately after giving effect to such payment the Fund will have less than 263% asset coverage with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness. Furthermore, at any time that Borrowings are outstanding under the Credit Agreement, the Fund must (i) have 300% asset coverage with respect to Senior Securities representing indebtedness, and (ii) not violate the 263% asset coverage test for any period of 15 consecutive business days. Violation of the requirements described in either clause (i) or (ii) above will result in an event of default under the Credit Agreement. No Borrowings under the Credit Agreement may be used to make an irrevocable deposit to pay the redemption price for any Preferred Shares.



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

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

### **Preferred Shares**

The Declaration authorizes the issuance of an unlimited number of Preferred Shares in one or more classes or series, with rights as determined by the Board of Trustees, by action of the Board of Trustees without the approval of the Common Shareholders. The Fund currently has VRTP Shares outstanding, and is currently offering the Term Preferred Shares. The Fund intends to use the proceeds of this offering of Term Preferred Shares to maintain the Fund's leverage after redeeming all or a portion of the Fund's preferred shares outstanding from time to time, including all or a portion of the Fund's outstanding VRTP Shares and/or repaying a portion of the Fund's borrowings under its Credit Agreement. In addition, the Fund may use the proceeds of this offering of Term Preferred Shares to increase the Fund's leverage. Each Preferred Share, including each VRTP Share and Term Preferred Share, ranks on parity with respect to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon liquidation. Under the 1940 Act, the Term Preferred Shares and VRTP Shares are considered to be separate series of Preferred Shares of the Fund, and are not considered to be separate classes of securities.

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

*Variable Rate Term Preferred Shares ( VRTP Shares )* The Fund is obligated to redeem its VRTP Shares by February 1, 2017 ( *Term Redemption Date* ), unless earlier redeemed or repurchased by the Fund. VRTP Shares are subject to optional and mandatory redemption in certain circumstances. The VRTP Shares are subject to redemption at the option of the Fund, at the liquidation preference of \$100,000 per share. VRTP Shares generally do not trade, and market quotations are generally not available. VRTP Shares are short-term or short/intermediate-term instruments that pay a variable dividend rate tied to a short-term index, plus an additional fixed *spread* amount established at the time of issuance. It is anticipated that the Fund will refinance and redeem the VRTP Shares with the proceeds of this offering of Term Preferred Shares.

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

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**CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN THE DECLARATION OF TRUST AND BY-LAWS**

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

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

The provisions of the Declaration described above could have the effect of depriving the shareholders of opportunities to sell their Shares at a premium over the then current market price of the Shares by discouraging a

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<sup>1</sup> Vacancies caused by the death, resignation, retirement, removal or disqualification of a trustee may be filled in any manner that is consistent with the Declaration and applicable law.

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

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

### **REPURCHASE OF FUND SHARES; CONVERSION TO OPEN-END FUND**

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

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

Before deciding whether to take any action if the Common Shares trade below NAV, the Board would consider all relevant factors, including the extent and duration of the discount, the liquidity of the Fund's portfolio, the impact of any action that might be taken on the Fund or its shareholders, and market considerations. Based on these considerations, even if the Fund's shares should trade at a discount, the Board of Trustees may determine that, in the interest of the Fund and its shareholders, no action should be taken. See the SAI under "Repurchase of Fund Shares; Conversion to Open-End Fund" for a further discussion of possible action to reduce or eliminate such discount to NAV. In August 2015, the Board of Trustees reauthorized an open market share repurchase program under which the Fund may repurchase up to 10% of its Common Shares. During the fiscal period ended January 31, 2016, the Fund repurchased 5,000 Common Shares at a weighted average price per Common Share of \$5.43 under the program.

### **TAX MATTERS**

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



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

In order to qualify for treatment as a regulated investment company, the Fund must meet certain distribution requirements. Nevertheless, the Fund might not distribute all of its net investment income, and the Fund is not required to distribute any portion of its net capital gain. If the Fund qualifies for treatment as a regulated investment company but does not distribute all of its net capital gain and net investment income, it will be subject to tax on the amount retained. If the Fund retains any net capital gain, it may designate the retained amount of capital gain as undistributed capital gains in a notice to Shareholders who, if subject to federal income tax on long-term capital gains, (i) will be required to include in income for federal income tax purposes, as long-term capital gain, their share of such undistributed amount; (ii) will be deemed to have paid their proportionate shares of the tax paid by the Fund on such undistributed amount and will be entitled to credit that amount of tax against their federal income tax liabilities, if any; and (iii) will be entitled to claim refunds to the extent the credit exceeds such liabilities. For federal income tax purposes, the tax basis of Term Preferred Shares owned by a Shareholder of the Fund will be increased by an amount equal to the difference between the amount of undistributed capital gains included in the Shareholder's gross income and the tax deemed paid by the Shareholder.

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

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

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

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

Investments by the Fund in zero coupon or other discount securities will result in income to the Fund equal to a portion of the excess of the face value of the securities over their issue price (the original issue discount or OID) each year that the securities are held, even though the Fund may receive no cash interest payments or may receive cash interest payments that are less than the income recognized for tax purposes. In addition, any market discount recognized on a market discount bond is taxable as ordinary income. A market discount bond is



a bond acquired in the secondary market at a price below redemption value, or below adjusted issue price if issued with original issue discount. Absent an election by the Fund to include the market discount in income as it accrues, gain on the Fund's disposition of such an obligation will be treated as ordinary income rather than capital gain to the extent of the accrued market discount. Because the income required to be recognized by the Fund as a result of the OID and/or market discount rules may not be matched by a corresponding cash payment to the Fund, the Fund may be required to borrow money or dispose of securities to be able to make distributions to its Shareholders in order to qualify for treatment as a RIC and eliminate taxes at the Fund level.

A 3.8% Medicare contribution tax generally applies to all or a portion of the net investment income of a Shareholder who is an individual and not a nonresident alien for federal income tax purposes and who has adjusted gross income (subject to certain adjustments) that exceeds a threshold amount (\$250,000 if married filing jointly or if considered a surviving spouse for federal income tax purposes, \$125,000 if married filing separately, and \$200,000 in other cases). This 3.8% tax also applies to all or a portion of the undistributed net investment income of certain Shareholders that are estates and trusts. For these purposes, interest, dividends and certain capital gains are generally taken into account in computing a Shareholder's net investment income (among other categories of income).

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

The Fund will be required in certain cases to withhold (as backup withholding) federal income tax from amounts payable to any Shareholder who (1) has provided the Fund either an incorrect tax identification number or no number at all, (2) is subject to backup withholding by the Internal Revenue Service for failure to properly report payments of interest or dividends, or (3) has failed to certify to the Fund that such Shareholder is not subject to backup withholding. The backup withholding rate is currently 28%.

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

The custodian of the assets, including all foreign assets, of the Fund is State Street Bank and Trust Company (State Street), One Lincoln Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02110. State Street performs custodial, fund accounting and portfolio accounting services. State Street may place and maintain the Fund's foreign securities with foreign banking institution sub-custodians employed by State Street or foreign securities depositories, all in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Fund's custody agreement. The Fund's transfer, shareholder services and dividend disbursing agent and redemption and paying agent is also State Street, 250 Royall Street, Canton, Massachusetts 02021. State Street has subcontracted the transfer agency servicing and dividend disbursing and redemption and paying agency servicing of the Fund to Computershare Inc.

#### **LEGAL OPINIONS**

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

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**INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

[The unaudited financial statements of the Fund appearing in the Fund's Semi-Annual Report for the fiscal period ended January 31, 2016, the audited financial statements of the Fund appearing in the Fund's Annual Report for the year ended July 31, 2015 and each of the ten prior years then ended are incorporated by reference into the Statement of Additional Information. The audited financial statements have been audited by \_\_\_\_\_, an independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their report thereon and incorporated herein by reference. Such audited financial statements are incorporated by reference in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing. \_\_\_\_\_ has not reviewed or examined any records, transactions or events after the date of such Annual Report. The principal business address of \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.]

**MISCELLANEOUS**

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

**AVAILABLE INFORMATION**

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

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

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



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# Nuveen Senior Income Fund

**Term Preferred Shares**

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PROSPECTUS

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

Subject to Completion

Prospectus Supplement dated , 2016

**PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

(To Prospectus dated , 2016)

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## *Nuveen Senior Income Fund*

*TERM PREFERRED SHARES*

*Shares, Series*

*Liquidation Preference \$1,000 Per Share*

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**The Offering.** Nuveen Senior Income Fund (the Fund) is offering, on an immediate, continuous or delayed basis, up to Term Preferred Shares, Series (Term Preferred Shares), with a liquidation preference of \$1,000 per share. The shares offered pursuant to this prospectus supplement will be distributed through an underwriting syndicate. See the Underwriter section of this prospectus supplement. The Fund intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of Term Preferred Shares to refinance and redeem all of the Fund's outstanding Variable Rate Term Preferred Shares (VRTP Shares), and to maintain or increase the Fund's leverage.

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**The Fund.** This prospectus supplement, together with the accompanying prospectus, sets forth concisely information about the Term Preferred Shares that a prospective investor should know before investing, and should be retained for future reference. The Fund is a diversified,

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closed-end management investment company. The Fund's investment objective is to achieve a high level of current income, consistent with the preservation of capital.

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

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

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

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PRICE \$1,000 A SHARE

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

<sup>(1)</sup> Total expenses of issuance and distribution, excluding underwriting discounts and commissions, are estimated to be \$ .

**Book-Entry Only.** It is expected that the Term Preferred Shares will be delivered to the underwriter in book-entry form only, through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company, on or about , 2016.

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**Investment Strategies.** As a non-fundamental policy, under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 80% of its Managed Assets (as defined on page 8 of the accompanying prospectus) in adjustable rate, U.S. dollar-denominated secured and unsecured Senior Loans ( as defined on page 8 of the accompanying prospectus ), which unsecured Senior Loans will be, at the time of investment, investment grade quality.

As a non-fundamental policy, under normal circumstances, the Fund will invest at least 65% of its Managed Assets in Senior Loans that are secured by specific collateral. Such collateral consists of assets and/or stock of the borrower. Senior Loans are made to corporations, partnerships, limited liability companies and other similar types of business entities ( Borrowers ) to finance leveraged buyouts, recapitalizations, mergers, acquisitions, stock repurchases, debt refinancings and, to a lesser extent, for general operating and other purposes. As a non-fundamental policy, under normal market circumstances, no more than 30% of the Fund's Managed Assets may be invested in Senior Loans and other debt securities that are, at the time of investment, rated CCC+ or Caa or below by S&P, Moody's or Fitch. Also as a non-fundamental policy, under normal circumstances, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets in U.S. dollar-denominated Senior Loans of Borrowers that are organized or located in countries outside the United States. Additionally, as a non-fundamental policy, the Fund may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets, in the aggregate, in:

other income producing securities such as investment and non-investment grade corporate debt securities;

high quality, short-term debt securities of corporate or governmental issuers; and

equity securities and warrants acquired in connection with the Fund's investments in Senior Loans.

See The Fund's Investments in the accompanying prospectus.

**Leverage.** Regulatory leverage consists of senior securities as defined under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act ), which include (1) borrowings, including loans from financial institutions ( Borrowings ); (2) issuance of debt securities; and (3) issuance of preferred shares ((1),(2), and (3) are hereinafter collectively referred to as regulatory leverage ). The Fund currently has outstanding VRTP Shares, which will be redeemed with the proceeds of this offering. In addition to regulatory leverage, the Fund may utilize derivatives such as certain credit default swaps, total return swaps and bond futures that have the economic effect of leverage by creating additional investment exposure. See The Fund's Investments. There is no assurance that the Fund's leveraging strategy will be successful. Leverage involves special risks. See Risk Factors Fund Level Risks Leverage Risk in the accompanying prospectus.

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Initial Dividend Rate: % Series Term Preferred Shares

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

Date

Dividend Rate

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|                                                                       |   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| <i>From and including the Date of Original Issue to but excluding</i> | % |
| <i>From and including to but excluding</i>                            | % |
| <i>From and including to but excluding</i>                            | % |
| <i>From and including to but excluding</i>                            | % |
| <i>From and including to but excluding</i>                            | % |
| <i>From and including to but excluding</i>                            | % |
| <i>From and including to but excluding</i>                            | % |

See Description of Term Preferred Shares Dividends and Dividend Periods.

**Dividends.** Dividends on the Term Preferred Shares will be payable monthly. The first dividend period for the Term Preferred Shares will commence on the date of original issuance of Term Preferred Shares and end on , 2016 and each subsequent dividend period will be a calendar month (or the portion thereof occurring prior to the redemption of such Term Preferred Shares). Dividends will be paid on the first business day of the month next following a dividend period and upon redemption of the Term Preferred Shares (each payment date a Dividend Payment Date ). Dividends with respect to any monthly dividend period will be declared and paid to holders of record of Term Preferred Shares as their names shall appear on the registration books of the Fund at the close of business on the day immediately preceding such Dividend Payment Date (or, if such day is not a business day, the next preceding business day).

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**Redemption.** The Fund is required to redeem the Term Preferred Shares on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, unless earlier redeemed or repurchased by the Fund. In addition, Term Preferred Shares are subject to optional redemption by the Fund in certain circumstances. Term Preferred Shares will be subject to redemption at the option of the Fund, subject to payment of a premium through \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, and at their liquidation preference thereafter. See Description of Term Preferred Shares Redemption.

**Priority of Payment.** The Fund has entered into a credit agreement with several conduit lenders and Citibank, N.A. as a lender, liquidity provider and as agent for the lenders (collectively, Citibank ) (the Credit Agreement ), and currently has an outstanding borrowing balance. See Use of Leverage. The rights of lenders, such as Citibank and any other creditors, to receive payments of interest on and repayments of principal of any borrowings are senior to the rights of holders of Term Preferred Shares and the Fund's common shares, with respect to the payment of dividends and other distributions, and upon liquidation. The Fund may not be permitted to redeem Term Preferred Shares unless at such time, the Fund meets certain asset coverage requirements and no event of default or other circumstance exists under the Credit Agreement that would limit or otherwise block payments in redemption. Term Preferred Shares, however, will be senior securities that represent stock of the Fund and are senior, with priority in all respects, to the Fund's common shares as to payments of dividends and as to distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the affairs of the Fund. The Fund may issue additional preferred shares on parity with Term Preferred Shares, subject to certain limitations. The Fund may not issue additional classes of shares that are senior to Term Preferred Shares and other outstanding preferred shares of the Fund as to payments of dividends or as to distribution of assets upon dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the affairs of the Fund. See Description of Term Preferred Shares.

**Redemption and Paying Agent.** The redemption and paying agent for Term Preferred Shares will be State Street Bank and Trust Company, Canton, Massachusetts. State Street has subcontracted the redemption and paying agency servicing of the Fund to Computershare Inc.

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You should read this prospectus supplement, together with the accompanying prospectus, which contains important information about the Fund, before deciding whether to invest in Term Preferred Shares and retain it for future reference. A Statement of Additional Information, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, and as it may be supplemented, containing additional information about the Fund has been filed with the SEC and is incorporated by reference in its entirety into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. You may request a free copy of the Statement of Additional Information, the table of contents of which is on page \_\_\_\_\_ of the accompanying prospectus, annual and semi-annual reports to shareholders, when available, and other information about the Fund, and make shareholder inquiries by calling (800) 257-8787 or by writing to the Fund, or from the Fund's website ([www.nuveen.com](http://www.nuveen.com)). The information contained in, or that can be accessed through, the Fund's website is not part of this prospectus supplement. You also may obtain a copy of the Statement of Additional Information (and other information regarding the Fund) from the SEC's website ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)).

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**Term Preferred Shares do not represent a deposit or obligation of, and are not guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank or other insured depository institution, and are not federally insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board or any other government agency.**



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You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference into this prospectus. The Fund has not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. The Fund is not making an offer of Term Preferred Shares in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume

**that the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the dates on the front of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The Fund's business, financial condition and prospects may have changed since such dates. The Fund will update this prospectus supplement to reflect any material changes to the disclosures herein.**

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**PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY**

*This is only a summary. You should review the more detailed information contained elsewhere in this prospectus supplement, in the accompanying prospectus and in the Statement of Additional Information, dated \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, and as it may be supplemented (the SAI), including the Fund's Statement Establishing and Fixing the Rights and Preferences of Term Preferred Shares (the Statement), attached as Appendix A to the SAI, prior to making an investment in the Fund, especially the information set forth under the heading Risk Factors in the accompanying prospectus.*

**The Fund**

Nuveen Senior Income Fund (the Fund) is a diversified, closed-end management investment company. The Fund's common shares, \$.01 par value (Common Shares), are traded on the New York Stock Exchange (the NYSE) under the symbol NSL. See Description of Outstanding Shares and Debt Common Shares. As of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, the Fund had \_\_\_\_\_ Common Shares outstanding, net assets applicable to Common Shares of \_\_\_\_\_, and 450 Variable Rate Term Preferred Shares, Series C-4, with a liquidation preference of \$100,000 per share (the VRTP Shares) outstanding. Term Preferred Shares, Series \_\_\_\_\_ (Term Preferred Shares), and any other preferred shares of the Fund, including VRTP Shares, that may then be outstanding are collectively referred to as Preferred Shares. The Fund commenced investment operations on October 26, 1999.

**The Offering**

The Fund is offering \_\_\_\_\_ Term Preferred Shares, at a purchase price of \$1,000 per share. Term Preferred Shares are being offered by \_\_\_\_\_, acting as underwriter. See Underwriter. The Fund intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of Term Preferred Shares to redeem the Fund's outstanding VRTP Shares. The first issuance date of the Term Preferred Shares upon the closing of this offering is referred to herein as the Date of Original Issue.

**Priority of Payment**

The Fund has entered into a credit agreement with several conduit lenders and Citibank, N.A. as a lender, liquidity provider and as agent for the lenders (collectively, Citibank) (the Credit Agreement), and currently has an outstanding borrowing balance. See Use of Leverage. The rights of lenders, such as Citibank, and any other creditors to receive payments of interest on and repayments of principal of any borrowings are senior to the rights of holders of Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, and Common Shares (each, a Shareholder), with respect to the payment of dividends and other distributions, and upon liquidation.

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

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

Under the Credit Agreement, the Fund cannot make any redemption or dividend payment on the Term Preferred Shares if immediately after giving effect to such payment the Fund will have less than 263% asset coverage with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness. Furthermore, the Fund must (i) have 300% asset coverage with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness, and (ii) meet certain borrowing base tests as a condition precedent to borrowing under the Credit Agreement. If the Fund fails to have asset coverage of at least 263% as of the close of business on any Business Day on which asset coverage is required to be calculated, the Fund must use available funds to prepay Borrowings (as defined below) on such date, and if it is unable, no later than the close of business on the fifth Business Day (as defined below) following such event, prepay any Borrowings, in each case such that the Fund regains asset coverage with respect to senior securities representing indebtedness of at least 300%.

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

#### **Who May Want to Invest**

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

Consistent monthly dividends;

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

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

A short-term fixed income investment with potentially less price volatility than longer-dated fixed income securities.

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

**Dividend Rate**

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

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

|                                                                | <u>Date</u>      | <u>Dividend Rate</u> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|
| From and including the Date of Original Issue to but excluding |                  | %                    |
| From and including                                             | to but excluding | %                    |
| From and including                                             | to but excluding | %                    |
| From and including                                             | to but excluding | %                    |
| From and including                                             | to but excluding | %                    |
| From and including                                             | to but excluding | %                    |
| From and including                                             | to but excluding | %                    |

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

**Dividend Payments**

The holders of Term Preferred Shares will be entitled to receive cumulative cash dividends and other distributions (i.e., capital gains distributions and distributions that are not treated as dividends for federal income tax purposes in the event that the Fund has insufficient earnings and profits (often referred to as **return of capital** )) on each such share, when, as and if declared by, or under authority granted by, the Board of Trustees of the Fund (the **Board of Trustees** ), out of funds legally available for payment. Dividends on the Term Preferred Shares will be payable monthly. The first dividend period for the Term Preferred Shares will commence on the Date of Original Issue of Term Preferred Shares and end on , 2016 and each subsequent dividend period will be a calendar month (or the portion

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

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

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

#### **Term Redemption**

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

#### **Asset Coverage and Corrective**

##### **Action**

If the Fund fails to have Asset Coverage (as defined under Asset Coverage below) of at least 225% as of the close of business on any Business Day on which such Asset Coverage is required to be calculated and such failure is not cured as of the close of business on the date that is 30 calendar days following such Business Day (the Asset Coverage Cure Date ), the Fund will, to the extent permitted by the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act ) and Massachusetts law and pursuant to the terms and conditions of any credit agreement, loan agreement, credit facility or other

agreement representing borrowings of the Fund that is in effect at such time, by the close of business on the Business Day next following such Asset Coverage Cure Date, determine (i) the Corrective Action (as defined below) to be taken to cause the Fund to regain Asset Coverage; (ii) if applicable, the identity and market value of assets of the Fund to be sold in connection with a Corrective Action; and (iii) the date, which date will not be later than 20 Business Days following such Asset Coverage Cure Date, on which the Fund will regain Asset Coverage. As used herein, Corrective Action means, for the purpose of allowing the Fund to comply with the Asset Coverage requirements, (a) the irrevocable deposit with the Redemption and Paying Agent (as defined below) of certain securities described in the Statement to fund the redemption of Term Preferred Shares; (b) the repayment of indebtedness of the Fund; (c) corrective trades involving Fund assets; or (d) any combination of the actions described in clauses (a) through (c) above. If Term Preferred Shares are to be redeemed in such an event, they will be redeemed out of funds legally available therefore and to the extent permitted by any credit agreement in effect on such date at a redemption price equal to their \$1,000 liquidation preference per share plus accumulated but unpaid dividends thereon (whether or not declared, but excluding interest thereon) to (but excluding) the date fixed for such redemption (the Asset Coverage Redemption Price ). Corrective trades described above may be made at a time when it would be disadvantageous for the Fund to do so.

#### **Optional Redemption**

Term Preferred Shares will be subject to optional redemption (in whole or, from time to time, in part) at the sole option of the Fund out of funds legally available therefor and to the extent permitted by any credit agreement in effect on such date, at the redemption price per share equal to the sum of the \$1,000 liquidation preference per share plus (i) a premium of % of the liquidation preference (with no such premium on or after 1, 2017) and (ii) an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends thereon (whether or not earned or declared but excluding interest thereon) to (but excluding) the date fixed for such redemption. See Description of Term Preferred Shares Redemption Optional Redemption.

#### **Federal and State Income Taxes**

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

#### **Ratings**

The Fund will use commercially reasonable efforts to cause at least one rating agency with respect to the Term Preferred Shares (each a Rating

Agency and collectively the Rating Agencies ) to publish a credit rating with respect to Term Preferred Shares for so long as Term Preferred Shares are outstanding. The Board of Trustees has the right to terminate the designation of any of the Rating Agencies for purposes of the Term Preferred Shares, provided that at least one Rating Agency continues to maintain a rating with respect to the Term Preferred Shares. The Board of Trustees has initially designated each of Moody's Investor Services, Inc. ( Moody's ) and Fitch Ratings, Inc. ( Fitch ) as a Rating Agency. The Fund will bear the costs associated with obtaining any rating on the Term Preferred Shares.

#### Asset Coverage

If the Fund fails to maintain at least 225% Asset Coverage as of the close of business on each Business Day, and such failure is not cured as of the Asset Coverage Cure Date, the Fund shall be required to take Corrective Action as provided above. Asset Coverage for Term Preferred Shares is calculated pursuant to Section 18(h) of the 1940 Act, as in effect on the date of the Statement, and is determined on the basis of values calculated as of a time within 48 hours (only including Business Days) preceding each daily determination ( Asset Coverage ). In maintaining Asset Coverage as described above, the Fund may be required to sell a portion of its investments at a time that it may be disadvantageous for the Fund to do so if, as a result of market fluctuations or otherwise, the Fund fails to have Asset Coverage of at least 200%. See Description of Term Preferred Shares Asset Coverage.

The Fund estimates that on the Date of Original Issue, the Asset Coverage, based on the composition of its portfolio as of , 2016, and after giving effect to (i) the issuance of Term Preferred Shares offered hereby (\$ ), (ii) the redemption of VRTP Shares with an aggregate liquidation preference of \$ , and (iii) \$ of underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering costs for such Term Preferred Shares, will be %.

#### Voting Rights

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



**Liquidation Preference**

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

**Swap**

Prior to the closing date of this offering, the Fund expects to enter into an interest rate swap with that seeks to convert the economic impact of the dividend payable by the Fund on the Term Preferred Shares to a variable rate exposure. Under the swap, the Fund would receive a fixed payment at a rate equal to the applicable dividend rate being paid by the Fund on the Term Preferred Shares and in turn pay a fixed spread to the one-month U.S. dollar London Inter-Bank Offered Rate ( LIBOR ) index. has the right, but not the obligation, to terminate the swap agreement on the first business day of each month beginning on 1, . Settlement of the swap is contingent on the closing of the Term Preferred Shares offering. The swap termination date is not contractually tied to the redemption of the Term Preferred Shares. Terms and conditions of the swap may be modified by the mutual written agreement of the Fund and .

**Investment Adviser**

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

Nuveen Fund Advisors, a registered investment adviser, is a subsidiary of Nuveen Investments. Founded in 1898, Nuveen Investments is an operating division of TIAA Global Asset Management. In total, Nuveen Investments managed approximately \$239.5 billion as of June 30, 2016. Nuveen Investments is the leading sponsor of closed-end funds as measured by the number of funds (83) and the amount of fund assets under management (approximately \$61 billion) as of June 30, 2016.

**Sub-Adviser**

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

**Use of Leverage**

Regulatory leverage consists of senior securities as defined under the 1940 Act, which include (1) borrowings, including loans from financial institutions ( Borrowings ); (2) issuance of debt securities; and (3) issuance of preferred shares ((1),(2), and (3) are hereinafter collectively referred to as regulatory leverage ). The Fund may utilize regulatory leverage to the extent permissible under the 1940 Act. In addition to offering Term Preferred Shares, the Fund currently employs regulatory leverage through borrowing under the Credit Agreement with Citibank and currently has outstanding VRTP Shares. The Fund intends to use the proceeds of this offering to refinance and redeem all of the VRTP Shares. The borrowing capacity under the Credit Agreement is \$116 million. The term of the Credit Agreement ends on January 30, 2017, unless extended. The Fund has the right to augment or replace the Credit Agreement with a new credit agreement in the future, and any such augmented or replacement credit agreement may contain terms that are materially different than the terms contained in the existing Credit Agreement, including terms that limit payments to holders of Term Preferred Shares. As of , 2016, the Fund s outstanding balance on these Borrowings under the Credit Agreement was \$ . For the fiscal [period] ended , 201 , the average daily balance outstanding and the average annual interest rate on these Borrowings were \$ and %, respectively. This credit facility is secured by substantially all of the assets of the Fund.

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

Leverage involves special risks. See Risk Factors Fund Level Risks Leverage Risk in the accompanying Prospectus. There is no assurance that the Fund s leveraging strategy will be successful. See Use of Leverage.

The Fund pays a management fee to Nuveen Fund Advisors (which in turn pays a portion of its fee to the Fund s sub-adviser, Symphony) based on a percentage of Managed Assets. Managed Assets for this purpose includes the proceeds realized and managed from the Fund s use of leverage as set forth in the Fund s investment management agreement. Nuveen Fund Advisors will be responsible for using leverage to pursue the Fund s investment objective, and will base its decision regarding whether and how much leverage to use for the Fund based on its assessment of whether such use of leverage will advance the Fund s investment objective. However, a decision to

increase the Fund's leverage will have the effect, all other things being equal, of increasing Managed Assets and therefore Nuveen Fund Advisors' and Symphony's fees. Thus, Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony may have a conflict of interest in determining whether to increase the Fund's use of leverage. Nuveen Fund Advisors will seek to manage that potential conflict by only increasing the Fund's use of leverage when it determines that such increase is in the best interest of the Fund and is consistent with the Fund's investment objective, and by periodically reviewing the Fund's performance and use of leverage with the Board of Trustees.

**Unlisted Shares**

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

**Redemption and Paying Agent**

The Fund has entered into an amendment to its Transfer Agency and Service Agreement with State Street Bank and Trust Company, Canton, Massachusetts (the "Redemption and Paying Agent") for the purpose of causing the Fund's transfer agent and registrar to serve as transfer agent and registrar, dividend disbursing agent, and redemption and paying agent with respect to Term Preferred Shares. State Street has subcontracted the transfer agency servicing and dividend disbursing and redemption and paying agency servicing of the Fund to Computershare Inc.

**CAPITALIZATION**

**[To be provided.]**

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## USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds of the offering will be approximately \$ \_\_\_\_\_, after payment of the underwriting discounts and commissions and estimated offering costs. The Fund intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of Term Preferred Shares to refinance and redeem all of the Fund's outstanding VRTP Shares, and to maintain the Fund's leveraged capital structure. Any net proceeds from the sale of Term Preferred Shares will be invested in accordance with the Fund's investment objective and policies as soon as practicable after completion of the offering. The Fund currently anticipates that it will be able to invest substantially all of such net proceeds in securities that meet the Fund's investment objectives and policies within approximately two weeks after completion of the offering.

## DESCRIPTION OF TERM PREFERRED SHARES

*The following is a brief description of the terms of Term Preferred Shares. A complete description of the terms of Term Preferred Shares can be found in the Fund's Declaration of Trust and the Statement. These documents are filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as exhibits to the Fund's registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and the Statement also is attached as Appendix A to the SAI. Copies may be obtained as described under Available Information.*

### General

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

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

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

### Dividends and Dividend Periods

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*General.* The following is a general description of dividends and dividend periods. The holders of Term Preferred Shares will be entitled to receive cumulative cash dividends and other distributions on such shares, when, as and if declared by, or under authority granted by, the Board of Trustees, out of funds legally available for payment and in preference to dividends and other distributions on Common Shares of the Fund, calculated separately for each Dividend Period for such Term Preferred Shares at the Dividend Rate for such Term Preferred Shares in effect during such Dividend Period, on an amount equal to the Liquidation Preference for

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such Term Preferred Shares. The Dividend Rate is computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Dividends so declared and payable will be paid to the extent permitted under state law and the Declaration of Trust, and to the extent available, in preference to and priority over any dividend declared and payable on the Common Shares.

*Dividend Rate.* The Dividend Rate for Term Preferred Shares is an initial rate of \_\_\_\_\_%. The Dividend Rate for Term Preferred Shares will be adjusted periodically as set forth below and in accordance with the Statement and/or upon the occurrence of certain events resulting in a Default (as defined below). The Dividend Rate will not in any event be lower than the initial \_\_\_\_\_% Dividend Rate. Additional details concerning dividends can be found in the statement.

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

|                                                                | <u>Date</u> |                  |    |  | <u>Dividend Rate</u> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|----|--|----------------------|
| From and including the Date of Original Issue to but excluding |             |                  | 1, |  | %                    |
| From and including                                             | 1,          | to but excluding | 1, |  | %                    |
| From and including                                             | 1,          | to but excluding | 1, |  | %                    |
| From and including                                             | 1,          | to but excluding | 1, |  | %                    |
| From and including                                             | 1,          | to but excluding | 1, |  | %                    |
| From and including                                             | 1,          | to but excluding | 1, |  | %                    |
| From and including                                             | 1,          | to but excluding | 1, |  | %                    |

*Payment of Dividends and Dividend Periods.* Dividends on the Term Preferred Shares will be payable monthly. The first Dividend Period for the Term Preferred Shares will commence on the Date of Original Issue of Term Preferred Shares and end on \_\_\_\_\_, 2016 and each subsequent Dividend Period will be a calendar month (or the portion thereof occurring prior to the redemption of such Term Preferred Shares). Dividends will be paid on the Dividend Payment Date the first Business Day of the month next following a Dividend Period and upon redemption of the Term Preferred Shares. Dividends with respect to any monthly Dividend Period will be declared and paid to holders of record of Term Preferred Shares as their names shall appear on the registration books of the Fund at the close of business on the day immediately preceding such Dividend Payment Date (or, if such day is not a Business Day, the next preceding Business Day). Dividends payable on Term Preferred Shares for any period of less than a full monthly Dividend Period, including in connection with the first Dividend Period for such shares or upon any redemption of such shares on any redemption date other than on a Dividend Payment Date, will be computed on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months and the actual number of days elapsed for any period of less than one month.

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

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

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sufficient to pay the full amount of any dividend on Term Preferred Shares payable on such Dividend Payment Date (a Dividend Default ) or (ii) applicable

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

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

*Mechanics of Payment of Dividends.* Not later than 12:00 noon, New York City time, on a Dividend Payment Date, the Fund is required to deposit with the Redemption and Paying Agent sufficient funds for the payment of dividends in the form of Deposit Securities. Deposit Securities will generally consist of (i) cash or cash equivalents; (ii) direct obligations of the United States or its agencies or instrumentalities that are entitled to the full faith and credit of the United States ( U.S. Government Obligations ); (iii) investments in money market funds registered under the 1940 Act that qualify under Rule 2a-7 under the 1940 Act and certain similar investment vehicles that invest principally in U.S. Government Obligations; or (iv) any letter of credit from a bank or other financial institution that has a credit rating from at least one NRSRO that is the highest applicable rating generally ascribed by such NRSRO to bank deposits or short-term debt of banks or such other financial institutions, in each case either that is a demand obligation payable to the holder on any Business Day or that has a maturity date, mandatory redemption date or mandatory payment date, preceding the relevant Redemption Date, Dividend Payment Date or other payment date.

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

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

#### **Restrictions on Dividend, Redemption and Other Payments**

No full dividends and other distributions will be declared or paid on Term Preferred Shares for any Dividend Period, or a part of a Dividend Period, unless the full cumulative dividends and other distributions due



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

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

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

Notwithstanding the 1940 Act's requirements, as described below, Term Preferred Shares have an Asset Coverage (as defined for purposes of the Term Preferred Shares) of at least 225% instead of 200%. Under the 1940 Act, the Fund may not (i) declare any dividend with respect to any Preferred Shares if, at the time of such declaration (and after giving effect thereto), asset coverage with respect to any borrowings of the Fund that are senior securities representing indebtedness (as defined in the 1940 Act), would be less than 200% (or such other percentage as may in the future be specified in or under the 1940 Act as the minimum asset coverage for senior securities representing indebtedness of a closed-end investment company as a condition of declaring dividends on its Preferred Shares) or (ii) declare any other distribution on the Preferred Shares or purchase or redeem Preferred Shares if at the time of the declaration or redemption (and after giving effect thereto), asset coverage with respect to such borrowings that are senior securities representing indebtedness would be less than 300% (or such higher percentage as may in the future be specified in or under the 1940 Act as the minimum asset coverage for senior securities representing indebtedness of a closed-end investment company as a condition of declaring

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

### Asset Coverage

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

### Redemption

*Term Redemption.* The Fund is required to redeem (the Term Redemption) all of the Term Preferred Shares on \_\_\_\_\_, 1, \_\_\_\_\_ (the Term Redemption Date), at a redemption price equal to the Liquidation Preference per share plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends thereon (whether or not earned or declared but excluding interest thereon) to (but excluding) the Term Redemption Date (the Term Redemption Price) out of funds legally available therefore and to the extent permitted by any credit agreement in effect on such date.

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

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

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

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

if the *Optional Redemption Date* occurs on or after \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and prior to \_\_\_\_\_ 1, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ % of the Liquidation Preference; or

if the *Optional Redemption Date* occurs on or after \_\_\_\_\_ 1, \_\_\_\_\_, 0.00% of the Liquidation Preference.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Statement or in any Notice of Redemption, if the Fund has not redeemed Term Preferred Shares on the applicable Redemption Date, the holders of the Term Preferred Shares subject to redemption shall continue to be entitled to (a) receive dividends on such Term Preferred Shares accumulated at the Dividend Rate for the period from, and including, such Redemption Date through, but

excluding, the date on which such Term Preferred Shares are actually redeemed and such dividends, to the extent accumulated, but unpaid, during such period (whether or not earned or declared but without interest thereon) will be included in the Redemption Price for such Term Preferred Shares and (b) transfer the Term Preferred Shares prior to the date on which such Term Preferred Shares are actually redeemed, provided that all other rights of holders of such Term Preferred Shares will have terminated upon the date of deposit of Deposit Securities in accordance with the Statement.

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

### **Term Redemption Liquidity Account and Liquidity Requirement**

On or prior to 1, 2 (the Liquidity Account Initial Date), the Fund will identify and designate on its books and records or otherwise in accordance with the Fund's normal procedures (the Term Redemption Liquidity Account) Deposit Securities or any other security or investment owned by the Fund that is assigned a rating by any of Moody's, Fitch or Standard & Poor's Rating Services, a Standard & Poor's Financial Services LLC business (Standard & Poor's or S&P), of not less than B3 by Moody's, B- by Standard & Poor's, B- by Fitch, or an equivalent rating by any other NRSRO (or any such rating's future equivalent) (each a Liquidity Account Investment and collectively the Liquidity Account Investments) with a market value equal to at least 110% of the Term Redemption Amount (as defined below) with respect to such Term Preferred Shares. The Term Redemption Amount for Term Preferred Shares is equal to the Term Redemption Price to be paid on the Term Redemption Date, based on the number of Term Preferred Shares then outstanding and the Dividend Rate that will be in effect for the period of time beginning on the date of the creation of the Term Redemption Liquidity Account for such Term Preferred Shares and ending on the Term Redemption Date for such Term Preferred Shares. If, on any date after the Liquidity Account Initial Date, the aggregate market value of the Liquidity Account Investments included in the Term Redemption Liquidity Account for Term Preferred Shares as of the close of business on any Business Day is less than 110% of the Term Redemption Amount, then the Fund will cause Nuveen Fund Advisors to take all such necessary actions, including identifying and designating additional assets of the Fund as Liquidity Account Investments, so that the aggregate market value of the Liquidity Account Investments included in the Term Redemption Liquidity Account is at least equal to 110% of the Term Redemption Amount not later than the close of business on the next succeeding Business Day. With respect to assets of the Fund identified and designated as Liquidity Account Investments with respect to the Term Preferred Shares, Nuveen Fund Advisors, on behalf of the Fund, will be entitled to release any Liquidity Account Investments from such identification and designation and to substitute therefor other Liquidity Account Investments, so long as (i) the assets of the Fund identified and designated as Liquidity Account Investments at the close of business on such date have a market value equal to at least 110% of the Term Redemption Amount and (ii) the assets of the Fund designated and segregated in accordance with the Custodian's normal procedures, from other assets of the Fund, and identified as Deposit Securities at the close of business on such date have a market value at least equal to the Liquidity Requirement (if any) (as set forth below) that is applicable to such date. The Fund will not permit any lien, security interest or encumbrance to be created or permitted to exist on or in respect of any Liquidity Account Investments included in the Term Redemption Liquidity Account, other than liens, security interests or encumbrances arising by operation of law.

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



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

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

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

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

### Liquidation Rights

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

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

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Neither the sale of all or substantially all of the property or business of the Fund, nor the merger, consolidation or reorganization of the Fund into or with any other business or statutory trust, corporation or other

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entity, nor the merger, consolidation or reorganization of any other business or statutory trust, corporation or other entity into or with the Fund will be a dissolution, liquidation or winding up, whether voluntary or involuntary, for purposes of the provisions relating to liquidation set forth in the Statement.

### **Voting Rights**

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

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

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

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

holders, voting together as a class (to the exclusion of the holders of all other securities and classes of capital stock of the Fund), will be entitled to elect the number of additional trustees prescribed above on a one-vote-per-share basis.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Rating Agencies**

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

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

### Issuance of Additional Preferred Shares

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

### Actions on Other than Business Days

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

### Modification

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

## USE OF LEVERAGE

The amounts and forms of leverage used by the Fund may vary with prevailing market or economic conditions. The timing and terms of any leverage transactions are determined by the Board of Trustees. In addition to the regulatory leverage afforded by the issuance of the Term Preferred Shares, the Fund currently employs additional regulatory leverage through its Credit Agreement with Citibank and its outstanding VRTP Shares. See Use of Leverage in the Prospectus Summary and Description of Outstanding Shares and Debt Preferred Shares Variable Rate Term Preferred Shares ( VRTP Shares) in the accompanying prospectus. The Fund intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of Term Preferred Shares to refinance and redeem all of the Fund's outstanding VRTP Shares, and to maintain the Fund's leveraged capital structure.

The Fund has entered into, and currently has outstanding Borrowings under, a Credit Agreement with Citibank. The borrowing capacity under the Credit Agreement is \$116 million. The term of the Credit Agreement ends on January 30, 2017, unless extended. The Fund has the right to augment or replace the Credit Agreement with a new credit agreement in the future, and any such augmented or replacement credit agreement may contain terms that are materially different than the terms contained in the existing Credit Agreement, including terms that limit payments to holders of Term Preferred Shares. As of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, the Fund's outstanding balance on these Borrowings under the Credit Agreement was \$ \_\_\_\_\_. For the fiscal [period] ended \_\_\_\_\_, 201\_\_\_\_, the average daily balance outstanding and average annual interest rate on these Borrowings were \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_%, respectively. This credit facility is secured by substantially all of the assets of the Fund.

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The amount of outstanding Borrowings may vary with prevailing market or economic conditions. The Fund borrows money at rates generally available to institutional investors.

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Following an offering of additional Common Shares from time to time, the Fund's leverage ratio will decrease as a result of the increase in net assets attributable to Shares. The Fund's leverage ratio may decline further to the extent that the net proceeds of an offering of Common Shares are used to reduce the Fund's regulatory leverage. A lower leverage ratio may result in lower (higher) returns to Shareholders over a period of time to the extent that net returns on the Fund's investment portfolio exceed (fall below) its cost of leverage over that period, which lower (higher) returns may impact the level of the Fund's distributions. See Risk Factors Fund Level Risks Leverage Risk in the accompanying prospectus.

As discussed above, the Fund is offering Term Preferred Shares. The Fund may in the future issue additional types of Preferred Securities.

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

Borrowings and Preferred Shares, such as the Term Preferred Shares, will have seniority over the Common Shares. Leverage involves special risks. There is no assurance that the Fund's leveraging strategy will be successful. The Fund will seek to invest any net cash proceeds from regulatory leverage in a manner consistent with the Fund's objective and policies.

Prior to the closing date of this offering, the Fund expects to enter into an interest rate swap with \_\_\_\_\_ that seeks to convert the economic impact of the dividend payable by the Fund on the Term Preferred Shares to a variable rate exposure. Under the swap, the Fund would receive a fixed payment at a rate equal to the applicable dividend rate being paid by the Fund on the Term Preferred Shares and in turn pay a fixed spread to the one-month U.S. dollar LIBOR index. \_\_\_\_\_ has the right, but not the obligation, to terminate the swap agreement on the first business day of each month beginning on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_. Settlement of the swap is contingent on the closing of the Term Preferred Shares offering. The swap termination date is not contractually tied to the redemption of the Term Preferred Shares. Terms and conditions of the swap may be modified by the mutual written agreement of the Fund and \_\_\_\_\_.

So long as the Fund's portfolio is invested in securities that provide a higher rate of return than the Fund's cost of leverage (after taking expenses into consideration), the leverage will cause you to receive a higher current rate of return than if the Fund were not leveraged.

Changes in the value of the Fund's portfolio, including costs attributable to Borrowings or Preferred Shares, such as the Term Preferred Shares, will be borne entirely by the Common Shareholders. If there is a net decrease (or increase) in the value of the Fund's investment portfolio, the leverage will decrease (or increase) the NAV per Common Share to a greater extent than if the Fund were not leveraged.

Given the current economic and debt market environment with historically low short-term to intermediate-term interest rates, the Fund may use derivatives such as interest rate swaps, with terms that may range from one to seven years, to manage the Fund's effective interest rate exposure.

The Fund pays Nuveen Fund Advisors a management fee (which in turn pays a portion of its fee to the Fund's sub-adviser, Symphony) based on a percentage of Managed Assets. Managed Assets for this purpose includes the proceeds realized from the Fund's use of leverage as set forth in the Fund's investment management



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

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

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

Regulatory leverage consists of senior securities as defined under the 1940 Act, which include (1) borrowings, including loans from financial institutions; (2) issuance of debt securities; and (3) issuance of preferred shares. The Fund may use regulatory leverage to the extent permissible under the 1940 Act.

In addition to the regulatory leverage described above, the Fund may also enter into reverse repurchase agreements and derivatives transactions, such as certain credit default swaps, total return swaps, and bond futures, that have the economic effect of leverage by creating additional investment exposure. See The Fund's Investments Portfolio Composition and Other Information Credit Default Swaps in the Prospectus and Hedging Transactions in the SAI.

For borrowing purposes (*i.e.*, to increase the Fund's leverage), the Fund may enter into reverse repurchase agreements with respect to financial assets which could otherwise be sold by the Fund. A reverse repurchase agreement is an instrument under which the Fund may sell an underlying financial asset and simultaneously obtain the commitment of the purchaser (a commercial bank or a broker or dealer) to sell the asset back to the Fund at an agreed upon price on an agreed upon date. The Fund will set aside with its custodian cash or liquid securities in an amount sufficient to cover its obligations with respect to reverse repurchase agreements. See Segregation of Assets in the SAI. The Fund receives payment for such assets only upon physical delivery or evidence of book entry transfer by its custodian. Reverse repurchase agreements could involve certain risks in the event of default or insolvency of the other party, including possible delays or restrictions upon the Fund's ability to dispose of the underlying assets. Reverse Repurchase Agreements involve additional risks to the Fund. See Risk Factors Security Level Risks Reverse repurchase agreement Risk. The Fund will not hold more than 5% of the value of its Managed Assets in reverse repurchase agreements.

The Fund's leverage strategy may not work as planned or achieve its goals. The Fund may use leverage in an amount permissible under the 1940 Act and related SEC guidance.



So long as the rate of return, net of applicable Fund expenses, on the Fund's portfolio investments exceeds the then current interest rate on Borrowings and the Preferred Shares' dividend rate, the investment of the proceeds of Borrowings and the Preferred Shares will generate more income than will be needed to make interest and dividend payments. If so, the excess will be available to pay higher dividends to Common Shareholders. Given the current economic and debt market environment with historically low short-term to intermediate-term interest rates, the Fund may use derivatives such as interest rate swaps, with terms that may range from one to seven years, to manage the Fund's effective interest rate exposure.

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

Depending on the state of interest rates in general, the Fund's use of interest rate swaps could enhance or harm the overall performance of the Shares. In addition, if the counterparty to an interest rate swap defaults, the Fund would not be able to use the anticipated net receipts under the swap to offset the interest payments on Borrowings or the dividend payments on outstanding Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares. Depending on whether the Fund would be entitled to receive net payments from the counterparty on the swap, which in turn would depend on the general state of short-term interest rates at that point in time, such a default could negatively impact the performance of the Shares. In addition, at the time an interest rate swap transaction reaches its scheduled termination date, there is a risk that the Fund would not be able to obtain a replacement transaction or that the terms of the replacement would not be as favorable as on the expiring transaction. If this occurs, it could have a negative impact on the performance of the Shares. The Fund could be required to prepay the principal amount of any Borrowings. Such redemption or prepayment would likely result in the Fund seeking to terminate early all or a portion of any swap transaction. Early termination of a swap could result in a termination payment by or to the Fund. See *Use of Leverage* and *Risk Factors - Fund Level Risks - Leverage Risk* in the accompanying prospectus. The Fund's leverage strategy may not work as planned or achieve its goals.

The Fund is subject to certain restrictions imposed by either guidelines of one or more rating agencies that may issue ratings for the Preferred Shares, including Term Preferred Shares, commercial paper or notes, or by the Lender in the case of the Credit Agreement. These guidelines currently impose asset coverage or portfolio composition requirements that are more stringent than those imposed on the Fund by the 1940 Act. It is not anticipated that these covenants or guidelines will impede Nuveen Fund Advisors and Symphony from managing the Fund's portfolio in accordance with the Fund's investment objective and policies. In addition to other considerations, to the extent that the Fund believes that the covenants and guidelines required by the rating agencies or lenders would impede its ability to meet its investment objective, or if the Fund is unable to obtain the rating on borrowings or Preferred Shares such as the Term Preferred Shares, the Fund will not incur borrowings or issue Preferred Shares.

The Fund may also borrow money for repurchase of its shares or as a temporary measure for extraordinary or emergency purposes, including the payment of dividends and the settlement of securities transactions which otherwise might require untimely dispositions of Fund securities.

### **Effects of Leverage**

Assuming the utilization of leverage through Term Preferred Shares of approximately % of the Fund's Managed Assets, at a dividend rate of % payable on such Term Preferred Shares, the income generated by

the Fund's portfolio (net of non-leverage expenses) must exceed \_\_\_\_\_% in order to cover such dividend payments and other expenses specifically related to Term Preferred Shares. Of course, these numbers are merely estimates, used for illustration.

The following table is furnished in response to requirements of the SEC. It is designed to illustrate the effect of leverage on Common Share total return, assuming investment portfolio total returns (comprised of income and changes in the value of securities held in the Fund's portfolio) of 10%, 5%, 0%, 5% and 10%. These assumed investment portfolio returns are hypothetical figures and are not necessarily indicative of the investment portfolio returns experienced or expected to be experienced by the Fund. See Risk Factors in the accompanying prospectus. The table further reflects the issuance of Term Preferred Shares representing \_\_\_\_\_% of the Fund's Managed Assets, net of expenses, and the Fund's currently projected initial dividend rate on the Term Preferred Shares of \_\_\_\_\_%.

| Assumed Portfolio Total Return (Net of Expenses) | (10)%  | (5)%   | 0%     | 5%     | 10%    |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Common Share Total Return                        | _____% | _____% | _____% | _____% | _____% |

Common Share Total Return is composed of two elements: the Common Share dividends paid by the Fund (the amount of which is largely determined by the net investment income of the Fund after paying dividends on the Term Preferred Shares) and gains or losses on the value of the securities the Fund owns. As required by SEC rules, the table above assumes that the Fund is more likely to suffer capital losses than to enjoy capital appreciation. For example, to assume a total return of 0% the Fund must assume that the interest it receives on its portfolio investments is entirely offset by losses in the value of those investments.

**UNDERWRITER**

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

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

The Underwriter initially proposes to offer part of the Term Preferred Shares directly to the public at the public offering price listed on the cover page of this Prospectus Supplement and part to certain dealers at a price that represents a concession not in excess of \$ per Term Preferred Share under the public offering price. The underwriting discounts and commissions of \$ per Term Preferred Share are equal to % of the public offering price. Investors must pay for any Term Preferred Shares purchased on or before , 2016.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The principal business address of the Underwriter is .

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### LEGAL OPINIONS

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

### INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

[The unaudited financial statements of the Fund appearing in the Fund's Semi-Annual Report for the fiscal period ended January 31, 2016, the audited financial statements of the Fund appearing in the Fund's Annual Report for the year ended July 31, 2015 and each of the ten prior years then ended are incorporated by reference into the Statement of Additional Information. The audited financial statements have been audited by \_\_\_\_\_, an independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their report thereon and incorporated herein by reference. Such audited financial statements are incorporated by reference in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing. \_\_\_\_\_ has not reviewed or examined any records, transactions or events after the date of such Annual Report. The principal business address of \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_.]

### MISCELLANEOUS

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

### AVAILABLE INFORMATION

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

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

Additional information about the Fund and Term Preferred Shares can be found in the Fund's Registration Statement (including amendments, exhibits, and schedules) on Form N-2 filed with the SEC. The SEC maintains a web site (<http://www.sec.gov>) that contains the Fund's Registration Statement, other documents incorporated by reference, and other information the Fund has filed electronically with the SEC, including proxy statements and reports filed under the Exchange Act. Additional information may be found on the Internet at \_\_\_\_\_



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<http://www.nuveen.com>. The information contained in, or that can be accessed through, the Fund's website is not part of this prospectus.

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Term Preferred Shares, Series

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## USE OF PROCEEDS

The net proceeds from the issuance of Term Preferred Shares hereunder will be used by the Fund to (i) redeem the Fund's Preferred Shares outstanding from time to time, including all of the Fund's outstanding Variable Rate Term Preferred Shares ( VRTP Shares ), and (ii) maintain or increase the Fund's leverage by investing in securities in accordance with the Fund's investment objective and policies as stated below. To the extent the Fund uses the net proceeds of any offering to invest in securities, it is presently anticipated that the Fund will be able to invest substantially all of such proceeds in securities that meet the Fund's investment objective and policies within one month from the date on which the proceeds from an offering are received by the Fund. Pending investment in Senior Loans and other debt instruments that meet the Fund's investment objective and policies, it is anticipated that the proceeds will be invested in short-term or long-term securities issued by the U.S. Government and its agencies or instrumentalities or in high quality, short-term money market instruments.

## INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve a high level of current income, consistent with preservation of capital.

Nuveen Fund Advisors, LLC ( Nuveen Fund Advisors or the Adviser ), the Fund's investment adviser, is responsible for the Fund's overall investment strategy and its implementation, including the use of leverage and hedging. Symphony Asset Management LLC ( Symphony or the Sub-adviser ), the Fund's subadviser, is responsible for the day-to-day management of the Fund's Managed Assets. See Overall Fund Management.

The Fund seeks to achieve its objective primarily by investing in senior secured and unsecured loans whose interest rates adjust periodically based on a benchmark index such as the Prime Rate or LIBOR (of any tenor, but typically between one month and six months, and currency). Although the Fund's net asset value will vary, the Fund's policy of acquiring interests in floating or variable rate, U.S. dollar-denominated senior loans ( Senior Loans ) is expected to minimize the fluctuations in the Fund's net asset value as a result of changes in interest rates. The Fund's net asset value may be affected by changes in the credit quality of borrowers with respect to Senior Loan interests in which the Fund invests. Fluctuations in net asset value may be magnified as a result of the Fund's use of leverage. In addition, the Fund's use of leverage may affect the Fund's ability to make distributions. The Common Shares may trade at a discount or premium to net asset value. An investment in the Fund may not be appropriate for all investors and is not intended to be a complete investment program. No assurance can be given that the Fund will achieve its investment objective. For further discussion of the characteristics of Senior Loan interests and associated special risk considerations, see The Fund's Investments in the Prospectus.

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

## INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS

The Fund's investment objective and certain fundamental investment policies of the Fund are described in the Prospectus. The Fund, as a fundamental policy, may not, without the approval of the holders of a majority of the shares of the Fund:

1. Purchase any security if, as a result of such purchase, 25% or more of the Fund's total assets (taken at current value) would be invested in the securities of borrowers and other issuers having their principal

business activities in the same industry (the electric, gas, water and telephone utility industries, commercial banks, thrift institutions and finance companies being treated as separate industries for purposes of this restriction); provided, that this limitation shall not apply with respect to obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Government or by its agencies or instrumentalities and provided further that for purposes of this limitation, the term issuer shall not include a lender selling a participation to the Fund together with any other person interpositioned between such lender and the Fund with respect to a participation.

2. Borrow money, except as permitted by the 1940 Act.<sup>1,2</sup>

3. Issue senior securities, as defined in the 1940 Act, other than (i) preferred shares which immediately after issuance will have asset coverage of at least 200%, (ii) indebtedness which immediately after issuance will have asset coverage of at least 300%, or (iii) the borrowings permitted by investment restriction 2, above.<sup>2</sup>

4. Make loans of money or property to any person, except for obtaining interests in Senior Loans in accordance with its investment objective, through loans of portfolio securities or the acquisition of securities subject to repurchase agreements.<sup>3</sup>

5. Act as an underwriter of securities, except to the extent the Fund may be deemed to be an underwriter in certain cases when disposing of its portfolio investments or acting as an agent or one of a group of co-agents in originating senior loans.

6. Purchase or sell real estate, commodities or commodities contracts except pursuant to the exercise by the Fund of its rights under loan agreements, except to the extent the interests in senior loans the Fund may invest in are considered to be interests in real estate, commodities or commodities contracts and except to the extent that hedging instruments the Fund may invest in are considered to be commodities or commodities contracts.

For the purpose of applying the limitation set forth in paragraph 2 above, under the 1940 Act, the Fund generally is not permitted to issue commercial paper or notes or borrow unless immediately after the borrowing or commercial paper or note issuance the value of the Fund's total assets less liabilities other than the principal amount represented by the commercial paper, notes or borrowings, is at least 300% of such principal amount.

The Fund does not currently have or have pending any exemptive relief with the SEC that would allow it to borrow outside of the limits of the 1940 Act.

For the purpose of applying the limitation set forth in paragraph 3 above, the Fund may not issue senior securities not permitted by the 1940 Act simply by describing such securities in the Prospectus.

<sup>1</sup> Section 18(a) of the 1940 Act generally prohibits a registered closed-end fund from incurring borrowings if, immediately thereafter, the aggregate amount of its borrowings exceeds  $33\frac{1}{3}\%$  of its total assets. The Fund has not applied for, and currently does not intend to apply for, any exemptive relief that would allow it to borrow outside of the limits of the 1940 Act.

<sup>2</sup> Section 18(c) of the 1940 Act generally limits a registered closed-end investment company to issuing one class of senior securities representing indebtedness and one class of senior securities representing stock, except that the class of indebtedness or stock may be issued in one or more series, and promissory notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in consideration of any loan, extension, or renewal thereof, made by a bank or other person and privately arranged, and not intended to be publicly distributed, are not deemed a separate class of senior securities.

<sup>3</sup> Section 21 of the 1940 Act makes it unlawful for a registered investment company, like the Fund, to lend money or other property if (i) the investment company's policies set forth in its registration statement do not permit such a loan or (ii) the borrower controls or is under common control with the investment company. The Fund has not applied for, and currently does not intend to apply for, any exemptive relief that would allow it to make loans outside of the limits of the 1940 Act.

In addition to the foregoing fundamental investment policies, the Fund is also subject to the following non-fundamental restrictions and policies, which may be changed by the Board of Trustees. The Fund may not:

1. Purchase any securities (other than obligations issued or guaranteed by the United States Government or by its agencies or instrumentalities), if as a result more than 10% of the Fund's total assets would then be invested in securities of a single issuer or if as a result the Fund would hold more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of any single issuer; provided that, with respect to 50% of the Fund's assets, the Fund may invest up to 25% of its assets in the securities of any one issuer. For purposes of this restriction, the term issuer includes both the borrower under a loan agreement and the lender selling a participation to the Fund together with any other persons interpositioned between such lender and the Fund with respect to a participation.
2. Sell any security short, write, purchase or sell puts, calls or combinations thereof, or purchase or sell financial futures or options, except to the extent that the hedging transactions in which the Fund may engage would be deemed to be any of the foregoing transactions.
3. Invest in securities of other investment companies, except that the Fund may purchase securities of other investment companies to the extent permitted by (i) the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time, (ii) the rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC under the 1940 Act, as amended from time to time, or (iii) an exemption or other relief from the provisions of the 1940 Act. The Fund will rely on representations of borrowers in loan agreements in determining whether such borrowers are investment companies.
4. Make investments for the purpose of exercising control or participation in management, except to the extent that exercise by the Fund of its rights under loan agreements would be deemed to constitute such control or participation.

For purposes of non-fundamental investment restriction number 1, the Fund will consider all relevant factors in determining whether to treat the Lender selling a Participation and any persons interpositioned between such Lender and the Fund as an issuer, including: the terms of the Loan Agreement and other relevant agreements (including inter-creditor agreements and any agreements between such person and the Fund's custodian); the credit quality of such Lender or interpositioned person; general economic conditions applicable to such Lender or interpositioned person; and other factors relating to the degree of credit risk, if any, of such Lender or interpositioned person incurred by the Fund.

The Fund's policy under normal circumstances of investing at least 80% of its Managed Assets in adjustable rate, U.S. dollar-denominated, secured and unsecured Senior Loans, which unsecured Senior Loans will be, at the time of investment, investment grade quality, is not considered to be fundamental by the Fund and can be changed without a vote of the Common Shareholders. However, this policy may only be changed by the Fund's Board upon 60 days prior written notice to the Common Shareholders.

The Fund generally will not engage in the trading of securities for the purpose of realizing short-term profits, but it will adjust its portfolio as it deems advisable in view of prevailing or anticipated market conditions to accomplish the Fund's investment objective. For example, the Fund may sell portfolio securities in anticipation of a movement in interest rates. Frequency of portfolio turnover will not be a limiting factor if the Fund considers it advantageous to purchase or sell securities. The Fund anticipates that the annual portfolio turnover rate of the Fund will not be in excess of 100%. A high rate of portfolio turnover involves correspondingly greater expenses than a lower rate, which expenses must be borne by the Fund and its shareholders.

The foregoing restrictions and limitations will apply only at the time of purchase of securities, and the percentage limitations will not be considered violated unless an excess or deficiency occurs or exists immediately after and as a result of an acquisition of securities, unless otherwise indicated.

The foregoing fundamental investment policies, together with the investment objective of the Fund, cannot be changed without approval by holders of a majority of the Fund's outstanding voting shares. As defined in the 1940 Act, this means the vote of (i) 67% or more of the Fund's shares present at a meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the Fund's shares are present or represented by proxy, or (ii) more than 50% of the Fund's shares, whichever is less.

The Fund is an entity commonly known as a Massachusetts business trust. Under Massachusetts law, shareholders of a trust may, under certain circumstances, be held personally liable as partners for its obligations. However, the Declaration contains an express disclaimer of shareholder liability for acts or obligations of the Fund and requires that notice of this disclaimer be given in each agreement, obligation or instrument entered into or executed by the Fund or the trustees. The Declaration further provides for indemnification out of the assets and property of the Fund for all loss and expense of any shareholder personally liable for the obligations of the Fund. Thus, the risk of a shareholder incurring financial loss on account of shareholder liability is limited to circumstances in which both inadequate insurance existed and the Fund itself were unable to meet its obligations. The Fund believes the likelihood of these circumstances is remote.

The Fund may be subject to certain restrictions imposed by either guidelines of one or more nationally recognized statistical rating organizations (NRSROs) that may issue ratings for preferred shares, commercial paper or notes, or, if the Fund borrows from a lender, by the lender. These guidelines may impose asset coverage or portfolio composition requirements that are more stringent than those imposed on the Fund by the 1940 Act. It is not anticipated that these covenants or guidelines will impede Nuveen Fund Advisors from managing the Fund's portfolio in accordance with the Fund's investment objective and policies. In addition to other considerations, to the extent that the Fund believes that the covenants and guidelines required by the NRSROs or lenders would impede its ability to meet its investment objective, the Fund will not issue Term Preferred Shares.

### INVESTMENT POLICIES AND TECHNIQUES

The following information supplements the discussion of the Fund's investment objective, policies, and techniques that are described in the Fund's Prospectus.

The Fund's investment objective is to achieve a high level of current income, consistent with preservation of capital. There can be no assurance that the Fund's investment objective will be achieved. See "Investment Objective and Policies" in the Prospectus Summary for further information about the Fund's Investment policies and objective.

The Fund may invest in certain derivative instruments. Such instruments may include total return swaps whose prices, in Symphony's opinion, correlate with the prices of the senior loan instruments in which the Fund primarily invests. Total return swaps are contracts in which one party agrees to make payments of the total return from the underlying asset(s), which may include indices, securities or baskets of securities during the specified period, in return for payments equal to a fixed or floating rate of interest or the total return from other underlying asset(s). For purposes of the investment policy requiring the Fund to invest at least 80% of its Managed Assets in Senior Loans, the Fund will treat the lesser of (a) the notional amount of a total return swap, which represents the Fund's investment exposure with respect to the swap, or (b) the amount of cash and cash equivalents on the Fund's books, which when associated with an equal notional exposure amount of a senior loan-based total return swap can be thought of as "materializing" that swap, as being a senior loan.

The Fund's policy under normal circumstances of investing at least 80% of its Managed Assets in adjustable rate, U.S. dollar-denominated, secured and unsecured Senior Loans, which unsecured Senior Loans will be, at the time of investment, investment grade quality, is not considered to be fundamental by the Fund and can be changed without a vote of the Common Shareholders. However, this policy may only be changed by the Fund's Board upon 60 days prior written notice to Common Shareholders.



### OVERALL FUND MANAGEMENT

Nuveen Fund Advisors is responsible for the Fund's overall investment strategy and its implementation, including the use of leverage and hedging. Symphony is responsible for the day-to-day investment operations of the Fund.

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

Nuveen Fund Advisors will also oversee the Fund's use of leverage, and efforts to minimize the costs and mitigate the risks to Common Shareholders associated with using leverage. See "Use of Leverage" in the Fund's Prospectus and "Hedging Transactions" in this Statement of Additional Information. This effort may involve making adjustments to investment policies in an attempt to minimize costs and mitigate risks.

### SYMPHONY INVESTMENT PHILOSOPHY AND PROCESS

*Investment Philosophy.* Symphony believes that managing risk, particularly for volatile assets such as Senior Loans and other forms of high yield debt, is of paramount importance. Symphony believes that a combination of fundamental credit analysis and valuation information that is available from the equity markets provide a means of identifying what it believes to be superior investment candidates. Additionally, Symphony focuses primarily on liquid securities to help ensure that exit strategies remain available under different market conditions.

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

The Fund's portfolio will be composed principally of the investments described below.

#### Senior Loans

Senior Loans, like most other debt obligations, are subject to the risk of default. Default in the payment of interest or principal on a Senior Loan results in a reduction in income to the Fund, a reduction in the value of the Senior Loan and a decrease in the Fund's net asset value. This decrease in the Fund's net asset value would be magnified by the Fund's use of leverage. The risk of default increases in the event of an economic downturn or a substantial increase in interest rates. An increased risk of default could result in a decline in the value of Senior Loans and in the Fund's net asset value.

Many Senior Loans in which the Fund may invest may not be rated by an NRSRO, generally will not be registered with the SEC and generally will not be listed on a securities exchange. In addition, the amount of public information available with respect to Senior Loans generally may be less extensive than that available for registered and exchange-listed securities. Economic and other events (whether real or perceived) can reduce the demand for certain Senior Loans or Senior Loans generally, which may reduce market prices and cause the Fund's net asset value per share to fall. The frequency and magnitude of such changes cannot be predicted. Senior Loans may not be rated at the time that the Fund purchases them. If a Senior Loan is rated at the time of purchase, Symphony may consider the rating when evaluating the Senior Loan but may not view ratings as a determinative factor in investment decisions. As a result, the Fund is more dependent on Symphony's credit

analysis abilities. Because of the protective terms of most Senior Loans, it is possible that the Fund is more likely to recover more of its investment in a defaulted Senior Loan than would be the case for most other types of defaulted debt securities.

In the case of collateralized Senior Loans, there is no assurance that sale of the collateral would raise enough cash to satisfy the Borrower's payment obligation or that the collateral can or will be liquidated. In the event of bankruptcy, liquidation may not occur and the court may not give lenders the full benefit of their senior positions. If the terms of a Senior Loan do not require the Borrower to pledge additional collateral in the event of a decline in the value of the original collateral, the Fund will be exposed to the risk that the value of the collateral will not at all times equal or exceed the amount of the Borrower's obligations under the Senior Loan. To the extent that a Senior Loan is collateralized by stock in the Borrower or its subsidiaries, such stock may lose all of its value in the event of bankruptcy of the Borrower. Uncollateralized Senior Loans involve a greater risk of loss. Some Senior Loans in which the Fund may invest are subject to the risk that a court, pursuant to fraudulent conveyance or other similar laws, could subordinate such Senior Loans to presently existing or future indebtedness of the Borrower or take other action detrimental to the holders of Senior Loans, such as the Fund, including, under certain circumstances, invalidating such Senior Loans. Lenders commonly have certain obligations pursuant to the loan agreement, which may include the obligation to make additional loans or release collateral in certain circumstances.

The amount of public information with respect to Senior Loans generally may be less extensive than that available for more widely rated, registered and exchange-listed securities. Economic and other events (whether real or perceived) can reduce the demand for certain Senior Loans or Senior Loans generally, which may reduce market prices and cause the Fund's net asset value per share to fall. The frequency and magnitude of such changes cannot be predicted. In addition, there is no minimum rating or other independent evaluation of a Borrower or its securities limiting the Fund's investments, other than the requirement that unsecured Senior Loans be of investment grade quality at the time of investment. Symphony may rely exclusively or primarily on its own evaluation of Borrower credit quality in selecting Senior Loans for purchase. As a result, the Fund is particularly dependent on the analytical abilities of Symphony.

No active trading market currently exists for some of the Senior Loans in which the Fund may invest and, thus, those loans may be illiquid. Liquidity relates to the ability of the Fund to sell an investment in a timely manner at a price approximately equal to its value on the Fund's books. The illiquidity of some Senior Loans may impair the Fund's ability to realize the full value of its assets in the event of a voluntary or involuntary liquidation of such assets. Because of the lack of an active trading market, illiquid securities are also difficult to value and prices provided by external pricing services may not reflect the true fair value of the securities. The risks of illiquidity are particularly important when the Fund's operations require cash, and may in certain circumstances require that the Fund sell other investments or borrow to meet short-term cash requirements. To the extent that a secondary market does exist for certain Senior Loans, the market may be subject to irregular trading activity, wide bid/ask spreads and extended trade settlement periods. The market for Senior Loans could be disrupted in the event of an economic downturn or a substantial increase or decrease in interest rates. This could result in increased volatility in the market and in the Fund's net asset value and market price per share.

If legislation or state or federal regulators impose additional requirements or restrictions on the ability of financial institutions to make loans that are considered highly leveraged transactions, the availability of Senior Loans for investment by the Fund may be adversely affected. In addition, such requirements or restrictions could reduce or eliminate sources of financing for certain Borrowers. This would increase the risk of default. If legislation or federal or state regulators require financial institutions to dispose of Senior Loans that are considered highly leveraged transactions or subject such Senior Loans to increased regulatory scrutiny, financial institutions may determine to sell such Senior Loans. Such sales could result in prices that, in the opinion of Symphony, do not represent fair value. If the Fund attempts to sell a Senior Loan at a time when a financial institution is engaging in such a sale, the price the Fund could get for the Senior Loan may be adversely affected.

Any lender, which could include the Fund, is subject to the risk that a court could find the lender liable for damages in a claim by a Borrower arising under the common laws of tort or contracts or anti-fraud provisions of certain securities laws for actions taken or omitted to be taken by the lenders under the relevant terms of a loan agreement or in connection with actions with respect to the collateral underlying the Senior Loan.

The Fund may purchase participations in Senior Loans. By purchasing a participation interest in a loan, the Fund acquires some or all of the interest of a bank or other financial institution in a loan to a Borrower. Under a participation, the Fund generally will have rights that are more limited than the rights of lenders or of persons who acquire a Senior Loan by assignment. In a participation, the Fund typically has a contractual relationship with the lender selling the participation, but not with the Borrower. As a result, the Fund assumes the credit risk of the lender selling the participation in addition to the credit risk of the Borrower. In the event of insolvency of the lender selling the participation, the Fund may be treated as a general creditor of the lender and may not have a senior claim to the lender's interest in the Senior Loan. A lender selling a participation and other persons interpositioned between the lender and the Fund with respect to participations will likely conduct their principal business activities in the banking, finance and financial services industries.

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

### **Non-Senior Loan Investments**

The Fund may invest in debt instruments and other securities as described below:

*Corporate Bonds.* Corporate bonds generally are used by corporations to borrow money from investors. The issuer pays the investor a fixed or variable rate of interest and normally must repay the amount borrowed on or before maturity. Certain bonds are perpetual in that they have no maturity date. The Fund may invest in bonds and other debt securities of any quality.

*Structured Notes.* The Fund may use structured notes, which are privately negotiated debt obligations or economically equivalent instruments where the principal and/or interest is determined by reference to the performance of a benchmark asset, market or interest rate (an embedded index), such as selected securities or loans, an index of securities or loans, or specified interest rates, or the differential performance of two assets or markets. Structured notes may be issued by corporations, including banks, as well as by governmental agencies. Structured notes frequently are assembled in the form of medium-term notes, but a variety of forms are available and may be used in particular circumstances. The terms of such structured notes normally provide that their principal and/or interest payments are to be adjusted upwards or index while the structured notes are outstanding. As a result, the interest and/or principal payments that may be made on a structured product may vary widely, depending on a variety of factors, including the volatility of the embedded index and the effect of changes in the embedded index on principal and/or interest payments. If the Fund invests in structured notes that are designed to provide returns and risks that emulate those of senior loans, the Fund may treat the value of (or, if applicable, the notional amount of) such investment as an investment in Senior Loans for purposes of determining compliance with the requirement set forth above that at least 80% of the Fund's Managed Assets be invested under normal market circumstances in Senior Loans, except to the extent that the value (or notional amount) of such investments exceeds 5% of the Fund's Managed Assets. Any such investment amounts that exceed 5% of Managed Assets will be treated as a type of other debt instruments which, in the aggregate, are limited to 20% of Managed Assets. The rate of return on structured notes may be determined by applying a multiplier to the performance or differential performance of the referenced index(es) or other asset(s). Application of the multiplier involves leverage that will serve to magnify the potential for gain and the risk of loss.

Symphony may utilize structured notes for investment purposes and also for risk management purposes, such as to reduce the duration and interest rate sensitivity of the Fund's portfolio. While structured notes may offer the potential for a favorable rate of return from time to time, they also entail certain risks. Structured notes may be less liquid than other debt securities, and the price of structured notes may be more volatile. In some cases, depending on the terms of the embedded index, a structured note may provide that the principal and/or interest payments may be adjusted below zero. Structured notes also may involve significant credit risk and risk of default by the counterparty. Although structured notes are not necessarily illiquid, NFALLC believes that currently most structured notes are illiquid. Like other sophisticated strategies, the Fund's use of structured notes may not work as intended. If the value of the embedded index changes in a manner other than that expected by Symphony, principal and/or interest payments received on the structured notes may be substantially less than expected. Also, if Symphony uses structured notes to reduce the duration of the Fund's portfolio, this may limit the Fund's return when having a longer duration of the Fund's portfolio, this may limit the Fund's return when having a longer duration would be beneficial (for instance, when interest rates decline).

*Below Investment Grade Securities.* Investments in below investment grade securities, commonly referred to as junk bonds or high yield debt, generally provide greater income and increased opportunity for capital appreciation than investments in higher quality securities, but they also typically entail greater price volatility and principal and income risk, including the possibility of issuer default and bankruptcy. Issuers of below investment grade securities may be highly leveraged and may not have available to them more traditional methods of financing. Securities in the lowest investment grade category also may be considered to possess some speculative characteristics by certain rating agencies. In addition, analysis of the creditworthiness of issuers of below investment grade securities may be more complex than for issuers of higher quality securities.

Below investment grade securities may be more susceptible to real or perceived adverse economic and competitive industry conditions than investment grade securities. A projection of an economic downturn or of a period of rising interest rates, for example, could cause a decline in lower-grade security prices because the advent of a recession could lessen the ability of an issuer to make principal and interest payments on its debt obligations. If an issuer of below investment grade securities defaults, in addition to risking payment of all or a portion of interest and principal, the Fund may incur additional expenses to seek recovery. In the case of below investment grade securities structured as zero coupon or payment-in-kind securities, their market prices will normally be affected to a greater extent by interest rate changes, and therefore tend to be more volatile than securities which pay interest currently and in cash. Symphony seeks to reduce these risks through diversification, credit analysis and attention to current developments and trends in both the economy and financial markets.

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

Adverse publicity and investor perceptions, whether or not based on fundamental analysis, may decrease the values and liquidity of below investment grade securities, especially in a thinly traded market. When secondary markets for below investment grade securities are less liquid than the market for investment grade securities, it may be more difficult to value the securities because such valuation may require more research, and elements of judgment may play a greater role in the valuation because there is less reliable, objective data available. During periods of thin trading in these markets, the spread between bid and asked prices is likely to increase significantly.

and the Fund may have greater difficulty selling its portfolio securities. The Fund will be more dependent on Symphony research and analysis when investing in below investment grade securities. Symphony seeks to minimize the risks of investing in all securities through in-depth credit analysis and attention to current developments in interest rates and market conditions.

A general description of the ratings of securities by Moody's, S&P and Fitch is set forth in Appendix B to this Statement of Additional Information. The ratings of Moody's, S&P and Fitch represent their opinions as to the quality of the securities they rate. It should be emphasized, however, that ratings are general and are not absolute standards of quality. Consequently, in the case of debt obligations, certain debt obligations with the same maturity, coupon and rating may have different yields while debt obligations with the same maturity and coupon with different ratings may have the same yield. For these reasons, the use of credit ratings as the sole method of evaluating lower-grade securities can involve certain risks. For example, credit ratings evaluate the safety of principal and interest payments, not the market value risk of lower-grade securities. Also, credit rating agencies may fail to change credit ratings in a timely fashion to reflect events since the security was last rated. The Subadviser does not rely solely on credit ratings when selecting securities for the Fund, and develops its own independent analysis of issuer credit quality.

The Fund's credit quality policies apply only at the time a security is purchased, and the Fund is not required to dispose of a security in the event that a rating agency or Symphony downgrades its assessment of the credit characteristics of a particular issue. In determining whether to retain or sell such a security, Symphony may consider such factors as its assessment of the credit quality of the issuer of such security, the price at which such security could be sold and the rating, if any, assigned to such security by other rating agencies. However, analysis of the creditworthiness of issuers of below investment grade securities may be more complex than for issuers of higher quality debt securities.

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

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

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

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

## **OTHER INVESTMENT POLICIES AND TECHNIQUES**

### **Repurchase Agreements**

As temporary investments, the Fund may invest in repurchase agreements. A repurchase agreement is a contractual agreement whereby the seller of securities agrees to repurchase the same security at a specified price on a future date agreed upon by the parties. The agreed-upon repurchase price determines the yield during the Fund's holding period. Repurchase agreements are considered to be loans collateralized by the underlying security that is the subject of the repurchase contract. The Fund will only enter into repurchase agreements with registered securities dealers or domestic banks that, in the opinion of Symphony, present minimal credit risk. The risk to the Fund is limited to the ability of the issuer to pay the agreed-upon repurchase price on the delivery date; however, although the value of the underlying collateral at the time the transaction is entered into always equals or exceeds the agreed-upon repurchase price, if the value of the collateral declines there is a risk of loss of both principal and interest. In the event of default, the collateral may be sold but the Fund might incur a loss if the value of the collateral declines, and might incur disposition costs or experience delays in connection with liquidating the collateral. In addition, if bankruptcy proceedings are commenced with respect to the seller of the security, realization upon the collateral by the Fund may be delayed or limited. Symphony will monitor the value of the collateral at the time the transaction is entered into and at all times subsequent during the term of the repurchase agreement in an effort to determine that such value always equals or exceeds the agreed-upon repurchase price. In the event the value of the collateral declines below the repurchase price, Symphony will demand additional collateral from the issuer to increase Symphony of the collateral to at least that of the repurchase price, including interest.

### **Securities Issued by Non-U.S. Issuers**

The Fund may invest up to 20% of its Managed Assets in U.S. dollar denominated Senior Loans of Borrowers that are organized or located in countries outside the United States, including Borrowers organized or located in emerging markets countries. See *Risk Factors Issuer Level Risks Emerging Markets Risk* in the Prospectus. Although the Senior Loans will require payment of interest and principal in U.S. dollars, these Borrowers may have significant non-U.S. dollar revenues. Investment in foreign Borrowers involves special risks and investors should understand and consider carefully the risks involved in investing in securities of non-U.S. issuers.

Investing in securities of non-U.S. issuers involves certain considerations comprising both risks and opportunities not typically associated with investing in securities of U.S. issuers. These considerations include: (i) less publicly available information about non-U.S. issuers or markets due to less rigorous disclosure or accounting standards or regulatory practices; (ii) many non-U.S. markets are smaller, less liquid and more volatile, meaning that, in a changing market, Symphony may not be able to sell the Fund's portfolio securities at times, in amounts or at prices it considers reasonable; (iii) potential adverse effects of fluctuations in currency exchange rates or controls on the value of the Fund's investments; (iv) the economies of non-U.S. countries may grow at slower rates than expected or may experience a downturn or recession; (v) the impact of economic, political, social or diplomatic developments may adversely affect the securities markets; (vi) withholding and

other non-U.S. taxes may decrease the Fund's return; (vii) certain non-U.S. countries may impose restrictions on the ability of non-U.S. issuers to make payments of principal and/or interest to investors located outside the U.S. due to blockage of foreign currency exchanges or otherwise; and (viii) possible seizure, expropriation or nationalization of the company or its assets. These risks are more pronounced to the extent that the Fund invests a significant amount of its investments in issuers located in one region and to the extent that the Fund invests in securities of issuers in emerging markets.

Although the Fund may hedge its exposure to certain of these risks, including the foreign currency exchange rate risk, there can be no assurance that the Fund will enter into hedging transactions at any time or at times or under circumstances in which it might be advisable to do so.

#### **Zero Coupon and Payment-In-Kind Securities**

The Fund's investments in debt securities may be in the form of a zero coupon bond. Zero coupon bonds are debt obligations that do not entitle the holder to any periodic payments of interest for the entire life of the obligation. When held to its maturity, its return comes from the difference between the purchase price and its maturity value. Payment-in-kind securities (PIKs) pay dividends or interest in the form of additional securities of the issuer, rather than in cash. Each of these instruments is typically issued and traded at a deep discount from its face amount. The amount of the discount varies depending on such factors as the time remaining until maturity of the securities, prevailing interest rates, the liquidity of the security and the perceived credit quality of the issuer. The market prices of zero coupon bonds and PIKs generally are more volatile than the market prices of debt instruments that pay interest currently and in cash and are likely to respond to changes in interest rates to a greater degree than do other types of securities having similar maturities and credit quality. In order to qualify for treatment as a regulated investment company under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), the Fund must generally distribute for each year at least 90% of its net investment income, including the original issue discount accrued on zero coupon bonds and PIKs. Because the Fund will not on a current basis receive cash payments from the issuer of these securities in respect of any accrued original issue discount, in some years the Fund may have to distribute cash obtained from selling portfolio holdings of the Fund in order to avoid unfavorable tax consequences. In some circumstances, such sales might be necessary in order to satisfy cash distribution requirements even though investment considerations might otherwise make it undesirable for the Fund to sell securities at such time. Under many market conditions, investments in zero coupon bonds and PIKs may be illiquid, making it difficult for the Fund to dispose of them or determine their current value.

#### **When-Issued and Delayed Delivery Transactions**

The Fund may buy and sell securities on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis, making payment or taking delivery at a later date, normally within 15-45 days of the trade date. On such transactions the payment obligation and the interest rate are fixed at the time the buyer enters into the commitment. Beginning on the date the Fund enters into a commitment to purchase securities on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis, the Fund is required under rules of the Commission to maintain in a separate account liquid assets, consisting of cash, cash equivalents or liquid securities having a market value at all times of at least equal to the amount of any delayed payment commitment. The Fund may enter into contracts to purchase securities on a forward basis (*i.e.*, where settlement will occur more than 60 days from the date of the transaction) only to the extent that the Fund specifically collateralizes such obligations with a security that is expected to be called or mature within sixty days before or after the settlement date of the forward transaction. The commitment to purchase securities on a when-issued, delayed delivery or forward basis may involve an element of risk because no interest accrues on the bonds prior to settlement and at the time of delivery the market value may be less than their cost.

#### **No Inverse Floating Rate Securities**

The Fund will not invest in inverse floating rate securities, which are securities that pay interest at rates that vary inversely with changes in prevailing interest rates and which represent a leveraged investment in an underlying security.

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**Portfolio Liquidity**

No active trading market currently exists for many Senior Loans. Senior Loans are thus relatively illiquid. Liquidity relates to the ability of the Fund to sell an investment in a timely manner at a price approximately equal to its value on the Fund's books. The illiquidity of Senior Loans may impair the Fund's ability to realize the full value of its assets in the event of a voluntary or involuntary liquidation of such assets. Because of the lack of an active trading market, illiquid securities are also difficult to value and prices provided by external pricing services may not reflect the true fair value of the securities. However, many Senior Loans are of a large principal amount and are held by a large number of financial institutions. In the Adviser's opinion, this should enhance their liquidity. In addition, in recent years the number of institutional investors purchasing Senior Loans has increased. The risks of illiquidity are particularly important when the Fund's operations require cash, and may in certain circumstances require that the Fund borrow to meet short-term cash requirements. To the extent that a secondary market does exist for certain Senior Loans, the market may be subject to irregular trading activity, wide bid/ask spreads and extended trade settlement periods. The Fund has no limitation on the amount of its assets that may be invested in securities that are not readily marketable or that are subject to restrictions on resale (except as noted elsewhere herein). The substantial portion of the Fund's assets invested in Senior Loans may restrict the ability of the Fund to dispose of its investments in a timely fashion and at a fair price, and could result in capital losses to the Fund and holders of its shares. The market for Senior Loans could be disrupted in the event of an economic downturn or a substantial increase or decrease in interest rates. This could result in increased volatility in the market and in the Fund's net asset value and market price per share.

*Short-Term/Long-Term Debt Securities; Temporary Defensive Position.* During temporary defensive periods (e.g., during periods of adverse market, economic or political conditions), the Fund may invest up to 100% of its Managed Assets in cash equivalents and investment grade debt securities, including obligations issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, its agencies and instrumentalities. In such a case, the Fund may not pursue or achieve its investment objective. These investments are defined to include, without limitation, the following:

(1) U.S. government securities, including bills, notes and bonds differing as to maturity and rates of interest that are either issued or guaranteed by the U.S. Treasury or by U.S. government agencies or instrumentalities. U.S. government agency securities include securities issued by (a) the Federal Housing Administration, Farmers Home Administration, Export-Import Bank of the United States, Small Business Administration, and the Government National Mortgage Association, whose securities are supported by the full faith and credit of the United States; (b) the Federal Home Loan Banks, Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, and the Tennessee Valley Authority, whose securities are supported by the right of the agency to borrow from the U.S. Treasury; (c) the Federal National Mortgage Association, whose securities are supported by the discretionary authority of the U.S. government to purchase certain obligations of the agency or instrumentality; and (d) the Student Loan Marketing Association, whose securities are supported only by its credit. While the U.S. government provides financial support to such U.S. government-sponsored agencies or instrumentalities, no assurance can be given that it always will do so since it is not so obligated by law. The U.S. government, its agencies, and instrumentalities do not guarantee the market value of their securities. Consequently, the value of such securities may fluctuate.

(2) Certificates of Deposit issued against funds deposited in a bank or a savings and loan association. Such certificates are for a definite period of time, earn a specified rate of return, and are normally negotiable. The issuer of a certificate of deposit agrees to pay the amount deposited plus interest to the bearer of the certificate on the date specified thereon. Under current FDIC regulations, the maximum insurance payable as to any one certificate of deposit is \$250,000; therefore, certificates of deposit purchased by the Fund may not be fully insured.

(3) Repurchase agreements, which involve purchases of debt securities. At the time the Fund purchases securities pursuant to a repurchase agreement, it simultaneously agrees to resell and redeliver such securities to the seller, who also simultaneously agrees to buy back the securities at a fixed price and time. This assures a predetermined yield for the Fund during its holding period, since the resale price is always greater



than the purchase price and reflects an agreed-upon market rate. Such actions afford an opportunity for the Fund to invest temporarily available cash. The Fund may enter into repurchase agreements only with respect to obligations of the U.S. government, its agencies or instrumentalities; certificates of deposit; or bankers' acceptances in which the Fund may invest. Repurchase agreements may be considered loans to the seller, collateralized by the underlying securities. The risk to the Fund is limited to the ability of the seller to pay the agreed-upon sum on the repurchase date; in the event of default, the repurchase agreement provides that the Fund is entitled to sell the underlying collateral. If the seller defaults under a repurchase agreement when the value of the underlying collateral is less than the repurchase price, the Fund could incur a loss of both principal and interest. The Adviser monitors the value of the collateral at the time the action is entered into and at all times during the term of the repurchase agreement. The Adviser does so in an effort to determine that the value of the collateral always equals or exceeds the agreed-upon repurchase price to be paid to the Fund. If the seller were to be subject to a federal bankruptcy proceeding, the ability of the Fund to liquidate the collateral could be delayed or impaired because of certain provisions of the bankruptcy laws.

(4) Commercial paper, which consists of short-term unsecured promissory notes, including variable rate master demand notes issued by corporations to finance their current operations. Master demand notes are direct lending arrangements between the Fund and a corporation. There is no secondary market for such notes. However, they are redeemable by the Fund at any time. Nuveen Fund Advisors will consider the financial condition of the corporation (e.g., earning power, cash flow, and other liquidity measures) and will continuously monitor the corporation's ability to meet all of its financial obligations, because the Fund's liquidity might be impaired if the corporation were unable to pay principal and interest on demand. Investments in commercial paper will be limited to commercial paper rated in the highest categories by a NRSRO and which mature within one year of the date of purchase or carry a variable or floating rate of interest.

#### **Other Investment Companies**

The Fund may invest in securities of other closed-end investment companies that invest primarily in securities of the types in which the Fund may invest directly. The Fund may invest in other investment companies either during periods when it has large amounts of uninvested cash, or during periods when there is a shortage of attractive securities of the types in which the Fund may invest in directly available in the market. The Fund may invest in investment companies that are advised by Nuveen Fund Advisors or its affiliates to the extent permitted by the applicable law and/or pursuant to exemptive relief from the SEC. As an investor in an investment company, the Fund will bear its ratable share of that investment company's expenses, and would remain subject to payment of the Fund's advisory and administrative fees with respect to assets so invested. Common Shareholders would therefore be subject to duplicative expenses to the extent the Fund invests in other investment companies. Symphony will take expenses into account when evaluating the investment merits of an investment in the investment company relative to available securities of the types in which the Fund may invest directly. In addition, the securities of other investment companies also may be leveraged and therefore will be subject to the same leverage risks described herein. As described in the section entitled "Risk Factors" in the Prospectus, the net asset value and market value of leveraged shares will be more volatile and the yield to shareholders will tend to fluctuate more than the yield generated by unleveraged shares. The Fund will treat its investments in such investment companies as investments in Senior Loans for all purposes, such as for purposes of determining compliance with the requirement set forth above that at least 80% of the Fund's Managed Assets be invested under normal circumstances in Senior Loans.

#### **Lending of Portfolio Securities**

To increase its income, the Fund may lend its portfolio securities to broker-dealers and banks. Any such loan must be continuously secured by collateral in cash or cash equivalents maintained on a current basis in an amount at least equal to the market value of the securities loaned by the Fund. The Fund would continue to receive the equivalent of the interest or dividends paid by the Issuer on the securities loaned through payments

from the borrower. The Fund would also receive an additional return that may be in the form of a fixed fee or a percentage of the collateral. The Fund may pay reasonable fees to persons unaffiliated with the Fund for services in arranging these loans. The Fund would have the right to call the loan and obtain the securities loaned at any time on notice of not more than five business days. The Fund would not have the right to vote the securities during the existence of the loan but would call the loan to permit voting of the securities, if, in Symphony's judgment, a material event requiring a shareholder vote would otherwise occur before the loan was repaid. In the event of bankruptcy or other default of the borrower, the Fund could experience both delays in liquidating the loan collateral or recovering the loaned securities and losses, including (a) possible decline in the value of the collateral or in the value of the securities loaned during the period while the Fund seeks to enforce its rights thereto, (b) possible subnormal levels of income and lack of access to income during this period, and (c) expenses of enforcing its rights.

#### **Portfolio Trading and Turnover Rate**

Portfolio trading may be undertaken to accomplish the investment objective of the Fund in relation to actual and anticipated movements in interest rates. In addition, a security may be sold and another of comparable quality purchased at approximately the same time to take advantage of what Symphony believes to be a temporary price disparity between the two securities. Temporary price disparities between two comparable securities may result from supply and demand imbalances where, for example, a temporary oversupply of certain securities may cause a temporarily low price for such securities, as compared with other securities of like quality and characteristics. A security may also be sold when Symphony anticipates a change in the price of such security, Symphony believes the price of a security has reached or is near a realistic maximum, or there are other securities that Symphony believes are more attractive given the Fund's investment objective. The Fund may also engage to a limited extent in short-term trading consistent with its investment objective. Securities may be sold in anticipation of a market decline or purchased in anticipation of a market rise and later sold, but the Fund will not engage in trading solely to recognize a gain. Subject to the foregoing, the Fund will attempt to achieve its investment objective by prudent selection of securities with a view to holding them for investment. While there can be no assurance thereof, the Fund anticipates that its annual portfolio turnover rate will generally not exceed 100%. For the fiscal year ended July 31, 2015, the Fund's portfolio turnover rate was 34%. However, the rate of turnover will not be a limiting factor when the Fund deems it desirable to sell or purchase securities. Therefore, depending upon market conditions, the annual portfolio turnover rate of the Fund may exceed 100% in particular years. A higher portfolio turnover rate would result in correspondingly greater brokerage commissions and other transactional expenses that are borne by the Fund. High portfolio turnover may result in the realization of net short-term capital gains by the Fund which, when distributed to shareholders, will be taxable as ordinary income.

#### **Interest Rate Transactions**

The Fund expects that the Fund's portfolio investments in Senior Loans and other adjustable rate debt instruments in which the Fund may invest will serve as a hedge against the risk that Common Share net income and/or returns may decrease due to rising market dividend or interest rates on any preferred shares or Borrowings. If market conditions are deemed favorable, the Fund also may enter into interest rate swap or cap transactions to attempt to protect itself from such interest rate risk on the remaining amount of any outstanding preferred shares and/or Borrowings. Interest rate swaps involve the Fund's agreement with the swap counterparty to pay a fixed rate payment in exchange for the counterparty agreeing to pay the Fund a payment at a variable rate that is expected to approximate the rate on the Fund's variable rate payment obligation on Borrowings or any variable rate preferred shares. The payment obligations would be based on the notional amount of the swap. The Fund may use an interest rate cap, which would require it to pay a premium to the cap counterparty and would entitle it, to the extent that a specified variable rate index exceeds a predetermined fixed rate, to receive from the counterparty payment of the difference based on the notional amount. The Fund would use interest rate swaps or caps only with the intent to reduce or eliminate the risk that an increase in short-term interest rates could have on Common Share net earnings as a result of leverage.

Because Senior Loans and other adjustable rate debt instruments in which the Fund may invest and the Fund's preferred shares and Borrowings generally pay interest or dividends based on short-term market interest rates, the Fund's investments in Senior Loans and other adjustable rate debt instruments may potentially offset the leverage risks borne by the Fund relating to the fluctuations on Common Share income due to variations in the preferred share dividend rate and/or the interest rate on Borrowings. The Fund will usually enter into swaps or caps on a net basis; that is, the two payment streams will be netted out in a cash settlement on the payment date or dates specified in the instrument, with the Fund receiving or paying, as the case may be, only the net amount of the two payments. The Fund intends to maintain in a segregated account with its custodian cash or liquid securities having a value at least equal to the Fund's net payment obligations under any swap transaction, marked-to-market daily.

The use of interest rate swaps and caps is a highly specialized activity that involves investment techniques and risks different from those associated with ordinary portfolio security transactions. Depending on the state of interest rates in general, the Fund's use of interest rate swaps or caps could enhance or harm the overall performance on the Common Shares. To the extent there is a decline in interest rates, the value of the interest rate swap or cap could decline, and could result in a decline in the net asset value of the Common Shares. In addition, if short-term interest rates are lower than the Fund's fixed rate of payment on the interest rate swap, the swap will reduce Common Share net earnings. If, on the other hand, short-term interest rates are higher than the fixed rate of payment on the interest rate swap, the swap will enhance Common Share net earnings. Buying interest rate caps could enhance the performance of the Common Shares by providing a maximum leverage expense. Buying interest rate caps could also decrease the net earnings of the Common Shares in the event that the premium paid by the Fund to the counterparty exceeds the additional amount the Fund would have been required to pay had it not entered into the cap agreement. The Fund will not enter into interest rate swap or cap transactions in an aggregate notional amount that exceeds the remainder of the outstanding amount of the Fund's leverage, less the amount of Senior Loans in the Fund's portfolio. The Fund will monitor its interest rate swap and cap transactions with a view to insuring that it remains in compliance with all applicable tax requirements.

Interest rate swaps and caps do not involve the delivery of securities or other underlying assets or principal. Accordingly, the risk of loss with respect to interest rate swaps is limited to the net amount of interest payments that the Fund is contractually obligated to make. If the counterparty defaults, the Fund would not be able to use the anticipated net receipts under the swap or cap to offset the interest payments on Borrowings or dividend payments on the preferred shares. Depending on whether the Fund would be entitled to receive net payments from the counterparty on the swap or cap, which in turn would depend on the general state of short-term interest rates at that point in time, such a default could negatively impact the performance of the Common Shares. Although this will not guarantee that the counterparty does not default, the Fund will not enter into an interest rate swap or cap transaction with any counter-party that Nuveen Fund Advisors believes does not have the financial resources to honor its obligation under the interest rate swap or cap transaction. Further, Nuveen Fund Advisors will continually monitor the financial stability of a counterparty to an interest rate swap or cap transaction in an effort to proactively protect the Fund's investments.

In addition, at the time the interest rate swap or cap transaction reaches its scheduled termination date, there is a risk that the Fund would not be able to obtain a replacement transaction or that the terms of the replacement would not be as favorable as on the expiring transaction. If this occurs, it could have a negative impact on the performance of the Fund's Common Shares. The Fund may choose or be required to prepay any Borrowings or redeem some or all of the preferred shares. This redemption would likely result in the Fund seeking to terminate early all or a portion of any swap or cap transaction. Such early termination of a swap could result in termination payment by or to the Fund. An early termination of a cap could result in a termination payment to the Fund.

**SEGREGATION OF ASSETS**

As a closed-end investment company registered with the SEC, the Fund is subject to the federal securities laws, including the 1940 Act, the rules thereunder, and various interpretive provisions of the SEC and its staff. In accordance with these laws, rules and positions, the Fund must set aside (often referred to as asset segregation) liquid assets, or engage in other SEC or staff-approved measures, to cover open positions with respect to certain kinds of derivatives instruments and reverse repurchase agreements. In the case of forward currency contracts that are not contractually required to cash settle, for example, the Fund must set aside liquid assets equal to such contracts full not