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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-CSR

CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-7056  
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Nuveen Select Maturities Municipal Fund  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Nuveen Investments  
333 West Wacker Drive  
Chicago, IL 60606  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Kevin J. McCarthy  
Nuveen Investments  
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(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (312) 917-7700  
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Date of fiscal year end: March 31  
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Date of reporting period: September 30, 2007  
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ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS.

SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT  
September 30, 2007

Nuveen Investments  
MUNICIPAL CLOSED-END FUNDS

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NUVEEN SELECT  
MATURITIES  
MUNICIPAL FUND  
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Chairman's  
LETTER TO SHAREHOLDERS

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Photo of: Timothy R. Schwertfeger

Timothy R. Schwertfeger  
Chairman of the Board

Once again, I am pleased to report that over the six-month period covered by this report your Fund continued to provide you with attractive monthly tax-free income. For more details about the management strategy and performance of your Fund, please read the Portfolio Manager's Comments, the Dividend and Share Price Information, and the Performance Overview sections of this report.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to report some important news about Nuveen Investments. The firm recently was acquired by a group led by Madison Dearborn Partners, LLC. While this affects the corporate structure of Nuveen Investments, it has no impact on the investment objectives, portfolio management strategies or dividend policy of your Fund.

With the recent volatility in the stock market, many have begun to wonder which way the market is headed, and whether they need to adjust their holdings of investments. No one knows what the future will bring, which is why we think a well-balanced portfolio that is structured and carefully monitored with the help of an investment professional is an important component in achieving your long-term financial goals. A well-diversified portfolio may actually help to reduce your overall investment risk, and we believe that investments like your Nuveen Investments Fund can be important building blocks in a portfolio crafted to perform well through a variety of market conditions.

We also are pleased to be able to offer you a choice concerning how you receive your shareholder reports and other Fund information. As an alternative to mailed copies, you can sign up to receive future Fund reports and other Fund information by e-mail and the internet. The inside front cover of this report contains information on how you can sign up.

We are grateful that you have chosen us as a partner as you pursue your financial goals and we look forward to continuing to earn your trust in the months and years ahead. At Nuveen Investments, our mission continues to be to assist you and your financial advisor by offering investment services and products that can help you to secure your financial objectives.

Sincerely,

/s/ Timothy R. Schwertfeger

Timothy R. Schwertfeger  
Chairman of the Board  
November 16, 2007

### Portfolio Manager's COMMENTS

#### Nuveen Investments Municipal Closed-End Funds

##### NIM

Portfolio manager Paul Brennan reviews key investment strategies and the six-month performance of the Nuveen Select Maturities Municipal Fund. With 18 years of investment experience, including 16 years with Nuveen, Paul has managed NIM since July 2006.

WHAT KEY STRATEGIES WERE USED TO MANAGE NIM DURING THE SIX-MONTH REPORTING PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2007?

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Over the course of this reporting period, we saw the yield curve steepen, as interest rates at the short end of the curve declined and longer rates generally rose. In this environment, we continued to emphasize a disciplined approach to maintaining NIM's maturity profile and yield curve positioning. While we added bonds with maturities as short as 5 years and as long as 25 years during this period, the majority of our purchases were in the 20-year range of the yield curve. These purchases helped to offset the shortening of the portfolio's duration<sup>1</sup> due to bond calls and the natural tendency of bond durations to shorten as time passes.

During this six-month period, new municipal bond supply nationwide totaled \$214.7 billion, up 12% from that of April-September 2006. This was part of a larger trend toward increased issuance in 2007, as municipal supply remained on a record pace during the first nine months of the year. With the increase in municipal issuance, we expanded our emphasis on security selection, as ample new supply provided us with a greater variety of attractive bonds and sectors from which to choose. In general, our focus was on finding interesting securities with unique structures at attractive prices. During this period, we purchased some lower-rated credits, slightly increasing our allocation to bonds rated BBB, as well as an insured issue rated AAA. We also added bonds that were pre-refunded or escrowed, zero coupon bonds and credits offering premium coupons. We found these opportunities attractive based not only on their price and structure, but also on their value potential.

To help generate cash for purchases and maintain NIM's duration within our preferred strategic range, we selectively sold a few holdings with shorter durations. However, the majority of our new purchases were funded with proceeds from called or matured bonds.

<sup>1</sup> Duration is a measure of a bond's price sensitivity as interest rates change, with longer duration bonds displaying more sensitivity to these changes than bonds with shorter durations.

Discussions of specific investments are for illustrative purposes only and are not intended as recommendations of individual investments. The views expressed in this commentary represent those of the portfolio manager as of the date of this report and are subject to change at any time, based on market conditions and other factors. The Fund disclaims any obligation to advise shareholders of such changes.

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### HOW DID THE FUND PERFORM?

Results for NIM, as well as relevant index information, are presented in the accompanying table.

Total Returns on Net Asset Value\*  
For periods ended 9/30/07

	6-Month	1-Year	5-Year	10-Year
NIM	1.78%	3.81%	3.95%	3.66%
Lehman Brothers 7-Year Municipal Bond Index <sup>2</sup>	2.17%	3.81%	3.53%	4.99%

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For the six months ended September 30, 2007, the cumulative return on net asset value (NAV) for NIM trailed the return for the Lehman Brothers 7-Year Municipal Bond Index. The major factors influencing NIM's total return during this period included duration and yield curve positioning, allocations to lower-rated credits, and individual security selection.

During this six-month period, bonds in the Lehman Brothers Municipal Bond Index with maturities of less than ten years, especially those maturing in approximately five years, benefited the most from changes in the interest rate environment. As a result, these bonds generally outperformed credits with longer maturities. Bonds having the longest maturities (22 years and longer) posted the worst returns for the period. This environment was generally beneficial for NIM, which, as an intermediate-term strategy Fund, has more conservative duration and maturity mandates than longer-term funds. (In keeping with its investment parameters, NIM maintains an average effective maturity of 12 years or less for portfolio holdings.) With the strong performance of shorter maturity bonds, this positioning proved to be positive for NIM's performance during this period.

While duration played an important role in performance, especially during the last part of this period, credit exposure was also a dominant factor over these past six months. As interest rates on longer municipal bonds rose and credit spreads widened, lower credit quality bonds generally underperformed the municipal market as a whole for the first time in several years. As of September 30, 2007, NIM had allocated approximately 13% of its portfolio to bonds rated BBB or lower and non-rated credits. This credit exposure was a negative influence on NIM's total return performance for the period.

\*Six-month returns are cumulative; returns for one year, five years, and ten years are annualized.

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

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

2 The Lehman Brothers 7-Year Municipal Bond Index is an unleveraged, unmanaged national index comprising a broad range of investment-grade municipal bonds with maturities ranging from six to eight years. Results for the Lehman index do not reflect any expenses.

Generally, any bonds that carried credit risk, regardless of sector, tended to underperform over this period. Revenue bonds in general, and specifically the industrial development and health care sectors that had ranked among the top performers in the Lehman Brothers Municipal Bond Index over the past few years, underperformed the general municipal market for this period. Bonds backed by the 1998 master tobacco settlement agreement also performed poorly during this period, due to the overall lower credit quality of the tobacco sector as well as the current ample supply and projected new issuance of these bonds, which had a negative impact on their prices. At period end, NIM held approximately 4% of its portfolio in tobacco bonds.

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On the whole, NIM benefited from our selection of individual securities, as the majority of the Fund's positions posted good returns relative to the overall market. Sectors of the market that performed well during this period included water and sewer, special tax-backed issues and transportation. Pre-refunded bonds, especially those that were advance refunded<sup>3</sup> before longer municipal interest rates began to rise in mid-2007, zero coupon bonds, and insured credits also performed well during this period.

<sup>3</sup> Advance refundings, also known as pre-refundings or refinancings, occur when an issuer sells new bonds and uses the proceeds to fund principal and interest payments of older existing bonds. This process often results in lower borrowing costs for bond issuers.

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### Dividend and Share Price INFORMATION

The dividend of NIM remained stable throughout the six-month reporting period ended September 30, 2007.

NIM seeks to pay stable dividends at rates that reflect the Fund's past results and projected future performance. During certain periods, NIM may pay dividends at a rate that may be more or less than the amount of net investment income actually earned by the Fund during the period. If a Fund has cumulatively earned more than it has paid in dividends, it holds the excess in reserve as undistributed net investment income (UNII) as part of the Fund's NAV. Conversely, if a Fund has cumulatively paid dividends in excess of its earnings, the excess constitutes negative UNII that is likewise reflected in the Fund's NAV. NIM will, over time, pay all of its net investment income as dividends to shareholders. As of September 30, 2007, NIM had a negative UNII balance for financial statement purposes and a positive UNII balance, based on our best estimates, for tax purposes.

As of September 30, 2007, NIM was trading at a discount of -7.00% to its NAV. The Fund's average discount over the entire six-month reporting period was -4.95%.

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### NIM Performance OVERVIEW

Nuveen Select  
Maturities  
Municipal Fund

as of September 30, 2007

Pie Chart:  
Credit Quality (as a % of total investments)  
AAA/U.S. Guaranteed      64%  
AA                              6%

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A	17%
BBB	8%
BB or Lower	1%
N/R	4%

## Bar Chart:

2006-2007 Monthly Tax-Free Dividends Per Share2

Oct	0.038
Nov	0.038
Dec	0.038
Jan	0.038
Feb	0.038
Mar	0.0365
Apr	0.0365
May	0.0365
Jun	0.0365
Jul	0.0365
Aug	0.0365
Sep	0.0365

## Line Chart:

Share Price Performance -- Weekly Closing Price

10/01/06	9.75
	9.81
	9.67
	9.74
	9.8
	9.71
	9.75
	9.72
	9.82
	9.9
	9.95
	9.82
	9.74
	9.89
	9.88
	9.87
	9.93
	9.9
	9.85
	9.84
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	9.93
	9.86
	9.84
	9.94
	9.93
	9.85
	9.78
	9.81
	9.9
	9.93
	9.88
	9.83
	9.81
	9.78
	9.58
	9.42
	9.5

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	9.52
	9.43
	9.34
	9.41
	9.43
	9.334
	9.23
	9.55
	9.54
	9.6201
	9.58
	9.5101
9/30/07	9.44

## FUND SNAPSHOT

Share Price	\$9.44
Net Asset Value	\$10.15
Premium/(Discount) to NAV	-7.00%
Market Yield	4.64%
Taxable-Equivalent Yield <sup>1</sup>	6.44%
Net Assets (\$000)	\$125,838
Average Effective Maturity on Securities (Years)	11.20
Modified Duration	4.28

## AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURN (Inception 9/18/92)

	ON SHARE PRICE	ON NAV
6-month (Cumulative)	-2.85%	1.78%
1-Year	1.17%	3.81%
5-Year	3.47%	3.95%
10-Year	3.62%	3.66%

## STATES

(as a % of total investments)

Illinois	13.9%
Colorado	13.5%
New York	8.1%
Texas	6.7%
South Carolina	6.5%



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Pennsylvania	6.5%
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Florida	4.7%
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Arkansas	4.2%
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Wisconsin	3.7%
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Kansas	2.9%
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Washington	2.8%
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Iowa	2.4%
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Alabama	2.1%
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Massachusetts	2.1%
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Tennessee	1.8%
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Michigan	1.8%
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California	1.7%
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Other	14.6%
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### INDUSTRIES

(as a % of total investments)

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U.S. Guaranteed	20.0%
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Utilities	17.7%
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Tax Obligation/Limited	11.9%
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Health Care	10.9%
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Tax Obligation/General	6.2%
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Transportation	6.0%
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Long-Term Care	5.3%
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Water and Sewer	5.0%
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Education and Civic Organizations	4.6%
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Other	12.4%
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1 Taxable-Equivalent Yield represents the yield that must be earned on a fully taxable investment in order to equal the yield of the Fund on an after-tax basis. It is based on a income tax rate of 28%. When comparing this Fund to investments that generate qualified dividend income, the Taxable-Equivalent Yield is lower.

2 The Fund paid shareholders a net ordinary income distribution in December 2006 of \$0.0052 per share.

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## Shareholder Meeting Report

The meeting was held on July 31, 2007, at The Northern Trust Company, 50 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60675

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APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS  
WAS REACHED AS FOLLOWS:

### CLASS I

Timothy R. Schwertfeger

For	11,436,398
Withhold	255,743

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Total	11,692,141
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Judith M. Stockdale

For	11,429,633
Withhold	262,508

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Total	11,692,141
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Carole E. Stone

For	11,428,250
Withhold	263,891

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Total	11,692,141
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Nuveen Select Maturities Municipal Fund  
Portfolio of INVESTMENTS

September 30, 2007 (Unaudited)

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	DESCRIPTION	OPTIONAL C PROVISIONS
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	ALABAMA - 2.1%	
\$ 2,000	Alabama 21st Century Authority, Tobacco Settlement Revenue Bonds, Series 2001, 5.750%, 12/01/17	12/11 at 101
500	Marshall County Healthcare Authority, Alabama, Revenue Bonds, Series 2002A, 6.250%, 1/01/22	1/12 at 101
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2,500	Total Alabama	
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## ARIZONA - 1.0%

250	Phoenix Industrial Development Authority, Arizona, Statewide Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 1998C, 6.650%, 10/01/29 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	4/08 at 101
750	Surprise Municipal Property Corporation, Arizona, Wastewater System Revenue Bonds, Series 2007, 4.500%, 4/01/17	4/11 at 100
265	Winslow Industrial Development Authority, Arizona, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Winslow Memorial Hospital, Series 1998, 5.750%, 6/01/08	No Opt. C
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1,265	Total Arizona	
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## ARKANSAS - 4.1%

1,000	Fort Smith, Arkansas, Water and Sewer Revenue Refunding and Construction Bonds, Series 2002A, 5.250%, 10/01/17 - FSA Insured	10/11 at 100
1,500	Jefferson County, Arkansas, Pollution Control Revenue Bonds, Entergy Arkansas Inc. Project, Series 2006, 4.600%, 10/01/17	6/11 at 100
1,000	Jonesboro, Arkansas, Industrial Development Revenue Bonds, Anheuser Busch Inc. Project, Series 2002, 4.600%, 11/15/12	No Opt. C
1,380	North Little Rock, Arkansas, Electric Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1992A, 6.500%, 7/01/15 - MBIA Insured	No Opt. C
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4,880	Total Arkansas	
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## CALIFORNIA - 1.7%

2,115	Vernon, California, Electric System Revenue Bonds, Malburg Generating Station Project, Series 2003C, 5.250%, 4/01/17 (Pre-refunded 4/01/08)	4/08 at 100
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## COLORADO - 13.3%

2,895	Centennial Downs Metropolitan District, Colorado, General Obligation Bonds, Series 1999, 5.000%, 12/01/20 - AMBAC Insured	12/14 at 100
1,175	Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority, Charter School Revenue Bonds, Classical Academy, Series 2003, 4.500%, 12/01/18 - XLCA Insured	12/13 at 100
1,320	Colorado Educational and Cultural Facilities Authority, Charter School Revenue Bonds, Douglas County School District RE-1 - DCS Montessori School, Series 2002A, 6.000%, 7/15/22	7/12 at 100
330	Colorado Housing Finance Authority, Single Family Program Senior Bonds, Series 2000D-2, 6.900%, 4/01/29 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	4/10 at 105

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1,025	Denver Health and Hospitals Authority, Colorado, Healthcare Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 6.000%, 12/01/23 (Pre-refunded 12/01/11)	12/11 at 100
1,465	Denver West Metropolitan District, Colorado, General Obligation Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Series 2003, 4.500%, 12/01/18 - RAAI Insured	12/13 at 100
1,340	Eagle Bend Metropolitan District 2, Colorado, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, 5.000%, 12/01/20 - RAAI Insured	12/14 at 101

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PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	DESCRIPTION	OPTIONAL C PROVISIONS
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	COLORADO (continued)	
\$ 59	El Paso County, Colorado, FNMA Mortgage-Backed Single Family Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 1992A-2, 8.750%, 6/01/11	No Opt. C
1,750	Erie, Boulder and Weld Counties, Colorado, Water Enterprise Revenue Bonds, Series 1998, 5.000%, 12/01/23 - ACA Insured	12/08 at 100
70	Northwest Parkway Public Highway Authority, Colorado, Revenue Bonds, Senior Series 2001A, 5.250%, 6/15/41 - FSA Insured	6/11 at 102
5,875	Northwest Parkway Public Highway Authority, Colorado, Senior Lien Revenue Bonds, Series 2001B, 0.000%, 6/15/27 - AMBAC Insured	6/11 at 38
2,845	University of Colorado Hospital Authority, Revenue Bonds, Series 2001A, 5.600%, 11/15/21 (Pre-refunded 11/15/11)	11/11 at 100
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20,149	Total Colorado	
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## CONNECTICUT - 1.6%

	Eastern Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority, Solid Waste Revenue Bonds, Wheelabrator Lisbon Project, Series 1993A:	
500	5.500%, 1/01/14 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/08 at 100
1,570	5.500%, 1/01/15 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/08 at 100
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2,070	Total Connecticut	
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## FLORIDA - 4.6%

2,400	Deltona, Florida, Utility Systems Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds, Series 2003, 5.250%, 10/01/17 - MBIA Insured	10/13 at 100
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1,000	Florida Citizens Property Insurance Corporation, High Risk Account Revenue Bonds, Series 2007A, 5.000%, 3/01/15 - MBIA Insured	No Opt. C
2,000	Orange County, Florida, Tourist Development Tax Revenue Bonds, Series 2005, 5.000%, 10/01/22 - AMBAC Insured	10/15 at 100
5,400	Total Florida	
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GEORGIA - 0.4%		
445	Cherokee County Water and Sewerage Authority, Georgia, Revenue Bonds, Series 1995, 5.200%, 8/01/25 (Pre-refunded 8/01/22) - MBIA Insured	8/22 at 100
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ILLINOIS - 13.7%		
790	Chicago, Illinois, Tax Increment Allocation Bonds, Irving/Cicero Redevelopment Project, Series 1998, 7.000%, 1/01/14	1/09 at 100
1,500	Cook County Township High School District 208, Illinois, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 12/01/21 - MBIA Insured	12/15 at 100
2,000	Huntley, Illinois, Special Service Area 9, Special Tax Bonds, Series 2007, 5.100%, 3/01/28 - AGC Insured	3/17 at 100
4,875	Illinois Development Finance Authority, GNMA Collateralized Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Greek American Nursing Home Committee, Series 2000A, 7.600%, 4/20/40	4/11 at 105
2,000	Illinois Development Finance Authority, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Olin Corporation, Series 1993D, 6.750%, 3/01/16	4/10 at 102
2,000	Illinois Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Art Institute of Chicago, Series 2000, 4.450%, 3/01/34 (Mandatory put 3/01/15)	3/14 at 102
1,000	Illinois Educational Facilities Authority, Student Housing Revenue Bonds, Educational Advancement Foundation Fund, University Center Project, Series 2002, 6.625%, 5/01/17 (Pre-refunded 5/01/12)	5/12 at 101
20	Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Condell Medical Center, Series 2002, 5.250%, 5/15/12	No Opt. C
695	Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Silver Cross Hospital and Medical Centers, Series 1999, 5.500%, 8/15/19	8/09 at 101

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PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	DESCRIPTION	OPTIONAL C PROVISIONS
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	ILLINOIS (continued)	
\$ 515	Illinois Health Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Silver Cross Hospital and Medical Centers, Series 1999, 5.500%, 8/15/19 (Pre-refunded 8/15/09)	8/09 at 101
1,355	Kane & DeKalb Counties, Illinois, Community United School District 301, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006, 0.000%, 12/01/18 - MBIA Insured	No Opt. C
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16,750	Total Illinois	
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	IOWA - 2.3%	
1,000	Iowa Finance Authority, Healthcare Revenue Bonds, Genesis Medical Center, Series 2000, 6.250%, 7/01/25	7/10 at 100
1,800	Iowa Tobacco Settlement Authority, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Revenue Bonds, Series 2001B, 5.300%, 6/01/25 (Pre-refunded 6/01/11)	6/11 at 101
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2,800	Total Iowa	
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	KANSAS - 2.9%	
3,500	Wichita, Kansas, Hospital Facilities Revenue Refunding and Improvement Bonds, Via Christi Health System Inc., Series 2001-III, 5.500%, 11/15/21	11/11 at 101
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	KENTUCKY - 1.4%	
1,745	Kentucky Housing Corporation, Housing Revenue Bonds, Series 2005G, 5.000%, 7/01/30 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/15 at 100
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	MARYLAND - 0.9%	
1,100	Maryland Energy Financing Administration, Revenue Bonds, AES Warrior Run Project, Series 1995, 7.400%, 9/01/19 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	11/07 at 100
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	MASSACHUSETTS - 2.0%	
500	Massachusetts Development Finance Agency, Revenue Bonds, Orchard Cove, Series 2007, 5.000%, 10/01/19	10/17 at 100

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1,465	Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, Rental Housing Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 2000H, 6.650%, 7/01/41 - MBIA Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	7/10 at 100
	Massachusetts Port Authority, Special Facilities Revenue Bonds, Delta Air Lines Inc., Series 2001A:	
100	5.200%, 1/01/20 - AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/11 at 101
435	5.000%, 1/01/27 - AMBAC Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	1/11 at 101
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2,500	Total Massachusetts	
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MICHIGAN - 1.7%		
1,000	Cornell Township Economic Development Corporation, Michigan, Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, MeadWestvaco Corporation-Escanaba Project, Series 2002, 5.875%, 5/01/18 (Pre-refunded 5/01/12)	5/12 at 100
600	Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority, Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds, Sinai Hospital, Series 1995, 6.625%, 1/01/16	1/08 at 100
470	Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Detroit Medical Center, Series 1988A, 8.125%, 8/15/12	2/08 at 100
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2,070	Total Michigan	
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MINNESOTA - 0.8%		
1,000	White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians, Minnesota, Revenue Bonds, Series 2000A, 7.000%, 12/01/11 - ACA Insured	No Opt. C
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MISSISSIPPI - 0.3%		
300	Mississippi Hospital Equipment and Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Baptist Memorial Healthcare, Series 2004B-1, 5.000%, 9/01/24	9/14 at 100
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PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	DESCRIPTION	OPTIONAL C PROVISIONS
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NEBRASKA - 0.8%		
\$ 1,000	Dodge County School District 1, Nebraska, Fremont Public Schools, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, 5.000%, 12/15/19 - FSA Insured	12/14 at 100
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## NEW JERSEY - 0.4%

500	Bayonne Redevelopment Agency, New Jersey, Revenue Bonds, Royal Caribbean Cruises Project, Series 2006A, 4.750%, 11/01/16 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. C
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## NEW YORK - 8.0%

1,000	Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Revenue Bonds, Brooklyn Law School, Series 2003A, 5.500%, 7/01/15 - RAAI Insured	7/13 at 100
1,500	New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, Facilities Revenue Bonds, Consolidated Edison Company Inc., Series 2001A, 4.700%, 6/01/36 (Mandatory put 10/01/12) (Alternative Minimum Tax)	10/07 at 100
370	New York State Medical Care Facilities Finance Agency, FHA-Insured Mortgage Hospital and Nursing Home Revenue Bonds, Series 1995C, 6.100%, 8/15/15	2/08 at 100
2,130	Niagara Falls, Niagara County, New York, General Obligation Water Treatment Plant Bonds, Series 1994, 8.500%, 11/01/07 - MBIA Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax) (ETM)	No Opt. C
4,300	Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Special Project Bonds, JFK International Air Terminal LLC, Sixth Series 1997, 7.000%, 12/01/12 - MBIA Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. C

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9,300	Total New York
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## NORTH CAROLINA - 1.6%

1,880	Union County, North Carolina, Certificates of Participation, Series 2003, 5.000%, 6/01/18 - AMBAC Insured	6/13 at 101
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## OHIO - 0.8%

1,000	Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority, Ohio, Port Revenue Bonds, Cargill Inc., Series 2004B, 4.500%, 12/01/15	No Opt. C
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## OKLAHOMA - 0.9%

1,150	Oklahoma State Industries Authority, Health System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Baptist Medical Center, Series 1995D, 5.000%, 8/15/14 - AMBAC Insured	2/08 at 101
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## PENNSYLVANIA - 6.4%



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1,120	Pennsylvania Higher Educational Facilities Authority, College Revenue Bonds, Ninth Series 1976, 7.625%, 7/01/15 (ETM)	No Opt. C
4,120	Philadelphia Gas Works, Pennsylvania, Revenue Bonds, Eighteenth Series 2004, 5.000%, 8/01/15 - AMBAC Insured	8/14 at 100
995	Philadelphia Gas Works, Pennsylvania, Revenue Bonds, Twelfth Series 1990B, 7.000%, 5/15/20 - MBIA Insured (ETM)	No Opt. C
1,085	Pittsburgh School District, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006B, 5.000%, 9/01/12 - AMBAC Insured	No Opt. C
7,320	Total Pennsylvania	

## SOUTH CAROLINA - 6.4%

750	Berkeley County School District, South Carolina, Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds, Securing Assets for Education, Series 2003, 5.250%, 12/01/19	12/13 at 100
1,540	Piedmont Municipal Power Agency, South Carolina, Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 1991, 6.750%, 1/01/19 - FGIC Insured (ETM)	No Opt. C
2,835	Piedmont Municipal Power Agency, South Carolina, Electric Revenue Bonds, Series 1991, 6.750%, 1/01/19 - FGIC Insured	No Opt. C
25	South Carolina JOBS Economic Development Authority, Economic Development Revenue Bonds, Bon Secours Health System Inc., Series 2002A, 5.625%, 11/15/30	11/12 at 100

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NIM  
Nuveen Select Maturities Municipal Fund (continued)  
Portfolio of INVESTMENTS September 30, (2007) (Unaudited)

PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	DESCRIPTION	OPTIONAL C PROVISIONS
	SOUTH CAROLINA (continued)	
\$ 1,260	South Carolina JOBS Economic Development Authority, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Palmetto Health Alliance, Series 2000A, 7.000%, 12/15/10 (ETM)	No Opt. C
500	Tobacco Settlement Revenue Management Authority, South Carolina, Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2001B, 6.000%, 5/15/22	5/11 at 101
6,910	Total South Carolina	

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## SOUTH DAKOTA - 0.8%

1,000	South Dakota Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Sanford Health, Series 2007, 5.000%, 11/01/27	5/17 at 100
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## TENNESSEE - 1.8%

Shelby County Health, Educational and Housing Facilities Board, Tennessee, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Methodist Healthcare, Series 2002:		
750	6.000%, 9/01/17 (Pre-refunded 9/01/12)	9/12 at 100
1,250	6.000%, 9/01/17 (Pre-refunded 9/01/12)	9/12 at 100

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2,000	Total Tennessee
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## TEXAS - 6.6%

1,055	Austin, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2004, 5.000%, 9/01/20 - MBIA Insured	9/14 at 100
565	Bexar County Housing Finance Corporation, Texas, FNMA Guaranteed Multifamily Housing Revenue Bonds, Villas Sonterra Apartments Project, Series 2007A, 4.700%, 10/01/15 (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. C
25	Brazos River Authority, Texas, Collateralized Pollution Control Revenue Bonds, Texas Utilities Electric Company, Series 2003D, 5.400%, 10/01/29 (Mandatory put 10/01/14)	No Opt. C
2,000	Brazos River Authority, Texas, Collateralized Revenue Refunding Bonds, CenterPoint Energy Inc., Series 2004B, 4.250%, 12/01/17 - FGIC Insured	6/14 at 100
500	Brazos River Authority, Texas, Pollution Control Revenue Refunding Bonds, TXU Electric Company, Series 2001C, 5.750%, 5/01/36 (Mandatory put 11/01/11) (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. C
15	Brazos River Authority, Texas, Pollution Control Revenue Refunding Bonds, TXU Energy Company LLC, Series 2003A, 6.750%, 4/01/38 (Mandatory put 4/01/13) (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. C
1,875	Denton Independent School District, Denton County, Texas, General Obligation Bonds, Series 2006, 5.000%, 8/15/20	8/16 at 100
65	Galveston Property Finance Authority Inc., Texas, Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds, Series 1991A, 8.500%, 9/01/11	3/08 at 100
25	Sabine River Authority, Texas, Pollution Control Revenue Bonds, TXU Energy Company LLC Project, Series 2001B, 5.750%, 5/01/30 (Mandatory put 11/01/11) (Alternative Minimum Tax)	No Opt. C
1,500	Texas Municipal Gas Acquisition and Supply Corporation I, Gas Supply Revenue Bonds, Series 2006B, 4.148%, 12/15/17	1/08 at 100

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100	Travis County Health Facilities Development Corporation, Texas, Hospital Revenue Bonds, Daughters of Charity National Health System, Series 1993B, 5.900%, 11/15/07 (ETM)	11/07 at 100
370	Tri-County Mental Health and Retardation Center, Texas, Revenue Bonds, Facilities Acquisition Program, Series 1995E, 6.500%, 3/01/15 - FSA Insured	3/08 at 100

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8,095	Total Texas
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## UTAH - 1.2%

1,500	Bountiful, Davis County, Utah, Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds, South Davis Community Hospital Project, Series 1998, 6.000%, 12/15/10	No Opt. C
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## WASHINGTON - 2.7%

1,130	Washington Public Power Supply System, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Nuclear Project 1, Series 1993A, 7.000%, 7/01/08 (ETM)	No Opt. C
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PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	DESCRIPTION	OPTIONAL C PROVISIONS
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## WASHINGTON (continued)

\$ 1,870	Washington Public Power Supply System, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Nuclear Project 1, Series 1993A, 7.000%, 7/01/08	No Opt. C
295	Washington Public Power Supply System, Revenue Refunding Bonds, Nuclear Project 3, Series 1989B, 7.125%, 7/01/16 - MBIA Insured	No Opt. C

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3,295	Total Washington
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## WEST VIRGINIA - 1.6%

2,000	Harrison County Commission, West Virginia, Solid Waste Disposal Revenue Bonds, West Penn Power Company, Series 1994C, 6.750%, 8/01/24 - MBIA Insured (Alternative Minimum Tax)	2/08 at 100
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## WISCONSIN - 3.6%

Badger Tobacco Asset Securitization Corporation, Wisconsin,  
Tobacco Settlement Asset-Backed Bonds, Series 2002:

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795	6.125%, 6/01/27	6/12 at 100
1,480	6.375%, 6/01/32	6/12 at 100
1,000	Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Agnesian Healthcare Inc., Series 2001, 6.000%, 7/01/21	7/11 at 100
1,150	Wisconsin Health and Educational Facilities Authority, Revenue Bonds, Aurora Health Care Inc., Series 1999A, 5.500%, 2/15/20 - ACA Insured	2/09 at 101
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4,425	Total Wisconsin	
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\$ 121,964	Total Investments (cost \$120,998,887) - 98.4%	
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	Other Assets Less Liabilities - 1.6%	
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	Net Assets - 100%	
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The Fund may invest in "zero coupon" securities. A zero coupon security does not pay a regular interest coupon to its holders during the life of the security. Tax-exempt income to the holder of the security comes from accretion of the difference between the original purchase price of the security at issuance and the par value of the security at maturity and is effectively paid at maturity. Such securities are included in the Portfolio of Investments with a 0.000% coupon rate in their description. The market prices of zero coupon securities generally are more volatile than the market prices of securities that pay interest periodically.

- (1) Optional Call Provisions: Dates (month and year) and prices of the earliest optional call or redemption. There may be other call provisions at varying prices at later dates. Certain mortgage-backed securities may be subject to periodic principal paydowns.
- (2) Ratings: Using the higher of Standard & Poor's Group ("Standard & Poor's") or Moody's Investor Services, Inc. ("Moody's") rating. Ratings below BBB by Standard & Poor's or Baa by Moody's are considered to be below investment grade.
- (3) Backed by an escrow or trust containing sufficient U.S. Government or U.S. Government agency securities which ensure the timely payment of principal and interest. Such investments are normally considered to be equivalent to AAA rated securities.

N/R Not rated.

(ETM) Escrowed to maturity.

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## ASSETS & LIABILITIES

September 30, 2007 (Unaudited)

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ASSETS	
Investments, at value (cost \$120,998,887)	\$123,864,511
Cash	148,881
Receivables:	
Interest	2,013,365
Investments sold	316,063
Other assets	3,422
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Total assets	126,346,242
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LIABILITIES	
Accrued expenses:	
Management fees	49,797
Other	31,130
Dividends payable	427,390
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Total liabilities	508,317
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Net assets	\$125,837,925
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Shares outstanding	12,396,406
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Net asset value per share outstanding	\$ 10.15
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### NET ASSETS CONSIST OF:

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Shares, \$.01 par value per share	\$ 123,964
Paid-in surplus	138,329,340
Undistributed (Over-distribution of) net investment income	(124,794)
Accumulated net realized gain (loss) from investments	(15,356,209)
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	2,865,624
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Net assets	\$125,837,925
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Authorized shares	Unlimited
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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## Statement of OPERATIONS

Six Months Ended September 30, 2007  
(Unaudited)

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INVESTMENT INCOME	\$3,130,502
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EXPENSES	

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Management fees	303,235
Shareholders' servicing agent fees and expenses	5,059
Custodian's fees and expenses	17,401
Trustees' fees and expenses	1,895
Professional fees	6,772
Shareholders' reports - printing and mailing expenses	21,369
Stock exchange listing fees	4,830
Investor relations expense	10,004
Other expenses	2,208
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Total expenses before custodian fee credit	372,773
Custodian fee credit	(10,539)
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Net expenses	362,234
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Net investment income	2,768,268
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REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)	
Net realized gain (loss) from investments	(37,657)
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	(494,174)
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Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	(531,831)
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Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	\$2,236,437
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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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## Statement of CHANGES in NET ASSETS (Unaudited)

	SIX MONTHS ENDED 9/30/07	YEAR ENDED 3/31/07
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OPERATIONS		
Net investment income	\$ 2,768,268	\$ 5,645,379
Net realized gain (loss) from investments	(37,657)	(16,869)
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	(494,174)	622,595
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Net increase (decrease) in net assets from operations	2,236,437	6,251,105
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DISTRIBUTIONS TO SHAREHOLDERS		
From net investment income	(2,714,813)	(5,791,598)
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Decrease in net assets from distributions to shareholders	(2,714,813)	(5,791,598)
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Net increase (decrease) in net assets	(478,376)	459,507
Net assets at the beginning of period	126,316,301	125,856,794
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Net assets at the end of period	\$125,837,925	\$126,316,301
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Undistributed (Over-distribution of) net investment income at the end of period	\$ (124,794)	\$ (178,249)

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See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Notes to  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

1. GENERAL INFORMATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The fund covered in this report and its corresponding New York Stock Exchange symbol is Nuveen Select Maturities Municipal Fund (NIM) (the "Fund"). The Fund is registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, as a closed-end, diversified management investment company.

The Fund seeks to provide current income exempt from regular federal income tax, consistent with the preservation of capital by investing in a diversified, investment-grade quality portfolio of municipal obligations with intermediate characteristics. In managing its portfolio, the Fund has purchased municipal obligations having remaining effective maturities of no more than fifteen years with respect to 80% of its total assets that, in the opinion of Nuveen Asset Management (the "Adviser"), a wholly owned subsidiary of Nuveen Investments, Inc. ("Nuveen"), represent the best value in terms of the balance between yield and capital preservation currently available from the intermediate sector of the municipal market. The Adviser will actively monitor the effective maturities of the Fund's investments in response to prevailing market conditions, and will adjust its portfolio consistent with its investment policy of maintaining an average effective remaining maturity of twelve years or less.

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

Investment Valuation

The prices of municipal bonds in the Fund's investment portfolio are provided by a pricing service approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees. When market price quotes are not readily available (which is usually the case for municipal securities), the pricing service may establish fair value based on yields or prices of municipal bonds of comparable quality, type of issue, coupon, maturity and rating, indications of value from securities dealers, evaluations of anticipated cash flows or collateral and general market conditions. If the pricing service is unable to supply a price for a municipal bond, the Fund may use a market price or fair market value quote provided by a major broker/dealer in such investments. If it is determined that the market price or fair market value for an investment is unavailable or inappropriate, the Board of Trustees of the Fund, or its designee, may establish a fair value for the investment. Temporary investments in securities that have variable rate and demand features qualifying them as short-term investments are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value.

Investment Transactions

Investment transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Realized gains and losses from transactions are determined on the specific identification method. Investments purchased on a when-issued/delayed delivery basis may have extended settlement periods. Any investments so purchased are subject to market

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fluctuation during this period. The Fund has instructed the custodian to segregate assets with a current value at least equal to the amount of the when-issued/delayed delivery purchase commitments. At September 30, 2007, the Fund had no such outstanding purchase commitments.

### Investment Income

Interest income, which includes the amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts for financial reporting purposes, is recorded on an accrual basis. Investment income also includes paydown gains and losses, if any.

### Federal Income Taxes

The Fund intends to distribute substantially all net investment income and net capital gains to shareholders and to otherwise comply with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required. Furthermore, the Fund intends to satisfy conditions which will enable interest from municipal securities, which is exempt from regular federal income tax, to retain such tax-exempt status when distributed to shareholders of the Fund. Net realized capital gains and ordinary income distributions paid by the Fund are subject to federal taxation.

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### Notes to FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited) (continued)

#### Dividends and Distributions to Shareholders

Dividends from tax-exempt net investment income are declared monthly. Net realized capital gains and/or market discount from investment transactions, if any, are distributed to shareholders not less frequently than annually. Furthermore, capital gains are distributed only to the extent they exceed available capital loss carryforwards.

Distributions to shareholders of tax-exempt net investment income, net realized capital gains and/or market discount, if any, are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The amount and timing of distributions are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

#### Derivative Financial Instruments

The Fund is authorized to invest in certain derivative financial instruments including futures, forward, swap and option contracts, and other financial instruments with similar characteristics. Although the Fund is authorized to invest in such financial instruments, and may do so in the future, it did not invest in any such instruments during the six months ended September 30, 2007.

#### Custodian Fee Credit

The Fund has an arrangement with the custodian bank whereby certain custodian fees and expenses are reduced by net credits earned on each Fund's cash on deposit with the bank. Such deposit arrangements are an alternative to overnight investments. Credits for cash balances may be offset by charges for any days on which the Fund overdraws its account at the custodian bank.



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### Indemnifications

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

### Use of Estimates

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

### 2. FUND SHARES

The Fund did not engage in transactions of its own shares during the six months ended September 30, 2007, nor during the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007.

### 3. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

Purchases and sales (including maturities but excluding short-term investments) during the six months ended September 30, 2007, aggregated \$8,538,566 and \$5,822,328, respectively.

### 4. INCOME TAX INFORMATION

The following information is presented on an income tax basis. Differences between amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes are primarily due to the treatment of paydown gains and losses, timing differences in recognizing taxable market discount and timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions. To the extent that differences arise that are permanent in nature, such amounts are reclassified within the capital accounts on the Statement of Assets and Liabilities presented in the annual report, based on their federal tax basis treatment; temporary differences do not require reclassification. Temporary and permanent differences do not impact the net asset value of the Fund.

At September 30, 2007, the cost of investments was \$120,942,348.

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Gross unrealized appreciation and gross unrealized depreciation of investments at September 30, 2007, were as follows:

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Gross unrealized:	
Appreciation	\$3,240,382
Depreciation	(318,219)
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Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	\$2,922,163
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The tax components of undistributed net tax-exempt income, net ordinary income and net long-term capital gains at March 31, 2007, the Fund's last tax year end, were as follows:

Undistributed net tax-exempt income *	\$223,968
Undistributed net ordinary income **	713
Undistributed net long-term capital gains	--
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* Undistributed net tax-exempt income (on a tax basis) has not been reduced for the dividend declared on March 1, 2007, paid on April 2, 2007.	
** Net ordinary income consists of taxable market discount income and net short-term capital gains, if any.	

The tax character of distributions paid during the Fund's last tax year ended March 31, 2007, was designated for purposes of the dividends paid deduction as follows:

Distributions from net tax-exempt income	\$5,764,329
Distributions from net ordinary income **	64,461
Distributions from net long-term capital gains	--
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** Net ordinary income consists of taxable market discount income and net short-term capital gains, if any.	

At March 31, 2007, the Fund's last tax year end, the Fund had unused capital loss carryforwards available for federal income tax purposes to be applied against future capital gains, if any. If not applied, the carryforwards will expire as follows:

Expiration year:	
2010	\$ 14,922
2011	6,523,386
2012	8,737,799
2013	4,977
2014	14,448
2015	11,084
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Total	\$15,306,616
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The Fund elected to defer net realized losses from investments incurred from November 1, 2006 through March 31, 2007 ("post-October losses") in accordance with federal income tax regulations. Post-October losses of \$11,832 were treated as having arisen on the first day of the current fiscal year.

### 5. MANAGEMENT FEES AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

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

The annual fund-level fee, payable monthly, is based upon the average daily net assets of the Fund as follows:

AVERAGE DAILY NET ASSETS

FUND-LEVEL FEE RATE

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For the first \$125 million	.3000%
For the next \$125 million	.2875
For the next \$250 million	.2750
For the next \$500 million	.2625
For the next \$1 billion	.2500
For net assets over \$2 billion	.2375

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The annual complex-level fee, payable monthly, which is additive to the fund-level fee, for all Nuveen sponsored funds in the U.S., is based on the aggregate amount of total fund assets managed as stated in the table below. As of September 30, 2007, the complex-level fee rate was .1831%.

Effective August 20, 2007, the complex-level fee schedule is as follows:

COMPLEX-LEVEL ASSET BREAKPOINT LEVEL (1)	EFFECTIVE RATE AT BREAKPOINT LEVEL
\$55 billion	.2000%
\$56 billion	.1996
\$57 billion	.1989
\$60 billion	.1961
\$63 billion	.1931
\$66 billion	.1900
\$71 billion	.1851
\$76 billion	.1806
\$80 billion	.1773
\$91 billion	.1691
\$125 billion	.1599
\$200 billion	.1505
\$250 billion	.1469
\$300 billion	.1445

Prior to August 20, 2007, the complex-level fee schedule was as follows:

COMPLEX-LEVEL ASSET BREAKPOINT LEVEL (1)	EFFECTIVE RATE AT BREAKPOINT LEVEL
\$55 billion	.2000%
\$56 billion	.1996
\$57 billion	.1989
\$60 billion	.1961
\$63 billion	.1931
\$66 billion	.1900
\$71 billion	.1851
\$76 billion	.1806
\$80 billion	.1773
\$91 billion	.1698
\$125 billion	.1617
\$200 billion	.1536
\$250 billion	.1509
\$300 billion	.1490

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- (1) The complex-level fee component of the management fee for the funds is calculated based upon the aggregate Managed Assets ("Managed Assets" means the average daily net assets of each fund including assets attributable to preferred stock issued by or borrowings by the Nuveen funds) of Nuveen-sponsored funds in the U.S.

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

### Agreement and Plan of Merger

On June 20, 2007, Nuveen Investments announced that it had entered into a definitive Agreement and Plan of Merger ("Merger Agreement") with Windy City Investments, Inc. ("Windy City"), a corporation formed by investors led by Madison Dearborn Partners, LLC ("Madison Dearborn"), pursuant to which Windy City would acquire Nuveen Investments. Madison Dearborn is a private equity investment firm based in Chicago, Illinois. The merger was consummated on November 13, 2007.

The consummation of the merger was deemed to be an "assignment" (as that term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940) of the investment management agreement between the Fund and the Adviser, and resulted in the automatic termination of the Fundagreement. The Board of Trustees of the Fund considered and approved a new investment management agreement with the Adviser. The new ongoing agreement was approved by the shareholders of the Fund and took effect on November 13, 2007.

The investors led by Madison Dearborn include an affiliate of Merrill Lynch. As a result, Merrill Lynch is an indirect "affiliated person" (as that term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940) of the Fund. Certain conflicts of interest may arise as a result of such indirect affiliation. For example, the Fund is generally prohibited from entering into principal transactions with Merrill Lynch and its affiliates. The Adviser does not believe that any such prohibitions or limitations as a result of Merrill Lynch's affiliation will significantly impact the ability of the Fund to pursue its investment objectives and policies.

### 6. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

#### Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 48

Effective September 30, 2007, the Fund adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 48, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes" (FIN 48). FIN 48 provides guidance regarding how uncertain tax positions should be recognized, measured, presented and disclosed in the financial statements. FIN 48 requires the evaluation of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Fund's tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are "more-likely-than-not" of being sustained by the applicable tax

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authority. Tax positions not deemed to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold would be recorded as a tax benefit or expense in the current year. Management of the Fund has concluded that there are no significant uncertain tax positions that require recognition in the Fund's financial statements. Consequently, the adoption of FIN 48 had no impact on the net assets or results of operations of the Fund.

Financial Accounting Standards Board Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157

In September 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements." This standard establishes a single authoritative definition of fair value, sets out a framework for measuring fair value and requires additional disclosures about fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 applies to fair value measurements already required or permitted by existing standards. SFAS No. 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The changes to current generally accepted accounting principles from the application of this standard relate to the definition of fair value, the methods used to measure fair value, and the expanded disclosures about fair value measurements. As of September 30, 2007, management does not believe the adoption of SFAS No. 157 will impact the financial statement amounts; however, additional disclosures may be required about the inputs used to develop the measurements and the effect of certain of the measurements included within the Statement of Operations for the period.

### 7. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

#### Distributions to Shareholders

The Fund declared a dividend distribution of \$.0365 per share from its tax-exempt net investment income which was paid on November 1, 2007, to shareholders of record on October 15, 2007.

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#### Financial HIGHLIGHTS (Unaudited)

Selected data for a share outstanding throughout each period:

	Investment Operations				Less Distributions	
	Beginning Net Asset Value	Net Investment Income	Net Realized/ Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Total	Net Investment Income	Capital Gains
Year Ended 3/31:						
2008 (b)	\$10.19	\$.22	\$ (.04)	\$.18	\$ (.22)	\$ --
2007	10.15	.46	.05	.51	(.47)	--
2006	10.22	.48	(.07)	.41	(.48)	--
2005	10.35	.49	(.14)	.35	(.48)	--
2004	10.34	.51	--	.51	(.50)	--
2003 (a)	10.57	.43	(.22)	.21	(.44)	--
Year Ended 5/31:						

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2002	11.21	.57	(.57)	--	(.61)	(.03)
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Ratios/Supplemental						
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Total Returns			Ratios to Average Net Assets Before Credit			
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Based on	Based on	Ending	Net			
Market	Net Asset	Net Assets	Investment			
Value+	Value+	(000)	Expenses	Income	Expe	
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Year Ended 3/31:						
2008 (b)	(2.85)%	1.78%	\$125,838	.59%*	4.39%*	
2007	4.75	5.10	126,316	.62	4.44	
2006	12.21	4.02	125,857	.59	4.67	
2005	(1.52)	3.44	126,645	.61	4.81	
2004	6.03	5.09	128,335	.63	4.92	
2003 (a)	(1.48)	2.03	128,106	.65*	4.95*	
Year Ended 5/31:						
2002	1.87	(.06)	130,959	.69	5.23	
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\* Annualized.

\*\* After custodian fee credit.

+ Total Return on Market Value is the combination of changes in the market price per share and the effect of reinvested dividend income and reinvested capital gains distributions, if any, at the average price paid per share at the time of reinvestment. The last dividend declared in the period, which is typically paid on the first business day of the following month, is assumed to be reinvested at the ending market price. The actual reinvestment for the last dividend declared in the period takes place over several days, and in some instances may not be based on the market price, so the actual reinvestment price may be different from the price used in the calculation. Total returns are not annualized.

Total Return on Net Asset Value is the combination of changes in net asset value, reinvested dividend income at net asset value and reinvested capital gains distributions at net asset value, if any. The last dividend declared in the period, which is typically paid on the first business day of the following month, is assumed to be reinvested at the ending net asset value. The actual reinvest price for the last dividend declared in the period may often be based on the Fund's market price (and not its net asset value), and therefore may be different from the price used in the calculation. Total returns are not annualized.

(a) For the period June 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003.

(b) For the six months ended September 30, 2007.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Annual Investment  
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APPROVAL PROCESS

The Board Members are responsible for overseeing the performance of the investment adviser to the Fund and determining whether to continue the advisory

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arrangement. At the annual review meeting held on May 21, 2007 (the "May Meeting"), the Board Members of the Fund, including the Independent Board Members, unanimously approved the continuance of the Investment Management Agreement between the Fund and Nuveen Asset Management ("NAM"). The foregoing Investment Management Agreement with NAM is hereafter referred to as the "Original Investment Management Agreement."

Subsequent to the May Meeting, Nuveen Investments, Inc. ("Nuveen"), the parent company of NAM, entered into a merger agreement providing for the acquisition of Nuveen by Windy City Investments, Inc., a corporation formed by investors led by Madison Dearborn Partners, LLC ("MDP"), a private equity investment firm (the "Transaction"). The Original Investment Management Agreement, as required by Section 15 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act"), provides for its automatic termination in the event of its "assignment" (as defined in the 1940 Act). Any change in control of the adviser is deemed to be an assignment. The consummation of the Transaction will result in a change of control of NAM as well as its affiliated sub-advisers and therefore cause the automatic termination of the Original Investment Management Agreement, as required by the 1940 Act. Accordingly, in anticipation of the Transaction, at a meeting held on July 31, 2007 (the "July Meeting"), the Board Members, including the Independent Board Members, unanimously approved a new Investment Management Agreement (the "New Investment Management Agreement") with NAM on behalf of the Fund to take effect immediately after the Transaction or shareholder approval of the new advisory contract, whichever is later. The 1940 Act also requires that the New Investment Management Agreement be approved by the Fund's shareholders in order for it to become effective. Accordingly, to ensure continuity of advisory services, the Board Members, including the Independent Board Members, unanimously approved an Interim Investment Management Agreement to take effect upon the closing of the Transaction if shareholders have not yet approved the New Investment Management Agreement.

Because the information provided and considerations made at the annual review continue to be relevant with respect to the evaluation of the New Investment Management Agreement, the Board considered the foregoing as part of its deliberations of the New Investment Management Agreement. Accordingly, as indicated, the discussions immediately below outline the materials and information presented to the Board in connection with the Board's prior annual review and the analysis undertaken and the conclusions reached by Board Members when determining to continue the Original Investment Management Agreement.

### I. APPROVAL OF THE ORIGINAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

During the course of the year, the Board received a wide variety of materials relating to the services provided by NAM and the performance of the Fund. At each of its quarterly meetings, the Board reviewed investment performance and various matters relating to the operations of the Fund and other Nuveen funds, including the compliance program, shareholder services, valuation, custody, distribution and other information relating to the nature, extent and quality of services provided by NAM. Between the regularly scheduled quarterly meetings, the Board Members received information on particular matters as the need arose.

In preparation for their considerations at the May Meeting, the Independent Board Members received extensive materials, well in advance of the meeting, which outlined or are related to, among other things:

- [ ] the nature, extent and quality of services provided by NAM;
- [ ] the organization and business operations of NAM, including the responsibilities of various departments and key personnel;

- [ ] the Fund's past performance as well as the Fund's performance compared to funds with similar investment objectives based on data and information provided by an independent third party and to customized benchmarks;
- [ ] the profitability of Nuveen and certain industry profitability analyses for unaffiliated advisers;
- [ ] the expenses of Nuveen in providing the various services;
- [ ] the advisory fees and total expense ratios of the Fund, including comparisons of such fees and expenses with those of comparable, unaffiliated funds based on information and data provided by an independent third party (the "Peer Universe") as well as compared to a subset of funds within the Peer Universe (the "Peer Group") of the Fund (as applicable);
- [ ] the advisory fees NAM assesses to other types of investment products or clients;
- [ ] the soft dollar practices of NAM, if any; and
- [ ] from independent legal counsel, a legal memorandum describing among other things, applicable laws, regulations and duties in reviewing and approving advisory contracts.

At the May Meeting, NAM made a presentation to, and responded to questions from, the Board. Prior to and after the presentations and reviewing the written materials, the Independent Board Members met privately with their legal counsel to review the Board duties in reviewing advisory contracts and considering the renewal of advisory contracts. The Independent Board Members, in consultation with independent counsel, reviewed the factors set out in judicial decisions and Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") directives relating to the renewal of advisory contracts. As outlined in more detail below, the Board Members considered all factors they believed relevant with respect to the Fund, including, but not limited to, the following: (a) the nature, extent and quality of the services to be provided by NAM; (b) the investment performance of the Fund and NAM; (c) the costs of the services to be provided and profits to be realized by Nuveen and its affiliates; (d) the extent to which economies of scale would be realized; and (e) whether fee levels reflect those economies of scale for the benefit of the Fund's investors. In addition, as noted, the Board Members met regularly throughout the year to oversee the Fund. In evaluating the Original Investment Management Agreement, the Board Members also relied upon their knowledge of NAM, its services and the Fund resulting from their meetings and other interactions throughout the year. It is with this background that the Board Members considered the Original Investment Management Agreement.

#### A. NATURE, EXTENT AND QUALITY OF SERVICES

In considering the renewal of the Original Investment Management Agreement, the Board Members considered the nature, extent and quality of NAM's services. The Board Members reviewed materials outlining, among other things, Nuveen's organization and business; the types of services that NAM or its affiliates provide and are expected to provide to the Fund; the performance record of the Fund (as described in further detail below); and, any initiatives Nuveen had taken for the municipal fund product line. As noted, at the annual review, the Board Members were already familiar with the organization, operations and personnel of NAM due to the Board Members' experience in governing the Fund and working with NAM on matters relating to the Fund. With respect to personnel, the Board Members recognized NAM's investment in additional qualified personnel throughout the various groups in the organization and recommended to NAM that it



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continue to review staffing needs as necessary. In addition, the Board Members reviewed materials describing the current status and, in particular, the developments in 2006 with respect to NAM's investment process, investment strategies (including additional tools used in executing such strategies), personnel (including portfolio management and research teams), trading process, hedging activities, risk management operations (e.g., reviewing credit quality, duration limits, and derivatives use, as applicable), and investment operations (such as enhancements to trading procedures, pricing procedures, and client services). The Board Members recognized NAM's investment of resources and efforts to continue to enhance and refine its investment process.

In addition to advisory services, the Independent Board Members considered the quality of administrative and non-advisory services provided by NAM and noted that NAM and its affiliates provide the Fund with a wide variety of services and officers and other personnel as are necessary for the operations of the Fund, including:

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- [ ] product management;
- [ ] fund administration;
- [ ] oversight by shareholder services and other fund service providers;
- [ ] administration of Board relations;
- [ ] regulatory and portfolio compliance; and
- [ ] legal support.

As the Fund operates in a highly regulated industry and given the importance of compliance, the Board Members considered, in particular, Nuveen's compliance activities for the Fund and enhancements thereto. In this regard, the Board Members recognized the quality of Nuveen's compliance team. The Board Members further noted Nuveen's negotiations with other service providers and the corresponding reduction in certain service providers' fees at the May Meeting.

In addition to the foregoing services, the Board Members also noted the additional services that NAM or its affiliates provide to Nuveen's closed-end funds, including, in particular, its secondary market support activities. The Board Members recognized Nuveen's continued commitment to supporting the secondary market for the common shares of its closed-end funds through a variety of programs designed to raise investor and analyst awareness and understanding of closed-end funds. These efforts include:

- [ ] maintaining shareholder communications;
- [ ] providing advertising for the Nuveen closed-end funds;
- [ ] maintaining its closed-end fund website;
- [ ] maintaining continual contact with financial advisers;
- [ ] providing educational symposia;

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- [ ] conducting research with investors and financial analysis regarding closed-end funds; and
- [ ] evaluating secondary market performance.

With respect to the Nuveen closed-end funds that utilize leverage through the issuance of preferred shares ("Preferred Shares"), the Board Members noted Nuveen's continued support for the holders of Preferred Shares by, among other things:

- [ ] maintaining an in-house trading desk;
- [ ] maintaining a product manager for the Preferred Shares;
- [ ] developing distribution for Preferred Shares with new market participants;
- [ ] maintaining an orderly auction process;
- [ ] managing leverage and risk management of leverage; and
- [ ] maintaining systems necessary to test compliance with rating agency criteria.

Based on their review, the Board Members found that, overall, the nature, extent and quality of services provided (and expected to be provided) to the Fund under the Original Investment Management Agreement were satisfactory.

### B. THE INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE OF THE FUND AND NAM

At the May Meeting, the Board considered the investment performance for the Fund, including the Fund's historic performance as well as its performance compared to funds with similar investment objectives (the "Performance Peer Group") based on data provided by an independent third party (as described below). The Board Members also reviewed the Fund's portfolio level performance (which does not reflect fund level fees and expenses, and leverage) against customized benchmarks, described in further detail below.

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In evaluating the performance information during the annual review at the May Meeting, in certain instances, the Board Members noted that the closest Performance Peer Group for a fund may not adequately reflect such fund's investment objectives and strategies, thereby limiting the usefulness of the comparisons of such fund's performance with that of the Performance Peer Group.

With respect to state-specific municipal funds, the Board Members also recognized that certain funds do not have a corresponding state-specific Performance Peer Group in which case their performance is measured against a more general municipal category for various states. With respect to municipal closed-end funds, funds that do not have corresponding state-specific Performance Peer Groups are from states other than New York, California, Florida, New Jersey, Michigan and Pennsylvania. However, with respect to funds based in Florida, New Jersey, Michigan and Pennsylvania, the peer group may be so small or the Nuveen funds may dominate the category to such an extent that performance information for such funds was also compared to the more general category for all states (other than New York and California).

The Board Members reviewed performance information including, among other

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things, total return information compared with the Fund's Performance Peer Group for the one-, three- and five-year periods (as applicable) ending December 31, 2006. The Board Members also reviewed the Fund's portfolio level performance (which does not reflect fund level fees and expenses, and leverage) compared to customized portfolio level benchmarks for the one- and three-year periods ending December 31, 2006 (as applicable). The analysis was used to assess the efficacy of investment decisions against appropriate measures of risk and total return, within specific market segments. This information supplemented the Fund performance information provided to the Board at each of its quarterly meetings. Based on their review, the Board Members determined that the Fund's investment performance over time had been satisfactory, subject to the following. With respect to various municipal closed-end funds, the Board Members noted relative total return underperformance in recent years compared to peers. The Board Members reviewed materials and discussed with NAM the factors contributing to the shift in performance including, among other things, the degree of risk undertaken by peers compared to the municipal closed-end funds (such as through the increased use of leverage or taking concentrated positions in high risk credits). In addition, the Board Members also considered a fund's dividend performance and the extent of any secondary market discounts. The Board Members noted NAM's efforts to evaluate the factors affecting performance and determine whether modification to a fund's investment strategy is necessary or appropriate, and concluded that they were satisfied with the steps being taken.

### C. FEES, EXPENSES AND PROFITABILITY

#### 1. FEES AND EXPENSES

During the annual review, in evaluating the management fees and expenses of the Fund, the Board reviewed, among other things, the Fund's advisory fees (net and gross management fees) and total expense ratios (before and after expense reimbursements and/or waivers) in absolute terms as well as comparisons to the gross management fees (before waivers), net management fees (after waivers) and total expense ratios (before and after waivers) of comparable funds in the Peer Universe and the Peer Group. In reviewing the fee schedule for the Fund, the Board Members considered the fund-level and complex-wide breakpoint schedules (described in further detail below) and any fee waivers and reimbursements provided by Nuveen (applicable, in particular, for certain funds launched since 1999). The Board Members further reviewed data regarding the construction of Peer Groups as well as the methods of measurement for the fee and expense analysis and the performance analysis. In certain cases, due to the small number of peers in the Peer Universe, the Peer Universe and Peer Group had significant overlap or even consisted entirely of the same unaffiliated funds. In reviewing the comparisons of fee and expense information, the Board Members recognized that in certain cases, the fund size relative to peers, the small size and odd composition of the Peer Group (including differences in objectives and strategies), expense anomalies, timing of information used or other factors impacting the comparisons thereby limited some of the usefulness of the comparative data. The Board Members also considered the differences in the use of leverage. Based on their review of the fee and expense information provided, the Board Members determined that the Fund's net total expense ratio was within an acceptable range compared to peers.

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### 2. COMPARISONS WITH THE FEES OF OTHER CLIENTS

At the annual review, the Board Members further reviewed data comparing the advisory fees of NAM with fees NAM charges to other clients. With respect to municipal funds, such clients include NAM's municipal separately managed accounts. In general, the advisory fees charged for separate accounts are somewhat lower than the advisory fees assessed to the Fund. The Board Members considered the differences in the product types, including, but not limited to, the services provided, the structure and operations, product distribution and costs thereof, portfolio investment policies, investor profiles, account sizes and regulatory requirements. The Board Members noted, in particular, that the range of services provided to the Fund (as discussed above) is much more extensive than that provided to separately managed accounts. As described in further detail above, such additional services include, but are not limited to: product management, fund administration, oversight of third party service providers, administration of Board relations, and legal support. The Board Members noted that the Fund operates in a highly regulated industry requiring extensive compliance functions compared to other investment products. Given the inherent differences in the products, particularly the extensive services provided to the Fund, the Board Members believe such facts justify the different levels of fees.

### 3. PROFITABILITY OF NUVEEN

In conjunction with its review of fees, the Board Members also considered the profitability of Nuveen for its advisory activities (which incorporated Nuveen's wholly-owned affiliated sub-advisers) and its financial condition. At the annual review, the Board Members reviewed the revenues and expenses of Nuveen's advisory activities for the last three years, the allocation methodology used in preparing the profitability data as well as the 2006 Annual Report for Nuveen. The Board Members noted this information supplemented the profitability information requested and received during the year to help keep them apprised of developments affecting profitability (such as changes in fee waivers and expense reimbursement commitments). In this regard, the Board Members noted the enhanced dialogue and information regarding profitability with NAM during the year, including more frequent meetings and updates from Nuveen's corporate finance group. The Board Members also reviewed data comparing Nuveen's profitability with other fund sponsors prepared by three independent third party service providers as well as comparisons of the revenues, expenses and profit margins of various unaffiliated management firms with similar amounts of assets under management prepared by Nuveen.

In reviewing profitability, the Board Members recognized the subjective nature of determining profitability which may be affected by numerous factors, including the allocation of expenses. Further, the Board Members recognized the difficulties in making comparisons as the profitability of other advisers generally is not publicly available and the profitability information that is available for certain advisers or management firms may not be representative of the industry and may be affected by, among other things, the adviser's particular business mix, capital costs, types of funds managed and expense allocations.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Board Members reviewed Nuveen's methodology and assumptions for allocating expenses across product lines to determine profitability. Last year, the Board Members also designated an Independent Board Member as a point person for the Board to review the methodology determinations during the year and any refinements thereto, which relevant information produced from such process was reported to the full Board. In reviewing profitability, the Board Members recognized Nuveen's increased investment in its fund business. Based on its review, the Board Members concluded that Nuveen's level of

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profitability for its advisory activities was reasonable in light of the services provided.

In evaluating the reasonableness of the compensation, the Board Members also considered other amounts paid to NAM by the Fund as well as any indirect benefits (such as soft dollar arrangements, if any) NAM and its affiliates receive, or are expected to receive, that are directly attributable to the management of the Fund, if any. See Section E below for additional information on indirect benefits NAM may receive as a result of its relationship with the Fund. Based on their review of the overall fee arrangements of the Fund, the Board Members determined that the advisory fees and expenses of the Fund were reasonable.

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### D. ECONOMIES OF SCALE AND WHETHER FEE LEVELS REFLECT THESE ECONOMIES OF SCALE

With respect to economies of scale, the Board Members recognized the potential benefits resulting from the costs of the Fund being spread over a larger asset base. To help ensure the shareholders share in these benefits, the Board Members reviewed and considered the breakpoints in the advisory fee schedules that reduce advisory fees. In addition to advisory fee breakpoints, the Board also approved a complex-wide fee arrangement in 2004. Pursuant to the complex-wide fee arrangement, the fees of the funds in the Nuveen complex, including the Fund, are reduced as the assets in the fund complex reach certain levels. In evaluating the complex-wide fee arrangement, the Board Members noted that the last complex-wide asset level breakpoint for the complex-wide fee schedule was at \$91 billion and that the Board Members anticipated further review and/or negotiations prior to the assets of the Nuveen complex reaching such threshold. Based on their review, the Board Members concluded that the breakpoint schedule and complex-wide fee arrangement were acceptable and desirable in providing benefits from economies of scale to shareholders, subject to further evaluation of the complex-wide fee schedule as assets in the complex increase. See Section II, Paragraph D - "Approval of the New Investment Management Agreement - Economies of Scale and Whether Fee Levels Reflect These Economies of Scale" for information regarding subsequent modifications to the complex-wide fee.

### E. INDIRECT BENEFITS

In evaluating fees, the Board Members also considered any indirect benefits or profits NAM or its affiliates may receive as a result of its relationship with the Fund. With respect to closed-end funds, the Board Members considered the revenues received by affiliates of NAM for serving as agent at Nuveen's preferred trading desk and for serving as a co-manager in the initial public offering of new closed-end exchange traded funds.

In addition to the above, the Board Members considered whether NAM received any benefits from soft dollar arrangements whereby a portion of the commissions paid by the Fund for brokerage may be used to acquire research that may be useful to NAM in managing the assets of the Fund and other clients. With respect to NAM, the Board Members noted that NAM does not currently have any soft dollar arrangements; however, to the extent certain bona fide agency transactions that occur on markets that traditionally trade on a principal basis and riskless principal transactions are considered as generating "commissions," NAM intends to comply with the applicable safe harbor provisions.

Based on their review, the Board Members concluded that any indirect benefits received by NAM as a result of its relationship with the Fund were reasonable and within acceptable parameters.

F. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

The Board Members did not identify any single factor discussed previously as all-important or controlling in their considerations to continue the Original Investment Management Agreement. The Board Members, including the Independent Board Members, unanimously concluded that the terms of the Original Investment Management Agreement are fair and reasonable, that NAM's fees are reasonable in light of the services provided to the Fund and that the renewal of the Original Investment Management Agreement be approved.

II. APPROVAL OF THE NEW INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Following the May Meeting, the Board Members were advised of the potential Transaction. As noted above, the completion of the Transaction would terminate the Original Investment Management Agreement. Accordingly, at the July Meeting, the Board of the Fund, including the Independent Board Members, unanimously approved the New Investment Management Agreement on behalf of the Fund. Leading up to the July Meeting, the Board Members had several meetings and deliberations with and without Nuveen management present, and with the advice of legal counsel, regarding the proposed Transaction as outlined below.

On June 8, 2007, the Board Members held a special telephonic meeting to discuss the proposed Transaction. At that meeting, the Board Members established a special ad hoc committee comprised solely of Independent Board Members to focus on the Transaction and to keep the Independent Board Members

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updated with developments regarding the Transaction. On June 15, 2007, the ad hoc committee discussed with representatives of NAM the Transaction and modifications to the complex-wide fee schedule that would generate additional fee savings at specified levels of complex-wide asset growth. Following the foregoing meetings and several subsequent telephonic conferences among Independent Board Members and independent counsel, and between Independent Board Members and representatives of Nuveen, the Board met on June 18, 2007 to further discuss the proposed Transaction. Immediately prior to and then again during the June 18, 2007 meeting, the Independent Board Members met privately with their independent legal counsel. At that meeting, the Board met with representatives of MDP, of Goldman Sachs, Nuveen's financial adviser in the Transaction, and of the Nuveen Board to discuss, among other things, the history and structure of MDP, the terms of the proposed Transaction (including the financing terms), and MDP's general plans and intentions with respect to Nuveen (including with respect to management, employees, and future growth prospects). On July 9, 2007, the Board also met to be updated on the Transaction as part of a special telephonic Board meeting. The Board Members were further updated at a special in-person Board meeting held on July 19, 2007 (one Independent Board Member participated telephonically). Subsequently, on July 27, 2007, the ad hoc committee held a telephonic conference with representatives of Nuveen and MDP to further discuss, among other things, the Transaction, the financing of the Transaction, retention and incentive plans for key employees, the effect of regulatory restrictions on transactions with affiliates after the Transaction, and current volatile market conditions and their impact on the Transaction.

In connection with their review of the New Investment Management Agreement, the

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Independent Board Members, through their independent legal counsel, also requested in writing and received additional information regarding the proposed Transaction and its impact on the provision of services by NAM and its affiliates.

The Independent Board Members received, well in advance of the July Meeting, materials which outlined, among other things:

- [ ] the structure and terms of the Transaction, including MDP's co-investor entities and their expected ownership interests, and the financing arrangements that will exist for Nuveen following the closing of the Transaction;
- [ ] the strategic plan for Nuveen following the Transaction;
- [ ] the governance structure for Nuveen following the Transaction;
- [ ] any anticipated changes in the operations of the Nuveen funds following the Transaction, including changes to NAM's and Nuveen's day-to-day management, infrastructure and ability to provide advisory, distribution or other applicable services to the Fund;
- [ ] any changes to senior management or key personnel who work on Fund related matters (including portfolio management, investment oversight, and legal/compliance) and any retention or incentive arrangements for such persons;
- [ ] any anticipated effect on the Fund's expense ratio (including advisory fees) following the Transaction;
- [ ] any benefits or undue burdens imposed on the Fund as a result of the Transaction;
- [ ] any legal issues for the Fund as a result of the Transaction;
- [ ] the nature, quality and extent of services expected to be provided to the Fund following the Transaction, changes to any existing services and policies affecting the Fund, and cost-cutting efforts, if any, that may impact such services or policies;
- [ ] any conflicts of interest that may arise for Nuveen or MDP with respect to the Fund;
- [ ] the costs associated with obtaining necessary shareholder approvals and who would bear those costs; and
- [ ] from legal counsel, a memorandum describing the applicable laws, regulations and duties in approving advisory contracts, including, in particular, with respect to a change of control.

Immediately preceding the July Meeting, representatives of MDP met with the Board to further respond to questions regarding the Transaction. After the meeting with MDP, the Independent Board Members met with independent legal counsel in executive session. At the July Meeting, Nuveen also made a presentation and responded to questions. Following the presentations and discussions of the materials presented to the Board, the Independent Board Members met again in executive session with their counsel. As outlined in more

detail below, the Independent Board Members considered