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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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December 31, 2012

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Chairman's
Letter to Shareholders

Dear Shareholders,

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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

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

Portfolio Manager's Comments

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

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

Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund (JQC)

(formerly Nuveen Multi-Strategy Income and Growth Fund 2)

Portfolio Repositioning

On January 23, 2012, the Fund began the repositioning of its portfolio as previously approved by common shareholders during November 2011. The goal of the portfolio repositioning was to increase the attractiveness of the Fund's common shares and narrow the Fund's trading discount by:

- Simplifying the Fund to focus on one of its current core portfolio strategies;
- Positioning the Fund in a closed-end fund category that is well understood and has historically seen more consistent secondary market demand; and
- Differentiating the Fund from similar funds, including other Nuveen closed-end funds in the same fund category.

In connection with the portfolio repositioning, Symphony Asset Management, LLC, an existing sub-adviser and affiliate of Nuveen Investments, assumed sole responsibility for managing the Fund's investment portfolio.

Upon completion of the portfolio repositioning on April 2, 2012, the Fund changed its name to Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund. The Fund's ticker symbol remained unchanged. The Fund also discontinued its managed distribution policy (in which distributions may be sourced not just from income but also from realized capital gains and, if necessary, from capital), and shifted from quarterly to monthly distributions. The Fund's investment objective of high current income with a secondary objective of total return remained unchanged.

The Symphony team is led by Gunther Stein, the firm's Chief Investment Officer. Here Gunther talks about general market conditions, the management strategies and the performance of the Fund for the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2012.

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

During this period, the U.S. economy's progress toward recovery from recession continued at a moderate pace. The Federal Reserve (Fed) maintained its efforts to improve the overall economic environment by holding the benchmark fed funds rate at the record low level of zero to 0.25% that it established in December 2008. The central bank decided during its December 2012 meeting to keep the fed funds rate at "exceptionally low levels" until either the unemployment rate reaches 6.5% or expected inflation goes above 2.5%.

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The Fed also affirmed its decision, announced in September 2012, to purchase \$40 billion of mortgage-backed securities each month in an effort to stimulate the housing market. In addition to this new, open-ended stimulus program, the Fed plans to continue its program to extend the average maturity of its holdings of U.S. Treasury securities through the end of December 2012. The goals of these actions, which together will increase the Fed's holdings of longer-term securities by approximately \$85 billion a month through the end of the year, are to put downward pressure on longer-term interest rates, make broader financial conditions more accommodative and support a stronger economic recovery as well as continued progress toward the Fed's mandates of maximum employment and price stability.

In the fourth quarter 2012, the U.S. economy, as measured by the U.S. gross domestic product (GDP), decreased at an estimated annualized rate of 0.1%, down from a 3.1% increase in the third quarter. This slight decline was due to lower inventory investment, federal spending and net exports. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 1.7% year-over-year as of December 2012, after a 3.0% increase in 2011. The core CPI (which excludes food and energy) increased 1.9% during the period, staying just within the Fed's unofficial objective of 2.0% or lower for this inflation measure. As of January 2013, the national unemployment rate was 7.9%, slightly higher than the 7.8% unemployment rate for December 2012 but below the 8.3% level recorded in January 2012. The housing market continued to show signs of improvement, with the average home price in the S&P/Case-Shiller Index of 20 major metropolitan areas rising 5.5% for the twelve months ended November 2012 (most recent data available at the time this report was prepared). This was the largest year-over-year price gain since August 2006. The outlook for the U.S. economy remained clouded by uncertainty about global financial markets and the continued negotiations by Congress regarding potential spending cuts and tax policy reform.

The reporting period ending December 31, 2012 was a strong year for risk assets, with the Credit Suisse First Boston (CSFB) Leveraged Loan Index returning 9.43% and the Credit Suisse High Yield Index returning 14.71%. Senior loans continued to see consistent demand from both retail mutual funds and institutional accounts, specifically collateralized loan obligations. Despite a looming "fiscal cliff" situation, investors continued to shrug off fears as they looked for yield among the senior parts of the capital structure. Fundamentals remained strong as well, with defaults modest and focused among issuers with particularly high leverage as well as companies with secular and/or cyclical headwinds. New issue, while robust throughout the year, slowed down incrementally into year-end making the reinvestment of coupon in secondary market issues a positive technical across the broader market sending prices higher.

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

The Fund invests at least 70% of its assets in senior secured and second lien loans, and up to 30% of its assets opportunistically over the credit cycle in other types of securities across company's capital structures. These other securities are primarily income oriented securities such as high yield debt, convertible securities and other forms of corporate debt.

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

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

* Since inception returns are from 6/25/03.

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

Throughout much of the period the Fund was positioned in a combination of senior loans and high yield corporate bonds that we believe offered attractive yield and return potential on a risk-adjusted basis. Exposure consisted of mainly U.S. issuers, and was focused on companies that, in general, had high levels of tangible assets, significant market share within their respective industries and positive free cash flow. Selectively, the Fund had exposure to companies with above average leverage where we felt that fundamentals supported the valuation or where a positive catalyst existed.

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

The performance of the Fund, as well as a comparative index, is presented in the accompanying table.

Average Annual Total Return on Common Share Net Asset Value

For periods ended 12/31/12

	1-Year	5-Year	Since Inception*
JQC	16.80%	4.17%	4.50%
CSFB Leveraged Loan Index**	9.43%	4.81%	5.16%

For the twelve-month period ended December 31, 2012, the total return on common share net asset value (NAV) for the Fund outperformed the general market index.

Overall the Fund benefited from the strong performance of risk assets during the reporting period. As mentioned previously, the Fund was positioned in a combination of senior loans and high yield corporate bonds. Characterized as risk assets, the Fund's senior loan and high yield bond holdings contributed to the Fund's outperformance versus its benchmark.

Specifically, the Fund benefited from several positions, which offered higher total return potential as a result of a higher coupon as well as total return opportunity. First Data Corporation and Clear Channel Communications Inc. added to the Fund's performance during the reporting period. Both traded well due to significant demand from institutional buyers amid a relatively safe credit backdrop.

Hurting performance was exposure to Cengage Learning Acquisition Inc., whose term loan fell following an earnings miss and downgrade of the education solution providers credit rating. Also detracting from performance was exposure to Frac Tech International LLC, term loan, as weakness in the natural gas market continued to put pressure on revenues.

The Fund also benefited from its opportunistic exposure to positions in high yield corporate bonds and equity securities, which outperformed the core portfolio of senior loans for much of the year in what can best be characterized as a broader "risk-on" trade.

During the period, we continue to write (sell) call options on individual stocks held in the Fund's portfolio while foregoing some upside potential. We also held a put option on a single stock in an attempt to benefit in the event its price declined. This put option expired prior to the close of the reporting period. These contracts had a slight negative impact on performance.

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Fund Leverage
and Other Information

IMPACT OF THE FUND'S LEVERAGE STRATEGIES ON PERFORMANCE

One important factor impacting the return of the Fund relative to its benchmark was the Fund's use of financial leverage through the use of bank borrowings. The Fund uses leverage because its managers believe that, over time, leveraging provides opportunities for additional income and total return for common shareholders. However, use of leverage also can expose common shareholders to additional volatility. For example, as the prices of securities held by the Fund decline, the negative impact of these valuation changes on common share net asset value and common shareholder total return is magnified by the use of leverage. Conversely, leverage may enhance common share returns during periods when the prices of securities held by the Fund generally are rising. Leverage had a positive impact on the performance of the Fund over this reporting period. During the period, the Fund did not enter into any new interest rate swap contracts in order to hedge leverage costs; however, existing swap contracts that were previously entered into in order to fix (or lock-in) a portion of the Fund's leverage costs partially detracted from the overall contribution of leverage. Short-term floating interest rates remained below fixed swap rates for the period increasing the realized leverage costs, while longer-term interest rates overall contributed to a slight increase in the unrealized mark-to-market losses.

RISK CONSIDERATIONS

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

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

Leverage Risk. The Fund's use of leverage creates the possibility of higher volatility for the Fund's per share NAV, market price and distributions. Leverage risk can be introduced through regulatory leverage (issuing preferred shares or debt borrowings at the Fund level) or through certain derivative investments held in the Fund's portfolio. Leverage typically magnifies the total return of the Fund's portfolio, whether that return is positive or negative. The use of leverage creates an opportunity for increased

common share net income, but there is no assurance that the Fund's leveraging strategy will be successful.

Tax Risk. The tax treatment of Fund distributions may be affected by new IRS interpretations of the Internal Revenue Code and future changes in tax laws and regulations.

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

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

Illiquid Securities Risk. This is the risk that the Fund may not be able to sell securities in its portfolio at the time or price desired by the Fund.

Below-Investment Grade Risk. Investments in securities below investment grade quality are predominantly speculative and subject to greater volatility and risk of default.

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

Call Risk or Prepayment Risk. Issuers may exercise their option to prepay principal earlier than scheduled, forcing the Fund to reinvest in lower-yielding securities.

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

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

Risks from Unsecured Adjustable Rate Loans or Insufficient Collateral Securing Adjustable Rate Loans. Some of the adjustable rate loans in which the Fund may invest will be unsecured or insufficiently collateralized, thereby increasing the risk of loss to the Fund in the event of issuer default.

Convertible Securities Risk. Convertible securities generally offer lower interest or dividend yields than non-convertible fixed-income securities of similar credit quality.

Currency Risk. Changes in exchange rates will affect the value of the Fund's investments.

Non-U.S. Securities Risk. Investments in non-U.S securities involve special risks not typically associated with domestic investments including currency risk and adverse political, social and economic development. These risks often are magnified in emerging markets.

Senior Loan Risk. Senior loans, both secured and unsecured, may not be rated by a national rating agency at the time of investment, generally will not be registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and generally will not be listed on a securities exchange. In addition, the amount of public information available with respect to senior loans generally is less extensive than that available for more widely rated, registered and exchange-listed securities.

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

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

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Common Share Distribution
and Price Information

Distribution Information

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

As mentioned previously, upon completion of its portfolio repositioning, the Fund discontinued its managed distribution policy (in which distributions may be sourced not just from income but also from realized capital gains and, if necessary, from capital), and shifted from quarterly to monthly distributions.

During the current reporting period, the Fund declared a quarterly distribution to common shareholders of \$0.2000 per share in March and then maintained stable monthly distributions of \$0.0667 per share for the next eight months beginning with its April distribution declared April 11, 2012 and paid May 1, 2012. The Fund had one monthly distribution increase in December. Some of the important factors affecting the amount and composition of these distributions are summarized below.

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

During certain periods, the Fund 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 the Fund has cumulatively earned more than it has paid in dividends, it holds excess in reserve as undistributed net investment income (UNII) as part of the Fund's NAV. Conversely, if the Fund has cumulatively paid dividends in excess of earnings, the excess constitutes negative UNII that is likewise reflected in the Fund's NAV. The Fund will, over time, pay all of its net investment income as dividends to shareholders. As of December 31, 2012, the Fund had a zero UNII balance for tax purposes and a negative UNII balance for financial reporting purposes.

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Common Share Repurchases and Price Information

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

As of December 31, 2012, and since the inception of the Fund's repurchase program, the Fund has cumulatively repurchased and retired shares of its outstanding common stock as shown in the accompanying table.

	Common Shares Repurchased and Retired	% of Outstanding Common Shares
JQC	4,315,092	3.2%

During the current reporting period, the Fund did not repurchase any of its common shares.

As of December 31, 2012, the Fund was trading at a -2.33% discount to its common share NAV compared with an average discount of -4.73% for the entire twelve-month period.

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Fund Snapshot

Common Share Price	\$	9.65
Common Share Net Asset Value (NAV)	\$	9.88
Premium/(Discount) to NAV		-2.33%
Latest Dividend	\$	0.0692
Current Distribution Rate ⁴		8.61%
Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares (\$000)		\$1,345,657

Leverage

Regulatory Leverage	29.42%
Effective Leverage	29.42%

Average Annual Total Returns

(Inception 6/25/03)

	On Share Price	On NAV
1-Year	30.55%	16.80%
5-Year	7.71%	4.17%
Since Inception	4.78%	4.50%

Portfolio Composition(as a % of total investments)^{1,3}

Media	11.4%
Software	7.0%
Health Care Providers & Services	6.5%
Pharmaceuticals	6.5%
Health Care Equipment & Supplies	6.1%
Diversified Telecommunication Services	4.2%
Hotels, Restaurants & Leisure	3.9%
Specialty Retail	3.5%
Semiconductors & Equipment	3.2%
Communications Equipment	3.2%
Chemicals	2.9%
Real Estate	2.9%
Airlines	2.6%
IT Services	2.5%
Commercial Services & Supplies	2.4%
Internet Software & Services	2.1%
Oil, Gas & Consumable Fuels	2.0%
Distributors	2.0%
Diversified Consumer Services	1.9%
Health Care Technology	1.8%
Short-Term Investments	1.8%
Other	19.6%

Top Five Issuers

(as a % of total investments)^{2,3}

Caesar's Entertainment Corporation	2.2%
Pharmaceutical Product Development Inc.	2.2%
MTL Publishing LLC	2.0%
iStar Financial, Inc.	1.9%
Univar, Inc.	1.9%
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Performance

OVERVIEW

Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund

as of December 31, 2012

Portfolio Allocation (as a % of total investments)^{1,3}

2012 Distributions Per Common Share⁵

Common Share Price Performance Weekly Closing Price

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

1 Excluding investments in derivatives.

2 Excluding short-term investments and investments in derivatives.

3 Holdings are subject to change.

4 Current Distribution Rate is based on the Fund's current annualized monthly distribution divided by the Fund's current market price. The Fund's monthly distributions to its shareholders may be compromised of ordinary income, net realized capital gains and, if at the end of the calendar year the Fund's cumulative net ordinary income and net realized gains are less than the amount of the Fund's distributions, a return of capital for tax purposes.

5 As previously explained in the Common Share Distribution and Share Price Information section of this report, the Fund shifted from a quarterly to a monthly distribution beginning with its April distribution declared 4/11/12 and paid 5/1/12.

Report of INDEPENDENT REGISTERED

PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

**The Board of Trustees and Shareholders
Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund
(formerly known as Nuveen Multi-Strategy Income and Growth Fund 2)**

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

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

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

Chicago, Illinois
February 27, 2013

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Nuveen Credit Strategies Income Fund

(formerly known as Nuveen Multi-Strategy Income and Growth Fund 2)

Portfolio of INVESTMENTS

December 31, 2012

Shares	Description (1)	Value
	Common Stocks 12.5% (8.7% of Total Investments)	
	Aerospace & Defense 0.3%	
8,440	BE Aerospace Inc., (2)	\$ 416,936
16,170	Honeywell International Inc.	1,026,310
21,900	United Technologies Corporation	1,796,019
	Total Aerospace & Defense	3,239,265
	Air Freight & Logistics 0.0%	
6,680	C.H. Robinson Worldwide, Inc.	422,310
	Beverages 0.2%	
	Coca-Cola Bottling Company	
2,722	Consolidated	181,013
63,208	Coca-Cola Company	2,291,290
8,570	Dr. Pepper Snapple Group	378,623
	Total Beverages	