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Nuveen Closed-End Funds Board Approves Fund Merger

CHICAGO, December 14, 2012 Nuveen Investments, a leading global provider of investment services to institutions as well as individual investors, today announced the Board of Trustees of the Nuveen Municipal High Income Opportunity Fund (NYSE MKT: **NMZ**) and Nuveen Municipal High Income Opportunity Fund 2 (NYSE: **NMD**) approved a merger. The merger is subject to customary conditions, including shareholder approval at the funds' regular shareholder meeting. The merger is intended to create a single, larger fund with lower operating expenses and increased trading volume on the exchange for its common shares.

More information on the proposed merger will be contained in the proxy materials expected to be filed in the coming weeks. The proposed fund merger is as follows:

Acquired Fund	Symbol	Acquiring Fund	Symbol
Nuveen Municipal High Income Opportunity Fund 2	NMD	Nuveen Municipal High Income Opportunity Fund	NMZ

More information on these and other Nuveen closed-end funds is posted on Nuveen's web site at www.nuveen.com/cef.

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- o market developments;
- o legal and regulatory developments; and
- o other additional risks and uncertainties.

Nuveen and the closed-end funds managed by Nuveen and its affiliates undertake no responsibility to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements.

The Annual and Semi-Annual Reports and other regulatory filings of the Nuveen closed-end funds with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) are accessible on the SEC 's web site www.sec.gov and on Nuveen`s web site at www.nuveen.com and may discuss the above-mentioned or other factors that affect the Nuveen closed-end funds. The information contained on our web site is not a part of this press release.

Nothing contained in this press release shall constitute an offer for sale of any securities. A joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus relating to each proposed reorganization will be filed with the SEC in the coming weeks and will contain important information relating the reorganization. Shareholders are urged to read each such joint Proxy Statement/Prospectus carefully. After they are filed, free copies of the Proxy Statement/Prospectuses will be available on the SEC 's web site at www.sec.gov.