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Important Notice to Fund Shareholders

MAY 19, 2008

Although we recommend that you read the complete Proxy Statement, for your convenience, we have provided a brief overview of the issues to be voted on.

Q. Why am I receiving this Proxy Statement?

A. You are being asked to vote on a number of important matters:

- (i) Elimination of Fundamental Investment Policies and Approval of New Fundamental Investment Policy (Insured Funds only). Fund shareholders are being asked to approve the elimination of certain fundamental investment policies and to approve a new fundamental policy. These changes are designed to give the Insured Funds important flexibility to respond to on-going developments in the bond insurance market while maintaining their current focus on insured bonds backed by insurers with solid credit ratings;
- (ii) <u>Approval of Fund Board Nominees (All Funds).</u> Each year, you and other Fund shareholders must approve the election of Board members to serve on your Fund s Board. This is a requirement for all funds that list their common shares on a stock exchange. The Funds described in this proxy statement are holding their annual shareholder meetings at which Board members will be elected. The list of specific nominees is contained in the enclosed proxy; and
- (iii) <u>Ratification of Independent Auditors (Nuveen Core Equity Alpha Fund only).</u> Fund shareholders are being asked to ratify the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Fund.

Your Fund s Board of Trustees/Directors, including your Board s independent members, unanimously recommends that you vote **FOR** each proposal.

Your vote is very important. We encourage you as a shareholder to participate in your Fund s governance by returning your vote as soon as possible. If enough shareholders don t cast their votes, your Fund may not be able to hold its meeting or the vote on each issue, and will be required to incur additional solicitation costs in order to obtain sufficient shareholder participation.

- Q. Why are shareholders of the Insured Funds being asked to approve the elimination of fundamental investment policies and to approve a new fundamental investment policy?
- As a result of conditions facing the bond insurance market, shareholders are being asked to approve the elimination of certain fundamental investment policies that are restricting, or may be expected in the future to restrict, each Insured Fund s ability to effectively maintain its existing focus on insured bonds backed by insurers with solid credit ratings. In connection with eliminating the fundamental investment policies, shareholders are being asked to approve a new fundamental investment policy that will provide the Insured Funds with flexibility to respond to on-going developments in the bond insurance market, while ensuring that the Insured Funds continue to invest substantially all (at least 80%) of their investments in insured bonds backed by insurers with solid credit ratings.

- Q. What happens if shareholders don t approve the elimination of the fundamental investment policies and/or don t approve the new fundamental investment policy?
- A. If shareholders do not approve the elimination of the fundamental investment policies, then the Board will take such action as it deems to be in the best interest of each Insured Fund. In addition, the elimination of each fundamental policy (i), as described in the enclosed proxy statement, is contingent on shareholder approval of the new fundamental policy and the implementation of the new fundamental investment policy is contingent on shareholder approval of the elimination of fundamental policy (i). Your Fund s Board urges you to vote without delay in order to avoid potential disruption to the Fund s operations.

Q. Who do I call if I have questions?

A. If you need any assistance, or have any questions regarding the proposals or how to vote your shares, please call Computershare Fund Services, your Fund proxy solicitor, at (866) 434-7510. Please have your proxy material available when you call.

Q. How do I vote my shares?

A. You can vote your shares by completing and signing the enclosed proxy card, and mailing it in the enclosed postage-paid envelope. Alternatively, you may vote by telephone by calling the toll-free number on the proxy card or by computer by going to the Internet address provided on the proxy card and following the instructions, using your proxy card as a guide.

Q. Will anyone contact me?

A. You may receive a call from Computershare Fund Services, the proxy solicitor hired by your Fund, to verify that you received your proxy materials, to answer any questions you may have about the proposals and to encourage you to vote your proxy.

We recognize the inconvenience of the proxy solicitation process and would not impose on you if we did not believe that the matters being proposed were important and in the best interests of the Fund s shareholders. Once your vote has been registered with the proxy solicitor, your name will be removed from the solicitor s follow-up contact list.

333 West Wacker Drive Chicago, Illinois 60606 (800) 257-8787 Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders June 30, 2008

May 19, 2008

Nuveen New York Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NAN)

Nuveen New York Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (NXK)

Nuveen New York Investment Quality Municipal Fund, Inc. (NQN)

Nuveen New York Municipal Value Fund, Inc. (NNY)

Nuveen New York Performance Plus Municipal Fund, Inc. (NNP)

Nuveen New York Quality Income Municipal Fund, Inc. (NUN)

Nuveen New York Select Quality Municipal Fund, Inc. (NVN)

Nuveen Insured Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NVG)

Nuveen Insured Municipal Opportunity Fund, Inc. (NIO)

Nuveen Insured Premium Income Municipal Fund 2 (NPX)

Nuveen Insured Quality Municipal Fund, Inc. (NQI)

Nuveen Insured Tax-Free Advantage Municipal Fund (NEA)

Nuveen Insured New York Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (NKO)

Nuveen Insured New York Premium Income Municipal Fund, Inc. (NNF)

Nuveen Insured New York Tax-Free Advantage Municipal Fund (NRK)

Nuveen Premier Insured Municipal Income Fund, Inc. (NIF)

Nuveen Core Equity Alpha Fund (JCE)

Nuveen Real Estate Income Fund (JRS)

Nuveen Diversified Dividend and Income Fund (JDD)

Nuveen Equity Premium and Growth Fund (JPG)

Nuveen Equity Premium Advantage Fund (JLA)

Nuveen Equity Premium Income Fund (JPZ)

Nuveen Equity Premium Opportunity Fund (JSN)

Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund (JTP)

Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund 2 (JPS)

Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund 3 (JHP)

Nuveen Tax-Advantaged Total Return Strategy Fund (JTA)

Nuveen Tax-Advantaged Dividend Growth Fund (JTD)

Nuveen Global Government Enhanced Income Fund (JGG)

Nuveen Global Value Opportunities Fund (JGV)

Nuveen Multi-Currency Short-Term Government Income Fund (JGT)

Nuveen Multi-Strategy Income and Growth Fund (JPC)

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

To the Shareholders of the Above Funds:

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of each of Nuveen New York Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (New York Dividend), Nuveen New York Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (New York Dividend 2), Nuveen Insured Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (Insured Dividend Advantage), Nuveen Insured Premium Income Municipal Fund 2 (Insured Premium Income 2), Nuveen Insured Tax-Free Advantage Municipal Fund (Insured Tax-Free Advantage), Nuveen Insured New York Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (Insured New York Dividend), Nuveen Insured New York Tax-Free Advantage Municipal Fund (Insured New York Tax-Free), Nuveen Core Equity Alpha Fund (Core Equity), Nuveen Real Estate Income Fund (Real Estate), Nuveen Diversified Dividend and Income Fund (Diversified Dividend), Nuveen Equity Premium and Growth Fund (Equity Premium), Nuveen Equity Premium Advantage Fund (Equity Premium Advantage), Nuveen Equity Premium Income Fund (Equity Premium Income), Nuveen Equity Premium Opportunity Fund (Equity Premium Opportunity), Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund (Quality Preferred), Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund 2 (Quality Preferred 2), Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund 3 (Quality Preferred 3), Nuveen Tax-Advantaged Total Return Strategy Fund (Tax-Advantaged), Nuveen Tax-Advantaged Dividend Growth Fund (Tax-Advantaged Dividend), Nuveen Global Government Enhanced Income Fund (Global Government), Nuveen Global Value Opportunities Fund (Global Value), Nuveen Multi-Currency Short-Term Government Income Fund (Multi-Currency), Nuveen Multi-Strategy Income and Growth Fund (Multi-Strategy) and Nuveen Multi-Strategy Income and Growth Fund 2 (Multi-Strategy 2), each a Massachusetts Business Trust, and Nuveen New York Investment Quality Municipal Fund, Inc. (New York Investment Quality), Nuveen New York Municipal Value Fund, Inc. (New York Value), Nuveen New York Performance Plus Municipal Fund, Inc. (New York Performance Plus), Nuveen New York Quality Income Municipal Fund, Inc. (New York Quality), Nuveen New York Select Quality Municipal Fund, Inc. (New York Select), Nuveen Insured Municipal Opportunity Fund, Inc. (Insured Municipal Opportunity), Nuveen Insured Quality Municipal Fund, Inc. (Insured Quality), Nuveen Premier Insured Municipal Income Fund, Inc. (Premier Insured) and Nuveen Insured New York Premium Income Municipal Fund, Inc. (Insured New York Premium), each a Minnesota Corporation (individually, a Fund and collectively, the Funds), will be held in the 31st Floor Conference Room of Nuveen Investments, 333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois, on Monday, June 30, 2008, at 3:00 p.m., Central time (for each Fund, an Annual Meeting), for the following purposes and to transact such other business, if any, as may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

Matters to Be Voted on by Shareholders:

- 1. To elect Members to the Board of Directors/Trustees (each a Board and each Director or Trustee a Board Member) of each Fund as outlined below:
 - a. For each Massachusetts Business Trust, except Core Equity, Equity Premium, Equity Premium Advantage, Equity Premium Income, Equity Premium Opportunity, Global Government, Global Value and Multi-Currency, to elect five (5) Board Members.
 - i) three (3) Class II Board Members to be elected by the holders of Common Shares and FundPreferred shares for Quality Preferred, Quality Preferred 2, Quality Preferred 3, Real Estate, Diversified Dividend, Tax-Advantaged, Multi-Strategy and

- Multi-Strategy 2; and Municipal Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Shares for each other Fund (collectively, Preferred Shares), voting together as a single class; and
- ii) two (2) Board Members to be elected by the holders of Preferred Shares only, voting separately as a single class.
- b. For Core Equity, Equity Premium, Equity Premium Advantage, Equity Premium Income, Equity Premium Opportunity, Global Government, Global Value and Multi-Currency to elect three (3) Class II Board Members and one (1) Class I Board Member.
- c. For each Minnesota Corporation, except New York Value, to elect nine (9) Board Members.
 - i) seven (7) Board Members to be elected by the holders of Common Shares and Preferred Shares, voting together as a single class; and
 - ii) two (2) Board Members to be elected by the holders of Preferred Shares only, voting separately as a single class.
- d. For New York Value, to elect three (3) Class II Board Members and one (1) Class I Board Member.
- 2. To ratify the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for Core Equity.
- 3. To approve the elimination of fundamental investment policies and to approve the new fundamental investment policy for Insured New York Premium, Insured Premium Income 2, Insured Municipal Opportunity, Premier Insured, Insured Quality, New York Quality, New York Select, Insured New York Tax-Free, Insured Dividend Advantage, Insured Tax-Free Advantage, New York Investment Quality and Insured New York Dividend.
- 4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

Shareholders of record at the close of business on May 2, 2008 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting.

All shareholders are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting. In order to avoid delay and additional expense and to assure that your shares are represented, please vote as promptly as possible, regardless of whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting. You may vote by mail, telephone or over the Internet. To vote by mail, please mark, sign, date and mail the enclosed proxy card. No postage is required if mailed in the United States. To vote by telephone, please call the toll-free number located on your proxy card and follow the recorded instructions, using your proxy card as a guide. To vote over the Internet, go to the Internet address provided on your proxy card and follow the instructions, using your proxy card as a guide.

Kevin J. McCarthy *Vice President and Secretary*

333 West Wacker Drive Chicago, Illinois 60606 (800) 257-8787 **Joint Proxy Statement**

May 19, 2008

This Joint Proxy Statement is first being mailed to shareholders on or about May 19, 2008.

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General Information

This Joint Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors or Trustees (each a Board and collectively, the Boards, and each Director or Trustee a Board Member and collectively, the Board Members) of each of Nuveen New York Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (New York Dividend), Nuveen New York Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund 2 (New York Dividend 2), Nuveen Insured Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (Insured Dividend Advantage), Nuveen Insured Premium Income Municipal Fund 2 (Insured Premium Income 2), Nuveen Insured Tax-Free Advantage Municipal Fund (Insured Tax-Free Advantage), Nuveen Insured New York Dividend Advantage Municipal Fund (Insured New York Dividend), Nuveen Insured New York Tax-Free Advantage Municipal Fund (Insured New York Tax-Free), Nuveen Core Equity Alpha Fund (Core Equity), Nuveen Real Estate Income Fund (Real Estate), Nuveen Diversified Dividend and Income Fund (Diversified Dividend), Nuveen Equity Premium and Growth Fund (Equity Premium), Nuveen Equity Premium Advantage Fund (Equity Premium Advantage), Nuveen Equity Premium Income Fund (Equity Premium Income), Nuveen Equity Premium Opportunity Fund (Equity Premium Opportunity), Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund (Quality Preferred), Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund 2 (Quality Preferred 2), Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund 3 (Quality Preferred 3), Nuveen Tax-Advantaged Total Return Strategy Fund (Tax-Advantaged), Nuveen Tax-Advantaged Dividend Growth Fund (Tax-Advantaged Dividend), Nuveen Global Government Enhanced Income Fund (Global Government), Nuveen Global Value Opportunities Fund (Global Value), Nuveen Multi-Currency Short-Term Government Income Fund (Multi-Currency), Nuveen Multi-Strategy Income and Growth Fund (Multi-Strategy) and Nuveen Multi-Strategy Income and Growth Fund 2 (Multi-Strategy 2), each a Massachusetts Business Trust, and Nuveen New York Investment Quality Municipal Fund, Inc. (New York Investment Quality), Nuveen New York Municipal Value Fund, Inc. (New York Value), Nuveen New York Performance Plus Municipal Fund, Inc. (New York Performance Plus), Nuveen New York Quality Income Municipal Fund, Inc. (New York Quality), Nuveen New York Select Quality Municipal Fund, Inc. (New York Select), Nuveen Insured Municipal Opportunity Fund, Inc. (Insured Municipal Opportunity), Nuveen Insured Quality Municipal Fund, Inc. (Insured Quality), Nuveen Premier Insured Municipal Income Fund, Inc. (Premier Insured) and Nuveen Insured New York Premium Income Municipal Fund, Inc. (Insured New York Premium), each a Minnesota Corporation (individually, a Fund and collectively, the Funds), of proxies to be voted at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held in the 31st Floor Conference Room of Nuveen Investments, 333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois, on Monday, June 30, 2008, at 3:00 p.m., Central time (for each Fund, an Annual Meeting and collectively, the Annual Meetings), and at any and all adjournments thereof.

On the matters coming before each Annual Meeting as to which a choice has been specified by shareholders on the proxy, the shares will be voted accordingly. If a properly executed proxy is returned and no choice is specified, the shares will be voted FOR the election of the nominees as listed in this Joint Proxy Statement, FOR the ratification of the selection of the independent registered public accounting firm for Core Equity and FOR the elimination of the fundamental investment policies and the approval of the new fundamental investment policy for Insured New York Premium, Insured Premium Income 2, Insured Municipal Opportunity, Premier Insured, Insured Quality, New York Quality, New York Select, Insured New York Tax-Free, Insured Dividend Advantage, Insured Tax-Free Advantage, New York Investment Quality and Insured New York Dividend. Shareholders who execute proxies may revoke them at any time before they are voted by filing with that Fund a written notice of revocation, by delivering a duly

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executed proxy bearing a later date, or by attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person. Merely attending the Annual Meeting, however, will not revoke any previously submitted proxy.

The Board of each Fund has determined that the use of this Joint Proxy Statement for each Annual Meeting is in the best interest of each Fund and its shareholders in light of the similar matters being considered and voted on by the shareholders.

The following table indicates which shareholders are solicited with respect to each matter:

Matter		Common Shares	Preferred Shares ⁽¹⁾
1a(i).	For each Massachusetts Business Trust, election of three (3) Class II Board Members by all shareholders (except Core Equity, Equity Premium, Equity Premium Opportunity, Equity Premium Advantage, Equity Premium Income, Global Government, Global Value and Multi-Currency).	X	X
1a(ii).	For each Massachusetts Business Trust, election of two (2) Board Members by Preferred Shares only (except Core Equity, Equity Premium, Equity Premium Opportunity, Equity Premium Advantage, Equity Premium Income, Global Government, Global Value and Multi-Currency).		X
1b.	For Core Equity, Equity Premium, Equity Premium Opportunity, Equity Premium Advantage, Equity Premium Income, Global Government, Global Value, Tax-Advantaged Dividend and Multi-Currency, election of three (3) Class II Board Members and one (1) Class I Board Member by all shareholders.	X	N/A
1c(i).	For each Minnesota Corporation, election of seven (7) Board Members by all shareholders (except New York Value).	X	X
1c(ii).	For each Minnesota Corporation, election of two (2) Board Members by Preferred Shares only (except New York Value).		X
1d.	For New York Value, election of three (3) Class II Board Members and one (1) Class I Board Member by all shareholders.	X	N/A

For Core Equity, ratification of independent registered public X N/A accounting firm.

Matter Common Shares Preferred Shares⁽¹⁾

3. For Insured New York Premium, Insured Premium Income 2, Insured Municipal Opportunity, Premier Insured, Insured Quality, New York Quality, New York Select, Insured New York Tax-Free, Insured Dividend Advantage, Insured Tax-Free Advantage, New York Investment Quality and Insured New York Dividend, to approve the elimination of fundamental investment policies and to approve a new fundamental investment policy.

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(1) FundPreferred shares for Real Estate, Diversified Dividend, Quality Preferred, Quality Preferred 2, Quality Preferred 3, Tax-Advantaged, Multi-Strategy and Multi-Strategy 2; and Municipal Auction Rate Cumulative Preferred Shares (MuniPreferred) for each other Fund are referred to as Preferred Shares.

A quorum of shareholders is required to take action at each Annual Meeting. A majority of the shares entitled to vote at each Annual Meeting, represented in person or by proxy, will constitute a quorum of shareholders at that Annual Meeting, except that for the election of the two Board Member nominees by holders of Preferred Shares of each Fund (with the exception of Core Equity, Equity Premium, Equity Premium Opportunity, Equity Premium Advantage, Equity Premium Income, Global Government, Global Value, Multi-Currency, Tax-Advantaged Dividend and New York Value), 331/3% of the Preferred Shares entitled to vote and represented in person or by proxy will constitute a quorum. Votes cast by proxy or in person at each Annual Meeting will be tabulated by the inspectors of election appointed for that Annual Meeting. The inspectors of election will determine whether or not a quorum is present at the Annual Meeting. The inspectors of election will treat abstentions and broker non-votes (i.e., shares held by brokers or nominees, typically in street name, as to which (i) instructions have not been received from the beneficial owners or persons entitled to vote and (ii) the broker or nominee does not have discretionary voting power on a particular matter) as present for purposes of determining a quorum.

For each Fund, the affirmative vote of a plurality of the shares present and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be required to elect the Board Members of that Fund. Abstentions and broker non-votes will have no effect on the election of Board Members. For purposes of determining the ratification of the selection of the independent registered public accounting firm for Core Equity, the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of the Fund present and entitled to vote on the matter will be required. For purposes of determining the approval of the elimination of the fundamental investment policies and the approval of the new fundamental investment policy for Insured New York Premium, Insured Premium Income 2, Insured Municipal Opportunity, Premier Insured, Insured Quality, New York Quality, New York Select, Insured New York Tax-Free, Insured Dividend Advantage, Insured Tax-Free Advantage, New York Investment Quality and Insured New York Dividend, a change will only be consummated if approved by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of a Fund s common stock and preferred shares, voting together as a single class and for the Preferred Shares, voting as a separate class, as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the 1940 Act) as (a) 67% or more of classes/class shares present at the Annual Meeting, if the holders of more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of the classes/class are present or represented by proxy; or (b) more than 50% of the outstanding voting securities of classes/class, whichever is less. For purposes of determining the ratification of the selection of the

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independent registered public accounting firm, the approval of the elimination of the fundamental investment policies and the approval of the new fundamental investment policy, absentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as shares voted against the proposal.

Preferred Shares held in street name as to which voting instructions have not been received from the beneficial owners or persons entitled to vote as of one business day before the Annual Meeting, or, if adjourned, one business day before the day to which the Annual Meeting is adjourned, and that would otherwise be treated as broker non-votes may, pursuant to Rule 452 of the New York Stock Exchange, be voted by the broker on the proposal in the same proportion as the votes cast by all holders of Preferred Shares as a class who have voted on the proposal or in the same proportion as the votes cast by all holders of Preferred Shares of the Fund who have voted on that item. Rule 452 permits proportionate voting of Preferred Shares with respect to a particular item if, among other things, (i) a minimum of 30% of the Preferred Shares or shares of a series of Preferred Shares outstanding has been voted by the holders of such shares with respect to such item and (ii) less than 10% of the Preferred Shares or shares of a series of Preferred Shares outstanding has been voted by the holders of such shares against such item. For the purpose of meeting the 30% test, abstentions will be treated as shares voted and, for the purpose of meeting the 10% test, abstentions will not be treated as shares voted against the item.

Those persons who were shareholders of record at the close of business on May 2, 2008 (the Record Date) will be entitled to one vote for each share held and a proportionate fractional vote for each fractional vote held. As of the Record Date, the shares of each Fund were issued and outstanding as follows:

Fund	Ticker Symbol ⁽¹⁾	Common Shares	Preferred Shares	
New York Dividend	NAN	9,265,330	Series F	2,760
New York Dividend 2	NXK	6,495,716	Series W	1,880
New York Investment Quality	NQN	17,601,933	Series M Series T Series F	960 2,400 2,400
New York Value	NNY	15,120,364	N/A	
New York Performance Plus	NNP	15,067,371	Series M Series T Series W Series F	1,600 800 2,000 572
New York Quality	NUN	23,904,439	Series M Series W Series TH Series F	2,200 2,200 2,400 1,080

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New York Select	NVN	23,310,802	Series T Series W Series TH	1,720 2,400 3,600
Insured Dividend Advantage	NVG	29,813,300	Series M Series T Series TH	3,160 3,080 3,080

Fund	Ticker Symbol ⁽¹⁾	Common Shares	Preferred Shares	
Insured Municipal Opportunity	NIO	81,138,037	Series M	4,000
			Series T	4,000
			Series W1	4,000
			Series W2	3,200
			Series TH1	4,000
			Series TH2	4,000
			Series F	4,000
Insured Premium Income 2	n Income 2 NPX 37,353,512 Series M		Series M	2,080
			Series T	2,200
			Series W	2,080
			Series TH	2,200
			Series F	2,196
Insured Quality	NQI	38,296,617	Series M	2,600
			Series T	2,600
			Series W	2,600
			Series TH	2,320