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#### MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-21137 Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund 2

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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Date of reporting period: July 31, 2015

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ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS.

# Closed-End Funds

Nuveen Investments Closed-End Funds

Annual Report July 31, 2015

#### JTP

Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund

#### JPS

Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund 2

#### JHP

Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund 3

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#### Chairman s Letter

#### to Shareholders

#### Dear Shareholders,

For better or for worse, the financial markets have spent the past year waiting for the U.S. Federal Reserve (Fed) to end its ultra-loose monetary policy. The policy has propped up stock and bond markets since the Great Recession, but the question remains: how will markets behave without its influence? This uncertainty has been a considerable source of volatility for stock and bond prices lately, despite the Fed carefully conveying its intention to raise rates slowly and only when the economy shows evidence of readiness.

A large consensus expects at least one rate hike before the end of 2015. After all, the U.S. has reached full employment by the Fed s standards and growth has resumed albeit unevenly. But the picture remains somewhat uncertain. Inflation has remained stubbornly low, most recently weighed down by an unexpectedly sharp decline in commodity prices since mid-2014. With the Fed poised to tighten and foreign central banks easing, the U.S. dollar has surged against other currencies, which has weighed on corporate earnings and further contributed to commodity price weakness. U.S. consumers have benefited from an improved labor market and lower prices at the gas pump, but the overall pace of economic expansion has been lackluster.

Nevertheless, the global recovery continues to be led by the United States. Policy makers around the world are deploying their available tools to try to bolster Europe and Japan s fragile growth, and manage China s slowdown. Contagion fears ebb and flow with the headlines about Greece and China. Greece reluctantly agreed to a third bailout package from the European Union in July and China s central bank and government intervened aggressively to try to stem the sell-off in stock prices. But persistent structural problems in these economies will continue to garner market attention.

Wall Street is fond of saying markets don t like uncertainty, and asset prices are likely to continue to churn in the current macro environment. In times like these, you can look to a professional investment manager with the experience and discipline to maintain the proper perspective on short-term events. And if the daily headlines do concern you, I encourage you to reach out to your financial advisor. Your financial advisor can help you evaluate your investment strategies in light of current events, your time horizon and risk tolerance. On behalf of the other members of the Nuveen Fund Board, we look forward to continuing to earn your trust in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,

William J. Schneider

Chairman of the Board

September 21, 2015

#### **Portfolio Managers**

#### Comments

Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund (JTP)

Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund 2 (JPS)

Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund 3 (JHP)

The Funds are sub-advised by a team of specialists at Spectrum Asset Management, a wholly owned subsidiary of Principal Global Investors, LLC. Mark Lieb and Phil Jacoby lead the team. Here Mark and Phil discuss U.S. economy and equity markets, their management strategy and the performance of the Funds for the twelve-month reporting period ended July 31, 2015.

# What factors affected the U.S. economy and domestic and global markets during the twelve-month reporting period ended July 31, 2015?

During this reporting period, the U.S. economy continued to expand at a moderate pace. The Federal Reserve (Fed) maintained efforts to bolster growth and promote progress toward its mandates of maximum employment and price stability by holding the benchmark fed funds rate at the record low level of zero to 0.25% that it established in December 2008. At its October 2014 meeting, the Fed announced that it would end its bond-buying stimulus program as of November 1, 2014, after tapering its monthly asset purchases of mortgage-backed and longer-term Treasury securities from the original \$85 billion per month to \$15 billion per month over the course of seven consecutive meetings (December 2013 through September 2014). In making the announcement, the Fed cited substantial improvement in the outlook for the labor market since the inception of the current asset purchase program as well as sufficient underlying strength in the broader economy to support ongoing progress toward maximum employment in a context of price stability. The Fed also reiterated that it would continue to look at a wide range of factors, including labor market conditions, indicators of inflationary pressures and readings on financial developments, in determining future actions. Additionally, the Fed stated that it would likely maintain the current target range for the fed funds rate for a considerable time after the end of the asset purchase program, especially if projected inflation continues to run below the Fed s 2% longer run goal. However, if economic data shows faster progress, the Fed indicated that it could raise the fed funds rate sooner than expected.

The Fed changed its language slightly in December, indicating it would be patient in normalizing monetary policy. This shift helped ease investors worries that the Fed might raise rates too soon. However, as employment data released early in the year continued to look strong, anticipation began building that the Fed could raise its main policy rate as soon as June. As widely expected, after its March meeting, the Fed eliminated patient from its statement but also highlighted the policy makers less optimistic view of the economy s overall health as well as downgraded their inflation projections. The Fed s April meeting seemed to further signal that a June rate hike was off the table. While the Fed

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statements and other views expressed herein are those of the portfolio managers 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 Funds disclaim any obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements or views expressed herein.

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#### Portfolio Managers Comments (continued)

attributed the first quarter s economic weakness to temporary factors, the meeting minutes from April revealed that many Committee members believed the economic data available in June would be insufficient to meet the Fed s criteria for initiating a rate increase. The June meeting bore out that presumption, and the Fed decided to keep the target rate near zero. But the Committee also continued to telegraph the likelihood of at least one rate increase in 2015, which many analysts forecasted for September. During the September 2015 meeting (subsequent to the close of this reporting period), the Fed decided to keep the federal funds rate near zero despite broad speculation it would increase rates. The Committee said it will keep the rate near zero until the economy has seen further improvement toward reaching the Fed s goals of maximum employment and inflation approaching two percent.

According to the government s revised estimate, the U.S. economy increased at a 3.7% annualized rate in the second quarter of 2015, as measured by GDP, compared with a decrease of 0.6% in the first quarter of 2015 and increases of 5.0% in the third quarter 2014 and 2.2% in the fourth quarter 2014. The increase in real GDP in the second quarter reflected positive contributions from personal consumption expenditures, exports, state and local government spending, and residential fixed investment that were partly offset by negative contributions from federal government spending, private inventory investment, and nonresidential fixed investment. The Consumer Price Index (CPI) increased 0.1% year-over-year as of July 2015. The core CPI (which excludes food and energy) increased 0.1% during the same period, below the Fed s unofficial longer term inflation objective of 2.0%. As of July 2015, the U.S. unemployment rate was 5.3%, a level not seen since mid-2008. This figure is also considered full employment by some Fed officials. The housing market continued to post consistent gains as of its most recent reading in June 2015. The average home price in the S&P/Case-Shiller Index of 20 major metropolitan areas rose 4.5% for the twelve months ended June 2015 (most recent data available at the time this report was prepared).

At the start of the reporting period, the Federal Open Market Committee raised concern over potential excesses created by its highly accommodative monetary policies, which led to a shallow correction in the S&P 500<sup>®</sup> late last summer and early fall. Deflation and slow growth has kept both the European Central Bank (ECB) and the Bank of Japan (BOJ) in accommodative positions. The ECB began a quantitative easing (QE) program in March and the BOJ has one well underway. The implication of easy money from the foreign central banks is that the U.S. economy becomes a marginal loser as its exports (and corporate earnings translations) slow from persistent U.S. dollar strength. In addition, plummeting oil prices only adds more uncertainty to the geopolitical balance and investment in U.S. production. Long U.S. Treasury bond yields dropped by 110 basis points (bps) during the reporting period to an all-time low of just 2.22% and then rose by 75 bps so it has been a roller coaster ride for rates as the markets try to anticipate either a rate hike or more delays by the Fed. As we closed the reporting period, Greece appeared set to leave the Euro currency, but an exhaustive process of brinksmanship and negotiations prevented that from happening. Commodities were also in the headlines and reaching a 10 year low. While the preferred market was positive for the reporting period, the \$25 par market outperformed the \$1,000 par market. The \$1,000 par dominated Barclays Capital Securities Index posted a 3.3% return during the reporting period and the \$25 par dominated BofA/Merrill Lynch Preferred Securities Fixed Rate Index posted a 7.3% return.

# What key strategies were used to manage the Funds during the twelve-month reporting period ended July 31, 2015?

The investment objective of each Fund is to seek high current income consistent with capital preservation with a secondary objective to enhance portfolio value relative to the broad market for preferred securities. Under normal market conditions, the Funds seek to invest at least 80% of their net assets in preferred securities and up to 20% of their net assets in debt securities, including convertible debt and convertible preferred securities.

Our broad strategy is to maintain a balance between the individual investor-oriented \$25 par preferred types (traded on the NYSE) and the institutional investor-oriented \$1,000 par types (traded over-the-counter). Both types of securities offer performance opportunities which, together with broad diversification benefits, help to produce value relative to

the broad market in preferred securities. We keep a risk-averse posture toward security structure and portfolio structure, which is an important core aspect of our efforts to preserve capital and provide attractive income relative to investment grade and senior corporate credit.

Extension risk (the probability of loss from rising interest rates that may slow the rate at which the principal amounts on loans will be prepaid) is most prevalent in the \$25 par sector and also to certain fixed-to-floating rate structures. Spectrum s investment process intends to mitigate this risk through security selection. For example, we seek to maximize coupon and call option terms, which should reduce the price risk of higher rates. Certain fixed-to-floating rate structures with low floating reset rates have been largely avoided, which was particularly fortuitous over the course of the last six months as these types of securities have materially price corrected to reflect extended floating rate periods.

#### How did the Funds perform during the twelve-month reporting period ended July 31, 2015?

The tables in the Performance Overview and Holding Summaries section of this report provide total return performance for each Fund for the one-year, five-year and ten-year periods ended July 31, 2015. For the twelve-month reporting period ended July 31, 2015, all three Funds common shares at net asset value (NAV) outperformed the Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index. JTP and JHP outperformed the Blended Benchmark, but JPS underperformed the Blended Benchmark.

Overall, total return performance in preferred securities was aided by two factors: 1) the general decline in U.S. Treasury rates despite increased volatility, and 2) outperformance by the \$25 par sector relative to the \$1,000 par sector during most of the reporting period. Retail structures such as PNC Financial Services 6.125%, Deutsche Bank Capital Funding 6.550% and Aegon N.V. 6.375% were among the better performing \$25 par preferred securities. The main detractors, which were \$1,000 par preferred securities, included Dominion Resources Inc. 7.500%, FPL Group Capital Inc. 6.650% and Catlin Insurance Company Limited 7.249%, which the market believes will not be called when the call options become active in the next year or two.

We position the Funds to play the middle of the yield curve on average by being moderately underweight the \$25 par sector and overweight the more intermediate \$1,000 par sector. The Funds are positioned this way because the \$25 par (retail) sector has marginally more duration risk if longer rates move higher than anticipated. Although being moderately underweight the best performing sector held back relative performance somewhat, maintaining an underweight to the optionality of this longer duration sector in favor of more intermediate duration capital securities helps to mitigate longer run price risk if rates rise materially. For example, we estimate that if long rates were to rise by 100 bps, the Fund s duration increase should be limited to 0.7 years which would translate into a 6.9 year duration from the current 6.2 year duration at the end of the reporting period.

We believe the Fed is likely to raise rates by the end of the calendar year. We do not believe that this will impact longer term rates all that much because of deflation risks around the world. Market disruptions are often quickly soothed by policymakers, which has tended to make corrections brief and shallow. We believe that the hybrid market should be a source of cushion paper supported by the generally high relative yield, moderate duration and tightening spreads.

#### Fund

Leverage

#### IMPACT OF THE FUNDS LEVERAGE STRATEGIES ON PERFORMANCE

One important factor impacting the returns of the Funds relative to their benchmarks was the Funds use of leverage through the use of bank borrowings. The Funds use leverage because our research has shown 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 a Fund decline, the negative impact of these valuation changes on common share NAV 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 a Fund generally are rising. The Funds use of leverage had a positive impact on performance during this reporting period.

The Funds also continued to use swap contracts to partially fix the interest cost of leverage, which as mentioned previously, is through bank borrowings. During this reporting period, these swap contracts detracted from overall Fund performance.

As of July 31, 2015, the Funds percentages of leverage are shown in the accompanying table.

	JTP	JPS	JHP
Effective Leverage*	28.48%	28.40%	28.28%
Regulatory Leverage*	28.48%	28.40%	28.28%

\*Effective Leverage is a Fund s effective economic leverage, and includes both regulatory leverage and the leverage effects of certain derivative and other investments in a Fund s portfolio that increase the Fund s investment exposure. Regulatory leverage consists of preferred shares issued or borrowings of a Fund. Both of these are part of a Fund s capital structure. Regulatory leverage is subject to asset coverage limits set forth in the Investment Company Act of 1940.

#### THE FUNDS REGULATORY LEVERAGE

#### Bank Borrowings

The Funds employ regulatory leverage through the use of bank borrowings. As of July 31, 2015, the Funds outstanding bank borrowings are as shown in the accompanying table.

	JTP	JPS	JHP
Bank Borrowings	\$235,000,000	\$465,800,000	\$ 89,000,000
Refer to Notes to Financial Statements, Note 8	Borrowing Arrangements for further details.		

#### **Common Share**

#### Information

#### COMMON SHARE DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION

The following information regarding the Funds distributions is current as of July 31, 2015. Each Fund s distribution levels may vary over time based on each Fund s investment activity and portfolio investment value changes.

During the current reporting period, each Fund s distributions to common shareholders were as shown in the accompanying table.

	Per Common Share Amounts		
Ex-Dividend Date	JTP	JPS	JHP
August 2014	\$ 0.0520	\$ 0.0550	\$0.0520
September	0.0520	0.0550	0.0520
October	0.0520	0.0550	0.0520
November	0.0520	0.0550	0.0520
December	0.0530	0.0560	0.0535
January	0.0550	0.0580	0.0560
February	0.0550	0.0580	0.0560
March	0.0550	0.0580	0.0560
April	0.0550	0.0580	0.0560
May	0.0550	0.0580	0.0560
June	0.0550	0.0580	0.0560
July 2015	0.0550	0.0580	0.0560
Ordinary Income Distribution*	\$ 0.0905	\$ 0.0488	\$ 0.0634
Current Distribution Rate**	8.15%	7.67%	8.04%

\*Distribution paid in December 2014.

\*\*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 comprised of ordinary income, net realized capital gains and, if at the end of the fiscal 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.

Each Fund in this report seeks to pay regular monthly dividends out of its net investment income at a rate that reflects its past and projected net income performance. To permit each Fund to maintain a more stable monthly dividend, the Fund may pay dividends at a rate that may be more or less than the amount of net income actually earned by the Fund during the period. If a Fund has cumulatively earned more than it has paid in dividends, it will hold the excess in reserve as undistributed net investment income (UNII) as part of the Fund s net asset value. Conversely, if a Fund has cumulatively paid in dividends more than it has earned, the excess will constitute a negative UNII that will likewise be reflected in the Fund s net asset value. Each Fund will, over time, pay all its net investment income as dividends to shareholders.

As of July 31, 2015, the Funds had positive UNII balances for tax purposes and positive UNII balances for financial reporting purposes.

All monthly dividends paid by each Fund during the current reporting period, were paid from net investment income. If a portion of the Fund s monthly distributions was sourced from or comprised of elements other than net investment income, including capital gains and/or a return of capital, shareholders would have received a notice to that effect. For financial reporting purposes, the composition and per share amounts of each Fund s dividends for the reporting period

#### **Common Share Information** (continued)

are presented in this report s Statement of Changes in Net Assets and Financial Highlights, respectively. For income tax purposes, distribution information for each Fund as of its most recent tax year end is presented in Note 6 Income Tax Information within the Notes to Financial Statements of this report.

#### **COMMON SHARE REPURCHASES**

During August 2015 (subsequent to the close of this reporting period), the Funds Board of Trustees reauthorized an open-market share repurchase program, allowing each Fund to repurchase an aggregate of up to approximately 10% of its outstanding shares.

As of July 31, 2015, and since the inception of the Funds repurchase programs, the Funds have cumulatively repurchased and retired their outstanding common shares as shown in the accompanying table.

	JTP	JPS	JHP
Common shares cumulatively repurchased and retired	5,000	0	60,000
Common shares authorized for repurchase	6,465,000	12,040,000	2,365,000

During the current reporting period, the Funds repurchased and retired common shares at a weighted average price and a weighted average discount per common share as shown in the accompanying table.

	JTP	JPS	JHP
Common shares repurchased and retired	5,000	0	40,000
Weighted average price per common share repurchased and retired	\$7.94	\$0	\$8.35
Weighted average discount per common share repurchased and retired	13.98%	0%	12.95%
COMMON SHARE EQUITY SHELF PROGRAMS			

JTP, JPS and JHP each filed registration statements with the SEC authorizing each Fund to issue an additional 6.4 million, 12.0 million and 2.3 million common shares, respectively, through equity shelf programs, which are not yet effective.

Under these equity shelf programs, the Funds, subject to market conditions, may raise additional capital from time to time in varying amounts and offering methods at a net price at or above each Fund s net asset value (NAV) per common share.

#### OTHER COMMON SHARE INFORMATION

As of July 31, 2015, and during the current reporting period, the Funds common share prices were trading at premium/(discount) to their common share NAVs as shown in the accompanying table.

	JTP	JPS	JHP
Common share NAV	\$9.13	\$9.75	\$9.53
Common share price	\$8.10	\$9.08	\$8.36
Premium/(Discount) to NAV	(11.28)%	(6.87)%	(12.28)%

12-month average premium/(discount) to NAV	(10.01)%	(8.98)%	(11.68)%
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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.

#### Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund (JTP)

Investing in closed-end funds involves risk; principal loss is possible. There is no guarantee the Fund s investment objectives will be achieved. Closed-end fund shares may frequently trade at a discount or premium to their net asset value. **Preferred securities** are subordinated to bonds and other debt instruments in a company s capital structure, and therefore are subject to greater credit risk. **Debt or fixed income securities** such as those held by the Fund, are subject to market risk, credit risk, interest rate risk, derivatives risk, liquidity risk, and income risk. As interest rates rise, bond prices fall. **Leverage** increases return volatility and magnifies the Fund s potential return and its risks; there is no guarantee a fund s leverage strategy will be successful. These and other risks such as **concentration** and **foreign securities** risk are described in more detail on the Fund s web page at www.nuveen.com/JTP.

# Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund 2 (JPS)

Investing in closed-end funds involves risk; principal loss is possible. There is no guarantee the Fund s investment objectives will be achieved. Closed-end fund shares may frequently trade at a discount or premium to their net asset value. **Preferred securities** are subordinated to bonds and other debt instruments in a company s capital structure, and therefore are subject to greater credit risk. **Debt or fixed income securities** such as those held by the Fund, are subject to market risk, credit risk, interest rate risk, derivatives risk, liquidity risk, and income risk. As interest rates rise, bond prices fall. **Leverage** increases return volatility and magnifies the Fund s potential return and its risks; there is no guarantee a fund s leverage strategy will be successful. These and other risks such as **concentration** and **foreign securities** risk are described in more detail on the Fund s web page at www.nuveen.com/JPS.

#### Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund 3 (JHP)

Investing in closed-end funds involves risk; principal loss is possible. There is no guarantee the Fund s investment objectives will be achieved. Closed-end fund shares may frequently trade at a discount or premium to their net asset value. **Preferred securities** are subordinated to bonds and other debt instruments in a company s capital structure, and therefore are subject to greater credit risk. **Debt or fixed income securities** such as those held by the Fund, are subject to market risk, credit risk, interest rate risk, derivatives risk, liquidity risk, and income risk. As interest rates rise, bond prices fall. **Leverage** increases return volatility and magnifies the Fund s potential return and its risks; there is no guarantee a fund s leverage strategy will be successful. These and other risks such as **concentration** and **foreign securities** risk are described in more detail on the Fund s web page at www.nuveen.com/JHP.

#### JTP

#### **Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund**

#### Performance Overview and Holding Summaries as of July 31, 2015

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#### Average Annual Total Returns as of July 31, 2015

		Average Annual		
	1-Year	5-Year	10-Year	
JTP at Common Share NAV	6.17%	11.10%	3.67%	
JTP at Common Share Price	5.95%	9.42%	3.55%	
Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	2.82%	3.27%	4.61%	
Blended Benchmark (Comparative Index)	5.73%	8.13%	4.66%	

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. Returns at NAV are net of Fund expenses, and assume reinvestment of distributions. Comparative index return information is provided for the Fund s shares at NAV only. Indexes are not available for direct investment.

#### Common Share Price Performance Weekly Closing Price

# This data relates to the securities held in the Fund s portfolio of investments as of the end of the reporting period. It should not be construed as a measure of performance for the Fund itself. Holdings are subject to change.

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#### **Fund Allocation**

(% of net assets)

Convertible Preferred Securities	1.3%
\$25 Par (or similar) Retail Preferred	49.4%
Corporate Bonds	6.5%
\$1,000 Par (or similar) Institutional Preferred	79.9%
Investment Companies	1.1%
Repurchase Agreements	2.4%
Other Assets Less Liabilities	(0.8)%
Net Assets Plus Borrowings	139.8%
Borrowings	(39.8)%
Net Assets	100%
Portfolio Composition	

 $(\% \text{ of total investments})^1$ 

Banks	34.8%
Insurance	32.1%
Capital Markets	7.1%
Real Estate Investment Trust	6.9%
Electric Utilities	4.1%
Wireless Telecommunication Services	2.4%
Other	10.1%
Investment Companies	0.8%
Repurchase Agreements	1.7%
Total	100%

#### **Country Allocation**

#### (% of total investments)<sup>1</sup>

United States	64.4%
United Kingdom	11.1%
Netherlands	5.6%
Japan	3.7%
Switzerland	3.5%
Other	11.7%
Total	100%

# **Top Five Issuers**

#### (% of total investments)<sup>1</sup>

Prudential PLC	4.2%
HSBC Holdings PLC	3.7%
General Electric Capital Corporation	3.7%
PNC Financial Services	3.4%
Bank of America Corporation	3.1%
Credit Quality	

# (% of total long-term fixed-income investments)

AA	0.1%
Α	17.9%
BBB	69.8%
BB or Lower	12.2%
Total	100%

1 Excluding investments in derivatives.

#### JPS

#### **Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund 2**

#### Performance Overview and Holding Summaries as of July 31, 2015

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#### Average Annual Total Returns as of July 31, 2015

	Average Annual		
	1-Year	5-Year	10-Year
JPS at Common Share NAV	5.47%	11.13%	4.11%
JPS at Common Share Price	10.35%	10.71%	4.30%
Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	2.82%	3.27%	4.61%
Blended Benchmark (Comparative Index)	5.73%	8.13%	4.66%

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#### **Fund Allocation**

(% of net assets)

Portfolio Composition	20070
Net Assets	100%
Borrowings	(39.7)%
Net Assets Plus Borrowings	139.7%
Other Assets Less Liabilities	0.0%
Repurchase Agreements	1.4%
Investment Companies	1.2%
\$1,000 Par (or similar) Institutional Preferred	82.3%
Corporate Bonds	7.0%
\$25 Par (or similar) Retail Preferred	47.4%
Convertible Preferred Securities	0.4%

 $(\% \text{ of total investments})^1$ 

Insurance	34.7%
Banks	33.2%
Capital Markets	8.1%
Real Estate Investment Trust	5.4%
Electric Utilities	4.1%
Other	12.6%
Investment Companies	0.9%
Short-Term Investments	1.0%
Total	100%

#### **Country Allocation**

 $(\% \text{ of total investments})^1$ 

United States	63.9%
United Kingdom	9.5%
Netherlands	6.9%
Switzerland	4.2%
Japan	3.9%
Other	11.6%
Total	100%

### **Top Five Issuers**

# (% of total investments)<sup>1</sup>

Metlife Inc.	4.1%
Prudential Financial Inc.	4.1%
General Electric Capital Corporation	3.9%
PNC Financial Services	3.2%
HSBC Holdings PLC	3.2%
Credit Quality	

(% of total long-term fixed-income investments)

AA	0.9%
А	17.3%
BBB	71.6%
BB or Lower	10.2%
Total	100%

1 Excluding investments in derivatives.

#### JHP

#### **Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund 3**

#### Performance Overview and Holding Summaries as of July 31, 2015

Refer to the Glossary of Terms Used in this Report for further definition of the terms used within this section.

#### Average Annual Total Returns as of July 31, 2015

	Average Annual		
	1-Year	5-Year	10-Year
JHP at Common Share NAV	6.37%	11.44%	4.02%
JHP at Common Share Price	7.82%	9.63%	3.08%
Barclays U.S. Aggregate Bond Index	2.82%	3.27%	4.61%
Blended Benchmark (Comparative Index)	5.73%	8.13%	4.66%

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. Returns at NAV are net of Fund expenses, and assume reinvestment of distributions. Comparative index return information is provided for the Fund s shares at NAV only. Indexes are not available for direct investment.

#### Common Share Price Performance Weekly Closing Price

# This data relates to the securities held in the Fund s portfolio of investments as of the end of the reporting period. It should not be construed as a measure of performance for the Fund itself. Holdings are subject to change.

Ratings shown are the highest rating given by one of the following national rating agencies: Standard & Poor s, 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.

#### **Fund Allocation**

#### (% of net assets)

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\$25 Par (or similar) Retail Preferred	48.0%
Corporate Bonds	8.0%
\$1,000 Par (or similar) Institutional Preferred	80.9%
Investment Companies	1.2%
Repurchase Agreements	1.7%
Other Assets Less Liabilities	(0.4)%
Net Assets Plus Borrowings	139.4%
Borrowings	(39.4)%
Net Assets	100%
Portfolio Composition	

#### $(\% \text{ of total investments})^1$

Banks	37.2%
Insurance	33.1%
Capital Markets	7.9%
Real Estate Investment Trust	5.1%
Wireless Telecommunication Services	3.8%
Other	10.8%
Investment Companies	0.9%
Short-Term Investments	1.2%
Total	100%

#### **Country Allocation**

#### (% of total investments)<sup>1</sup>

United States	62.2%
United Kingdom	13.1%
Netherlands	5.5%
France	4.4%
Australia	3.5%
Other	11.3%
Total	100%

# **Top Five Issuers**

#### (% of total investments)<sup>1</sup>

General Electric Capital Corporation	3.8%
First Union Capital Trust	3.6%
JPMorgan Chase & Company	3.4%
Barclays PLC	3.0%
Centaur Funding Corporation	2.8%
Credit Quality	

# (% of total long-term fixed-income investments)

AA	0.6%
Α	16.6%
BBB	69.4%
BB or Lower	13.4%
Total	100%

1 Excluding investments in derivatives.

#### Shareholder

# **Meeting Report**

The annual meeting of shareholders was held in the offices of Nuveen Investments on March 26, 2015 for JTP, JPS and JHP; at this meeting the shareholders were asked to elect Board Members.

	<b>JTP</b> Common Shares	<b>JPS</b> Common Shares	<b>JHP</b> Common Shares
Approval of the Board Members was reached as follows:			
Jack B. Evans			
For	55,287,367	106,131,204	19,004,525
Withhold	1,676,550	2,675,603	1,499,166
Total	56,963,917	108,806,807	20,503,691
William J. Schneider			
For	55,238,510	106,076,309	18,979,080
Withhold	1,725,407	2,730,498	1,524,611
Total	56,963,917	108,806,807	20,503,691
Thomas S. Schreier, Jr.			
For	55,374,888	106,267,226	19,014,530
Withhold	1,589,029	2,539,581	1,489,161
Total	56,963,917	108,806,807	20,503,691

#### **Report of**

## **Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Board of Trustees and Shareholders of

**Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund** 

**Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund 2** 

#### **Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund 3:**

We have audited the accompanying statements of assets and liabilities, including the portfolios of investments, of Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund 2 (the Funds) as of July 31, 2015, and the related statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows and the financial highlights for the year then ended. These financial statements and financial highlights are the responsibility of the Funds management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial highlights for the statements of changes in net assets and the financial highlights based on our audits. The statements of changes in net assets and the financial highlights for the periods presented through July 31, 2014, were audited by other auditors whose reports dated September 25, 2014, expressed an unqualified opinion on those statements and those financial highlights.

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 audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements and financial highlights are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our procedures included confirmation of securities owned as of July 31, 2015, by correspondence with the custodian and brokers or other appropriate auditing procedures. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. 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 the Funds as of July 31, 2015, the results of their operations, the changes in their net assets, their cash flows and the financial highlights for the year then ended, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Chicago, Illinois

September 29, 2015

# JTP

#### Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund Portfolio of Investments

July 31, 2015

Shares	Description (1)	Coupon	Ratings (2)	Value
	LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS 138.2% (98.3%	% of Total		
	Investments)			
	CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED SECURITIES Total Investments)	1.3% (0.9% of		
	Banks 1.3%			
6,332	Wells Fargo & Company	7.500%	BBB	\$ 7,548,441
0,552	Total Convertible Preferred Securities (cost	7.30070	מממ	7,548,441
	\$7,537,319)			7,010,111
Shares	<b>Description</b> (1)	Coupon	Ratings (2)	Value
	\$25 PAR (OR SIMILAR) RETAIL PREFERREI	<b>49.4%</b> (35.2%)		
	of Total Investments)			
	Banks 11.4%			
32,500	AgriBank FCB, (3)	6.875%	BBB+	\$ 3,412,500
18,000	Bank of America Corporation	6.375%	BB+	461,160
74,172	Citigroup Capital XIII	7.875%	BBB	1,889,161
185,000	Citigroup Inc.	6.875%	BB+	5,072,700
62,000	City National Corporation	5.500%	Baa2	1,522,720
3,000	Cobank Agricultural Credit Bank, (3)	6.200%	BBB+	302,625
26,000	Fifth Third Bancorp.	6.625%	Baa3	729,820
70,300	First Niagara Finance Group	8.625%	BB	1,915,675
100,000	FirstMerit Corporation	5.875%	Baa2	2,526,000
35,000	General Electric Capital Corporation	4.875%	AA+	883,050
9,000	General Electric Capital Corporation	4.700%	AA+	225,450
18,400	HSBC Holdings PLC	8.000%	Baa1	479,136
10,000	HSBC Holdings PLC	6.200%	Baa1	254,700
624,000	ING Groep N.V.	7.200%	Baa3	16,192,800
118,603	JPMorgan Chase & Company	6.100%	BBB	2,944,912
81,008	Merrill Lynch Preferred Capital Trust V	7.280%	BBB	2,097,297
742,900	PNC Financial Services	6.125%	Baa2	20,466,894
	Royal Bank of Scotland Group PLC	5.750%	B+	635,775
104,410	TCF Financial Corporation	7.500%	BB	2,807,585
91,051	Wells Fargo & Company	5.850%	BBB	2,344,563
	Total Banks			67,164,523
	Capital Markets 4.3%			
25,200	Affiliated Managers Group Inc.	5.250%	BBB+	637,560
200,000	Charles Schwab Corporation, (WI/DD)	6.000%	BBB	5,028,000
513,146	Deutsche Bank Capital Funding Trust II	6.550%	BBB	13,762,576

2,225	Goldman Sachs Group Inc.	5.950%	Ba1	55,714
43,925	Morgan Stanley Capital Trust IV	6.250%	Baa3	1,125,798
73,700	State Street Corporation	6.000%	Baa1	1,882,298
37,000	State Street Corporation	5.900%	Baa1	960,890
72,700	State Street Corporation	5.250%	Baa1	1,809,503
	Total Capital Markets			25,262,339
	Diversified Telecommunication Services	3.2%		
143,506	Qwest Corporation	7.500%	BBB	3,797,169
41,581	Qwest Corporation	7.375%	BBB	1,082,769
101,300	Qwest Corporation	7.000%	BBB	2,643,930
67,900	Qwest Corporation	7.000%	BBB	1,790,523
77,156	Qwest Corporation	6.875%	BBB	2,014,543
155,600	Qwest Corporation	6.125%	BBB	3,913,340
144,342	Verizon Communications Inc.	5.900%	А	3,761,553
	Total Diversified Telecommunication Service	es		19,003,827
	Electric Utilities 4.0%			
178,000	Alabama Power Company, (3)	6.450%	A3	4,705,875
91,819	Duke Energy Capital Trust II	5.125%	Baa1	2,299,148
14,903	Entergy Arkansas Inc.	5.750%	А	373,320
22,668	Entergy Arkansas Inc.	4.750%	А	536,778
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Shares	Description (1)	Coupon	Ratings (2)	Value
	Electric Utilities (continued)	-		
15,000	Entergy Louisiana LLC	5.250%	A2	\$ 376,800
19,100	Entergy Mississippi Inc.	6.000%	A	484,185
92,100	Integrys Energy Group Inc.	6.000%	Baa1	2,544,723
64,800	Interstate Power and Light Company	5.100%	BBB	1,627,776
250,999	NextEra Energy Inc.	5.125%	BBB	6,056,606
185,974	NextEra Energy Inc., (6)	5.000%	BBB	4,390,846
5,102	PPL Capital Funding, Inc.	5.900%	BBB	131,070
	Total Electric Utilities			23,527,127
	Food Products 0.5%			
28,100	Dairy Farmers of America Inc., 144A, (3)	7.875%	Baa3	2,997,919
	Insurance 12.6%			
795,723	Aegon N.V.	6.375%	Baa1	20,155,663
248,300	Aflac Inc.	5.500%	BBB+	6,207,500
93,814	Allstate Corporation, (6)	6.625%	BBB	2,491,700
5,569	Allstate Corporation	6.250%	BBB	145,017
6,700	Allstate Corporation	5.625%	BBB	169,979
147,000	Allstate Corporation	5.100%	Baa1	3,822,000
57,100	American Financial Group	6.250%	Baa2	1,468,612
73,336	Arch Capital Group Limited	6.750%	BBB	1,944,871
10,965	Aspen Insurance Holdings Limited	7.250%	BBB	286,187
156,458	Aspen Insurance Holdings Limited	5.950%	BBB	4,005,325
226,594	Axis Capital Holdings Limited	6.875%	BBB	6,038,730
165,100	Axis Capital Holdings Limited	5.500%	BBB	4,056,507
231,787	Delphi Financial Group, Inc., (3)	7.376%	BBB	5,729,497
125,430	Hartford Financial Services Group Inc.	7.875%	BBB	3,912,162
46,984	PartnerRe Limited	5.875%	BBB+	1,220,644
166,360	Prudential PLC	6.750%	А	4,323,696
104,100	Reinsurance Group of America Inc.	6.200%	BBB	2,946,030
86,839	Torchmark Corporation	5.875%	BBB+	2,216,131
126,900	W.R. Berkley Corporation	5.625%	BBB	3,107,781
	Total Insurance			74,248,032
	Machinery 1.0%			
245,303	Stanley Black and Decker Inc.	5.750%	BBB+	6,311,646
	Media 0.7%			
163,689	Comcast Corporation	5.000%	А	4,226,450
	Multi-Utilities 0.7%			
150,800	DTE Energy Company	6.500%	Baa1	4,047,472
	Real Estate Investment Trust 9.5%			
150,000	DDR Corporation	6.250%	Baa3	3,810,000
32,952	Digital Realty Trust Inc.	7.375%	Baa3	893,988
13,300	Digital Realty Trust Inc.	6.625%	Baa3	339,948
32,987	Digital Realty Trust Inc.	5.875%	Baa3	799,935
19,843	Health Care REIT, Inc.	6.500%	Baa3	510,362

145,700	Hospitality Properties Trust	7.125%	Baa3	3,817,340
4,634	Kimco Realty Corporation	6.900%	Baa2	116,869
102,200	Kimco Realty Corporation	5.625%	Baa2	2,503,900
55,924	National Retail Properties Inc.	6.625%	Baa2	1,463,531
12,235	PS Business Parks, Inc.	6.875%	Baa2	310,280
112,407	PS Business Parks, Inc.	6.450%	Baa2	2,942,815
199,493	PS Business Parks, Inc.	6.000%	Baa2	5,087,072
7,720	PS Business Parks, Inc.	5.700%	Baa2	183,736
220,328	Public Storage, Inc., (4)	5.900%	А	5,567,689
22,656	Public Storage, Inc.	6.350%	А	583,165
22,083	Public Storage, Inc.	5.875%	А	555,167
104,063	Public Storage, Inc.	5.750%	А	2,567,234

# JTP Nuveen Quality Preferred Income Fund

Portfolio of Investments (continued)

July 31, 2015

Sh	nares	Description (1) Real Estate Investment Trust	Coupon		Ratings (2)		Value
		(continued)					
Ç	9,000	Public Storage, Inc.	5.625%		А	\$	224,730
235	5,318	Public Storage, Inc.	5.200%		А		5,652,338
268	8,800	Realty Income Corporation	6.625%		Baa2		7,125,888
128	8,400	Regency Centers Corporation	6.625%		Baa2		3,331,980
	2,139	Senior Housing Properties Trust	5.625%		BBB		3,131,694
	4,186	Ventas Realty LP	5.450%		BBB+		1,877,648
109	9,700	Vornado Realty Trust, (6) Total Real Estate Investment Trust	5.700%		BBB		2,717,269 56,114,578
		Thrifts & Mortgage Finance 0.2%					
4(	0,000	Astoria Financial Corporation	6.500%		Ba2		1,028,400
		U.S. Agency 1.1%					
65	5,000	Farm Credit Bank of Texas, 144A, (3)	6.750%		Baa1		6,774,221
		Wireless Telecommunication Services 0.2%					
18	8,300	Telephone and Data Systems Inc.	7.000%		BB+		471,226
28	8,000	Telephone and Data Systems Inc.	6.875%		BB+		712,880
		Total Wireless Telecommunication Services					1,184,106
		Total \$25 Par (or similar) Retail Preferred (cost \$280,361,183)				4	291,890,640
Prin	cipal						
Amount	(000)	Description (1)	Coupon	Maturity	Ratings (2)		Value
		CORPORATE BONDS6.5% (4.6% ofTotal Investments)					
		Banks 2.0%					
\$ 10	0,000	JPMorgan Chase & Company	6.750%	12/31/49	BBB	\$	10,593,750
1	1,200	Nordea Bank AB, 144A	5.500%	9/23/49	BBB		1,204,500
11	1,200	Total Banks					11,798,250
		Capital Markets 1.2%					
e	5,000	Credit Suisse Group AG, 144A	6.500%	8/08/23	BBB+		6,630,000
	300	Macquarie Bank Limited, Reg S	10.250%	6/20/57	BB+		328,968
6	5,300	Total Capital Markets					6,958,968
		Construction & Engineering 0.5%					
2	2,500	Hutchison Whampoa International 12 Limited, 144A	6.000%	11/07/62	BBB		2,643,475
		Insurance 2.6%					

1,900	AIG Life Holdings Inc., 144A	7.570%	12/01/45	BBB	2,479,500
5,000	AIG Life Holdings Inc., 144A	8.125%	3/15/46	BBB	6,912,500
900	AXA, Reg S	5.500%	12/31/49	A3	908,895
1,100	Liberty Mutual Group Inc., 144A	7.697%	10/15/97	BBB+	1,381,334
1,700	Mitsui Sumitomo Insurance Company	7.000%	3/15/72	А	1,972,000
	Limited, 144A				
1,870	Prudential PLC, Reg S	5.250%	3/23/63	А	1,874,323
12,470	Total Insurance				15,528,552
	Multi-Utilities 0.2%				
500	RWE AG, Reg S	7.000%	10/12/72	BBB	527,500
1,000	WEC Energy Group, Inc.	6.250%	5/15/67	Baa1	890,000
1,500	Total Multi-Utilities				1,417,500

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