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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM N-CSR

CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES

Investment Company Act file number 811-10491

NUVEEN REAL ESTATE INCOME FUND

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Nuveen Investments
333 West Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Jessica R. Droeger
Nuveen Investments
333 West Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606

(Name and address of agent for service)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (312) 917-7700

Date of fiscal year end: December 31

Date of reporting period: June 30, 2006

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ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS.

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SEMIANNUAL REPORT JUNE 30, 2006

NUVEEN INVESTMENTS
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Timothy R. Schwertfeger
Chairman of the Board

CHAIRMAN'S
LETTER TO SHAREHOLDERS

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I am very pleased to report that over the six-month period covered by this report, your Fund continued to provide you with attractive monthly income from a diversified portfolio of quality real estate securities. For more information on your Fund's performance, please read the Portfolio Managers' Comments, the Distribution and Share Price Information, and the Performance Overview sections of this report.

Portfolio diversification is a recognized way to try to reduce some of the risk that comes with investing. Since one part of your portfolio may be going up when another is going down, portfolio diversification may help smooth your investment returns over time. In addition to providing regular monthly income, an investment like your Fund may help you achieve and benefit from greater portfolio diversification. Your financial advisor can explain these potential advantages in more detail. I urge you to contact him or her soon for more information on this important investment strategy.

"IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING REGULAR MONTHLY INCOME, AN INVESTMENT LIKE YOUR FUND MAY HELP YOU ACHIEVE AND BENEFIT FROM GREATER PORTFOLIO DIVERSIFICATION."

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

Sincerely,

(TIMOTHY SCHWERTFEGER SIG)
Timothy R. Schwertfeger
Chairman of the Board

August 11, 2006

Nuveen Investments Exchange-Traded Closed-End Funds

PORTFOLIO MANAGERS' COMMENTS

The Nuveen Real Estate Income Fund is managed by a team of real estate investment professionals at Security Capital Research & Management Incorporated (Security Capital), a wholly-owned subsidiary of J. P. Morgan Chase & Co. Anthony R. Manno Jr. and Kenneth D. Statz, who each have more than 23 years of experience in managing real estate investments, lead the team. Here they review the economic environment and performance of the Fund.

WHAT WAS YOUR OVERALL MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR THE SIX-MONTH PERIOD ENDED JUNE 30, 2006?

During the six months ended June 30, 2006, we continued to focus on those securities that we believed were best positioned to generate sustainable income and potential price appreciation over the long-run. In managing the JRS portfolio, we sought to maintain significant diversification while taking into account company credit quality, sector, geographic exposure, and security-type allocations. Every investment decision was based on a multi-layered analysis of the company, the real estate it owns, its management, and the relative price of the security.

The ability to shift allocations between preferred and common stock based on the relative attractiveness of these two distinct markets is an important tool in

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managing JRS for income and long-term capital appreciation. In 2005, an environment characterized by rising interest rates indicated a shift in the risk and reward characteristics of common stocks versus preferred stocks, and as a result, Security Capital significantly tilted the portfolio toward common stocks, especially those of companies exhibiting the greatest potential in an improving economy. In the first six months of 2006, we maintained the portfolio's tilt toward common stocks. The portfolio continues to emphasize companies and property types associated with shorter lease terms and favor the strongest infill markets and locations where we feel there is value enhancement potential and a real inflation hedge over the long term.

1 The Specialized Real Estate Securities Benchmark is based on the preferred stock and highest 50% yielding (based on market capitalization) common stock securities in the SNL Financial LC real estate database. Returns are computed from this database by a third party service provider.

During the period the Fund issued an additional \$50 million of Taxable Auctioned Preferred shares. The additional funds were invested according to our existing management strategy. As of June 30, 2006, the portfolio allocations were 67.9% common stocks, 31.6% preferred stocks and 0.5% short-term investments.

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HOW DID THE FUND PERFORM OVER THE SIX-MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2006?

Fund performance results, as well as the performance of two real estate indexes, are shown in the accompanying table.

TOTAL RETURN ON NET ASSET VALUE

For the six months ended June 30, 2006

JRS	9.59%
Specialized Real Estate Securities Benchmark (1)	7.96%
Dow Jones Wilshire Real Estate Securities Index (2)	14.08%

2 The Dow Jones Wilshire Real Estate Securities Index is an unmanaged index comprised of common shares of publicly-traded REITs and other real estate operating companies.

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

For the six months ended June 30, 2006, the Fund outperformed the Specialized

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Real Estate Securities Benchmark and underperformed the Dow Jones Wilshire Real Estate Securities Index.

Since 2003, we have been gradually and selectively shifting the portfolio's property type weightings from a largely defensive posture to one better positioned with respect to a growing economy, while at all times remaining highly focused on the current income objectives of the fund. For the past six months we have pursued this strategy by increasing the portfolio's allocation toward multifamily and lodging companies, securities characterized by short-duration leases. We have also underweighted companies in the more defensive, bond-like retail industry (both shopping centers and malls). Both tilts benefited the portfolio, as multifamily and lodging companies continue to experience a very robust operating environment with little new supply and rapidly increasing rents, and retail companies languish as investors anticipate a decline in consumer spending from mounting energy costs and rising short-term interest rates.

Over the past six months we have also identified intriguing values in the Office industry. Office operating fundamentals continue to show steady quarter-to-quarter improvement with pockets of more pronounced strength in key coastal markets, including New York, Washington D.C., and Los Angeles. This research-based theme was also rewarded, as many of our specific selections within the office sector substantially outperformed their respective sector components of the Specialized Real Estate Securities Benchmark.

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On the other hand, in seeking to maintain the income and sector diversification objectives of the Fund, our investments in the higher yielding but historically defensive Health Care securities underperformed the Benchmark as a whole.

It is important to note that investing in preferred stock remains an important component of the income and appreciation strategy of JRS as well as the Specialized Real Estate Securities Benchmark. However, preferred securities are not included in broader real estate securities indices, like the Dow Jones Wilshire Real Estate Securities Index (WARESI). JRS's allocation to preferred stocks remained a significant allocation in the Fund's portfolio and we believe it helped the Fund's overall risk profile, over the past six-months, however, it did create a drag on performance when compared to an all common stock index like the WARESI.

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DISTRIBUTION AND SHARE PRICE INFORMATION

In addition to owning preferred stocks, the Fund has issued its own preferred shares, called Taxable Auctioned Preferred. This provides a degree of financial leverage that can increase share price volatility, but also can enhance Fund returns and supplement the income available to pay common shareholder distributions. This leveraging strategy provided incremental income and helped enhance shareholder distributions over the six-month period.

The Fund has a managed distribution policy designed to provide relatively stable monthly cash flow to investors. Under this policy, the Fund's monthly distributions will be paid from net investment income generated by its underlying securities as well as from net realized capital gains and/or returns of capital, generally representing unrealized capital gains. The Fund declared a

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monthly distribution increase in June to \$0.1650 per share.

As of June 30, 2006, the Fund was trading at a -2.12% discount to its net asset value, compared with an average discount of -6.15% for the entire six-month period.

We are providing shareholders with an estimate of the source of the Fund's monthly distribution as of June 30, 2006. These estimates may, and likely will, vary over time based on the investment activities of the Fund and changes in the value of portfolio investments. The final determination of the source and tax characteristics of all distributions will be made after December 31, 2006 and reported to you on Form 1099-DIV early in 2007. More details about the Fund's distributions are available monthly on www.nuveen.com/cef.

The Fund estimates that its monthly distribution is comprised of 72% net cash flow from real estate investment trusts (REITs) and, pursuant to the Fund's managed distribution policy, 28% capital appreciation consisting of either net realized capital gains and/or a return of capital (generally representing net unrealized capital gains). The components of the Fund's net REIT cash flow are estimated to be 55% ordinary income, 32% capital gains, and 13% return of capital. The Fund's net REIT cash flow represents distribution payments received from securities of REITs which may be re-characterized by the REITs for tax purposes after calendar year-end.

The foregoing presents information about the expected tax characteristics of the Fund's distributions, to conform to a federal securities law requirement that any fund paying

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distributions from any sources other than net income disclose to shareholders the distribution portions attributable to such other sources. The Fund provides this type of information on a tax basis, instead of on a generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) basis, because experience has shown that Fund shareholders are most concerned about the tax character of their distributions (and might well be confused by information about distribution characteristics that differed from the tax-based characteristics), and because the Fund also believes that the distributions' tax characteristics fairly represent the economic basis of the Fund's distributions and returns. The breakdown of distribution characteristics according to GAAP likely would differ from the expected tax characteristics shown above.

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Nuveen Real Estate Income Fund
JRS

PERFORMANCE

OVERVIEW As of June 30, 2006

PORTFOLIO ALLOCATION

(as a % of total investments)

Real Estate Investment Trust Common Stocks

67.9%

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Real Estate Investment Trust Preferred	31.6%
Short-Term Investments	0.5%

Bar Chart:
2005-2006 MONTHLY DISTRIBUTIONS PER SHARE

Jul	0.135
Aug	0.135
Sep	0.145
Oct	0.145
Nov	0.145
Dec	0.145
Jan	0.145
Feb	0.145
Mar	0.155
Apr	0.155
May	0.155
Jun	0.165

Line Chart:
SHARE PRICE PERFORMANCE
Weekly Closing Price
Past performance is not predictive of future results.

7/01/05	20.33
	20.69
	20.40
	20.66
	21.20
	20.18
	19.48
	19.02
	19.38
	19.88
	20.40
	20.29
	20.00
	20.35
	19.93
	19.31
	19.28
	19.85
	19.59
	19.64
	19.55
	19.88
	20.03
	19.82
	19.72
	19.80
	19.99

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	20.74
	20.45
	20.65
	20.80
	20.97
	20.99
	21.70
	22.13
	22.43
	22.80
	23.15
	22.60
	22.70
	22.44
	21.81
	22.45
	22.58
	22.90
	22.14
	21.95
	22.15
	22.29
	22.45
	22.30
	22.30
6/30/06	23.09

FUND SNAPSHOT

Common Share Price	\$23.09

Common Share Net Asset Value	\$23.59

Premium/(Discount) to NAV	-2.12%

Current Distribution Rate(1)	8.58%

Net Assets Attributable to Common Shares (\$000)	\$663,698

INDUSTRIES
(as a % of total investments)

Office	27.2%

Specialized	23.4%

Residential	17.9%

Retail	16.6%

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Diversified	11.7%
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Industrial	2.7%
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Short-Term Investments	0.5%
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TOP FIVE REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST COMMON STOCK ISSUERS
(as a % of total investments)

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AvalonBay Communities, Inc.	5.8%
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Mack-Cali Realty Corporation	5.7%
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Macerich Company	5.7%
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Reckson Associates Realty Corporation	5.3%
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Archstone-Smith Trust	4.6%
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TOP FIVE REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST PREFERRED STOCK ISSUERS
(as a % of total investments)

-----	-----
Crescent Real Estate Equities Company	5.0%
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Apartment Investment & Management Company	3.7%
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Public Storage Inc.	2.8%
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Home Properties Inc.	2.7%
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PS Business Parks, Inc.	2.6%
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AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURN
(Inception 11/15/01)

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	ON SHARE PRICE	ON NAV
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6-Month (Cumulative)	20.36%	9.59%
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1-Year	23.93%	13.04%

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 Since Inception 19.18% 20.58%

1 Current Distribution Rate is based on the Fund's current annualized monthly distribution divided by the Fund's current market price. REIT distributions received by the Fund are generally comprised of investment income, long-term and short-term capital gains and a REIT return of capital. 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 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.

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Shareholder
 MEETING REPORT

The shareholder meeting was held in the offices of Nuveen Investments on March 29, 2006.

 APPROVAL OF THE BOARD MEMBERS WAS REACHED AS FOLLOWS:

	Common and Preferred shares voting together as a class	Preferred shares voting together as a class
Robert P. Bremner		
For	26,264,537	--
Withhold	233,240	--
Total	26,497,777	--
Lawrence H. Brown		
For	26,261,960	--
Withhold	235,817	--
Total	26,497,777	--
Jack B. Evans		
For	26,268,675	--
Withhold	229,102	--
Total	26,497,777	--
William C. Hunter		
For	26,266,783	--
Withhold	230,994	--
Total	26,497,777	--
William J. Schneider		

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For	--	5,963
Withhold	--	27
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Total	--	5,990
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Timothy R. Schwertfeger		
For	--	5,963
Withhold	--	27
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Total	--	5,990
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Judith M. Stockdale		
For	26,266,688	--
Withhold	231,089	--
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Total	26,497,777	--
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Eugene S. Sunshine		
For	26,265,634	--
Withhold	232,143	--
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Total	26,497,777	--
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Nuveen Real Estate Income Fund (JRS)

Portfolio of

INVESTMENTS June 30, 2006 (Unaudited)

SHARES	DESCRIPTION (1)
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	REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST COMMONS STOCKS - 90.2% (67.9% OF TOTAL INVESTMENTS)
	DIVERSIFIED - 4.9%
1,890,000	Newkirk Realty Trust Inc.
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	INDUSTRIAL - 3.7%
626,600	First Industrial Realty Trust, Inc.
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	OFFICE - 30.0%
1,045,300	Brandywine Realty Trust
477,300	Equity Office Properties Trust
2,280,800	HRPT Properties Trust
1,090,500	Mack-Cali Realty Corporation
264,600	Maguire Properties, Inc.
1,120,600	Reckson Associates Realty Corporation
1,579,000	Republic Property Trust
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	Total Office
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	RESIDENTIAL - 15.2%
215,300	Apartment Investment & Management Company, Class A
795,000	Archstone-Smith Trust
464,500	AvalonBay Communities, Inc.

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Total Residential		
RETAIL - 18.1%		
413,800	Federal Realty Investment Trust	
775,400	Glimcher Realty Trust	
711,000	Macerich Company	
880,300	New Plan Excel Realty Trust	
Total Retail		
SPECIALIZED - 18.3%		
2,013,000	Ashford Hospitality Trust Inc.	
493,400	Cogdell Spencer Inc.	
931,564	Hersha Hospitality Trust	
1,587,300	Nationwide Health Properties, Inc.	
1,133,100	Senior Housing Properties Trust	
1,159,600	U-Store-It Trust	
Total Specialized		
TOTAL REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST COMMON STOCKS (COST \$386,631,973)		
SHARES	DESCRIPTION (1)	COUPON
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST PREFERRED STOCKS - 41.9% (31.6% OF TOTAL INVESTMENTS)		
DIVERSIFIED - 10.6%		
1,031,300	Crescent Real Estate Equities Company, Series A (Convertible)	6.750%
850,000	Crescent Real Estate Equities Company, Series B	9.500%
150,000	Lexington Corporate Properties Trust, Series B	8.050%
497,623	PS Business Parks, Inc., Series F	8.750%
400,000	PS Business Parks, Inc., Series O	7.375%
Total Diversified		
OFFICE - 6.1%		
95,400	Alexandria Real Estate Equities Inc., Series B	9.100%
160,000	Alexandria Real Estate Equities Inc., Series C	8.375%
200,000	Corporate Office Properties Trust, Series G	8.000%
12,141	Highwoods Properties, Inc., Series A	8.625%
81,000	HRPT Properties Trust, Series C	7.125%
586,700	Maguire Properties, Inc., Series A	7.625%
Total Office		

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Portfolio of INVESTMENTS June 30, 2006 (Unaudited)

SHARES	DESCRIPTION (1)	COUPON	
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	RESIDENTIAL - 8.5%		
603,500	Apartment Investment & Management Company, Series R	10.000%	
511,100	Apartment Investment & Management Company, Series U	7.750%	
183,000	Apartment Investment & Management Company, Series Y	7.875%	
945,000	Home Properties Inc., Series F	9.000%	
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	Total Residential		
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	RETAIL - 3.9%		
160,000	Cedar Shopping Centers Inc., Series A	8.875%	
113,000	Glimcher Realty Trust, Series F	8.750%	
234,300	Glimcher Realty Trust, Series G	8.125%	
125,000	Saul Centers, Inc., Series A	8.000%	
400,000	Taubman Centers, Inc., Series H	7.625%	
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	Total Retail		
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	SPECIALIZED - 12.8%		
130,000	Ashford Hospitality Trust, Series A	8.550%	
339,000	Boykin Lodging Company, Series A	10.500%	
407,900	FelCor Lodging Trust Inc., Series C, (2)	8.000%	
120,000	Hersha Hospitality Trust, Series A	8.000%	
592,000	LaSalle Hotel Properties, Series A	10.250%	
1,000,000	Public Storage Inc., Series I	7.250%	
175,000	Strategic Hotel Capital Inc., Series B	8.250%	
320,000	Strategic Hotel Capital Inc., Series C	8.250%	
300,000	Sunstone Hotel Investors Inc., Series A	8.000%	
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	Total Specialized		
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	TOTAL REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST PREFERRED STOCKS (COST \$273,130,007)		
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PRINCIPAL AMOUNT (000)	DESCRIPTION (1)	COUPON	MATURITY
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	SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS - 0.6% (0.5% OF TOTAL INVESTMENTS)		
\$ 4,287	Repurchase Agreement with State Street Bank, dated 6/30/06, repurchase price \$4,288,778, collateralized by \$4,645,000 U.S. Treasury Notes, 4.250% due 11/15/14, value \$4,375,734	4.130%	7/03/06
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	TOTAL SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS (COST \$4,287,302)		
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	TOTAL INVESTMENTS (COST \$664,049,282) - 132.7%		
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	OTHER ASSETS LESS LIABILITIES - 0.7%		
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PREFERRED SHARES, AT LIQUIDATION VALUE - (33.4)%

NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHARES - 100%

INTEREST RATE SWAPS OUTSTANDING AT JUNE 30, 2006:

COUNTERPARTY	NOTIONAL AMOUNT	FIXED RATE PAID BY THE FUND (ANNUALIZED)	FIXED RATE PAYMENT FREQUENCY	FLOATING RATE RECEIVED BY THE FUND (3)	FLOATING RATE PAYMENT FREQUENCY	TERMINATI DA
Citigroup Inc.	\$43,000,000	4.800%	Monthly	5.138%	Monthly	2/06/
Citigroup Inc.	43,000,000	5.190	Monthly	5.138	Monthly	2/06/

- (1) All percentages shown in the Portfolio of Investments are based on net assets to Common shares unless otherwise noted.
- (2) Investment is eligible for the Dividends Received Deduction.
- (3) Based on USD-LIBOR (United States Dollar-London Inter-Bank Offered Rate)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of
ASSETS AND LIABILITIES June 30, 2006 (Unaudited)

ASSETS	
Investments, at value (cost \$664,049,282)	\$880,584,970
Unrealized appreciation on interest rate swaps	490,528
Receivables:	
Dividends	5,420,548
Interest	492
Other assets	42,439
Total assets	886,538,977
LIABILITIES	
Accrued expenses:	
Management fees	412,298
Offering costs	207,150
Other	136,653
Taxable Auctioned Preferred share dividends payable	85,025
Total liabilities	841,126

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Taxable Auctioned Preferred shares, at liquidation value	222,000,000
Net assets applicable to Common shares	\$663,697,851
Common shares outstanding	28,136,413
Net asset value per Common share outstanding (net assets applicable to Common shares, divided by Common shares outstanding)	\$ 23.59

NET ASSETS APPLICABLE TO COMMON SHARES CONSIST OF:

Common shares, \$.01 par value per share	\$ 281,364
Paid-in surplus	390,373,113
Undistributed (Over-distribution of) net investment income	(5,307,961)
Accumulated net realized gain (loss) from investments and derivative transactions	61,325,119
Net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments and derivative transactions	217,026,216
Net assets applicable to Common shares	\$663,697,851
Authorized shares:	
Common	Unlimited
Taxable Auctioned Preferred	Unlimited

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of
OPERATIONS Six Months Ended June 30, 2006 (Unaudited)

INVESTMENT INCOME	
Dividends	\$14,048,131
Interest	313,410
Total investment income	14,361,541
EXPENSES	
Management fees	3,660,886
Taxable Auctioned Preferred shares - auction fees	223,164
Taxable Auctioned Preferred shares - dividend disbursing agent fees	18,095
Shareholders' servicing agent fees and expenses	3,559
Custodian's fees and expenses	82,456
Trustees' fees and expenses	9,558
Professional fees	12,038
Shareholders' reports - printing and mailing expenses	52,775
Stock exchange listing fees	1,187
Investor relations expense	41,574

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Other expenses	33,869

Total expenses before custodian fee credit and expense reimbursement	4,139,161
Custodian fee credit	(386)
Expense reimbursement	(1,249,875)

Net expenses	2,888,900

Net investment income	11,472,641

REALIZED AND UNREALIZED GAIN (LOSS)	
Net realized gain (loss) from investments	61,479,238
Net realized gain (loss) from interest rate swaps	(154,119)
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	(9,240,079)
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of interest rate swaps	1,142,785

Net realized and unrealized gain (loss)	53,227,825

DISTRIBUTIONS TO TAXABLE AUCTIONED PREFERRED SHAREHOLDERS	
From and in excess of net investment income	(4,021,039)
From accumulated net realized gains	--

Decrease in net assets applicable to Common shares from distributions to Taxable Auctioned Preferred shareholders	(4,021,039)

Net increase (decrease) in net assets applicable to Common shares from operations	\$60,679,427

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Statement of
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

	SIX MONTHS ENDED 6/30/06	YEAR ENDED 12/31/05

OPERATIONS		
Net investment income	\$ 11,472,641	\$ 23,684,837
Net realized gain (loss) from investments	61,479,238	43,150,661
Net realized gain (loss) from interest rate swaps	(154,119)	(1,739,276)
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of investments	(9,240,079)	(18,591,745)
Change in net unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of interest rate swaps	1,142,785	3,221,965
Distributions to Taxable Auctioned Preferred shareholders:		
From and in excess of net investment income	(4,021,039)	--
From net investment income	--	(976,242)
From accumulated net realized gains	--	(4,466,723)

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Net increase (decrease) in net assets applicable to Common shares from operations	60,679,427	44,283,477

DISTRIBUTIONS TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS		
From and in excess of net investment income	(25,885,500)	--
From net investment income	--	(8,022,508)
From accumulated net realized gains	--	(38,683,938)

Decrease in net assets applicable to Common shares from distributions to Common shareholders	(25,885,500)	(46,706,446)

CAPITAL SHARE TRANSACTIONS		
Common shares offering costs adjustments	--	67,319
Taxable Auctioned Preferred shares offering costs and adjustments	(745,000)	25,537

Net increase (decrease) in net assets applicable to Common shares from capital share transactions	(745,000)	92,856

Net increase (decrease) in net assets applicable to Common shares	34,048,927	(2,330,113)
Net assets applicable to Common shares at the beginning of period	629,648,924	631,979,037

Net assets applicable to Common shares at the end of period	\$663,697,851	\$629,648,924

Undistributed (Over-distribution of) net investment income at the end of period	\$ (5,307,961)	\$ 13,125,937

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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Notes to FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

1. GENERAL INFORMATION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nuveen Real Estate Income Fund (the "Fund") is a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended. The Fund's Common shares are listed on the American Stock Exchange and trade under the ticker symbol "JRS." The Fund was organized as a Massachusetts business trust on August 27, 2001.

The Fund seeks to provide high current income by investing primarily in a portfolio of income-producing common stocks, preferred stocks, convertible preferred stocks and debt securities issued by real estate companies, such as Real Estate Investment Trusts ("REITs").

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

Investment Valuation

Exchange-listed securities are generally valued at the last sales price on the securities exchange on which such securities are primarily traded. Securities traded on a securities exchange for which there are no transactions on a given day or securities not listed on a securities exchange are valued at the mean of the closing bid and asked prices. Securities traded on Nasdaq are valued at the

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Nasdaq Official Closing Price. Prices of derivative instruments are also provided by an independent pricing service approved by the Fund's Board of Trustees. If the pricing service is unable to supply a price for a derivative investment the Fund may use a market quote provided by a major broker/dealer in such investments. If it is determined that market prices for an investment are unavailable or inappropriate, the Board of Trustees of the Fund, or its designee, may establish fair value in accordance with procedures established in good faith by the Board of Trustees. In establishing fair value, the Board of Trustees, or its designee, will use a wide variety of market data including prices of comparable securities, indications of value from security dealers, general market conditions and other information and analysis. Short-term investments are valued at amortized cost, which approximates market value.

Investment Transactions

Investment transactions are recorded on a trade date basis. Realized gains and losses from investment transactions are determined on the specific identification method. Investments purchased on a when-issued or delayed delivery basis may have extended settlement periods. Any investments so purchased are subject to market fluctuation during this period. The Fund has instructed the custodian to segregate assets with a current value at least equal to the amount of the when-issued/delayed delivery purchase commitments. At June 30, 2006, the Fund had no such outstanding purchase commitments.

Investment Income

Dividend income is recorded on the ex-dividend date. Interest income is recorded on an accrual basis.

Federal Income Taxes

The Fund intends to distribute substantially all net investment income and net capital gains to shareholders and to otherwise comply with the requirements of Subchapter M of the Internal Revenue Code applicable to regulated investment companies. Therefore, no federal income tax provision is required.

Dividends and Distributions to Common Shareholders

Distributions to Common shareholders are recorded on the ex-dividend date. The amount and timing of distributions are determined in accordance with federal income tax regulations, which may differ from U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

The Fund makes monthly cash distributions to Common shareholders of a stated dollar amount per share. Subject to approval and oversight by the Fund's Board of Trustees, the Fund seeks to maintain a stable distribution level designed to deliver the long-term return potential of the Fund's investment strategy through regular monthly distributions (a "Managed Distribution Policy"). Total distributions during a calendar year generally will be made from the Fund's net investment income, net realized capital gains and net unrealized capital gains in the Fund's portfolio, if any. The portion of distributions paid from net unrealized gains, if any, would be distributed from the Fund's assets and would be treated by shareholders as a non-taxable distribution for tax purposes. If the Fund's total return on net asset value exceeds total distributions during a calendar year, the excess will be reflected as an increase in net asset value per share. In the event that total distributions during a calendar year exceed the Fund's total return on net asset value, the difference will be treated as a return of capital for tax purposes and will reduce net asset value per share. The final determination of the source and character of all distributions for the fiscal year are made after the end of the fiscal year and reflected in the financial statements contained in the annual report as of December 31 each year.

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Real Estate Investment Trust ("REIT") distributions received by the Fund are generally comprised of ordinary income, long-term and short-term capital gains, and a return of REIT capital. The actual character of amounts received during the period are not known until after the fiscal year-end. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, the character of distributions to the Fund from the REITs was 55.38% ordinary income, 32.12% long-term and short-term capital gains, and 12.50% return of REIT capital.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, the Fund applied the actual character of distributions reported by the REITs in which the Fund invests to its receipts from the REITs. If a REIT held in the portfolio of investments did not report the actual character of its distributions during the period, the Fund treated the distributions as ordinary income.

For the six months ended June 30, 2006, the Fund applied the actual percentages for the twelve months ended December 31, 2005, described above, to its receipts from the REITs and treated as income in the Statement of Operations only the amount of ordinary income so calculated. The Fund adjusts that estimated breakdown of income type (and consequently its net investment income) as necessary early in the following calendar year when the REITs inform their shareholders of the actual breakdown of income type.

The actual character of distributions made by the Fund during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, are reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

The distributions made by the Fund to its shareholders during the six months ended June 30, 2006, are provisionally classified as being "From and in excess of net investment income", and those distributions will be classified as being from net investment income, net realized capital gains and/or a return of capital for tax purposes after the fiscal year end, based upon the income type breakdown information conveyed at the time by the REITs whose securities are held in the Fund's portfolio. For purposes of calculating "Undistributed (Over-distribution of) net investment income as of June 30, 2006, the distribution amounts provisionally classified as "From and in excess of net investment income" were treated as being entirely from net investment income. Consequently, the financial statements at June 30, 2006, reflect an over-distribution of net investment income.

Taxable Auctioned Preferred Shares

The Fund has issued and outstanding 1,720 Series M, 1,720 Series T, 1,720 Series W, 2,000 Series Th and 1,720 Series F, Taxable Auctioned Preferred shares, \$25,000 stated value per share, as a means of effecting financial leverage. The dividend rate paid by the Fund on each Series is determined every seven days, pursuant to a dutch auction process overseen by the auction agent, and is payable at the end of each rate period.

Interest Rate Swap Transactions

The Fund is authorized to invest in certain derivative financial instruments. The Fund's use of interest rate swap transactions is intended to mitigate the negative impact that an increase in short-term interest rates could have on Common share net earnings as a result of leverage. Interest rate swap transactions involve the Fund's agreement with the counterparty to pay a fixed rate payment in exchange for the counterparty paying the Fund a variable rate payment that is intended to approximate the Fund's variable rate payment obligation on Taxable Auctioned Preferred shares or any variable rate borrowing. The payment obligation is based on the notional amount of the interest rate swap contract. Interest rate swaps do not involve the delivery of securities or other underlying assets or principal. Accordingly, the risk of loss with respect to the swap counterparty on such transactions is limited to the net amount of interest payments that the Fund is to receive. Interest rate swap positions are valued daily. Although there are economic advantages of entering into interest rate swap transactions, there are also additional risks. The Fund helps manage

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the credit risks associated with interest rate swap transactions by entering into agreements only with counterparties the Adviser believes have the financial resources to honor their obligations and by having the Adviser continually monitor the financial stability of the swap counterparties.

Repurchase Agreements

In connection with transactions in repurchase agreements, it is the Fund's policy that its custodian take possession of the underlying collateral securities, the fair value of which exceeds the principal amount of the repurchase transaction, including accrued interest, at all times. If the seller defaults, and the fair value of the collateral declines, realization of the collateral may be delayed or limited.

Custodian Fee Credit

The Fund has an arrangement with the custodian bank whereby certain custodian fees and expenses are reduced by credits earned on the Fund's cash on deposit with the bank. Such deposit arrangements are an alternative to overnight investments.

Indemnifications

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

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Use of Estimates

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

2. FUND SHARES

The Fund did not engage in transactions in its own Common shares during the six months ended June 30, 2006, nor during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005.

On May 25, 2006, the Fund issued 2,000 Series Th Taxable Auctioned Preferred shares, \$25,000 stated value per share, with a total liquidation value of \$50,000,000.

3. INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS

Purchases and sales of investments (excluding short-term investments and derivative transactions) during the six months ended June 30, 2006, aggregated \$171,711,103 and \$131,605,148, respectively.

4. INCOME TAX INFORMATION

The following information is presented on an income tax basis. Differences between amounts for financial statement and federal income tax purposes are primarily due to timing differences in recording income and timing differences in recognizing certain gains and losses on investment transactions.

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At June 30, 2006, the cost of investments was \$664,049,282.

The net unrealized appreciation of investments at June 30, 2006, aggregated \$216,535,688, of which \$223,630,836 related to appreciated securities and \$7,095,148 related to depreciated securities.

The tax components of undistributed net ordinary income and net long-term capital gains at December 31, 2005, the Funds' last tax year end, were as follows:

Undistributed net ordinary income *	\$13,172,759
Undistributed net long-term capital gains	--

* Net ordinary income consists of net taxable income derived from dividends, interest, and net short-term capital gains, if any.

The tax character of distributions paid during the Funds' last tax year ended December 31, 2005, was designated for purposes of the dividends paid deduction as follows:

Distributions from net ordinary income *	\$ 9,490,892
Distributions from net long-term capital gains	42,608,613

* Net ordinary income consists of net taxable income derived from dividends, interest, and net short-term capital gains, if any.

5. MANAGEMENT FEE AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS WITH AFFILIATES

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

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

AVERAGE DAILY MANAGED ASSETS	FUND-LEVEL FEE RATE
For the first \$500 million	.7000%
For the next \$500 million	.6750
For the next \$500 million	.6500
For the next \$500 million	.6250
For Managed Assets over \$2 billion	.6000

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The annual complex-level fee, payable monthly, which is additive to the fund-level fee, for all Nuveen sponsored funds in the U.S., is based on the aggregate amount of total fund assets managed as stated in the table below. As of June 30, 2006, the complex-level fee rate was .1887%.

COMPLEX-LEVEL ASSETS (1)	COMPLEX-LEVEL FEE RATE
For the first \$55 billion	.2000%
For the next \$1 billion	.1800
For the next \$1 billion	.1600
For the next \$3 billion	.1425
For the next \$3 billion	.1325
For the next \$3 billion	.1250
For the next \$5 billion	.1200
For the next \$5 billion	.1175
For the next \$15 billion	.1150
For Managed Assets over \$91 billion (2)	.1400

- (1) The complex-level fee component of the management fee for the funds is calculated based upon the aggregate Managed Assets ("Managed Assets" means the average daily net assets of each fund including assets attributable to all types of leverage used by the Nuveen funds) of Nuveen-sponsored funds in the U.S.
- (2) With respect to the complex-wide Managed Assets over \$91 billion, the fee rate or rates that will apply to such assets will be determined at a later date. In the unlikely event that complex-wide Managed Assets reach \$91 billion prior to a determination of the complex-level fee rate or rates to be applied to Managed Assets in excess of \$91 billion, the complex-level fee rate for such complex-wide Managed Assets shall be .1400% until such time as a different rate or rates is determined.

The management fee compensates the Adviser for overall investment advisory and administrative services and general office facilities. The Adviser has entered into a Sub-Advisory Agreement with Security Capital Research & Management Incorporated ("Security Capital"), under which Security Capital manages the investment portfolio of the Fund. Security Capital is compensated for its services to the Fund from the management fee paid to the Adviser.

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

For the first ten years of the Fund's operations, the Adviser has agreed to reimburse the Fund, as a percentage of average daily Managed Assets, for fees and expenses in the amounts and for the time periods set forth below:

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YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30,		YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30,	
2001 *	.30%	2007	.25%
2002	.30	2008	.20
2003	.30	2009	.15
2004	.30	2010	.10
2005	.30	2011	.05
2006	.30		

* From the commencement of operations.

The Adviser has not agreed to reimburse the Fund for any portion of its fees and expenses beyond November 30, 2011.

6. NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENT

Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 48
On July 13, 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) released FASB Interpretation No. 48 Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes (FIN 48). FIN 48 provides guidance for how uncertain tax positions should be recognized, measured, presented and disclosed in the financial statements. FIN 48 requires the evaluation of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the course of preparing the Fund's tax returns to determine whether the tax positions are "more-likely-than-not" of being sustained by the applicable tax authority. Tax positions not deemed to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold would be recorded as a tax benefit or expense in the current year. Adoption of FIN 48 is required for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006 and is to be applied to all open tax years as of the effective date. At this time, management is evaluating the implications of FIN 48 and does not expect the adoption of FIN 48 will have a significant impact on the net assets or results of operations of the Funds.

7. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Distributions to Common Shareholders

The Fund declared a distribution of \$.1650 per Common share which was paid on August 1, 2006, to shareholders of record on July 15, 2006.

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Borrowings

On August 15, 2006, the Fund entered into a commercial paper program (\$70 million maximum) with Citibank's N.A.'s conduit financing agency, CHARTA, LLC ("CHARTA"), whose sole purpose is the issuance of high grade commercial paper. CHARTA uses the proceeds to make advances to the Fund and to many other borrowers who comprise CHARTA's total borrowing base. As of August 15, 2006, the Fund had borrowed the full \$70 million maximum allowed under the commercial paper program.

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Selected data for a Common share outstanding throughout each period:

	Investment Operations					
	Beginning Common Share Net Asset Value	Net Investment Income (a)	Net Realized/ Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Distributions from Net Investment Income to Taxable Auctioned Preferred Share- holders+	Distributions from Capital Gains to Taxable Auctioned Preferred Share- holders+	
Year Ended 12/31:						
2006 (e)	\$ 22.38	\$.41	\$ 1.89	\$ (.14) *	\$ --	--
2005	22.46	.84	.93	(.03)		(.16)
2004 (b)	18.57	.88	4.56	(.05)		(.04)
2003 (c)	17.30	.12	1.38	(.01)		--
Year Ended 10/31:						
2003	13.56	.85	4.38	(.05)		(.02)
2002 (d)	14.33	1.02	(.46)	(.07)		(.02)

Less Distributions

	Net Investment Income to Common Share- holders	Capital Gains to Common Share- holders	Tax Return of Capital	Total	Offering Costs and Taxable Auctioned Preferred Share Underwriting Discounts	Ending Common Share Net Asset Value
Year Ended 12/31:						
2006 (e)	\$ (.92) *	\$ --	\$ --	\$ (.92)	\$ (.03)	\$ 23.59
2005	(.29)	(1.37)	--	(1.66)	--	22.38
2004 (b)	(.69)	(.63)	(.14)	(1.46)	--	22.46
2003 (c)	(.01)	(.08)	(.13)	(.22)	--	18.57
Year Ended 10/31:						
2003	(.97)	(.41)	(.04)	(1.42)	--	17.30
2002 (d)	(.89)	(.25)	--	(1.14)	(.10)	13.56

* Represents distributions paid "From and in excess of net investment income" for the six months ended June 30, 2006.

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- ** Annualized.
- *** Total Return on Market Value is the combination of changes in the market price per share and the effect of reinvested dividend income and reinvested capital gains distributions, if any, at the average price paid per share at the time of reinvestment. Total Return on Common Share Net Asset Value is the combination of changes in Common share net asset value, reinvested dividend income at net asset value and reinvested capital gains distributions at net asset value, if any. Total returns are not annualized.
- **** After custodian fee credit and expense reimbursement, where applicable.
- + The amounts shown are based on Common share equivalents.
- ++ - Ratios do not reflect the effect of dividend payments to Taxable Auctioned Preferred shareholders.
 - Income ratios reflect income earned on assets attributable to Taxable Auctioned Preferred shares.
 - For periods ended prior to December 31, 2004, each Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares and each Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares included the effect of the net interest expense incurred on interest rate swap transactions as follows:

Year Ended 12/31:	
2003(c)	.91**
Year Ended 10/31:	
2003	1.03
2002(d)	.68**

- (a) Per share Net Investment Income is calculated using the average daily shares method.
- (b) For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004, the Fund changed its method of presentation for net interest expense on interest rate swap transactions. The effect of this reclassification was to increase Net Investment Income by \$0.15 per share with a corresponding decrease in Net Realized/Unrealized Gain (Loss), a decrease in each of the Ratios of Expenses to Average Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares by 0.77% with a corresponding increase in each of the Ratios of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares.
- (c) For the period November 1, 2003 through December 31, 2003.
- (d) For the period November 15, 2001 (commencement of operations) through October 31, 2002.
- (e) For the six months ended June 30, 2006.

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Ratios/Supplemental Data

Total Returns		Ratios/Supplemental Data				
		Before Credit/Reimbursement		After Credit/Reimbursement		
Based on Common Share Net Asset Value***	Based on Common Share Net Asset Value***	Ending Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares (000)	Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares++	Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares++	Ratio of Expenses to Average Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares++	Ratio of Net Investment Income to Average Net Assets Applicable to Common Shares++

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20.36%	9.59%	\$ 663,698	1.27%**	3.13%**	.88%**	
4.75	7.42	629,649	1.28	3.46	.90	
19.80	30.12	631,979	1.34	4.13	.94	
6.49	8.69	522,576	2.31**	4.07**	1.91**	4.
35.40	39.80	486,814	2.51	5.17	2.09	
3.30	2.09	381,290	2.12**	6.71**	1.72**	7.

Cumulative Taxable Auctioned Preferred
at End of Period

Aggregate Amount Outstanding (000)	Liquidation and Market Value Per Share	Asset Coverage Per Share
\$ 222,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 99,741
172,000	25,000	116,519
172,000	25,000	116,857
172,000	25,000	100,956
172,000	25,000	95,758
172,000	25,000	80,420

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ANNUAL INVESTMENT
MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT
APPROVAL PROCESS

The Board of Trustees is responsible for overseeing the performance of the investment adviser to the Fund and determining whether to continue the advisory arrangements. At a meeting held on May 23-25, 2006 (the "May Meeting"), the Board of Trustees of the Fund, including the independent Trustees, unanimously approved the continuance of the Investment Management Agreement between the Fund and NAM and the Sub-Advisory Agreement between NAM and Security Capital (the "Sub-Adviser"). NAM and the Sub-Adviser are each a "Fund Adviser."

THE APPROVAL PROCESS

During the course of the year, the Board received a wide variety of materials relating to the services provided by the Fund Advisers and the performance of the Fund. To assist the Board in its evaluation of the advisory contract with a Fund Adviser at the May Meeting, the independent Trustees received extensive materials in advance of their meeting which outlined, among other things:

- the nature, extent and quality of services provided by the Fund Adviser;
- the organization and business operations of the Fund Adviser, including the responsibilities of various departments and key personnel;
- the Fund's past performance, the Fund's performance compared to funds of similar investment objectives compiled by an independent third party and

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- with recognized and/or customized benchmarks (as appropriate);
- the profitability of the Fund Adviser and certain industry profitability analyses for unaffiliated advisers;
 - the expenses of the Fund Adviser in providing the various services;
 - the advisory fees (gross and net management fees) and total expense ratios of the Fund, including comparisons of such fees and expenses with those of comparable, unaffiliated funds based on information and data provided by Lipper (the "Peer Universe") as well as compared to a subset of funds within the Peer Universe (the "Peer Group") to the Fund (as applicable);
 - the advisory fees the Fund Adviser assesses to other types of investment products or clients;
 - the soft dollar practices of the Fund Adviser, if any; and
 - from independent legal counsel, a legal memorandum describing, among other things, the duties of the Trustees under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "1940 Act") as well as the general principles of relevant state law in reviewing and approving advisory contracts; the requirements of the 1940 Act in such matters; an adviser's fiduciary duty with respect to advisory agreements and compensation; the standards used by courts in determining whether investment company board of directors have fulfilled their duties and factors to be considered by the board in voting on advisory agreements.

At the May Meeting, NAM made a presentation to and responded to questions from the Board. After the presentation and after reviewing the written materials, the independent Trustees met privately with their legal counsel to review the Board's duties in reviewing advisory contracts and consider the renewal of the advisory contracts. It is with this background that the Trustees considered each advisory contract (which includes the Sub-Advisory Agreement) with the respective Fund Adviser. The independent Trustees, in consultation with independent counsel, reviewed the factors set out in judicial decisions and SEC directives relating to the renewal of advisory contracts. As outlined in more detail below, the Trustees considered all factors they believed relevant with respect to the Fund, including the following: (a) the nature, extent and quality of the services to be provided by the Fund Adviser; (b) the investment performance of the Fund and the Fund Adviser; (c) the costs of the services to be provided and profitability of the Fund Adviser and its affiliates; (d) the extent to which economies of scale would be realized as the Fund grows; and (e) whether fee levels reflect these economies of scale for the benefit of Fund investors.

A. NATURE, EXTENT AND QUALITY OF SERVICES

In reviewing the Fund Advisers, the Trustees considered the nature, extent and quality of the respective Fund Adviser's services. The Trustees reviewed materials outlining, among other things, the Fund Adviser's organization and business; the types of services that the Fund Adviser or its affiliates provide and are expected to provide to the Fund; the performance record of the Fund (as described in further detail below); and any initiatives Nuveen has taken for its fund product line. In connection with their continued service as Trustees, the Trustees also have a good understanding of each Fund Adviser's organization, operations and personnel. In this regard, the Trustees are familiar with and have evaluated the professional experience, qualifications and credentials of the Fund Adviser's personnel. With respect to the Sub-Adviser, the Trustees also received and reviewed an evaluation of the Sub-Adviser from NAM. Such evaluation outlined, among other things, the Sub-Adviser's organizational history, client base, product mix, investment team and any changes thereto, investment process and any changes to its investment strategy, the Fund's investment objectives and

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performance (as applicable). The Trustees noted that NAM recommended the renewal of the Sub-Advisory

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Agreement and considered the basis for such recommendation and any qualifications in connection therewith. Given the Trustees' experience with the Fund (including any other Nuveen funds advised by a Fund Adviser) and each Fund Adviser, the Trustees recognized and considered the quality of their investment processes in making portfolio management decisions as well as any refinements or improvements thereto. In this regard, the Trustees considered the continued quality of the Fund Adviser's investment process in making portfolio management decisions as well as any additional refinements and improvements adopted to the portfolio management processes.

In addition to advisory services, the independent Trustees considered the quality of any administrative or non-advisory services provided. With respect to the Sub-Adviser, the independent Trustees noted that the Sub-Advisory Agreement was essentially an agreement for the portfolio management services only and the Sub-Adviser was not expected to supply other significant administrative services to the Fund.

With respect to NAM, NAM provides the Fund with such administrative and other services (exclusive of, and in addition to, any such services provided by others for the Fund) and officers and other personnel as are necessary for the operations of the Fund. In connection with the review of the Investment Management Agreement, the Trustees considered in the extent and quality of these other services which include, among other things, providing: product management (e.g., product positioning, performance benchmarking, risk management); fund administration (e.g., daily net asset value pricing and reconciliation, tax reporting, fulfilling regulatory filing requirements); oversight of third party service providers; administration of board relations (e.g., organizing board meetings and preparing related materials); compliance (e.g., monitoring compliance with investment policies and guidelines and regulatory requirements); and legal support (e.g., helping prepare and file registration statements, amendments thereto, proxy statements and responding to regulatory requests and/or inquiries). As the Fund operates in a highly regulated industry and given the importance of compliance, the Trustees considered, in particular, the additions of experienced personnel to the compliance teams and the enhancements to technology and related systems to support the compliance activities for the Fund (including a new reporting system for quarterly portfolio holdings). In addition to the above, because the Fund utilizes a Sub-Adviser, the Trustees also considered NAM's ability and procedures to monitor the Sub-Adviser's performance, business practices and compliance policies and procedures. In this regard, the Trustees noted the enhancements in the investment oversight process, including increased site visits and departments participating in investment oversight.

In addition to the foregoing, the Trustees also noted the additional services that the Fund Adviser or its affiliates provide to closed-end funds, including, in particular, secondary market support activities. The Trustees recognized Nuveen's continued commitment to supporting the secondary market for the common shares of its closed-end funds through a variety of initiatives designed to raise investor and analyst awareness and understanding of closed-end funds. These efforts include providing advertising and other media relations programs, continued contact with analysts, maintaining and enhancing its website for closed-end funds, and targeted advisor communication programs. With respect to Funds that utilize leverage through the issuance of preferred shares, the Trustees noted Nuveen's continued support for the preferred shares by maintaining, among other things, an in-house preferred trading desk; designating

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a product manager those responsibilities include creating and disseminating product information and managing relations in connection with the preferred share auction; and maintaining systems necessary to test compliance with rating agency requirements.

Based on their review, the Trustees found that, overall, the nature, extent and quality of services provided (and expected to be provided) to the Fund under the Investment Management Agreement or Sub-Advisory Agreement, as applicable, were of a high level and were satisfactory.

B. THE INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE OF THE FUND AND FUND ADVISERS

The Board considered the investment performance for the Fund, including the Fund's historic performance as well as its performance compared to funds with similar investment objectives identified by an independent third party (the "Performance Peer Group") and recognized and/or customized benchmarks (as applicable). In evaluating the performance information, in certain instances, the Trustees noted that the closest Performance Peer Group for the Fund still may not adequately reflect the Fund's investment objectives, strategies and portfolio duration, thereby limiting the usefulness of the comparisons of the Fund's performance with that of the Performance Peer Group (such as, the Nuveen Diversified Dividend and Income Fund, Nuveen Preferred and Convertible Income Fund, Nuveen Preferred and Convertible Income Fund 2, Nuveen Tax-Advantage Floating Rate Fund, and the Nuveen Real Estate Income Fund.)

In reviewing performance, the Trustees reviewed performance information including, among other things, total return information compared with the Fund's Performance Peer Group as well as recognized and/or customized benchmarks (as appropriate) for the one-, three- and five-year periods (as applicable) ending December 31, 2005. This information supplements the Fund performance information provided to the Board at each of their quarterly meetings. Based on their review, the Trustees determined that the Fund's absolute and relative investment performance over time had been satisfactory.

C. FEES, EXPENSES AND PROFITABILITY

1. FEES AND EXPENSES

In evaluating the management fees and expenses of the Fund, the Board reviewed, among other things, the Fund's advisory fees (net and gross management fees) and total expense ratios (before and after expense reimbursements and/or waivers) in absolute terms as well as comparisons to the gross managements fees (before waivers), net management fees (after waivers) and total expense ratios (before and after waivers) of comparable funds in the Peer Universe and the Peer Group. The Trustees reviewed data regarding the construction of Peer Groups as well as the methods of measurement for the fee and expense analysis and the performance analysis. In certain cases, due to the small number of peers in the Peer Universe, the Peer Universe and the Peer Group may be the same. Further, the Trustees recognized that in certain cases the closest Peer Universe

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and/or Peer Group may not adequately reflect the Fund's investment objectives and strategies limiting the usefulness of comparisons. In reviewing comparisons, the Trustees also considered the size of the Peer Universe and/or Peer Group, the composition of the Peer Group (including differences in the use of leverage) as well as differing levels of fee waivers and/or expense reimbursements. In this regard, the Trustees considered the fund-level and complex-wide breakpoint schedules (described in further detail

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below) and any fee waivers and reimbursements provided by Nuveen (applicable, in particular, for certain funds launched since 1999). Based on their review of the fee and expense information provided, the Trustees determined that the Fund's net total expense ratio was within an acceptable range compared to peers.

2. COMPARISONS WITH THE FEES OF OTHER CLIENTS

The Trustees further reviewed data comparing the advisory fees of NAM with fees NAM charges to other clients (such as separate managed accounts and funds that are not offered by Nuveen Investments but are sub-advised by one of Nuveen's investment management teams). In general, the advisory fees charged for separate accounts are somewhat lower than the advisory fees assessed to the Fund. The Trustees recognized that the differences in fees are attributable to a variety of factors, including the differences in services provided, product distribution, portfolio investment policies, investor profiles, account sizes and regulatory requirements. The Trustees noted, in particular, that the range of services provided to the Fund is more extensive than that provided to managed separate accounts. As described in further detail above, such additional services include, but are not limited to, providing: product management, fund administration, oversight of third party service providers, administration of board relations, and legal support. Funds further operate in a highly regulated industry requiring extensive compliance functions compared to the other investment products. In addition to the costs of the additional services, administrative costs may also be greater for funds as the average account size for separate accounts is notably larger than the retail accounts of funds. Given the differences in the product structures, particularly the extensive services provided to closed-end funds, the Trustees believe such facts justify the different levels of fees.

In considering the advisory fees of the Sub-Adviser, the Trustees also considered the pricing schedule that the Sub-Adviser charges for similar investment management services for other sponsors or clients.

3. PROFITABILITY OF FUND ADVISERS

In conjunction with its review of fees, the Trustees also considered the profitability of Nuveen Investments for advisory activities (which incorporated Nuveen's wholly-owned affiliated sub-advisers). The Trustees reviewed data comparing Nuveen's profitability with other fund sponsors prepared by three independent third party service providers as well as comparisons of the revenues, expenses and profits margins of various unaffiliated management firms with similar amounts of assets under management prepared by Nuveen. The Trustees further reviewed the 2005 Annual Report for Nuveen Investments. In considering profitability, the Trustees recognized the inherent limitations in determining profitability as well as the difficulties in comparing the profitability of other unaffiliated advisers. Profitability may be affected by numerous factors, including the methodology for allocating expenses, the adviser's business mix, the types of funds managed, the adviser's capital structure and cost of capital. Further, individual fund or product line profitability of other sponsors is generally not publicly available. Accordingly, the profitability information that is publicly available from various investment advisory or management firms may not be representative of the industry.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in reviewing profitability, the Trustees reviewed Nuveen's methodology and assumptions for allocating expenses across product lines to determine profitability. In this regard, the methods of allocation used appeared reasonable. The Trustees also, to the extent available, compared Nuveen's profitability margins (including pre- and post-marketing profit margins) with the profitability of various unaffiliated management firms. The Trustees noted that Nuveen's profitability is enhanced due to its efficient internal business model. The Trustees also recognized that while a number of

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factors affect profitability, Nuveen's profitability may change as fee waivers and/or expense reimbursement commitments of Nuveen to various funds in the Nuveen complex expire. To keep apprised of profitability and developments that may affect profitability, the Trustees have requested profitability analysis be provided periodically during the year. The Trustees also considered the Sub-Adviser's revenues from serving as a Sub-Adviser to the Fund, expenses (including the basis for allocating expenses) and profitability margins (pre- and post-tax). Based on their review, the Trustees were satisfied that the respective Fund Adviser's level of profitability was reasonable in light of the services provided.

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

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

With respect to economies of scale, the Trustees recognized the potential benefits resulting from the costs of a fund being spread over a larger asset base as a fund grows. To help ensure the shareholders share in these benefits, the Trustees have reviewed and

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considered the breakpoints in the advisory fee schedules that reduce advisory fees as the Fund's assets grow. In addition to advisory fee breakpoints as assets in the Fund rise, after lengthy discussions with management, the Board also approved a complex-wide fee arrangement that was introduced on August 1, 2004. Pursuant to the complex-wide fee arrangement, the fees of the funds in the Nuveen complex, including the Fund, are reduced as the assets in the fund complex reach certain levels. In evaluating the complex-wide fee arrangement, the Trustees considered, among other things, the historic and expected fee savings to shareholders as assets grow, the amount of fee reductions at various asset levels, and that the arrangement would extend to all funds in the Nuveen complex. The Trustees noted that 2005 was the first full year to reflect the fee reductions from the complex wide fee arrangement. The Trustees also considered the impact, if any, the complex-wide fee arrangement may have on the level of services provided. Based on their review, the Trustees concluded that the breakpoint schedule and complex-wide fee arrangement currently was acceptable and desirable in providing benefits from economies of scale to shareholders.

E. INDIRECT BENEFITS

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

In addition to the above, the Trustees considered whether the Fund Adviser received any benefits from soft dollar arrangements. With respect to NAM, the Trustees noted that NAM does not currently have any soft dollar arrangements and does not pay excess brokerage commissions (or spreads on principal transactions) in order to receive research services; however, NAM may from time to time receive and have access to research generally provided to institutional clients.

The Trustees also considered the soft dollar arrangements, if any, of the

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Sub-Adviser. With respect to Security Capital, such Sub-Adviser does not enter into soft dollar arrangements; however, such Sub-Adviser may receive or have access to research generally provided to institutional clients.

The Trustees did not identify any single factor discussed previously as all-important or controlling. The Trustees, including a majority of Independent Trustees, concluded that the terms of the Investment Management Agreement and Sub-Advisory Agreement were fair and reasonable, that the respective Fund Adviser's fees are reasonable in light of the services provided to the Fund, and that the renewal of the Investment Management Agreement and Sub-Advisory Agreement should be approved.

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You may change your distribution option or withdraw from the Plan at any time,

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You can reinvest whether your shares are registered in your name, or in the name of a brokerage firm, bank, or other nominee. Ask your investment advisor if his or her firm will participate on your behalf. Participants whose shares are registered in the name of one firm may not be able to transfer the shares to another firm and continue to participate in the Plan.

The Fund reserves the right to amend or terminate the Plan at any time. Although the Fund reserves the right to amend the Plan to include a service charge payable by the participants, there is no direct service charge to participants in the Plan at this time.

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For more information on the Nuveen Automatic Reinvestment Plan or to enroll in or withdraw from the Plan, speak with your financial advisor or call us at (800) 257-8787.

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AUTOMATIC DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The Fund is amending the terms and conditions of its Automatic Dividend Reinvestment Plan (the "Plan") as further described below effective with the close of business on December 1, 2006. THESE CHANGES ARE INTENDED TO ENABLE PLAN PARTICIPANTS UNDER CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES TO REINVEST FUND DISTRIBUTIONS AT A LOWER AGGREGATE COST THAN IS POSSIBLE UNDER THE EXISTING PLAN. Shareholders who do not wish to continue as participants under the amended Plan may withdraw from the Plan by notifying the Plan Agent prior to the effective date of the amendments. Participants should refer to their Plan document for notification instructions, or may simply call Nuveen at (800) 257-8787.

Fund shareholders who elect to participate in the Plan are able to have Fund distributions consisting of income dividends, realized capital gains and returns of capital automatically reinvested in additional Fund shares. Under the Plan's existing terms, the Plan Agent purchases Fund shares in the open market if the Fund's shares are trading at a discount to their net asset value on the payable date for the distribution. If the Fund's shares are trading at or above their net asset value on the payable date for the distribution, the Plan Agent purchases newly-issued Fund shares directly from the Fund at a price equal to the greater of the shares' net asset value or 95% of the shares' market value.

Under the Plan's amended terms, if the Plan Agent begins purchasing Fund shares on the open market while shares are trading below net asset value, but the Fund's shares subsequently trade at or above their net asset value before the Plan Agent is able to complete its purchases, the Plan Agent may cease open-market purchases and may invest the uninvested portion of the distribution in newly-issued Fund shares at a price equal to the greater of the shares' net asset value or 95% of the shares' market value. This change will permit Plan participants under these circumstances to reinvest Fund distributions at a lower aggregate cost than is possible under the existing Plan.

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OTHER USEFUL
INFORMATION

QUARTERLY PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS AND PROXY VOTING INFORMATION

The Fund's (i) quarterly portfolio of investments, (ii) information regarding how the Funds voted proxies relating to portfolio securities held during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30, 2006, and (iii) a description of the policies and procedures that the Fund used to determine how to vote proxies relating to portfolio securities are available without charge, upon request, by calling Nuveen Investments toll-free at (800) 257-8787 or on Nuveen's website at www.nuveen.com.

You may also obtain this and other Fund information directly from the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). The SEC may charge a copying fee for this information. Visit the SEC on-line at <http://www.sec.gov> or in person at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. Call the SEC at 1-202-942-8090 for room hours and operation. You may also request Fund information by sending an e-mail request to publicinfo@sec.gov or by writing to the SEC's Public Reference Section at 450 Fifth Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20549.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT

AVERAGE ANNUAL TOTAL RETURN: This is a commonly used method to express an investment's performance over a particular, usually multi-year time period. It expresses the return that would have been necessary each year to equal the investment's actual cumulative performance (including change in NAV or market price and reinvested dividends and capital gains distributions, if any) over the time period being considered.

MARKET YIELD (ALSO KNOWN AS DISTRIBUTION YIELD OR CURRENT YIELD): Market yield is based on the Fund's current annualized monthly distribution divided by the Fund's current market price. REIT distributions received by the Fund are generally comprised of investment income, long-term and short-term capital gains and a REIT return of capital. 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 calendar year the Funds' cumulative net ordinary income and net realized gains are less than the amount of the Fund's distributions, a tax return of capital.

NET ASSET VALUE (NAV): A Fund's common share NAV per share is calculated by subtracting the liabilities of the Fund (including any MuniPreferred shares issued in order to leverage the Fund) from its total assets and then dividing the remainder by the number of shares outstanding. Fund NAVs are calculated at the end of each business day.

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The Fund intends to repurchase shares of its own common or preferred stock in the future at such times and in such amounts as is deemed advisable. No shares were repurchased during the period covered by this report. Any future repurchases will be reported to shareholders in the next annual or semiannual report.

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ITEM 2. CODE OF ETHICS.

Not applicable to this filing.

ITEM 3. AUDIT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL EXPERT.

Not applicable to this filing.

ITEM 4. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES.

Not applicable to this filing.

ITEM 5. AUDIT COMMITTEE OF LISTED REGISTRANTS.

Not applicable to this filing.

ITEM 6. SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS.

See Portfolio of Investments in Item 1.

ITEM 7. DISCLOSURE OF PROXY VOTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

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ITEM 8. PORTFOLIO MANAGERS OF CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES.

Not applicable to this filing.

ITEM 9. PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES BY CLOSED-END MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY AND AFFILIATED PURCHASERS.

Not applicable.

ITEM 10. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS.

During this reporting period, the registrant's Board of Trustees implemented a change to the procedures by which shareholders may recommend nominees to the registrant's board of trustees by amending the registrant's by-laws to include a provision specifying the date by which shareholder nominations for election as trustee at a subsequent meeting must be submitted to the registrant. Shareholders must deliver or mail notice to the registrant not less than forty-five days nor more than sixty days prior to the first anniversary date of the date on which the registrant first mailed its proxy materials for the prior year's annual meeting; provided, however, if and only if the annual meeting is not scheduled to be held within a period that commences thirty days before the first anniversary date of the annual meeting for the preceding year and ends thirty days after such anniversary date (an annual meeting date outside such period being referred to as an "Other Annual Meeting Date" hereafter), the shareholder notice must be given no later than the close of business on the date forty-five days prior to such Other Annual Meeting Date or the tenth business day following the date such Other Annual Meeting Date is first publicly announced or disclosed. The shareholder's notice must be in writing and set forth the name, age, date of birth, business address, residence address and nationality of the person(s) being nominated and the class or series, number of all shares of the registrant owned of record or beneficially by each such person(s), any other information regarding such person required by Item 401 of Regulation S-K or Item 22 of Rule 14a-101 (Schedule 14A) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, any other information regarding the person(s) to be nominated that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitation of proxies for election of trustees, and whether such shareholder believes any nominee is or will be an "interested person" (as that term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended) of the registrant or sufficient information to enable the registrant to make that determination and the written and signed consent of the person(s) to be nominated.

ITEM 11. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.

- (a) The registrant's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, have concluded that the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 30a-3(c) under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the "1940 Act") (17 CFR 270.30a-3(c))) are effective, as of a date within 90 days of the filing date of this report that includes the disclosure required by this paragraph, based on their evaluation of the controls and procedures required by Rule 30a-3(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(b)) and Rules 13a-15(b) or 15d-15(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") (17 CFR 240.13a-15(b) or 240.15d-15(b)).
- (b) There were no changes in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 30a-3(d) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-3(d))) that occurred during the second fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

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ITEM 12. EXHIBITS.

File the exhibits listed below as part of this Form.

(a)(1) Any code of ethics, or amendment thereto, that is the subject of the disclosure required by Item 2, to the extent that the registrant intends to satisfy the Item 2 requirements through filing of an exhibit: Not applicable to this filing.

(a)(2) A separate certification for each principal executive officer and principal financial officer of the registrant as required by Rule 30a-2(a) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(a)) in the exact form set forth below: Ex-99.CERT attached hereto.

(a)(3) Any written solicitation to purchase securities under Rule 23c-1 under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.23c-1) sent or given during the period covered by the report by or on behalf of the registrant to 10 or more persons: Not applicable.

(b) If the report is filed under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, provide the certifications required by Rule 30a-2(b) under the 1940 Act (17 CFR 270.30a-2(b)); Rule 13a-14(b) or Rule 15d-14(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13a-14(b) or 240.15d-14(b)), and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code (18 U.S.C. 1350) as an exhibit. A certification furnished pursuant to this paragraph will not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act (15 U.S.C. 78r), or otherwise subject to the liability of that section. Such certification will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except to the extent that the registrant specifically incorporates it by reference. Ex-99.906 CERT attached hereto.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) Nuveen Real Estate Income Fund

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Jessica R. Droeger

Jessica R. Droeger
Vice President and Secretary

Date: September 8, 2006

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the Investment Company Act of 1940, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Gifford R. Zimmerman

Gifford R. Zimmerman
Chief Administrative Officer
(principal executive officer)

Date: September 8, 2006

By (Signature and Title)* /s/ Stephen D. Foy

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Stephen D. Foy
Vice President and Controller
(principal financial officer)

Date: September 8, 2006

* Print the name and title of each signing officer under his or her signature.