

Nuveen Preferred & Income Opportunities Fund (JPC)

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- The Fund outperformed the JPC Blended Benchmark (the benchmark) during the quarter.
- Contributors included security selection, yield curve positioning, an underweight to \$25 par preferred securities and a corresponding overweight to \$1000 par preferred securities.
- A modest allocation to U.S. Treasury futures detracted slightly from performance.

Portfolio review

While global financial markets were roiled by geopolitical, tariff and trade war-related headlines during the quarter, they ultimately demonstrated amazing resiliency. In the combined preferred securities and U.S. dollar-denominated contingent capital securities (USD CoCos) market, news was mostly positive. Banks, the largest issuer of preferreds and USD CoCos, released first-quarter 2025 earnings results that generally exceeded expectations. The Federal Reserve (Fed) posted annual stress test results in June showing that all 22 participating banks passed and demonstrated the capacity to absorb more than \$550 billion of losses, while still retaining the ability to lend to households and businesses under dire economic conditions. Late in the quarter, the Fed also released the first wave of long-discussed bank regulatory reforms, which do not appear to alter the strong fundamental credit story underlying the U.S. bank sector.

The Fed held rates steady during the quarter as policymakers closely monitored economic data for potential impacts from trade policies. U.S. Treasury yields remained volatile, but the 10-year Treasury ultimately ended close to flat for the quarter

at 4.24%, masking a sharp increase amid ongoing fiscal uncertainty, followed by a decline as concerns eased. For the quarter, the \$25 par preferred segment of the benchmark returned 0.16%, well below the 2.66% and 2.78% returns of the \$1000 par preferred and USD CoCo segments, respectively. While the option-adjusted spread (OAS) of the \$25 par preferred segment widened, the OAS of the other two segments narrowed. In addition to the decrease in OAS, the performance of \$1000 par preferreds and USD CoCos also benefited from greater duration exposure in the short to intermediate segments of the yield curve, where rates fell during the quarter.

The Fund continued to overweight \$1000 par preferred securities and non-fixed-rate coupon securities (floating-rate, fixed-to-floating rate, fixed-rate reset), while underweighting \$25 par preferred securities, fixed-rate coupon securities, and USD CoCos. The \$1000 par preferred segment remained comparably cheap on an OAS basis versus the \$25 par preferred and USD CoCo segments. The Fund's leverage-adjusted effective duration ended the quarter at around 5.4 years, longer than the benchmark at 4.6 years.

Contributors

Security selection helped drive the Fund's relative outperformance, notably within its bank sector allocation. Selection across coupon structures, denominations and its USD CoCo allocation also contributed, but to a lesser degree.

Underweights to \$25 par preferreds and fixed-rate coupon securities and a corresponding overweight to \$1000 par preferreds modestly aided relative results.

An overweight to non-fixed-rate coupon structures resulted in more sensitivity to short- and intermediate-term interest rates versus longer-term rates. This yield curve positioning benefited relative performance as short-to-intermediate Treasury rates decreased while 30-year rates measurably increased.

Detractors

We maintained a modest allocation to U.S. Treasury futures, utilizing contracts with more exposure to points farther out the yield curve, to slightly scale back the Fund's meaningful yield curve steepening bias versus its benchmark. These futures detracted slightly from performance given that longer-term rates appreciably increased during the quarter.

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Average annualized total returns (%)

	Inception date	QTD	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	Since inception
Share price	26 Mar 03	3.33	18.66	10.98	7.88	6.88	6.04
NAV	26 Mar 03	3.20	10.56	8.57	6.89	5.06	5.53

Performance data shown represents past performance and does not predict or guarantee future results. Current performance may be higher or lower than the data shown. NAV returns are net of fund expenses, and assume reinvestment of distributions.

Distribution information

Current Distribution (Monthly)	\$0.0665
Average Earnings/Share	\$0.0480
Average Earnings/Distribution Ratio	72.22%
Average UNII Per Share	-\$0.2057
Distribution Rate on NAV	10.00%
Distribution Rate on Market Price	9.95%

Distributions are currently estimated to include the following amounts from sources other than net investment income: 0% capital gains and 26% return of capital. If a distribution is estimated to include anything other than net investment income, the Fund provides a Section 19(a) notice of the best estimate of its distribution sources at that time which may be viewed at nuveen.com/CEFDistributions or within the Fund's literature section under 19(a) notices. These estimates may not match the final tax characterization (for the full year's distributions) contained in shareholders' 1099-DIV forms after the end of the year. The distribution rate should not be confused with yield or performance.

Credit quality (%)

	% of portfolio
AAA	0.0%
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A	10.7%
BBB	69.3%
BB	16.9%
B	0.4%
NR	1.4%
Cash and Equivalents	1.2%

Ratings shown are the highest rating given by one of the following national rating agencies: S&P, Moody's or Fitch. 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. Holdings designated NR are not rated by these national rating agencies.

Fund description

The Fund seeks to provide high current income and secondarily, total return, by investing at least 80% of its managed assets in preferred and other income producing securities, including hybrid securities such as contingent capital securities and up to 20% opportunistically in other securities, primarily income-oriented securities such as corporate and taxable municipal debt and common equity.

At least 50% is invested in securities that are rated investment grade at the time of purchase or, if unrated, judged to be of comparable quality by the Fund's portfolio team. The Fund uses leverage.

Portfolio management

Nuveen Asset Management, LLC is a subadviser to the Fund and an affiliate of Nuveen, LLC.

All characteristics as a percentage of the fund's managed assets (total assets of the fund, minus the sum of its accrued liabilities other than fund liabilities incurred for the express purpose of creating leverage). Holdings and ratings are subject to change. Totals may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

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Important information on risk

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. **Lower credit** debt securities may be more likely to fail to make timely interest or principal payments. **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. Certain types of preferred, hybrid or debt securities with special loss absorption provisions, such as **contingent capital securities** (CoCos), may be or become so subordinated that they present risks equivalent to, or in some cases even greater than, the same company's common stock. These loss absorption features work to the benefit of the security issuer, not the investor (this fund). These and other risk considerations such as **concentration** and **foreign securities** risk are described in more detail on the Fund's web page at www.nuveen.com/JPC.

Average earnings per share and **average undistributed net investment income (UNII) per share** are estimates, using an average of the last three months, except for preferred securities funds, mortgage-backed securities funds and floating rate funds, which use an average of the last six months.

Distribution Rate at market price and NAV is calculated by annualizing the most recent declared regular distribution and dividing by the fund's market price or NAV, respectively. Special distributions, including special capital gains distributions, are not included in the calculation.

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Glossary

The **JPC Blended Benchmark** consists of 60% ICE BofA U.S. All Capital Securities Index and 40% ICE USD Contingent Capital Index from 1 Apr 2022. The **ICE BofA U.S. All Capital Securities Index** is a subset of the ICE BofA U.S. Corporate Index including all fixed to floating rate, perpetual callable and capital securities. The **ICE USD Contingent Capital Index (CDLR)** tracks the performance of U.S. dollar denominated contingent capital debt publicly issued in the major domestic and Eurobond markets, including investment grade and sub-investment grade issues. Prior to 1 Apr 2022, the benchmark consisted of 50% ICE BofA Fixed Rate Preferred Securities Index, 30% ICE BofA U.S. All Capital Securities Index, and 20% ICE USD Contingent Capital Index (CDLR). **It is not possible to invest directly in an index.**

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