

Nuveen Core Equity Alpha Fund  
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August 29, 2012

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## **FORM N-PX**

### **ANNUAL REPORT OF PROXY VOTING RECORD OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY**

Investment Company Act file number 811-22003

**Nuveen Core Equity Alpha Fund**

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

**333 West Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60606**

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**Gifford R. Zimmerman - Chief Administrative Officer**

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(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, 2012

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**Item 1. Proxy Voting Record**

**Nuveen Core Equity Alpha Fund**

Company Name	Ticker	Security ID	Country	Meeting Date	Meeting Type	Proponent	Item Number	Proposal	Management Recommendation	Vote Instruction
Ventas, Inc.	VTR	92276F100	USA	01-Jul-11	Special	Management	1	Issue Shares in Connection with Acquisition	For	For
						Management	2	Increase Authorized Common Stock	For	For
						Management	3	Adjourn Meeting	For	For
NYSE Euronext	NYX	629491101	USA	07-Jul-11	Special	Management	1	Approve Merger Agreement	For	For
						Management	2	Reduce Supermajority Vote Requirement to Amend Articles and Approve Certain Transactions	For	For
						Management	3	Reduce Supermajority Vote Requirement to Elect Directors in Certain Circumstances and Remove Directors	For	For
						Management	4	Approve Appointment of Directors for Initial Term Expiring at the AGM in 2015	For	For
						Management	5	Adjourn Meeting	For	For
BMC Software, Inc.	BMC	055921100	USA	21-Jul-11	Annual	Management	1	Elect Director Robert E. Beauchamp	For	For
						Management	2	Elect Director Jon E. Barfield	For	For
						Management	3	Elect Director Gary L. Bloom	For	For
						Management	4	Elect Director Meldon K. Gafner	For	For
						Management	5	Elect Director Mark J. Hawkins	For	For
						Management	6	Elect Director Stephan A. James	For	For
						Management	7	Elect Director P. Thomas Jenkins	For	For
						Management	8	Elect Director Louis J. Lavigne, Jr.	For	For
						Management	9	Elect Director Kathleen A. O Neil	For	For
						Management	10	Elect Director Tom C. Tinsley	For	For
						Management	11	Amend Omnibus Stock Plan	For	For
						Management	12	Ratify Auditors	For	For
						Management	13	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers Compensation	For	For
						Management	14	Advisory Vote on Say on Pay Frequency	One Year	One Year
Constellation Brands, Inc.	STZ	21036P108	USA	21-Jul-11	Annual	Management	1.1	Elect Director Jerry Fowden	For	For

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Management	1.2	Elect Director Barry A. Fromberg	For	For
Management	1.3	Elect Director Jeananne K. Hauswald	For	For
Management	1.4	Elect Director James A. Locke III	For	Withhold
Management	1.5	Elect Director Richard Sands	For	For
Management	1.6	Elect Director Robert Sands	For	For
Management	1.7	Elect Director Paul L. Smith	For	For
Management	1.8	Elect Director Mark Zupan	For	For
Management	2	Ratify Auditors	For	For
Management	3	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers Compensation	For	For
Management	4	Advisory Vote on Say on Pay Frequency	One Year	One Year
Share Holder	5	Request that the Board Adopt a Plan for All Stock to Have One Vote Per Share	Against	For
Management	1	Elect Director Andy D. Bryant	For	For
Management	2	Elect Director Wayne A. Budd	For	For
Management	3	Elect Director John H. Hammergren	For	For
Management	4	Elect Director Alton F. Irby III	For	For
Management	5	Elect Director M. Christine Jacobs	For	For
Management	6	Elect Director Marie L. Knowles	For	For
Management	7	Elect Director David M. Lawrence	For	For
Management	8	Elect Director Edward A. Mueller	For	For
Management	9	Elect Director Jane E. Shaw	For	For
Management	10	Ratify Auditors	For	For
Management	11	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers Compensation	For	Against
Management	12	Advisory Vote on Say on Pay Frequency	One Year	One Year
Management	13	Reduce Supermajority Vote Requirement to Amend Certificate of Incorporation That Adversely Affects Holders of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock	For	For
Management	14	Reduce Supermajority Vote Requirement to Amend Bylaws	For	For
Management	15	Reduce Supermajority Vote	For	For

McKesson Corporation MCK 58155Q103 USA 27-Jul-11 Annual

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						Requirement and Fair Price Provision Applicable to Certain Business Combinations				
					Management	16	Amend Certificate of Incorporation to Remove Transitional Provision Related to Eliminated Classified Board Structure	For	For	
					Management	17	Amend Certificate of Incorporation to Conform the Interested Transactions Provisions and the Stockholder Action Provision	For	For	
					Share Holder	18	Stock Retention/Holding Period	Against	For	
Polo Ralph Lauren Corporation	RL	731572103	USA	11-Aug-11	Annual	Management	1.1	Elect Director Frank A. Bennack, Jr	For	For
					Management	1.2	Elect Director Joel L. Fleishman	For	For	
					Management	1.3	Elect Director Steven P. Murphy	For	For	
					Management	2	Ratify Auditors	For	For	
					Management	3	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers Compensation	For	Against	
					Management	4	Advisory Vote on Say on Pay Frequency	One Year	One Year	
					Management	5	Change Company Name	For	For	
Red Hat, Inc.	RHT	756577102	USA	11-Aug-11	Annual	Management	1	Elect Director Sohaib Abbasi	For	For
					Management	2	Elect Director Narendra K. Gupta	For	For	
					Management	3	Elect Director William S. Kaiser	For	For	
					Management	4	Elect Director James M. Whitehurst	For	For	
					Management	5	Ratify Auditors	For	For	
					Management	6	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers Compensation	For	For	
					Management	7	Advisory Vote on Say on Pay Frequency	One Year	One Year	
					Management	8	Approve Executive Incentive Bonus Plan	For	For	
Precision Castparts Corp.	PCP	740189105	USA	16-Aug-11	Annual	Management	1.1	Elect Director Don R. Graber	For	For
					Management	1.2	Elect Director Lester L. Lyles	For	For	
					Management	1.3	Elect Director Timothy A. Wicks	For	For	
					Management	2	Ratify Auditors	For	For	
					Management	3	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers	For	For	

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						Management	4	Compensation Advisory Vote on Say on Pay Frequency	One Year	One Year
The J. M. Smucker Company	SJM	832696405	USA	17-Aug-11	Annual	Management	1	Elect Director Vincent C. Byrd	For	For
						Management	2	Elect Director R. Douglas Cowan	For	For
						Management	3	Elect Director Elizabeth Valk Long	For	For
						Management	4	Elect Director Mark T. Smucker	For	For
						Management	5	Ratify Auditors	For	For
						Management	6	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers Compensation	For	For
						Management	7	Advisory Vote on Say on Pay Frequency	One Year	One Year
						Share Holder	8	Prepare Sustainability Report	Against	For

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Company Name	Ticker	Security ID	Country	Meeting Date	Meeting Type	Proponent	Item Number	Proposal	Management Recommendation	Vote Instruction
Compuware Corporation	CPWR	205638109	USA	23-Aug-11	Annual	Management	1.1	Elect Director Dennis W. Archer	For	For
							1.2	Elect Director Gurminder S. Bedi	For	For
							1.3	Elect Director William O. Grabe	For	For
							1.4	Elect Director Frederick A. Henderson	For	For
							1.5	Elect Director Peter Karmanos, Jr.	For	For
							1.6	Elect Director Faye Alexander Nelson	For	For
							1.7	Elect Director Robert C. Paul	For	For
							1.8	Elect Director Glenda D. Price	For	For
							1.9	Elect Director W. James Prowse	For	For
							1.10	Elect Director G. Scott Romney	For	For
							1.11	Elect Director Ralph J. Szygenda	For	For
							2	Ratify Auditors	For	For
							3	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers	For	For
							4	Advisory Vote on Compensation Say on Pay Frequency	One Year	One Year
Duke Energy Corporation	DUK	26441C105	USA	23-Aug-11	Special	Management	1	Approve Reverse Stock Split	For	For
							2	Issue Shares in Connection with Acquisition	For	For
							3	Adjourn Meeting	For	For
Progress Energy, Inc.	PGN	743263105	USA	23-Aug-11	Special	Management	1	Approve Merger Agreement	For	For
							2	Adjourn Meeting	For	For
H. J. Heinz Company	HNZ	423074103	USA	30-Aug-11	Annual	Management	1	Elect Director William R. Johnson	For	For
							2	Elect Director Charles E. Bunch	For	For
							3	Elect Director Leonard S. Coleman, Jr.	For	For
							4	Elect Director John G. Drosdick	For	For
							5		For	For

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							Elect Director		
						Management 6	Edith E. Holiday	For	For
						Management 7	Elect Director Candace Kendle	For	For
						Management 8	Elect Director Dean R. O Hare	For	For
						Management 9	Elect Director Nelson Peltz	For	For
						Management 10	Elect Director Dennis H. Reilley	For	For
						Management 11	Elect Director Lynn C. Swann	For	For
						Management 12	Elect Director Thomas J. Usher	For	For
						Management 13	Elect Director Michael F. Weinstein	For	For
						Management 14	Ratify Auditors Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers	For	For
						Management 15	Compensation Advisory Vote on Say on Pay Frequency	One Year	One Year
NetApp, Inc.	NTAP	64110D104	USA	31-Aug-11	Annual	Management 1.1	Elect Director Daniel J. Warmenhoven	For	For
						Management 1.2	Elect Director Nicholas G. Moore	For	For
						Management 1.3	Elect Director Thomas Georgens	For	For
						Management 1.4	Elect Director Jeffry R. Allen	For	For
						Management 1.5	Elect Director Allan L. Earhart	For	For
						Management 1.6	Elect Director Gerald Held	For	For
						Management 1.7	Elect Director T. Michael Nevens	For	For
						Management 1.8	Elect Director George T. Shaheen	For	For
						Management 1.9	Elect Director Robert T. Wall	For	For
						Management 1.10	Elect Director Richard P. Wallace	For	For
						Management 2	Amend Omnibus Stock Plan	For	For
						Management 3	Amend Qualified Employee Stock Purchase Plan	For	For
						Management 4	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers	For	For
						Management 5	Compensation Advisory Vote on Say on Pay Frequency	One Year	One Year
						Management 6	Ratify Auditors	For	For
Patterson Companies, Inc.	PDCO	703395103	USA	12-Sep-11	Annual	Management 1.1	Elect Director Andre B. Lacey	For	For
						Management 1.2	Elect Director Les C. Vinney	For	For
						Management 2		For	For



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Company	Symbol	CIN	Country	Meeting Date	Meeting Type	Item	Description	Response	Term
H&R Block, Inc.	HRB	093671105	USA	14-Sep-11	Annual	Management 3	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers Compensation	None	One Year
						Management 4	Advisory Vote on Say on Pay Frequency		
						Management 1	Ratify Auditors	For	For
						Management 1	Elect Director Paul J. Brown	For	For
						Management 2	Elect Director William C. Cobb	For	For
						Management 3	Elect Director Marvin R. Ellison	For	For
						Management 4	Elect Director Robert A. Gerard	For	For
						Management 5	Elect Director David B. Lewis	For	For
						Management 6	Elect Director Victoria J. Reich	For	For
						Management 7	Elect Director Bruce C. Rohde	For	For
						Management 8	Elect Director Tom D. Seip	For	For
						Management 9	Elect Director Christianna Wood	For	For
						Management 10	Elect Director James F. Wright	For	For
						Management 11	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers Compensation	For	For
NIKE, Inc.	NKE	654106103	USA	19-Sep-11	Annual	Management 12	Advisory Vote on Say on Pay Frequency	One Year	One Year
						Management 13	Amend Deferred Compensation Plan	For	For
						Management 14	Amend Omnibus Stock Plan	For	For
						Management 15	Ratify Auditors	For	For
						Management 1.1	Elect Director Alan B. Graf, Jr.	For	For
						Management 1.2	Elect Director John C. Lechleiter	For	For
						Management 1.3	Elect Director Phyllis M. Wise	For	Withhold
						Management 2	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers Compensation	For	For
						Management 3	Advisory Vote on Say on Pay Frequency	One Year	One Year
						Management 4	Ratify Auditors	For	For
						Management 1.1	Elect Director Leonard L. Berry	For	For
						Management 1.2	Elect Director Odie C. Donald	For	For
						Management 1.3	Elect Director Christopher J. Fraleigh	For	For
						Management 1.4	Elect Director Victoria D. Harker	For	For
Darden Restaurants, Inc.	DRI	237194105	USA	22-Sep-11	Annual	Management 1.1	Elect Director Leonard L. Berry	For	For
						Management 1.2	Elect Director Odie C. Donald	For	For
						Management 1.3	Elect Director Christopher J. Fraleigh	For	For
						Management 1.4	Elect Director Victoria D. Harker	For	For
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						Management	1.5	Elect Director	For	For
								David H. Hughes		
						Management	1.6	Elect Director	For	For
								Charles A. Ledsinger Jr		
						Management	1.7	Elect Director	For	For
								William M. Lewis, Jr.		
						Management	1.8	Elect Director	For	For
								Senator Connie Mack III		
						Management	1.9	Elect Director	For	For
								Andrew H. Madsen		
						Management	1.10	Elect Director	For	For
								Clarence Otis, Jr.		
						Management	1.11	Elect Director	For	For
								Michael D. Rose		
						Management	1.12	Director Maria A. Sastre	For	For
						Management	2	Amend Qualified Employee Stock Purchase Plan	For	For
						Management	3	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers Compensation	For	For
						Management	4	Advisory Vote on Say on Pay Frequency	One Year	One Year
						Management	5	Ratify Auditors	For	For
ConAgra Foods, Inc.	CAG	205887102	USA	23-Sep-11	Annual	Management	1.1	Elect Director	For	For
								Mogens C. Bay		
						Management	1.2	Elect Director	For	For
								Stephan G. Butler		
						Management	1.3	Elect Director	For	For
								Steven F. Goldstone		
						Management	1.4	Elect Director	For	For
								Joie A. Gregor		
						Management	1.5	Elect Director	For	For
								Rajive Johri		
						Management	1.6	Elect Director	For	For
								w.G. Jurgensen		
						Management	1.7	Elect Director	For	For
								Richard H. Lenny		
						Management	1.8	Elect Director	For	For
								Ruth Ann Marshall		
						Management	1.9	Elect Director	For	For
								Gary M. Rodkin		
						Management	1.10	Elect Director	For	For
								Andrew J. Schindler		
						Management	1.11	Elect Director	For	For
								Kenneth E. Stinson		
						Management	2	Ratify Auditors	For	For
						Management	3	Advisory Vote to Ratify Named Executive Officers Compensation	For	For
						Management	4	Advisory Vote on Say on Pay Frequency	One Year	One Year

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FedEx Corporation	FDX	31428X106	USA	26-Sep-11	Annual	Management	1	Elect Director James L. Barksdale	For	For
						Management	2	Elect Director John A. Edwardson	For	For
						Management	3	Elect Director Shirley Ann Jackson	For	For
						Management	4	Elect Director Steven R. Loranger	For	For
						Management	5	Elect Director Gary W. Loveman	For	For
						Management	6	Elect Director R. Brad Martin	For	For
						Management	7	Elect Director Joshua Cooper Ramo	For	For
						Management	8	Elect Director Susan C. Schwab	For	For
						Management	9	Elect Director Frederick W. Smith	For	For