

NUVEEN INSURED TAX FREE ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â BANK OF AMERICA CORP /DE/</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATE CENTER,Â 100 N TRYON STREET</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>CHARLOTTE,Â NCÂ 28255</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>12/31/2009</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>NUVEEN INSURED TAX FREE ADVANTAGE MUNICIPAL FUND [NEA]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p>___ Director ___X_ 10% Owner ___ Officer ___ Other (give title below) (specify below)</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p>___ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Auction Rate Preferred | 595 ⁽¹⁾ | I | By Subsidiary |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security | 4. Conversion or Exercise | 5. Ownership Form of | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
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| Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) |
|------------------|-----------------|-------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---|
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BANK OF AMERICA CORP /DE/ BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATE CENTER 100 N TRYON STREET CHARLOTTE, NC 28255 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |
| MERRILL LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH INC. 4 WORLD FINANCIAL CENTER NORTH TOWER NEW YORK, NY 10080 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |
| BANK OF AMERICA NA 100 N. TRYON STREET CHARLOTTE, NC 28255 | ^ | ^ X | ^ | ^ |

Signatures

Bank of America Corporation and Bank of America, N.A. By: /s/ Debra I. Cho, Senior Vice President 01/15/2010

Signature of Reporting Person Date

Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc. By: /s/ Robert M. Shine, Attorney-In-Fact 01/15/2010

Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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The Auction Rate Preferred Shares ("Shares") reported in Table 1 represent 161 Shares beneficially owned by Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith, Inc. ("MLPFS") and 434 Shares beneficially owned by Bank of America, N.A. ("BANA"). MLPFS and BANA are each indirect, wholly owned subsidiaries of Bank of America Corporation ("Bank of America").

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Remarks:

The Shares reported herein represent Bank of America's combined holdings in multiple series of auction rate securities of the issuer, which are treated herein as one class of securities in accordance with the Securities--Global Exemptive Relief no-action letter issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 22, 2008. Bank of America undertakes to provide upon request by the SEC, the issuer or a security holder complete information regarding the number of equity securities of the issuer purchased or sold at a date of all transactions in such securities that occurred after Bank of America became a 10% owner of this filing.

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