

VAN KAMPEN MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITY TRUST
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â BANK OF AMERICA CORP /DE/ | | (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2008 | VAN KAMPEN MUNICIPAL OPPORTUNITY TRUST [VMO] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATE CENTER,Â 100 N TRYON ST | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| (Street) | | | ___ Director | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner |
| CHARLOTTE,Â NCÂ 28255 | | | ___ Officer | ___ Other |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | (give title below) (specify below) | |
| | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| | | | ___ Form filed by One Reporting Person | |
| | | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | |

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 | 1,455 ⁽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 | (Instr. 4) Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
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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 ST CHARLOTTE, NC 28255 | Â | Â X | Â | Â |
| Blue Ridge Investments, L.L.C. 214 NORTH TRYON STREET CHARLOTTE, NC 28255 | Â | Â X | Â | Â |

Signatures

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| Bank of America Corporation, /s/ Charles F. Bowman, Senior Vice President | 01/12/2009 |
| <i>**Signature of Reporting Person</i> | Date |
| Blue Ridge Investments, L.L.C., /s/ Kevin G. Finnegan, Vice President | 01/12/2009 |
| <i>**Signature of Reporting Person</i> | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The Auction Preferred Shares ("Shares") reported in Table I represent 1,455 Shares beneficially owned by Blue Ridge Investments, L.L.C. ("Blue Ridge"). Blue Ridge is an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary of Bank of America Corporation ("Bank of America").

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Remarks:

The 1,455 Shares reported herein represent Bank of America's combined holdings in multiple series of securities of the issuer, which are treated herein as one class of securities in accordance with the -- Global Exemptive Relief no-action letter issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Bank of America undertakes to provide, upon request by the SEC, the issuer or a security holder information regarding the number of equity securities of the issuer purchased or sold at each different all transactions in such securities that occurred after Bank of America became a 10% owner but a filing.

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